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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the first CREATE HUJ-NUS-SMART Joint Symposium entitled, "Research Innovation in Infectious and Inflammatory Diseases". This event will take place on the 8th and 9th of July, 2013, and will bring together scientists from Singapore, the United States and Israel. We are delighted to invite you to attend the Joint Symposium and to present your research in a poster session on July 9.

The National Research Foundation developed the Campus for Research Excellence and Technological Enterprise (CREATE) in 2012 to accelerate research innovations in Singapore by bringing together leading international universities to collaborate with Singapore-based universities and institutions. The Joint Symposium celebrates the success of CREATE by highlighting one of its major themes: research innovation in infectious and inflammatory diseases. The Symposium showcases the scientific and engineering innovations made in research collaborations in two joint programs: Hebrew University of Jerusalem - National University of Singapore (HUJ-NUS) and the Singapore - MIT Alliance for Research and Technology (SMART). The HUJ-NUS joint program focuses on cellular and molecular mechanisms of inflammatory diseases that affect Singapore and the region. The SMART Infectious Disease group uses convergent technologies to develop new therapies and diagnostics for influenza, dengue, tuberculosis and malaria, while the SMART BioSyM group develops new technologies to solve critical biomedical problems in Singapore. This symposium highlights the many accomplishments made in collaborations between Singaporean and international researchers in solving the most vexing problems in infectious disease and inflammation.

Attached please find a tentative program and schedule of the Symposium. You are invited to present a poster on your research projects. Please send us the title of your presentation, list of authors (noting the presenter), and a half-page abstract by June 10, 2013. In lieu of registration, we would appreciate prompt acknowledgment of your intent to attend the Symposium, with an email to Dr. Farzad Olfat (farzad@smart.mit.edu). Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

On the behalf of the Organizing Committee, we thank you for your participation and look forward to a successful and enjoyable meeting.

Best regards, Peter and Ophry

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