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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
GEC 2018 Goals & Objectives

- To fund travel of 4 students to the FOCIS Course in Arizona, USA, February 2018
- To fund travel of 2 students to the AAI Basic Immunology Course (June, 2018 in LA) and Advanced Immunology Course (July, 2018, Boston).
- To fund travel of 3 students to the Ceppelini Immunology Course in Italy, September 2018
- To support a special lecture by an outstanding woman immunologist and a networking reception at ALAI 2018 (May 2018, Cancun, Mexico).
- To identify other courses for student sponsorships, if funding available.
- To make a proposal to IUIS for “Travel for Techniques” support, a new GEC initiative.
- To continue activities to establish IUIS/GEC Award to an outstanding woman immunologist.
- To actively participate in programing ICI 2019 to assure gender diversity among the speakers.
- To oversee the nominations for new IUIS Council members and candidates for Vice President.
GEC 2018 Activities

• Reviewed over 150 applications for the FOCIS course and selected 4 applicants for funding. Three attended the course: from Mali, Algiers and Hungary ($6,732.22)

• Funded travel for one female student (Argentina) to the AAI Basic and one female student (Tunisia) to the AAI Advanced Immunology Course, selected by the EC. ($2,246.52)

• Funded two students (Tunisia, Algiers) to attend the course in Fes, Morocco, April 2018 ($1,191.14; $43.00 wire)

• Funded 5 junior scientists from Cuba to attend ALAI 2018 ($2,500; $43.00 wire)

• Organized the Gender Equality lecture and networking session at ALAI 2018 in collaboration with local organizers. ($1,211, reception; $150, gift; $43.00 wire)

Received from IUlS $14,958 in February 2018
Presented to
Dr. Laurie H. Glimcher
In appreciation for being an inspiration to women immunologists around the world.
ICI 2016/GEC Master Lecture
24 August 2016
Melbourne, Australia

Presented to
Prof. Oum Kalthoum Ben Hassine
In appreciation for being an inspiration to women immunologists around the world
FAIS 2017/GEC
6 December 2017
Hammamet, Tunisia
Presented to Prof. Clara Gorodezky

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ALAI-SMI 2018/GEC
15 May 2018
Cancun, Mexico
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 IUISH2019 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
  • Currently working with two companies
New GEC Leadership

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Co-Chair: Dr. Hanes Stockinger, Viena, Austria