

A microscopic view of several cells, likely fibroblasts, on a petri dish. The cells are irregular in shape and have a granular, textured appearance. They are clustered together, with some cells showing distinct nuclei and cytoplasm. The background is a uniform orange color.

# IUIS Junior Community Early Career Committee



***Early & Mid Career researchers  
(ECRs)***

***= within 10 years after obtaining their  
highest degree***

- ❖ ***Graduate students (Master, PhD)***
- ❖ ***post-docs***
- ❖ ***Junior faculty***

### **Early Career Immunologists face several obstacles**

- short-time work contracts
- highly competitive job-market with inflexible funding schemes
- need for fair and reliable metrics of scientific success
- work-life balance including support of young families
- long training phases with the expectation of high mobility & difficult monetary situation

# Goals & Objectives



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## Regional and institutional trends in assessment for academic promotion

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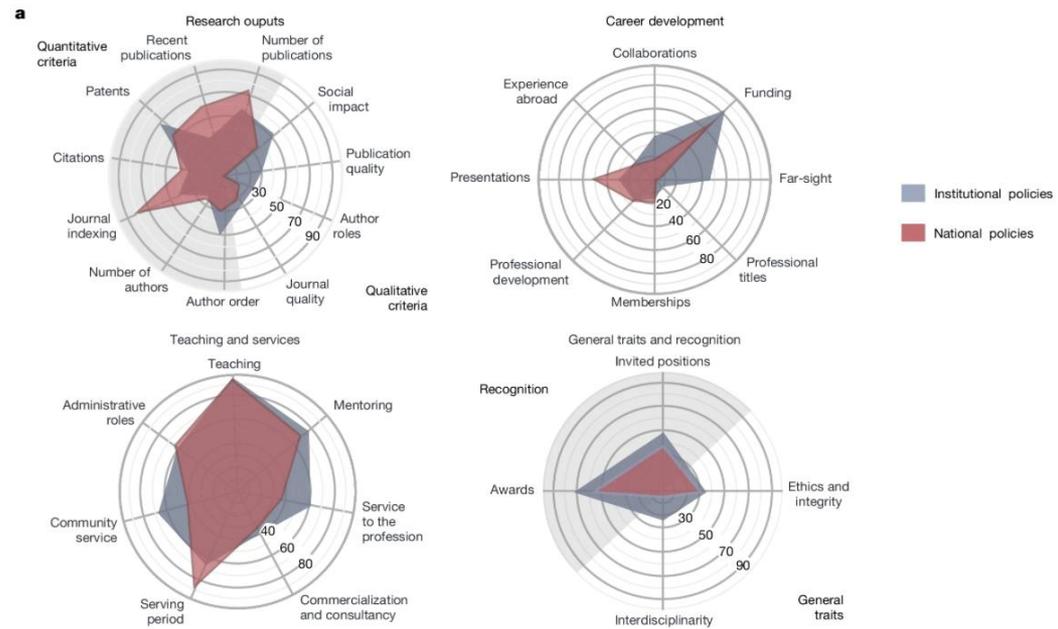
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**Fig. 3: Frequencies by policy type and global regions.**

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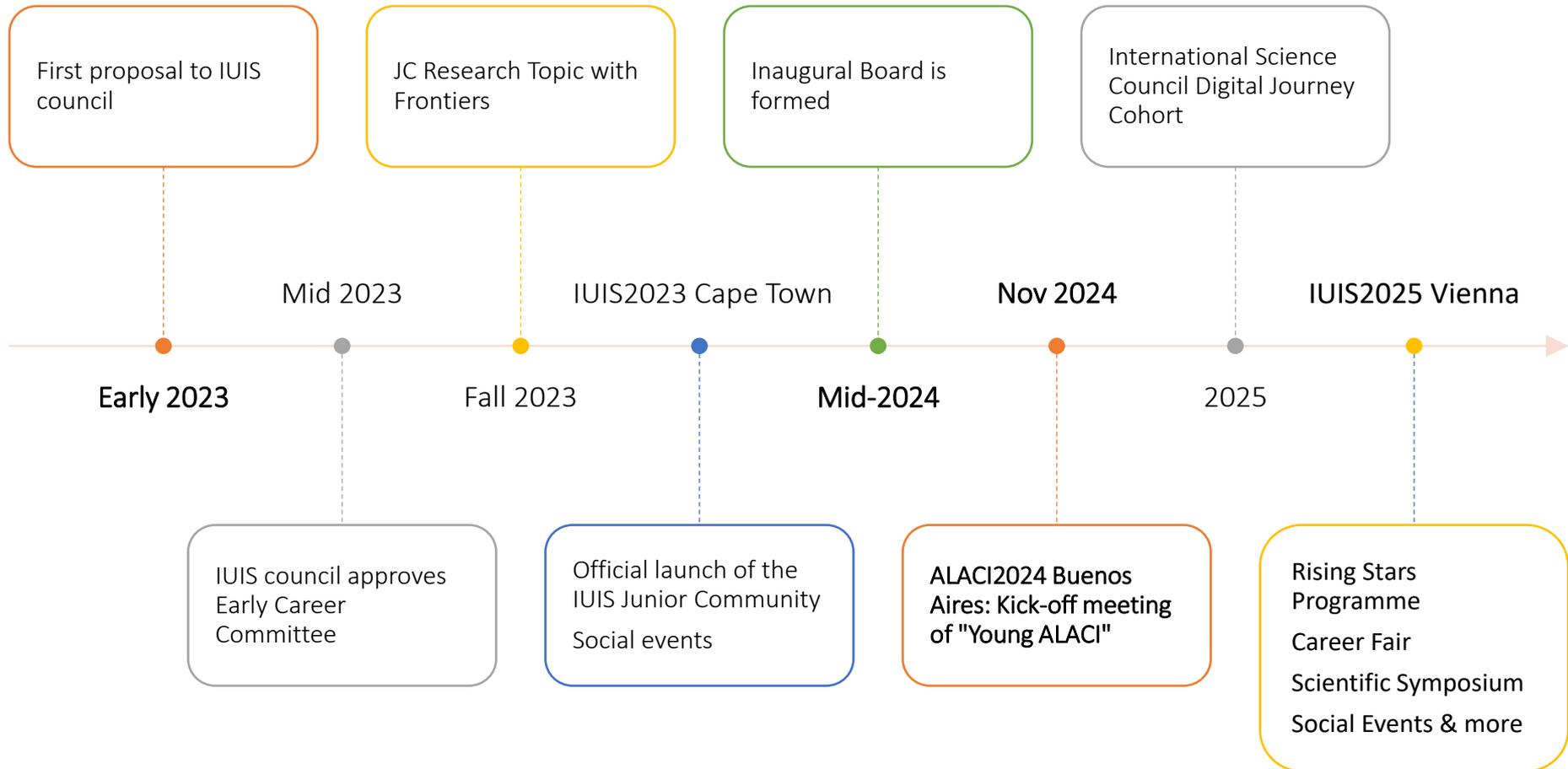


***"Building a community to share, vocalize & overcome these obstacles"***

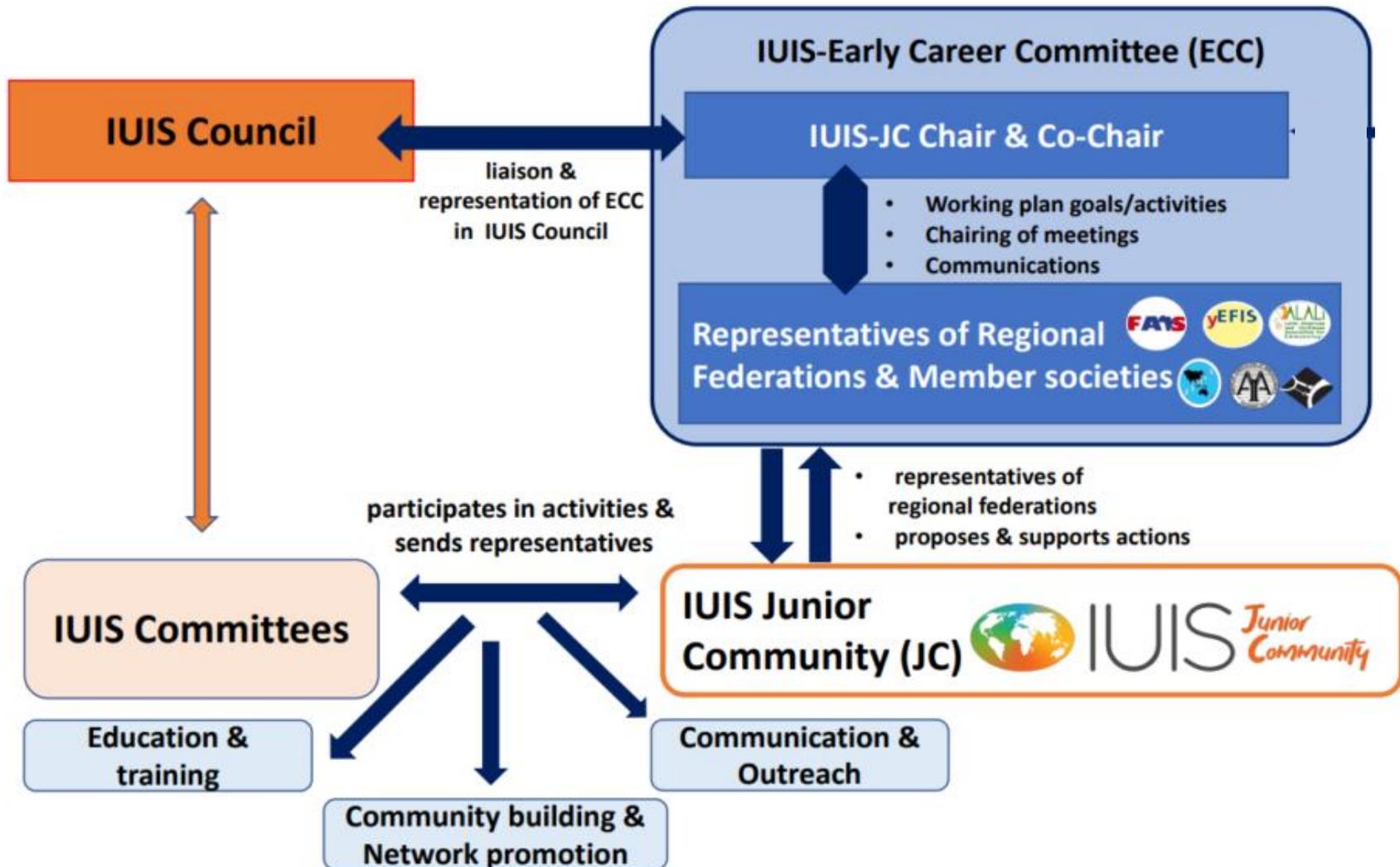


- 1. Promote and connect Early Career Researchers at the international level**
- 2. Improve Education/training & work environments**
- 3. Join forces to highlight the field of Immunology**

# Celebrating 2 years of IUIS Junior Community



# Early Career Committee & Junior Community Structure



# IUIS Early Career Committee Board



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Dr. Noushin Mossadegh-Keller  
France.



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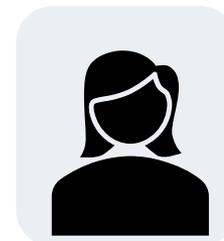
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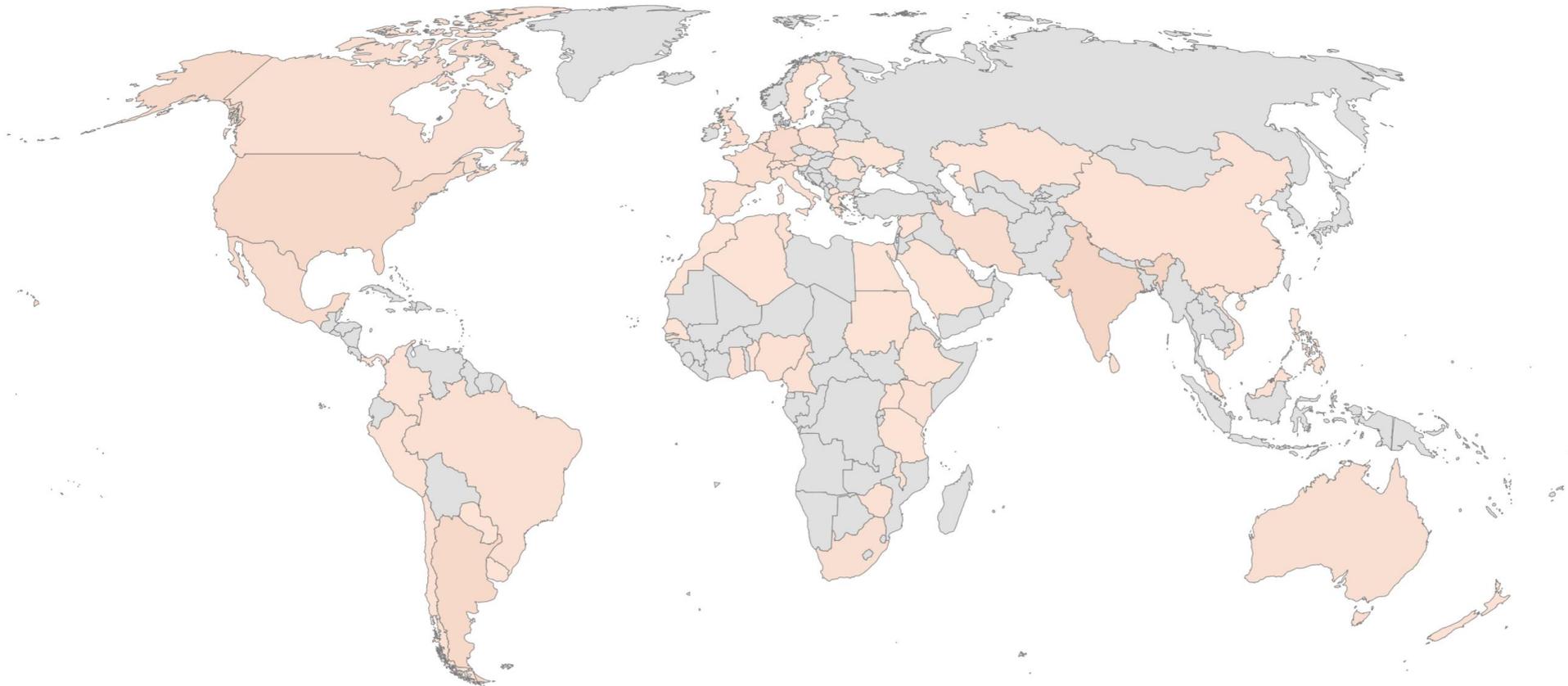


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# 250 members and counting!



June 2025

58 countries!  
Ca. 2/3 in a national  
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# Research Topic with Frontiers

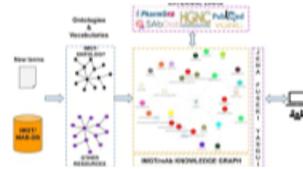
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## Outlook:

- ✓ Editorial for this topic outstanding
- ✓ 2nd edition with two new guest Editors!

# IUIS JC Activities in the ALACI region



## ALACI 2024 meeting

**IUIS Junior Community**  
@iuis\_junior

Happening tomorrow! Join our lunch session for early- & mid career researchers in the ALACI region & beyond! Meet our Junior Community representative Marion, network with peers & brainstorm some ideas! Shout-out to our sponsor Miltenyi Biotec for supporting the event!

 **IUIS** *Junior Community*  **ALACI**  
LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN  
ASSOCIATION OF IMMUNOLOGY

**Join us for our ALACI2024 lunch session for  
Early- & Mid-career researchers!**

Thursday, November 07th  
12:30-14:00 h, Microcine Room

connect with us: <https://bit.ly/3NvpiV6> 

  
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# IUIS JC Activities in the ALACI region



## ALACI 2024 meeting



**Marion E. G. Brunck, PhD**  
Mexico



**María Julia Lamberti, PhD**  
Argentina



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## ALACI 2024 meeting Podcast



30/10/2024 · 1HR 12MIN

### Ep. 91: "Immune Regulation and Inflammation" Featuring Dr. Marcelo Hill The Immunology Podcast

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#### Guest:

Dr. Marcelo Hill is the Head of the Laboratory of Immunoregulation and Inflammation at the Institut Pasteur de Montevideo. He is also the Founder and Chief Scientific Officer of ARDAN ImmunoPharma. His research focuses on immune regulation in cancer, and how T cells respond to immunotherapy in melanoma. He talks about improving immunotherapy efficacy by activating the inflammasome, and how he is pushing this research towards the clinic by collaborating with industry and creating a spin-off company.

He is then joined by Drs. Marion Brunck and María Julia Lamberti, who discuss the upcoming meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Immunology, taking place November 4-8 in Buenos Aires. They discuss the challenges and opportunities in the Latin American immunology community, and how this conference aims to promote collaborations and empower early-career researchers.

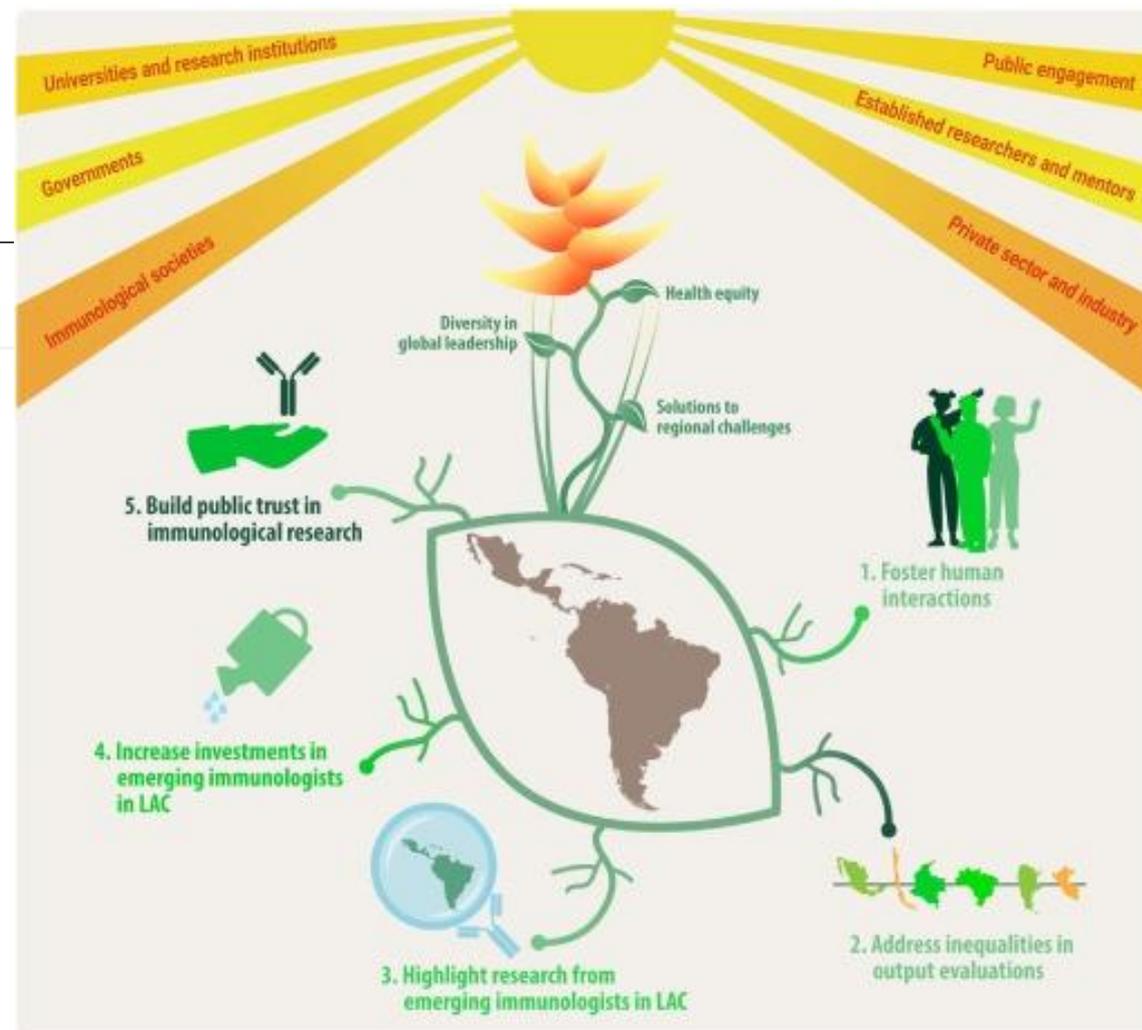
## On tending sprouts: empowering emerging immunologists in Latin America

Marion E.G. Brunck<sup>1</sup> @  , Maria Julia Lamberti<sup>2,3</sup>, Anne M. Hahn<sup>4</sup>

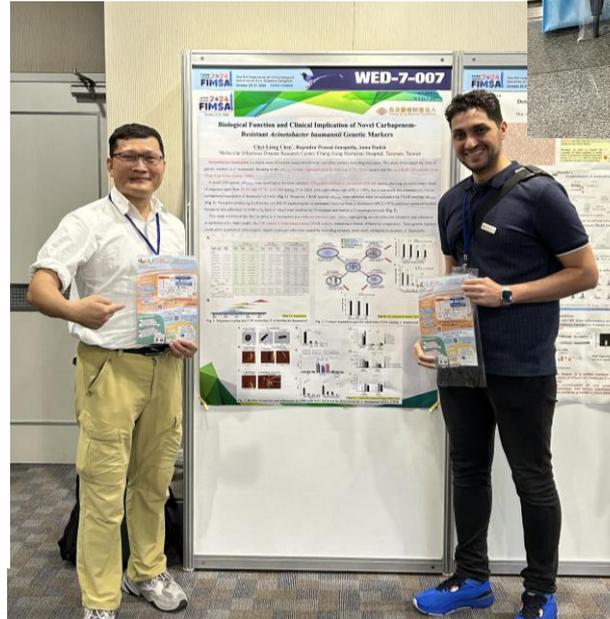
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# FIMSA 2024 meeting IVIS 2025 meeting



Misagh Rajabinejad, PhD  
Iran

## Veterinary Immunology Group Announcement

The International Veterinary Immunology Symposium is here again. It is an exciting time to bring together Veterinary Scientists, Immunologists and other biomedical scientists from across the world to gather in Vienna, Austria for the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of this great Symposium tagged "IVIS2025". For this reason, the Junior Immunology Community (JIC) of the Veterinary Immunology Committee (VIC) is organizing a unique Roundtable Session for Junior and Early Career Scientists and Researchers at the upcoming IVIS2025. This event is slated to hold on Wednesday, 13th August, 2025. With the theme "**Challenges and Opportunities for Junior and Early Career Researchers in the face of Global Funding Cuts**", this Roundtable promises to be an interesting blend of realities, pragmatism and opportunities, as the Session shall include talks from two (2) experienced international Scholars as guest Speakers. This roundtable shall also serve as a platform for attendees to network and foster new areas of collaboration. Stay tuned and check the scientific program for any updates!



The 9th Federation of Immunological Societies of Asia-Oceania Congress

October 23-27, 2024

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The 9th Federation of Immunological Societies of Asia-Oceania Congress

Taipei International Convention Center



## Activities IUIS2023

- Participation in IUIS Council Meeting
- Meet & Greet with Nobel laureates
  - o Call for participations
  - o Received 15 applications
  - o Selected 10 participants from 10 different countries
  - o Rising Stars also participated
  - o Great feedback
- Social Event 'Meet & Greet'
  - o Attended by over 50 early career researchers
  - o Spread the word about the community
  - o Conversations about need for more connections between ECRs especially where national societies are less activity





## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Join our Early- & Mid-Career Events at IUIS2025



4:30 pm - Immunological  
Scavenger Hunt through Vienna

6pm - Get-Together

**SUNDAY**  
AUG 17 2025

**MONDAY**  
AUG 18 2025

8:30am - European Research  
Council: Funding schemes for  
researchers in Europe & beyond



10am - CAREER FAIR: Explore career paths &  
network with colleagues across different industries\*

5pm - Join us for the WELCOME MIXER!

1:45 pm - IUIS-JC SYMPOSIUM\*:  
Perspectives from driving immuno-  
logical research across the globe

**WEDNESDAY**  
AUG 20 2025

### KEYNOTES

Dr. Luciana Balboa (Argentina)

Dr. Ayman Oweida (Canada)



# IUIS2025 – Scientific Symposium



**Adeleye Adeshakin, PhD**  
USA



**Lee-Hwa Tai, PhD**  
Canada

**\* travel funds & cash prizes kindly sponsored by Miltenyi Biotec**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**AUG 20 2025**

**IUIS Junior Community**

**1:45 pm Symposium:**  
**Perspectives from driving immunological research across the globe**  
chaired by Drs. Lee-Hwa Tai (Canada) & Dr. Adeleye Adeshakin (U.S.)

**KEYNOTES**  
**DR. LUCIANA BALBOA (ARGENTINA)**  
**DR. AYMAN OWEIDA (CANADA)**

**SHORT TALKS**  
**DR. TAL PECHT (GERMANY)**  
**DR. SUE TSAI (CANADA)**  
**DR. EUGENIO CONRERAS CASTILLO (MEXICO)**



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**science communication,  
scientific publishing,  
R&D, public health and  
many more!**



# IUIS2025 – Social activities



**SUNDAY**  
AUG 17 2025

4:30 pm Immunological Scavenger Hunt through Vienna

6 pm Get-Together



19th International Congress of Immunology



**yEFIS-NGI-IUIS JC Scavenger Hunt & Get-Together**

**Discover Vienna Like Never Before!**

Join us for an exciting scavenger hunt through our host city's most iconic landmarks! This interactive adventure will lead you through the heart of Vienna, uncovering hidden stories, completing fun challenges, and building new connections along the way.

**Sunday, August 17, 2025 - starting from 4.30 PM**

📍 Vienna City Center



**Register here to secure your spot!**

If you can't make it for the scavenger hunt, you can still register for the Get-Together only. Spots are limited and assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. More detailed information for both events will be shared to all registered participants.

For any questions, contact us at [yefis@efis.org](mailto:yefis@efis.org)



<https://tinyurl.com/22juvfn2>



Ege Amirak (Turkey), Laura-Marie Gail (Austria), Myriam Nabhan (Ireland)

## IUIS2025 – More activities



- ECR co-chairs
- Guide for Vienna for ECRs
- Meet & Greet with IUIS presidents (TBD)



### Welcome to Vienna!

Whether it's your first time here or you're already a fan, Vienna is always worth exploring. With its rich imperial history, vibrant cultural scene, and great quality of life, the city offers the perfect mix of tradition and modern comfort. From world-class museums and historic cafés to green vineyards and riverside hangouts, there's something for everyone, especially in summer.

This sheet is here to help you make the most of your stay during the IUIS conference. Inside, you'll find practical tips on getting around, local customs, and how to experience Vienna like a local.

**Have a great time in the city, see you at the conference and beyond!**

IUIS2025: Expression of Interest for  
ECR session chairs

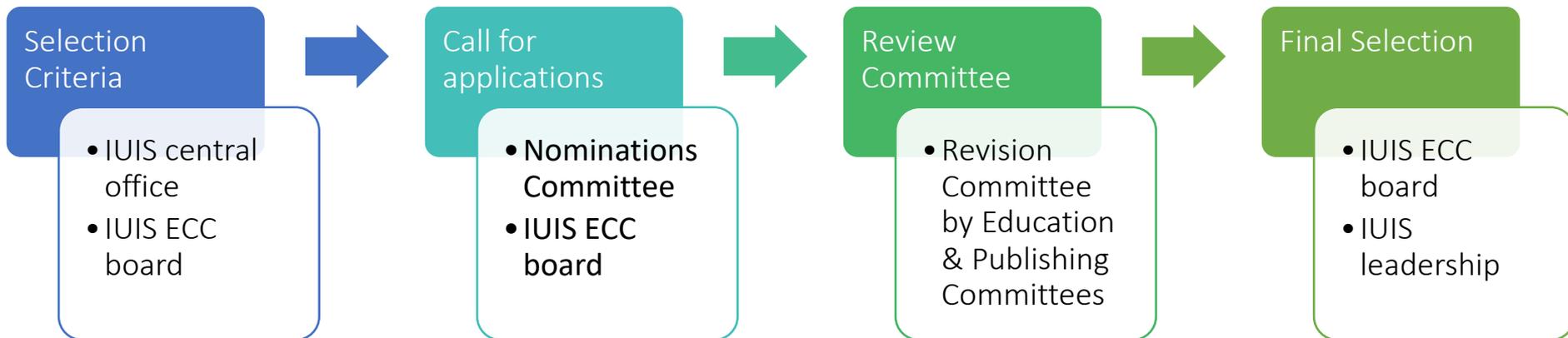


# RISING STARS

IUIS 2025 EDITION



Lee-Hwa Tai, PhD  
Canada



## Points to consider next round:

- **Self-nominations?**
- **Target group?**
- **Criteria for assessment?**
- **Representation?**

**Emily Blitz**  
**Mitra Momeni**

**34 nominations**  
**30 applications**  
**15 selected**

Gender Distribution	
f	6
m	9

Regional Federations Representation	
FIMSA	6
ALACI and AAI	4
EFIS	5

## Opportunities & Future plans (non-exhaustive):



- Establish junior groups for FAIS, FIMSA, FAIS (& Pan-America: ALACI, AAI,CSI?)
- Active participation & representation during future IUIS conferences
- **Participation in schools – speaker list?** - we have a **great network and reach** through our JC database & social media + we can leverage the **excellent representation of our board members**
- Organise **scientific events & career-workshops** with topics relevant to IUIS committees tailored for Early- & Mid Career Researchers (online or in-person)
- Establishment of **mentoring scheme (online database -> International Science Council Digital Journey Cohort)**
- Establish **ECC representative over all IUIS committees** (i.e. the Vet Immuno Committee)

## Challenges



- Keep up the great momentum and continue with actionable items with the new board -> **first Chair/ board turnover for September 2025**
- connect to other IUIS committees how we can get involved / help / contribute -> **new Committee Chairs Liaison Group!**
- Maintenance of Website & Social Media going forward
- manage **work load**
- **Committee budget** – for events, travel grants, standalone IUIS Junior Community meeting, travel support for committee members to attend IUIS meetings
- Reaching scientists outside "our networks" (esp FIMSA & FAIS)

Thank  
you!!!  
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