

Candidate for 2022-2025 IUIS Council: Joanne Reed

Personal statement:

I am currently a Lab Head at the Westmead Institute for Medical Research and Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Sydney, Australia. Previous positions included Group Leader at Garvan Institute in Sydney and postdoctoral researcher at Australian National University, Canberra and New York University School of Medicine, New York. I completed my PhD at Flinders University of South Australia in Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology. My main research interest is investigating the underlying cause of autoimmune disease. Recently my team and I developed single cell genomic and proteomic technologies to identify the cells responsible for severe autoimmune pathology in patients. My work, published in *Cell*, demonstrated a shared pathogenic mechanism between lymphoma and clinically overt autoimmunity, which is now informing precision medicine approaches for patients.

I am an elected member of the Australian Zealand Society for Immunology (ASI) Council, where I serve as IUIS Coordinator and keep ASI members up to date with IUIS activities, including writing a regular column for the ASI Newsletter: "The IUIS Corner". I am committed to raising the profile of immunology researchers with community engagement and educational activities. I contribute to the Day of Immunology public forums and founded and organised the high school lab discovery program from 2018-2020. I currently co-chair the ASI Advanced Immunology School, which provides networking and career development opportunities for early career researchers.

I would be honoured to represent ASI on the IUIS Council for 2022-25. I am enthusiastic about fostering collaboration, education, and collegiality with international immunology societies. I look forward to using this platform to plan and support new educational activities that are relevant for the next generation of immunologists. I envisage representing emerging immunology leaders and serving as a role model to promote more young immunologists to network globally and be actively involved with the international immunology societies. My focus is initiatives that drive equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging.