

## ASM presents mBio™ call for papers

### mBio™

#### ASM's first broad-scope, open access online journal

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#### Scope

The scope of mBio™ will reflect the enormity of the microbial world. The new journal will strive to publish the best and most important science across all major areas of the microbiological sciences, including virology, bacteriology, parasitology, mycology, and allied fields, which may include immunology, ecology, geology, population biology, computational biology, anti-infectives and vaccines, public health, etc.

#### What are the benefits of publishing in mBio™?

- ▶ **Streamlined submission and review process:** All mBio manuscripts will receive rigorous peer review by working scientists, but decisions will be streamlined. Editors will either reject manuscripts or accept them with only minor revisions, without requiring extensive modifications or additional experiments
- ▶ **ASM Access™ allows for immediate open access upon publication**
- ▶ **Authors will retain copyright**
- ▶ **Your research will be published among the best and most important science across all major areas of the microbiological sciences**

#### ▶ An array of article types will be published including:

Research articles,  
Observations,  
Opinions and hypotheses,  
Commentaries,  
Perspectives,  
Editorials,  
Letters to the Editor

#### ▶ Papers accepted between now and May will be published upon acceptance

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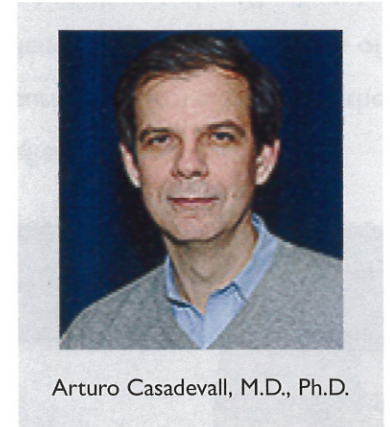


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mBio™ is scheduled to launch in may 2010

# Arturo's Vision:

No microbe is ever alone. In the 21st century there is no question that all processes and outcomes in the biosphere are shaped by the smallest living creatures. The microbial world is a highly interconnected world where microbes interact with living and non-living matter to produce outcomes that range from symbiosis to pathogenesis, energy acquisition and conversion, climate change, geologic change, food and drug production, and even animal behavioral change. This universe of microbial interactions is the purview of the American Society for Microbiology, an organization that provides a big tent for all individuals interested in any aspect of the microbial world.



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If the 20th century was the century of specialization and fragmentation, the 21st century must be the century of integration and connection. What is needed is a mechanism that will complement the specialized excellence in ASM's existing journals and help to re-integrate the flock. With that goal in mind ASM is launching mBio, its first general open access journal. The goal for mBio is to publish the very best science in microbiology with particular emphasis in papers that are integrative and highlight connectivity under the microbiology tent.

The scope of the journal is very broad and includes any paper that deals with microbes, microbial physiology, communities, ecology, populations, immune responses, applications and extends to exobiology. If the work is in any way related to microbiology, and is top tier science, then mBio is interested. mBio will build the bridges to rejoin the microbial archipelago.

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