Immunotherapy Committee

Immunopharmacology Committee
What is the ITH?

The IUIS Immunotherapy Committee (ITH) has been created to assist in the development and clinical application of drugs that interact with the immune system and the use of antibodies and cytokines as therapy. Focus is given on the use of these therapies in the context of chronic inflammatory disease, infection and cancer.

Remit includes:
- Develop policy positions and authoritative reviews on the application of new immune therapy approaches in chronic inflammatory disease, cancer and infectious diseases
- Interact with other societies (eg. IUPHAR, SITC) to advance the field of immunopharmacology
- Sponsor public and academic education on immune therapy issues
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Andrew Luster, US
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ITH Activities

* Close contact with IUPHAR to develop the area, including contribution to the generation of key sites related to the field of ITH:

https://www.guidetoimmunopharmacology.org/immuno/index.jsp

• Active contribution to IUPHAR World Congress of Pharmacology – 2022. Possibility of hosting symposium
• International meeting of Immunopharmacology – to be co-sponsored by IUIS-IUPHAR at the Museum of Tomorrow in Rio de Janeiro in 2021 (was 2020).
ITH Opportunities and Challenges

- Broaden the remit;
- Broaden participation;
- Interaction with IUPHAR and natural product entities. Need to creat a joint programme to develop with IUPHAR – there is an agreement but funds are needed;
- Interaction with clinical societies (eg Rheumatology and cancer) where immunotherapy is a major source of income
- Interaction with drug companies;
- The New challenges of developing immunotherapy for infection versus the strength of cancer therapy
- Top positional reviews for top journals (Nature Reviews Immunology, etc.). Mainly with a focus on global health;
- Develop a Twitter page linked to @iuis_online;
- Need to be present at major conferences. Could we sponsor a session?