

## **IUIS Council Member Description**

### **Personal description by the Candidate for 2019-2022 Council:**

I am currently a Professor in the Department of Medical Microbiology & Immunology at the University of Alberta and the Past President of the Canadian Society for Immunology. While maintaining my research program, for the past four years I have also served as the Associate Dean of Research (Graduate Programs), a position that has allowed me to focus on enhancing graduate student and postdoctoral fellow training to better prepare them for the many challenges facing them as they seek various career opportunities.

Training of the next generation of scientists for a rapidly changing world is essential as they will require diverse research and communication skills to navigate the shifting research landscape to allow them to continue to make interesting and important discoveries. Providing unique and interesting training experiences is crucial if we want to engage our young scientists at meetings such as the International Congress of Immunology.

There are so many competing conferences that attending national/regional immunological society conferences and/or ICI is no longer the default pathway for immunology trainees. New approaches, with trainee input, are required to meet the challenge for the IUIS to remain relevant to our young scientists.



Candidate for 2019-2022 Council: **Hanne Ostegaard**

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