

A microscopic image of cells, possibly lymphocytes, with an orange overlay. The cells are irregularly shaped and clustered together. The orange overlay is semi-transparent, allowing the underlying cellular structures to be visible. The text "IUIS Veterinary Immunology Committee" is overlaid in the top left corner.

IUIS Veterinary Immunology Committee



Veterinary
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Committee

Mission and Objectives of VIC:

To enhance the profile of veterinary immunology through international knowledge exchange and outreach activities that support research into animal diseases and vaccine development for the benefit of global communities.

The activities and goals of VIC are to:

- Promote veterinary immunology globally
- Assist with the planning and funding of the International Veterinary Immunology Symposia (IVIS)
- Coordinate databases and resources containing information of interest to veterinary immunologists (VIC Toolkit and VIC MHC)
- Sponsor and support regional workshops and conferences
- Support the development of a toolkit of veterinary immunological reagents
- Administer the Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist Award

VIC Membership



Current Committee:

Gary Entrican, UK (Chair)*
Claire Rogel-Gaillard, France (Chair-elect)*
Eva Wattrang, Sweden (Treasurer)
Joan Lunney, USA (VIC Toolkit Chair)*
Keith Ballingall, UK (VIC MHC Chair)*
Dirk Werling, UK (EVIG Chair/EFIS)*
Crystal Loving, USA (IVIS 2019)
Andrew Bean, Australia (IVIS 2016)*
Xiaomei Wang, China (ICI 2019)
Susan Eicher, USA (AAVI Chair)*
Isabel Santos, Brazil (ALAI)
Mirta Arestegui, Argentina (AVI/ALAI)*
Gerald Chege, South Africa (FAIS)
Chieko Kai, Japan (FIMSA)

Nominations/new positions 2019-onwards:

Claire Rogel-Gaillard, France (Chair)
Gary Entrican, UK (Past-Chair)**
Jayne Hope, UK (VIC Toolkit Chair)
John Hammond, UK (VIC MHC Chair)
Gregers Jungersen, Denmark (EVIG Chair/EFIS)
Alejandra Capozzo, Argentina (AVI/ALAI)
Crystal Loving (AAVI/IVIS 2019)***
Gerald Chege, South Africa (FAIS/IVIS 2022 Chair)***

*Committee members/positions changing in 2019

**No current Past-Chair as GE has been in post for two terms

***CL and GC will remain on VIC but occupy two roles

Current gender balance: 5 Male, 9 Female (14 total)

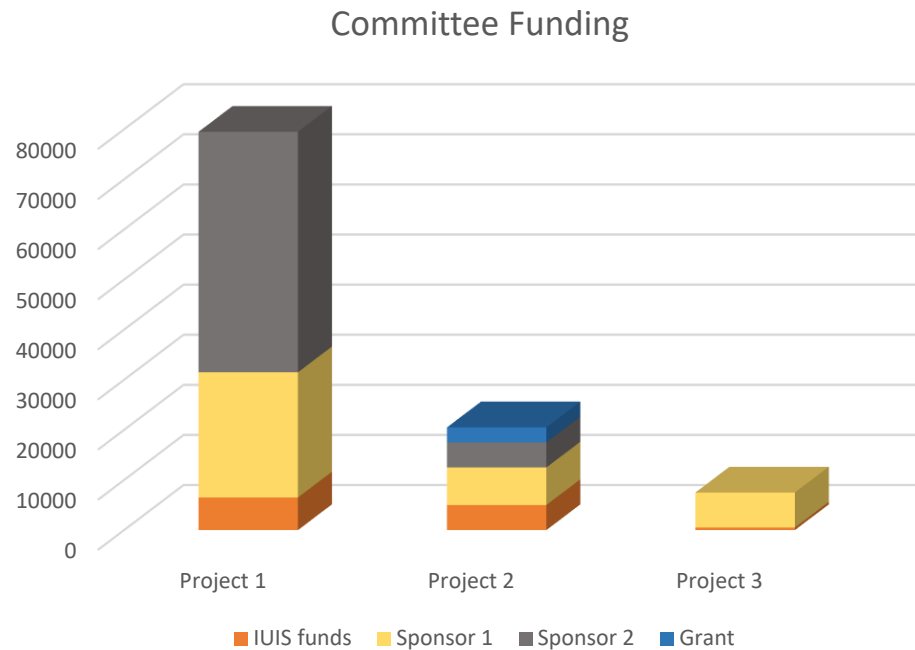
Projected gender balance: 4 Male, 8 Female, two with double roles (12 in total)

- Organisation of the 12th IVIS in Seattle, USA in August 2019, hosted by AAVI and managed by K.I.T.
- Awarded five travel grants to support attendance at 12th IVIS
- Administered the IUIS VIC Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist Award, supported by Zoetis
- Provided funds to EVIG for combined EVIG/IUIS VIC travel awards for the 6th EVIW, Utrecht, Netherlands in September 2018
- Established four global veterinary immunology toolkit working groups (pigs, ruminants, fish and avian species). Co-ordinated by the Chair of VIC Toolkit SubCommittee with conference calls facilitated by K.I.T./IUIS
- Supported VIC MHC SubCommittee Chair to attend ISAG in Dublin, Eire
- Support the IPD-MHC database thereby promoting IUIS VIC as a contributor to a global online veterinary/comparative immunology resource. Co-ordinated by Chair of VIC ISAG/MHC SubCommittee
- Supported VIC Toolkit and VIC MHC Workshops at 12th IVIS
- Promoted Immunopaedia and education activities at EVIW and IVIS
- Promote the activities of IUIS VIC to major international networking and funding stakeholders (BMGF, STAR-IDAZ, IVVN) who in turn supported and attended the 12th IVIS



- 239 delegates from over 30 countries
- Two workshops for the VIC sub-committees (Toolkit and MHC)
- Invited speakers papers to be published in a Special Edition of *Frontiers in Immunology*
- 16 speakers supported by BMGF
- Pre-Congress meeting of the STAR-IDAZ International Research Consortium
- Budget issues and lessons to be learned

VIC Budget



Breakdown:

Project 1: 12th IVIS: \$6,500 IUIS; \$25,000 Commercial Sponsorship, \$48,000 BMGF Speaker Support

Project 2: 12th IVIS Travel Awards: \$5000 IUIS; \$7,500 IVVN; \$5,000 USDA

Project 3: DVI Award: \$500 IUIS; \$7000 Zoetis

Opportunities

- New Committee Members bringing a fresh vision
- Develop strong relationships with international networks and global funders (BMGF, STAR-IDAZ, IVVN)
- Special Topic in *Frontiers in Immunology*, papers written by IUIS invited speakers
- Co-ordination/provision of education resources for veterinary immunology
- Support the development of community databases (reagents, MHC)
- Planning for IUIS 2022
- Working more closely with other IUIS Committees
- **Challenges**
- IUIS not being included in the planning of bids to host IUIS ICI
- Running IUIS at a break-even or small profit
- Finding mechanisms to sustain online global veterinary immunology databases that serve the community (immunological reagents, MHC) – relates to the importance of the relationships we build