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Welcome Message ECI 2015 by the Presidents

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

it is with great pleasure that we welcome you on behalf of the Austrian Society of Allergology and Immunology (ÖGAI) to the 4th European Congress of Immunology (ECI) in Vienna from September 6-9, 2015.

The 4th ECI will cover all fields of modern immunology and adhere to a 4-track structure covering the topics innate immunity, adaptive immunity, diseases of the immune system and immune interventions. The 4-track program will streamline symposia, workshops as well as poster sessions enabling easy crosstalk between topics and types of sessions planned. In fact, novel forms of immune interventions represent one of the most exciting success stories of modern medicine. Thus, a special focus of the 4th ECI will be put on the fine balance between basic and applied/translational research. Delegates will be offered 150+ talks by invited speakers, plenary lectures by ‘immunology icons’, more than 400 oral presentations selected from abstracts, as well as guided poster walks. A special emphasis will be devoted to the education of our young scientists and students. In addition, the 4th ECI will be embedded into a number of satellite meetings dealing with related topics.

High caliber immunological research has a long and strong tradition in Vienna. In fact, more than one hundred years ago, the Viennese Nobel laureate Karl Landsteiner discovered the blood groups and Clemens von Pirquet coined the term ‘Allergy’ in Vienna. In addition, Vienna has a longstanding tradition as an important central European city, which dates back to ancient Roman times. Vienna had been the capital of the Habsburgian Monarchy for centuries and developed into a world-renown center for music and fine arts. The surrounding countries had strong influence on Vienna’s culture, architecture and cuisine, thus, Vienna can be considered as a true melting pot of nations with a truly cosmopolitan flair. Today, Vienna belongs to the cities with the highest living standards in the world. The many sights, which are waiting for you include the operas, museums, concert halls, castles, traditional inns and small wineries (Heurigen), the Vienna Woods, and the most beautiful Danube valley with its vineyards.

We will do our best to make the 4th ECI a most memorable scientific, social and cultural event for you. We very much look forward to hosting you in Vienna in September 2015!

Winfried F. Pickl, MD
Barbara Bohle, PhD
President 4th ECI
President Scientific Program Committee 4th ECI
Dear friends and colleagues,

It is my great pleasure as President of the European Federation of Immunological Societies (EFIS) to invite you to the European Congress of Immunology (ECI) in Vienna, September 6-9, 2015. This will be the fourth joint meeting of European National Societies of Immunology and EFIS. The first, held in Paris in 2006, was an outstanding success. It was followed by events in Berlin in 2009 and Glasgow 2012, which confirmed the high-level scientific interactions and proved the importance of a strong immunological network in Europe. The ECI is a lucent example of the close interrelationship of the many European immunology societies with their umbrella society EFIS.

EFIS represents 31 national societies, which together count over 12,000 individual members. The main goal of EFIS is to support immunology in the scientific arena of Europe and to bring together established scientists and young researchers from academia and industry by generously supporting meetings, conferences and workshops and funding the travel expenses of young scientists to attend scientific events or to undertake short-term research visits to top-level laboratories. Moreover, EFIS regularly acknowledges top-notch researchers with prestigious prizes, such as the Ita Askonas Award given to leading female immunologists and its Young Researcher Award. EFIS is also proud to be able to partner with its official journals, Immunology Letters and European Journal of Immunology, in order to achieve these afore-mentioned goals.

Another very important mission of EFIS is to raise awareness among the general public, mass media and policymakers about the importance of the immune system, immunology research and the consequent options for modern immune interventions for health and well-being. Toward this end, EFIS established the Day of Immunology (DoI), which first took place on April 29, 2005, and continues to this day with great success. Moreover, several interactive tools (a web-exhibition and interactive book www.inside-immunity.org and www.interactive-immunity.org) as well as printed educational material for youngsters (Your Amazing Immune System) have been created and are freely available to every web-user. Please visit our web-site (www.efis.org) to learn more about our mission, incentives and activities ranging from supporting the education of young immunologists to increasing public awareness of immunology research.

Scientific meetings, such as ECI 2015 – which continues to take shape and promises to be a showcase event for the European immunology community – provide one of the best opportunities to create and strengthen networks among individual EFIS members. On behalf of EFIS, its Board and our affiliated Societies, I cordially invite you to join us in Vienna from September 6-9, 2015!

With best wishes,

Professor Lorenzo Moretta, M.D.
President, EFIS
The scientific program will be structured into four tracks dedicated to the fields of innate immunity, adaptive immunity, diseases of the immune system and immune interventions. The 4-track program will streamline symposia, workshops as well as poster sessions in a way that will promote easy cross talk between the basic topics and types of sessions planned.

Accordingly, the topics of the individual scientific sessions will range, just to mention a few, from the cellular and molecular biology of innate immune responses and molecular insights into antigen processing and presentation to mechanisms of lymphocyte development including repertoire selection and kinetics of lymphocyte activation and contraction to the pathogenesis of autoimmune and inflammatory diseases and cancer and the etiology of primary and secondary immunodeficiency diseases to novel therapeutic approaches to autoimmunity, allergy, immunodeficiency and cancer including novel forms of vaccines against infectious agents.

In fact, the presentation and discussion of modern forms of immune interventions will be given a prominent place, since their obvious benefits for society are certainly one of the most efficient forms how to promote our scientific discipline.

Moreover, special sessions dedicated to technological innovations in immunology research (e.g. cellular phenotyping and separation; antibody technologies; fluorescent tracing; molecular, biochemical and genetic profiling; animal models and mutagenesis; RNA technologies; etc.) will be offered in close cooperation with partners from the industry.

In addition, there will be ample space for company-sponsored symposia allowing to feature specific aspects of immunology.
Exhibition & Sponsoring Opportunities

As our industry partners are an integral and very important part of the congress we will work closely together with you to ensure strong visibility and provide you with a number of opportunities to interact with the delegates and deliver your key message to the audience.

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