

IUIS-ALACI-SMI-ASOCHIN Immuno-Chile 2023



General information

-Location and venue: School of Medicine, University of Chile, Santiago, Chile

-Date: 16th -20th October 2023

-Chair: Caroll Beltran

-Local organizers: Marcela Hermoso, Carolina Ribeiro, Fabien Magne, Glauben Landkron, Marjorie De la Fuente and Mauricio Farfán.

-International Co-organizers: Guillermo Docena, Clive Gray, Dieter Kaberlitz, Michelle Letarte, Eduardo Villablanca, Bon Holtac, Immunopaedia.

Summary of the course

This immersed 5-day advanced course on Mucosal Immunology was held at the University of Chile and it was organized in collaboration with the Education Committee of IUIS and Immunopaedia. Immunopaedia Ambassadors (4) and Chilean volunteers (8) were also involved in the preparation of the Immunopaedia online pre-course and as reviewers for the poster sessions. The campus provided a comfortable auditorium with capacity for 90 people considering students and faculties, a hall for poster displaying and four additional rooms for individual group activities. Two coffee breaks and lunch were served daily, a reception cocktail and two dinners were included for all attendees.

The course included talks (21), a Gender Equity activity, 2 poster sessions, 3 grant writing activities, including the presentation of the grant applications. Students presented their posters in two poster sessions and worked in groups led by Dr Clive Gray. On the last day, all groups presented their grant proposal and received questions and comments from the reviewers.

Awards, consisting of a certificate and free registration for the ALACI meeting 2024 that will be held in Buenos Aires, were provided by ALACI for the poster presentations (2) and the writing activity (1 group). In addition, students received an attendance certificate, speakers, organizers and mentors also received a certificate. After the course, Immunopaedia

surveyed the students and we received very positive responses. Moreover, we had some suggestions that will be considered for future activities.

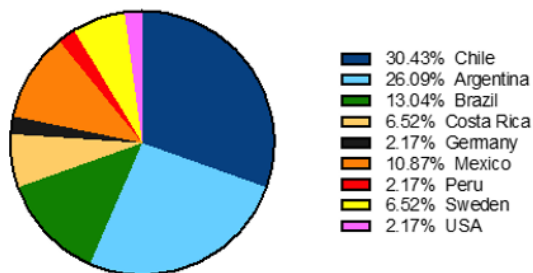
All students were provided 6 weeks in advance with online access to the web learning tool platform of *Immunopaedia* with general and specific background information included in Immunology core and specific modules of Immunopaedia. We created 7 specific modules for the course: Gut Mucosal Immunity, The Microbiome, Gut Inflammation, Viral Infections and Mucosal Immunity, Colorectal Cancer, Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Equity, Diversity, Inclusion in Academia. All activities were spread through social media as #ICIMI2023, #Immunopaedia, #iuis_online, #Alaci_org, #asochin_oficial

Overall, it has been an outstanding advanced and immersed course on Mucosal Immunology for the Latin American region, gathering renowned speakers in the field, with an active interaction between speakers and students that was highly profitable for all participants. The course was entirely successful, and the aims were met.

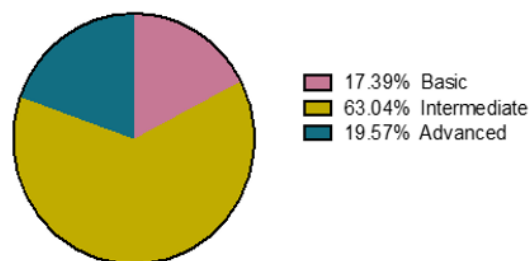
Attendees

We received 46 students from 9 countries with different backgrounds in Immunology; 25 out of them were females and 21, males.

Country distribution



Background in Immunology





Accommodation

Organizers, faculties, and students, including the Chilean attendees, were accommodated in the same hotel (Luciano Hotel). It was a very positive decision to accommodate all participants in the same hotel, since a friendly and fruitful atmosphere was created during the course. We consider these points critical to foster interactions between all participants.

Speakers

Renowned speakers (17) from 12 countries with expertise in different fields (basic, applied and clinical background) participated. They received full coverage for the accommodation and local expenses. The organizers greatly appreciated that the speakers covered their tickets and their full dedication to the course's different social and academic activities.

Speakers:

ICIMI2023, Santiago, CHILE

11 International and 6 Chileans



Summary of expenses and fundings

Air ticket were paid for all Latino American students; accommodation and local expenses were totally covered by the organization for all students and faculties. All students and faculties had also access to coffee breaks, lunches, and dinners. Student payed a registration fee of U\$S 50.

Pictures of the meeting



