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## **GEC 2017 Goals & Objectives**





- To fund travel of 4 students to the FOCIS Course in Arizona, USA (3/4 students previously funded by EC, 1/4 by GEC)
- To fund travel of 2 students to the AAI Basic (LA) and Advanced Immunology (Boston) Courses.
- To fund travel of 3 students to the Ceppelini Immunology Course in Italy
- To support a special lecture by an outstanding woman immunologist and a networking reception at FAIS 2017, Hammamet, Tunisia.
- To consider requests for other types of support, other courses, if funding available.
- To continue activities to establish IUIS/GEC Award to an outstanding woman immunologist.

## **GEC 2017 Activities**



- •Reviewed over 150 applications for the FOCIS course and selected 4 applicants for funding. Three( from attended the course (\$4,820.17)
- •Funded travel for one female student (Nigeria) to the AAI Basic and one female student (Brazil) to the AAI Advanced Immunology Course, selected by the EC. (\$3,327.12))
- •Funded in retrospect (years 2015 and 2016) the Immunology School in Italy to assist them in balancing their budget. (\$3,035.00)
- •Funded travel for three female students (Greece, Tunisia, Uganda) in 2017 to attend the 2017 Immunology School in Italy. (\$1,640.00)
- •Organized the Gender Equality lecture and networking session at FAIS in collaboration with local organizers. (\$2,500 + \$150)

Received from IUIS \$14,958 on December 31, 2016

**Total 2017 expenditures: \$15,472.29** 

# FOCIS Course 2017



India Paraguay Brazil

# Ceppelini School, Italy



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## IUIS Committee on Gender Equality

### **Career Development**

sponsor a lecture and networking reception December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 16:00.





Chairs: OJ. Finn - N. Mehra

16:00-16:10
Greetings and Introduction of the IUIS
Gender Committee Mission (*Dr. OJ. Finn*)

16:10-16:20 Introduction of the Speaker (*Dr. N. Mehra*)

16:20-17:00

My Unusual Course of Researcher Women in the Context of Founding Fathers Feminism of modern Tunisia (Dr. Oum Kalthoum Ben Hassine)

> 17:00-17:15 Questions and Discussion

17:15-18:00 Networking Reception

## GENDER EQUALITY IN IMMUNOLOGY

Conference Room Nefertiti









## **GEC Opportunities and Challenges**



## **OPPORTUNITIES:**

- •African PhD Project (Faith's BIG IDEA) could engage GEC on a bigger scale and long term.
- •Oversee efforts on gender balance in the IUIS2019 ICI Scientific Program
- •Use the International Congress to promote women immunologists and young immunologists of both genders with large, highly visible prizes.

## CHALLENGES:

- •Fundraising (approached a number of companies, willing to give one-time support but not endow a prize)
- New GEC leadership



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