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Exciting News about *Eukaryotic Cell*[®] (EC)

Dear Friends of EC,

As you may have heard, ASM Journals will launch *mSphere*[™], a new pan-microbiology, gold open-access journal in January 2016, under the leadership of [Michael Imperiale, Founding Editor in Chief](#). *mSphere* will cover the entire range of the microbial sciences and will emphasize high-quality science and the rapid handling of manuscripts.

To leverage the broader reach of the new open-access journal, Mike and I have agreed that EC will join *mSphere* at launch. I have accepted Mike's invitation to serve as a Senior Editor of *mSphere*. Eight of our current EC editors also will join the new journal to handle peer review of research on eukaryotic microbes. The new journal will maintain the rapid and fair peer review and responsiveness to our community of authors, reviewers, and readers that EC has nurtured since its inception in 2002.

The *mSphere* Call for Papers will go out on or about September 1st. The cut-off date for submitting your manuscript to EC is September 4th. If your EC manuscript is in review or in revision during the transition period, you will be offered the option of transferring your manuscript with reviews to *mSphere*. If the transfer option is selected, our production staff will ensure EC manuscripts assigned to an editor moving to *mSphere* will remain with the same editor throughout the review process.

The launch of *mSphere* offers the EC community a tremendous opportunity to expand the reach of our research. I have known Mike for over 20 years, and I look forward with exceptional enthusiasm to working with him to make *mSphere* the home for EC authors. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at apm1@cmu.edu.

I hope very much to see your manuscripts at *mSphere*.

Best wishes,

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