Mission and Objectives of VIC:
To enhance the profile of veterinary immunology through international knowledge exchange and outreach activities that support research into animal diseases and vaccine development for the benefit of global communities.

- In a context of global change, all living organisms share fluctuating environmental pressures and the One health initiative should give us a highly relevant umbrella to collaborate with human immunologists in the frame of IUIS and of its various committees.

- Combining fundamental immunology and genomics will help to better understand and predict disease resistance and vaccine responses and will contribute to improve sustainable practices in farm systems: a way toward systems immunology and systems vaccinology.

- We have to foster fundamental research in immunology and in host-pathogens interactions, as well as large scale studies to investigate individual response variabilities.
The activities and goals are to:

- Promote veterinary immunology globally
- Support veterinary immunology initiatives and networking
- Support young researchers in the field
- Assist with the planning and funding of the International Veterinary Immunology Symposia (IVIS)
- Sponsor and support regional workshops and conferences
- Support the development of a toolkit of veterinary immunological reagents
- Coordinate databases and resources containing information of interest to veterinary immunologists (VIC Toolkit and VIC MHC)
- Administer the Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist (DVI) Award
Start of a veterinary immunology network/group in South Africa under the auspices of the South African Immunology Society
- funding support for the first meeting: 3350 $ 
- The group has officially started in 2022

ALACI meeting
- Claire Rogel-Gaillard attended the conference in Cuba

Organization of IVIS2023 as a satellite conference of IUIS 2023
Proposition of two symposiums for IUIS2023
Organization of IVIS2023

Dates: Nov 18-Nov 21 and workshops on Nov 22
Location: Kruger National Park
Web site: http://ivis2023.org/

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Opportunities and Challenges

Opportunities

− Maintaining strong relationships with global funders (BMGF) and networks (STAR-IDAZ, IVVN)
− Tightening links with European Vet Immunology group (EVIG) and International Society of Animal Genetics (ISAG)
− Coordination/provision of education resources for veterinary immunology
− Supporting the development of community databases (reagents, MHC)
− Organization of two symposiums during IUIS2023 conference that are attractive to both human and veterinary immunology communities
− Contribution to the thriving of the immunology network/group in South Africa

Challenges

− Proposing an attractive program of webinar series on veterinary immunology with insights on global health issues and up-to-date methodologies
− Efficiently advertising on IVIS 2023 to ensure a large audience
− Finding mechanisms to sustain online global veterinary immunology databases that serve the community (immunological reagents, MHC) – relates to the importance of the relationships we build
Future plans

- To organise webinars connected to IVIS2023 programming

- To link with the International Society for Animal Genetics (ISAG)
  - Two target standing committees: “Comparative MHC” and “Genetics of immune response and disease resistance”
  - Awards for best posters and oral presentation for PhD candidates and young scientists who will attend ISAG conference in 2023 (Cape Town, South Africa)

- To maintain interactions with the European Veterinary Immunology Groups (EVIG)
  - Travel grants for young scientists to attends EVIW in 2024 (Dublin, Ireland)

- To support training courses
  - Bovine and porcine immunology for Spanish speakers
  - One health

- To organize a process to renew VIC membership
VIC membership (2019-2023)

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