

A microscopic view of cells, likely lymphocytes, on a petri dish. The cells are arranged in clusters and are stained, showing a granular appearance. The background is a solid orange color.

IUIS

VIC

Veterinary immunology Committee

The Veterinary Immunology Committee (VIC) promotes and coordinates the interests of the international veterinary immunology community.

The main activities of VIC include:

- **Promote** veterinary immunology
- Assist with the planning and funding of **International Veterinary Immunology Symposia (IVIS)** – these are held every three years as satellite meetings of the International Congress of Immunology;
- Sponsor and support **regional workshops, courses and conferences;**
- Coordinate the development of a **toolkit of immunological reagents** suitable for use in animals of veterinary interest;
- Administer the **Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist Award.**

Committee Member updates



Committee Chair: Alejandra V. Capozzo (re-elected, until 2028)

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- Jayne Hope (UK, VIC Toolkit Chair)
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- KäserTobias (Austria, VIC Member)
- Yolandy Lemmer (South Africa, VIC Member)
- Crystal Loving (USA, VIC Member)
- Lizzie Chesang (Kenya, VIC Member)
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- Sanipa Suradhat (Thailand, VIC Member)
- Abubakar Woziri (Nigeria, VIC Member)

2025 Activities



IVIS 2025 - VIENNA - August 11-14. Hilton Vienna Park

Distinguished Veterinary Immunology (DVI) award

Veterinary Immunology Symposium

Friday, August 22, 10:30 a. m. – 12:00 p. m.

Optimizing pre-clinical testing pipelines: integrating animal-free methods, animal models, and comparative immunology (VIC)

Chair: [Alejandra Capozzo \(Argentina\)](#)

Chair: [Jorge Galindo-Villegas \(Bodø, Norway\)](#)



Simposio Latinoamericano de Inmunología Veterinaria
XVI Jornadas de la AAIV
IV Reunión de la RedLatinVet



Support for early career researchers, postdocs and PhD students



Newsletter contributions

2025 Activities



VIC Symposium - IUIS 2025 Friday Aug 22

*Optimizing Pre-Clinical Testing Pipelines:
Integrating Animal-Free Methods, Animal Models,
and Comparative Immunology*



Rationale: cover all aspects of pre-clinical testing, the 3R concept, new technologies aimed at reducing animal use, and a relevant animal model.

SPEAKERS

1- Wilflingseder Doris

Vetmeduni Vienna, Austria. Topic: 3R systems to determine vaccine immunogenicity in vitro.

2- Giorgia Egidy.

INRAE, France. Topic: immunology in pigs and chickens, organoids, large-scale immunophenotyping, immunological processes involved in melanoma regression in the MeLiM pig model.

4- Käser Tobias Vetmeduni Vienna, Austria. Topic: Pig model for vaccine development (Chlamydia) and for food allergy.

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COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COMMITTEES

Early career workshop-
In collaboration with
the ECC

Childcare support - In
collaboration with the
GEC

Toolkit session - In
collaboration with
the NOM

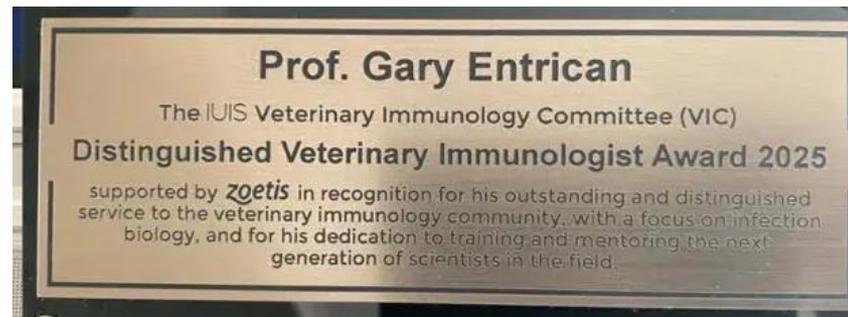
Highlights #ivis2025





The DVI Prize – VIC 2025 awarded to Prof. Gary Entrican

For his sustained scientific leadership and foundational contributions to Veterinary Immunology, including the development of tools, resources, and international networks.



- Internationally recognized veterinary immunologist
- Former Head of Immunology at Moredun Research Institute, Scotland
- Former VIC chair

The DVI Prize recognizes sustained, outstanding contributions and leadership in Veterinary Immunology.

2025 Activities



Keynote Speakers



F. Batista
(Harvard, USA)



M. Segura
(Université de Montreal, Canada)



E. Cobo
(University of Calgary, Canada)



J. Chen
(University of Saskatchewan, Canada)

Latin American Symposium on Veterinary Immunology

19-21th November, 2025 - Colonia, Uruguay



1st HISPANO-AMERICAN MEETING ON VETERINARY IMMUNOLOGY



B. Hine
(CSIRO, Australia)



D. V.
(Royal Coll)



A. Strachan (Reilly Professor of Materials Engineering)



L. Orta (Univ Compl Madrid)



125 registered participants

43 posters

22 oral presentations

2026 specific OBJECTIVES



IMPROVE COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COMMITTEES

VETERINARY IMMUNOLOGY WEBINAR

**PROMOTING THE ONE HEALTH APPROACH
CONTACT WITH WHO, WOAHA, FAO**



**IMPROVING
OUR TOOLKIT**



PUBLICATION “Towards Animal-Free Approaches for Vaccine and Immunotherapeutic Development and Control”

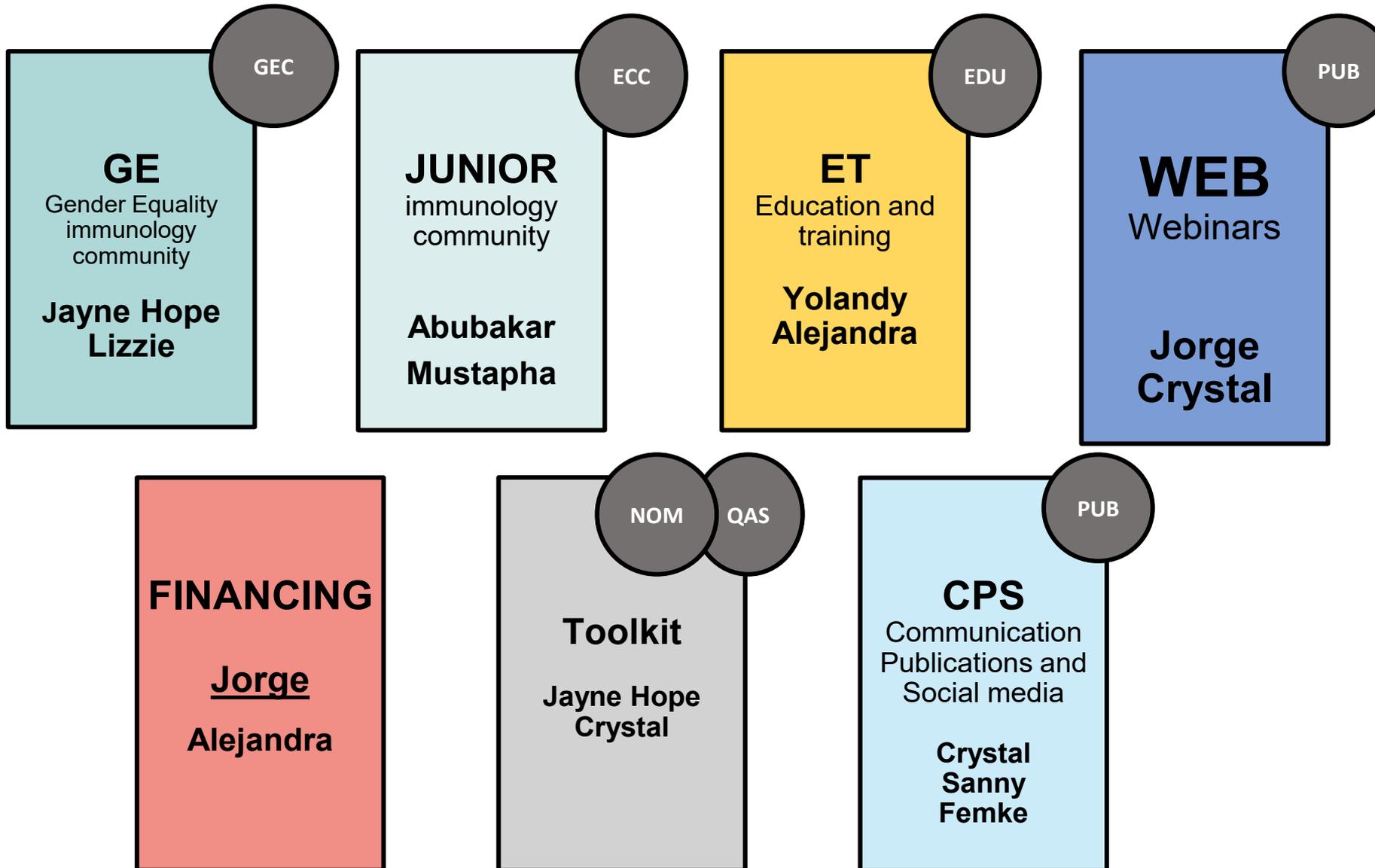
**SUPPORTING VETERINARY IMMUNOLOGY
IN LOW-MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES**

Through courses, symposiums, seminars

— Only 7% of the global population lives in high income countries —



WORKING GROUPS: VIC-PARTICIPANTS AND IUIS LINKS



- 1. Global Collaboration:** By organizing international symposia and regional workshops, VIC has the opportunity to foster global collaboration, sharing knowledge and best practices across borders.
- 2. Supporting international organizations** by improving collaboration with WHO, WOAHA and FAO regarding one health initiatives, antimicrobial resistance, sustainability in livestock production, etc
- 3. Innovative Toolkit Development:** The development of a specialized toolkit of immunological reagents offers the potential to standardize and improve research across veterinary species, advancing the field significantly.
- 4. Award and Recognition Programs:** The Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist Award can be leveraged to highlight pioneering work, inspiring new research and attracting attention to the field.
- 5. Educational Initiatives:** Sponsoring workshops, webinars and courses presents an opportunity to educate and train the next generation of veterinary immunologists, ensuring the continued growth and evolution of the field