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ASM Announces 2011 MicrobeLibrary Editor's Choice Award Winners

(Washington, DC, March 31, 2011) The American Society for Microbiology (ASM) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2011 MicrobeLibrary Editor's Choice Awards. The awards were created in 2006 by the editorial committee of the MicrobeLibrary Visual Collection to showcase still images, animations, and videos that demonstrate excellence in teaching and learning in microbiology and biology education.

The Visual Collection is a clearinghouse of images, animations, and video clips for faculty and students to enhance their own understanding or classroom presentations about the microbial world. The Collection is an integral component of the MicrobeLibrary, an open-access site of premier resources and protocols used in teaching microbiological and biological sciences. Other library holdings include the Atlas and Protocol Collections, which contain complimentary series of images that support the learning and use of standard microbiology protocols.

MicrobeLibrary, the first service of its kind, receives more than 1 million hits per month and has won many citations and media accolades. "We owe the success of the MicrobeLibrary to the high-quality resources submitted by authors and colleagues who are committed to sharing their scholarship of teaching and learning with a broader community of educators." says Susan Bagley, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Mich., and editor-in-chief of the Visual Collection. In 2011, the following submissions exemplified criteria for publication in the Collection and were selected to receive Editor's Choice Awards:

Animation

The Major Histocompatibility-I System: the Activation of Naïve CD8 (T8) Lymphocytes by Dendritic Cells, by Gary Kaiser, The Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville

Video

Aeolosoma hemprichi Ingestion of Soil Particles and Digestion of Microbial Films, by Michael Witty, Urban Coast Institute, Monmouth University

Images

Indirect Immunofluorescence for Detection of Measles Antibody, by Kristina M. Obom, Patrick J. Cummings, Maria A. DeBernardi, and Gary Brooker, The Johns Hopkins University

The library is a founding partner of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's BiosciEdNet Collaborative (www.biosciEdnet.org), a portal sponsored by the National Science Foundation's National Science Digital Library (www.nsdli.org). MicrobeLibrary welcomes submissions to its Visual, Atlas, and Protocol Collections. For submission details or other information, visit www.microbelibrary.org.

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