

Personal statement by Abdallah Badou for the nominations for the IUIS 2022-2025 council term



I am delighted to accept the nomination to stand for election for the council of the International Union of Immunology Societies (IUIS) for the 2022-2025 term.

I am currently the head of the Immuno-genetics and human Pathologies Lab and a Professor of Immunology and Molecular Biology at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, Hassan II University, Casablanca, Morocco.

I am a Moroccan citizen and I have lived and studied in three continents (Africa, Europe and America). I was raised in Casablanca, Morocco where I attended the Hassan II University (1988-1992). Afterwards, I moved to Paris (France), where I have completed a Master's degree in René Descartes University in 1994, then a PhD in Immunology in 1998 at Paul Sabatier University (Toulouse, France). Afterwards, I joined the Immunobiology department at Yale University School of Medicine (Connecticut, USA) from 1999 to 2007, as a post-doc then as an associate research scientist.

In 2007, I joined Cadi Ayad University in Morocco as an assistant then qualified professor. Since 2014, I was affiliated to the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, where I was promoted as full professor in 2018. my research topics are related to the study of the immune response in inflammation and in tumor microenvironments in cancer patients. This is performed through strong collaborations with physicians from distinct specialties.

I have a wealthy record of training and supporting young scientists in the US and in Morocco, including students from other countries of Africa. I have mentored over 100 scientists at all levels. So, my potential election in the IUIS council would help reducing the gap between African scientists and scientists from the rest of the world. This could be achieved through different means, including high level training and education.

Currently, I serve in the editorial board of several international journals and I am the Secretary General of the Moroccan Society of Immunology (SMI) and Secretary General of the Federation of African Immunological Societies (FAIS).