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***Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease* re-launches under an Open Access model**

27 June 2011, Stockholm: The Society for Microbial Ecology and Disease (SOMED) re-launches its official journal *Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease* today under an Open Access model. As part of the new publishing strategy, the society has chosen to partner with Co-Action Publishing.

Commenting on the re-launch, Professor Marika Mikelsaar, President of SOMED, said, "I wanted to keep the journal afloat as it is part of the society's identity; but I also wanted to reinvigorate it, and we therefore chose to partner with Co-Action Publishing who not only offered an Open Access solution but also a lot of enthusiasm and professionalism."

Commenting on the new arrangement, Senior Publisher Anne Bindslev stated, "We are very pleased to be working with SOMED to transition *Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease* to Open Access and re-launch the title such that a much wider community may access the journal content. Now even the entire archive – dating back to 1988 – will for the first time be freely accessible. A growing number of scholarly societies are recognizing that Open Access gives a boost both to their official journal and to the society and we are confident that SOMED will experience this as well."

Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease aims to draw together research on different human microbial eco-systems, and to increase our understanding of their role in health and disease. Editor-in-Chief Tore Midtvedt is joined by Associate Editors Elisabeth Norin, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, and Michael Wilson, Eastman Dental Institute, United Kingdom.

Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease can be found at: www.MicrobEcolHealthDis.net

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