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### **GEC 2017 Activities**

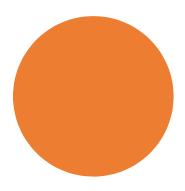


- •Reviewed over 150 applications for the FOCIS course and selected 4 applicants for funding. Three( from attended the course (\$4,820.17)
- •Funded travel for one female student (Nigeria) to the AAI Basic and one female student (Brazil) to the AAI Advanced Immunology Course, selected by the EC. (\$3,327.12)
- •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

# **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



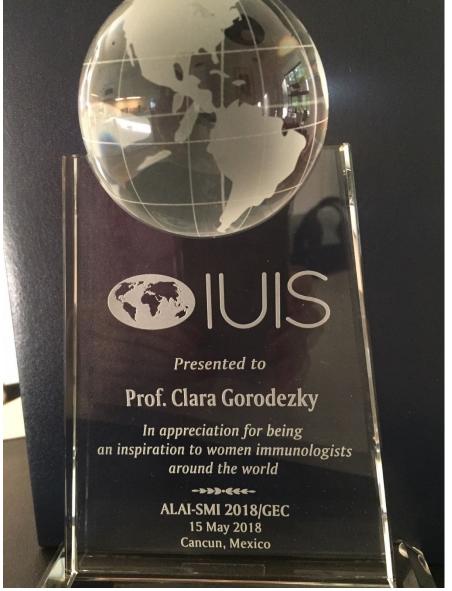
- •Reviewed over 150 applications for the FOCIS course and selected 4 applicants for funding. Three attended the course: from Mali, Algiers and Hungary (\$6,732.22)
- •Funded travel for one female student (Argentina) to the AAI Basic and one female student (Tunisia) to the AAI Advanced Immunology Course, 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 IUIS \$14,958 in February 2018









# **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
  - Currently working with two companies

# **New GEC Leadership**



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



