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### AAI President's Invitation to IMMUNOLOGY 2014™



Marc K. Jenkins, Ph.D. *AAI President* 

### Dear AAI Members, Guest Society Members, and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to IMMUNOLOGY 2014™, to be held May 2–6 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. With its beautiful downtown, great bluff-top restaurants, art museums, and sports venues, Pittsburgh will be

a great setting for our meeting. I hope to take in a Pirates game myself and reminisce about Roberto Clemente, Willie Stargell, and Manny Sanguillén—the great Pirates of my boyhood.

The magnificent David L. Lawrence Convention Center will provide spectacular space and cuttingedge technology for our meeting. And we can feel good about meeting there because the Lawrence Center is a LEEDS-certified "green" convention center—the first in the world, in fact. Its graceful roof and terrace gardens serve more than an aesthetic function. The "living roof" combats urban heat effects, and the gardens supply the heirloom vegetables and herbs served there. The center's well-designed layout will enable you to move from one session to another without missing a slide. This monument to scientific and technical innovation is a particularly fitting venue for the AAI meeting, where our own field's innovators will discuss the many current breakthroughs and advances underway.

It's a great time to be an immunologist. Cancer immunotherapy was picked by *Science* magazine as "Breakthrough of the Year 2013," and innate immunity

research is exploding. And, as the most comprehensive and affordable immunology meeting in the world, IMMUNOLOGY 2014™ will be THE place to keep abreast of current developments in our exciting field. It will offer Major Symposia, Distinguished Lectures and Awards Lectures, Guest Society Symposia, NIH Institute-sponsored Symposia, 74 Block Symposia, and more than 1,700 poster presentations.

Of course, I am especially excited about the President's Symposium, which I had the privilege of organizing this year: The Anatomy of the Immune Response. An all-star line-up, including Ron Germain, Michel Nussenzweig, Ellen Robey, and Jason Cyster, will take us on the immunologists' "Fantastic Voyage." This special event will be dedicated to the memory of our friend and colleague Leo Lefrançois, a leader in this field, whom we lost in 2013.

And, thanks to our corporate sponsors, we have many exciting social events in store for you to meet and greet your colleagues from far and near.

IMMUNOLOGY 2014<sup>™</sup> will be the culmination of the hard work of the AAI Council, Program Committee, and AAI staff. Their efforts have set us up for a scientifically exciting and professionally rewarding meeting. So, like the Ohio, Monongahela, and Allegheny Rivers, let's converge on Pittsburgh and celebrate our field.

See you in Pittsburgh!

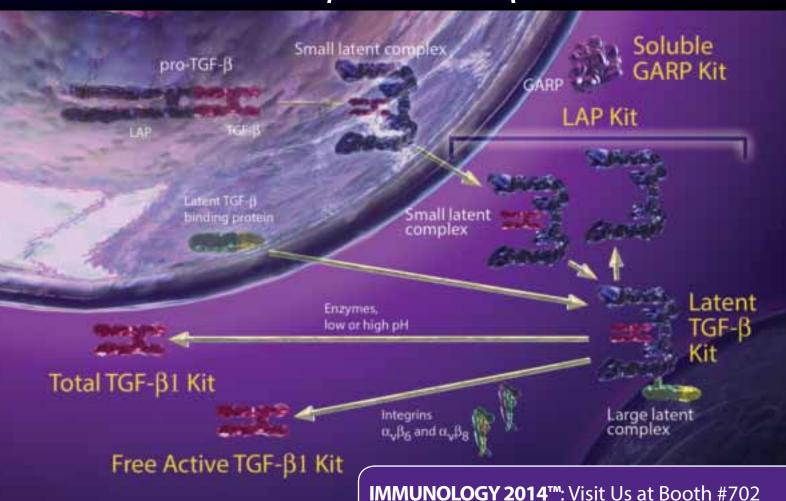
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AAI President

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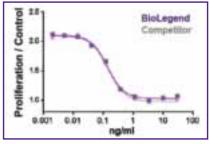
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### Focus on Public Affairs

AAI Submits Testimony on the Value of Government Employee Attendance at Scientific Meetings and Conferences

All recently submitted testimony to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs regarding the value of government employee attendance at scientific meetings and conferences.



The testimony became part of the hearing record for the committee's January 14, 2014, hearing entitled, "Examining Conference and Travel Spending Across the Federal Government."

Over the last several years, policy changes within the federal government have limited the ability of federal employees to attend meetings and conferences. In May 2012, the White House Office of Management and Budget issued a memorandum, which, among other things, required agencies to reduce their travel budgets by 30 percent (from the fiscal year 2010 level) and to maintain this reduced level of spending through fiscal year 2016. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), of which the National Institutes of Health is part, responded by giving additional scrutiny to travel requests and implementing a more arduous approval process for travel to meetings where the total expense to HHS is more than \$75,000. Congress also acted, requiring agencies to submit annual reports on all government-run conferences that cost the federal government more than \$100,000. Legislation pending in Congress seeks to impose further restrictions on federal employee travel.

While AAI understands, as stated in its testimony, that these policy changes "were promulgated in an effort to prevent excessive or unnecessary government spending and to prevent abuses," AAI believes that they "have had an unintended and deleterious effect" on scientists and the scientific enterprise and "have made government scientists feel cut off from the rest of the scientific community, wreaked havoc with their ability to fulfill professional commitments, and undermined the morale of some of the government's finest minds."

To read the full AAI testimony, please visit http://aai.org/Public\_Affairs/index.html.

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### FOCUS ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS (continued)

### NIH Announces New Cross-Sector Partnership to Accelerate Diagnostics and Treatments

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently announced a new partnership with 10 biopharmaceutical companies, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and eight non-profit organizations that will aim "to transform the current model for developing new diagnostics and treatments by jointly identifying and validating promising biological targets of disease" (http://www.nih.gov/science/amp/index. htm). This alliance, formally known as the Accelerating Medicines Partnership (AMP), is slated to be a five-year collaboration with a total cost of about \$230 million. A little more than one-half of that funding will come from NIH.

AMP will focus initially on three disease areas: Alzheimer's disease, type 2 diabetes, and autoimmune disorders (specifically, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus). According to the NIH news release announcing the partnership, "[t]hree- to five-year, milestone-driven pilot projects in these disease areas could set the stage for broadening AMP to other diseases and conditions" (http://www.nih.gov/news/health/feb2014/od-04.htm).

AMP participants have agreed to share expertise, data, and resources (including blood and tissue samples). Participants may not use any of the discoveries for their own drug research until all of the project data have been made publicly available.

AAI understands that there will be new requests for applications issued for the type 2 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, and lupus projects. *Science*Insider has reported that "three-disease specific NIH institutes will fund the projects" and that "[l]ater this year, the institutes will release requests for proposals to seek academic partners. The investigators who win the grants will then become part of joint disease steering committees" (http://news.sciencemag.org/funding/2014/02/nih-10-drug-companies-partner-study-four-diseases).

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### 2014 AAI Career Award Recipients

AAI proudly presents the 2014 AAI Awards for outstanding research and career achievements.

## Emil R. Unanue Honored with AAI Lifetime Achievement Award

Emil R. Unanue, M.D., Washington University School of Medicine, is the recipient of the 2014 AAI Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of a career of extraordinary scientific achievement coupled with exceptional leadership and service to AAI. This



award is the highest honor bestowed by the AAI Council upon an AAI member.

Dr. Unanue has pioneered fundamental advances in the field of antigen processing and presentation, elucidating the biochemical basis of T cell recognition of antigen. His work was the first to controvert dogma that macrophages served only to destroy dead cells and pathogens, showing that these cells can actually present antigen to T cells. Unanue also made strides in the field to show that proteins need to be processed intracellularly before being recognized by T cells. In 1985, members of his lab published one of the most highly cited, pivotal immunology articles of all time, which demonstrated that major histocompatibility complex (MHC) molecules are able to bind peptides and that these MHC-peptide complexes activate T cells. Unanue's current work continues to build on these ground-breaking antigen processing and presentation studies in the context of mouse models of autoimmune diabetes and Listeria monocytogenes infection.

Unanue has been an AAI member since 1966 and has shown his dedication to serving his fellow AAI members over a span of 30 years. He has served as both associate editor and section editor of *The Journal of Immunology (The JI)*, as well as member and chair of the editorial board. Unanue has also served as member and chair of the Travel Awards, Publications, and Nominating Committees and as a member of the Education Committee. He has spoken at AAI annual meetings as an AAI Distinguished Lecturer and delivered the Minority Affairs Guest Lecture.

Unanue's commitment to scientific service has been wide-reaching. He has held positions on scientific advisory boards for the Lupus Research Institute, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the Pew National Advisory Council, and the National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council. In addition to his service to *The JI*, Unanue has served on editorial boards for numerous other scientific journals.

Unanue received his medical degree from the University of Havana School of Medicine in 1960, before serving as a research fellow consecutively at the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, California, and the National Institute for Medical Research in London, England. In 1970, he became a

faculty member of Harvard Medical School, where he attained and held the position of Mallinckrodt Professor of Immunopathology from 1974-1984. In 1985, Unanue relocated to the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, where he resided as chairman of the Department of Pathology and Immunology and Pathologist-in-Chief of Barnes-Jewish Hospital until 2006 and now acts as the Paul and Ellen Lacy Professor of Pathology and Immunology in the Department of Pathology and Immunology.

Unanue has received many accolades for his scientific contributions to basic science and immunology. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine, and the Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Society. He is also a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Unanue is a recipient of the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research and William B. Coley awards, the Robert Koch Gold Medal, and the Gairdner Foundation International Award, in addition to many others.

Unanue's dedication to science and service epitomizes the spirit of giving and accomplishment honored by the AAI Lifetime Achievement Award.

The AAI Lifetime Achievement Award is given annually in recognition of distinguished scientific accomplishment and extraordinary service to AAI.

### AAI Excellence in Mentoring Award Bestowed upon William E. Paul

William E. Paul, M.D., National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), is the recipient of the 2014 AAI Excellence in Mentoring



Award in recognition of his contributions to a future generation of scientists.

Dr. Paul, a highly productive researcher in the field of cytokine biology, is well known for the discovery of interleukin-4 (IL-4) and his demonstration of its functions in T helper cell differentiation. His investigations of almost every aspect of IL-4—cellular, genomic, regulatory, and signaling—have greatly enhanced our understanding of this molecule.

His other legacy is the impressive number of successful scientists who have trained in his lab. Of the more than 75 postdoctoral trainees he has mentored, many have gone on to occupy posts as professors at universities in the United States, Europe, and Asia; NIH senior investigators; high office-holders at universities and scientific foundations; or high officers at scientific corporations. Three are members of the National Academy of Sciences.

His past trainees laud Paul for his scholarly knowledge, his rigor in evaluating experimental data, and his open-mindedness to new ideas. "He liked ideas and considered those from junior fellows, including ideas that contradicted his own (especially those that contradicted his own), with great respect," says a former fellow, Fred Finkelman, McDonald Professor of Medicine and professor of pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine. "I learned that a hypothesis was an idea to test, not something to prove; that data take precedence over theories, which are usually wrong; and that results have to be reproducible and to make sense." Another past trainee, Anthony DeFranco, professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of California, San Francisco, expands, recalling when early experiments in the laboratory suggested that B cell activation was MHC-restricted: "I remember his saying, 'This experiment may convince reviewers, but does it convince us?' I think that statement fully encapsulates Bill's view. He wants to get the right answer; publishing papers and being an author isn't what is important, getting the right answer is what is important. [We] then went back to the drawing board and came up with an experimental setup that Bill now agreed would test the question without leaving uncertainty....When this experiment was done, we convincingly got the opposite answer, which agrees well with understanding 30 years later."

Paul's past fellows commend his generosity and selflessness, describing how Paul shifted his own research efforts to give former trainees room to grow their independent research programs. He is described as not taking credit of authorship on publications resulting from projects he had guided or encouraged, including discoveries of enormous impact to the field. Former fellow Mark M. Davis, Burt and Marion Avery Family Professor of Immunology, Stanford University School of Medicine, refers to his work on T cell receptor cloning as an example. "When this ultimately worked, in the early summer of 1983, Bill did another extraordinary thing, which was that he never asked for any credit of authorship, but was entirely content to stay in the background. This was incredibly selfless of Bill, and I can think of no other scientist I could be sure would act the same way."

Further exemplifying Dr. Paul's generosity is his orchestrated campaign to arrange the return of a Taiwanese fellow, who, because he had not yet fulfilled his military service requirement as a citizen of Taiwan, was denied permission to return from visiting his parents there. Paul's prodigious efforts resulted in the former trainee's return to report to his first faculty post within months, not years.

It is most fitting that Dr. Paul be recognized for his remarkable record of mentorship with the 2014 AAI Excellence in Mentoring Award.

Paul obtained his M.D. from the State University of New York in 1960. Following internship and residency at Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals (Boston Medical Center), he served as a clinical associate in the Endocrinology Branch at the National Cancer Institute and then as a research fellow and instructor at the New York University School of Medicine. He moved to the Laboratory of Immunology, NIAID, NIH, as a principal investigator in 1968. He was appointed to his current position of chief of the Laboratory of Immunology in 1970. In 2007, Paul was accorded the honor of being named an NIH Distinguished Investigator.

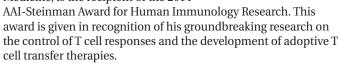
Dr. Paul is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Among other prestigious honors received in recognition of his scientific accomplishment are the AAI Lifetime Achievement Award, the International Cytokine Society Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award, the Max Delbrück Medal, the Abbott Laboratories Award in Clinical and Diagnostic Immunology from the American Academy of Microbiology, and the Life Sciences Award from the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB).

A member of AAI since 1967, Paul was elected to AAI Council in 1981 and served as AAI president from 1986 to 1987. He has also served as a member and chair of the AAI Nominating and Program Committees, a member of the AAI Awards and Finance Committees, an AAI representative to the FASEB Board and IUIS General Assembly, a Distinguished Lecturer at the AAI annual meeting, a faculty member at the AAI Introductory Course, and an editor for *The Journal of Immunology*.

The AAI Excellence in Mentoring Award is presented annually in recognition of exemplary career contributions to a future generation of scientists.

## Carl H. June Presented with the AAI-Steinman Award for Human Immunology Research

**Carl H. June, M.D.,** University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine, is the recipient of the 2014



In the 1980s, before the term "costimulation" was widely used, Dr. June showed that CD28 induced T cell activation and proliferation by a pathway independent of T cell receptor signaling. He and his colleagues then elaborated on the signaling pathway, showing its role in the survival of activated T cells and its induction by the B7 family of ligands.

For nearly two decades, June has also been dedicated to applying his knowledge of T cell costimulation to the development of new T cell therapies for HIV infection and human malignancies. His laboratory developed a cell culture system to generate large numbers of HIV-specific chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cells rapidly using gamma retroviruses that were tested in clinical trials of HIV patients. He also conducted a clinical evaluation of lentiviral vectors to modify T cells, initially in HIV. In 2011, June and his colleagues reported the first successful use of CD19-targeted CAR T cells in patients with advanced chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), with two of three patients undergoing complete remission and one partial remission. The modified T cells were termed "serial killers" because each infused T cell was able to kill at least 1,000 tumor cells. These effects have since been shown to be durable, and

the team has reported similar antitumor responses in more CLL patients, as well as patients with B cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Work is underway to use the same strategy to treat other malignancies. The successful application of CAR T cells to treat cancer has generated much recent excitement and offered new hope to the cancer patient community.

"Dr. June brought several unique things to this work that made it successful," says Kenneth M. Murphy, professor and HHMI investigator, Washington University School of Medicine. "It required Dr. June's understanding of the detailed signaling properties of T cells and costimulatory pathways in order to engineer into the CAR constructs the appropriate type of signaling properties that made the chimeric receptors work in the proper type and quality of activation. But well beyond this, it took an ever greater (in my opinion) degree of personal dedication to the real application of this to human problems... Dr. June took enormous personal effort to organize the clinical translational side, which is far beyond the typical challenge of basic research in immunology."

June earned his M.D. from Baylor College of Medicine in 1979. Following a research fellowship at the World Health Organization, he completed his internship and residency at the National Naval Medical Center and then a fellowship in oncology at the University of Washington and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. In 1986, he joined the faculty of Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, holding the rank of full professor at his departure in 1999. He currently serves as professor of pathology and laboratory medicine and professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine.

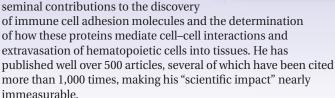
Dr. June is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Association of Physicians. In addition to these honors, June has received the Ernest Beutler Prize from the American Society of Hematology, the William B. Coley Award in Tumor Immunology from the Cancer Research Institute, the Philadelphia Award, the Bristol-Myers Squibb Freedom to Discover Award, the Federal Laboratory Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America, and the Dexter Conrad Award from the Office of Naval Research.

June has been an AAI member since 1987 and has served AAI as a faculty member at the AAI Introductory Course in Immunology, a Major Symposium chair and speaker at the AAI annual meeting, and an associate editor for *The Journal of Immunology*.

The AAI-Steinman Award for Human Immunology Research is presented annually for significant, sustained achievement in immunology research pertinent to human disease pathogenesis, prevention, or therapy.

## AAI-Life Technologies Meritorious Career Award Conferred upon Timothy A. Springer

**Timothy A. Springer, Ph.D.,** Harvard Medical School, was chosen to receive the 2014 AAI-Life Technologies Meritorious Career Award for his seminal contributions to the discovery



Early in his career, Dr. Springer's lab discovered the first known adhesion molecules—integrins—including family members lymphocyte function-associated antigen-1 (LFA-1), LFA-2, and LFA-3, and their corresponding ligands, intercellular adhesion molecule-1 (ICAM-1), ICAM-2, and ICAM-3. The discovery of these molecules altered paradigms regarding cell–cell interactions, which, at that time, were thought to be regulated solely by specific receptors for antigen, complement, and Fc. Springer's lab also defined other adhesion molecules and chemoattractants, including selectins and SDF-1.

These initial studies led to other dogma-shifting discoveries; notably, his lab demonstrated that inside-out signaling regulates adhesion molecule dynamics and helped define the mechanism of extravasation. His work also defined the structural basis for integrin activation, showing how conformational changes can be communicated across membranes to regulate ligand binding.

Springer's work has spanned the bounds from basic research to clinical applications. He was instrumental in the discovery of mutations in adhesion molecule genes that caused leukocyte adhesion deficiency, a life-threatening disorder. Springer's lab defined molecules important to the understanding of human viral immunology, characterizing cell surface receptors that are used for HIV and rhinovirus entry to the cell. His research has also led to the development of several therapeutics targeting adhesion molecules that have been applied to autoimmune diseases, including alefacept, efalizumab, and natalizumab. Springer has also founded biological companies, including Scholar Rock and Leukocyte, Inc., which was later purchased by Millennium Pharmaceuticals.

Michael Dustin, Muriel G. and George W. Singer Professor of Molecular Immunology at New York University School of Medicine, a former trainee of Springer's, describes Springer as "a creative force with great insights and determination to get things done. I found him an inspirational leader as a student and continue to look to him as a leader in the field of cell adhesion."

Springer received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in biochemistry and molecular biology in 1976 and continued his training as a postdoctoral fellow in Cesar Milstein's lab at the University of Cambridge, England. He then returned to Harvard University as an assistant professor in 1977 and has remained a faculty member there ever since, holding appointments from the chief of the Laboratory of Membrane Immunochemistry

at Dana Farber Cancer Institute to his current positions as Latham Family Professor and professor of biological chemistry and molecular pharmacology at Harvard Medical School and professor of medicine and senior investigator of the Program in Cellular and Molecular Medicine at Children's Hospital Boston. He also holds honorary professorships at several international universities and advises a number of pharmaceutical companies.

Dr. Springer is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In addition to these honors, he has received NIH MERIT Grant Awards, the Basic Research Prize from the American Heart Association, the Crafoord Prize in Polyarthritis from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, and many other awards. He has served on a number of journal editorial boards, including *Cellular Immunology, Journal of Clinical Immunology,* and *Immunological Reviews*. Springer has also acted as a member of NIH study sections, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Scientific Review Board, a National Research Council Committee, and the Board of Trustees at Children's Hospital Boston.

An AAI member since 1979, Springer has served as a block symposium chair for the AAI annual meeting, a member of the Nominating Committee, and an associate editor for *The Journal of Immunology*.

The AAI-Life Technologies Meritorious Career Award is given annually for outstanding research contributions to the field of immunology.

### Katherine A. Fitzgerald Receives the AAI-BD Biosciences Investigator Award

Katherine A. Fitzgerald, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts Medical School, was chosen to receive the 2014 AAI-BD Biosciences Investigator Award. She has made fundamental



contributions to our understanding of innate immune signaling and function. This trajectory began with her early discovery of the Toll-like receptor (TLR) adapter molecule known as Mal (or TIRAP), as a fellow in the laboratory of Luke O'Neill at Trinity College Dublin. Upon moving to the University of Massachusetts in 2002, she has expanded her research into new areas and has continued to make high-profile discoveries, first in the laboratory of Douglas Golenbock and then as an independent investigator. These include the discovery of another TLR adapter, TRAM; identification of TBK1 and IKK-epsilon as kinases that phosphorylate and activate the transcription factors IRF3 and IRF7; discovery of the AIM2 inflammasome and its role in recognition of microbial DNA; and demonstration that TRIFdependent signaling by TLR4 licenses NLRP3 inflammasome activation by Gram-negative bacteria. In addition, recent studies in the Fitzgerald laboratory have provided new

evidence for the importance of regulatory long-coding RNAs in innate immune cells.

"Dr. Fitzgerald is an extremely talented, creative, and productive investigator whose contributions are exceptional both for their scope and overall impact on the field of innate immunity," says Kenneth L. Rock, professor and chair, Department of Pathology, University of Massachusetts Medical School. "Over the past five years, she has fearlessly expanded her research program into new arenas, and, in each case, her innovative approach and clever insights have rapidly identified her as a true super-star in that discipline," adds Ann Marshak-Rothstein, professor, Department of Medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Fitzgerald earned her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Trinity College Dublin in Ireland in 1999. Following a postdoctoral fellowship at Trinity, she joined the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Massachusetts Medical School as a recipient of a Wellcome Trust International Research Award in 2002. In 2004, she joined the faculty as an assistant professor and is currently professor of medicine and codirector of the Program in Innate Immunity.

Other prestigious awards and honors received by Fitzgerald include the Eli Lilly and Company-Elanco Research Award from the American Society for Microbiology, the International Cytokine Society Young Investigator Award, the Milstein Young Investigator Award, and the Donegan Medal from the Irish Royal Academy of Medicine.

An AAI member since 2006, Dr. Fitzgerald currently serves as a section editor for *The Journal of Immunology (The JI)*. She previously was an associate editor for *The JI* and a Major Symposium chair and speaker at the AAI annual meeting. Dr. Fitzgerald has assumed numerous leadership positions at the University of Massachusetts, coordinating a scientific writing course and vice-chairing the immunology and virology graduate program, among others. She also has served the international innate immunity community by serving on NIH study sections and helping to organize various international scientific meetings.

The AAI-BD Biosciences Investigator Award is presented annually for outstanding, early-career research contributions to the field of immunology.

### **2014 AWARD PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES**

For details on this year's AAI Awards Presentations and Lectures at IMMUNOLOGY 2014<sup>™</sup>, see pages 23 and 25.

### 2014 AAI Distinguished Service Award Recipients

For their outstanding service to the AAI community and the immunology field as a whole, AAI is pleased to present Jeremy Boss and Kristin Hogquist with the 2014 AAI Distinguished Service Award.



**Jeremy M. Boss, Ph.D.** Emory University School of Medicine

Jeremy M. Boss, AAI '94, has provided crucial leadership to AAI in his service as editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Immunology* (*The JI*) from 2008 to 2013. During his tenure, Dr. Boss worked continuously to maintain

and improve the quality of peer review in *The JI*. He also spearheaded efforts to ensure that *The JI* continues to evolve and keep pace with available technology in the digital media age, implementing multiple technological advancements to enhance user-friendliness and accessibility of *The JI*. These included launching "Next in *The JI*," a feature that allows subscribers online access to the author-approved version of the article about three weeks earlier than publication in the journal issue; creating a podcast version of the "In This Issue" section of *The JI*, called "ImmunoCasts;" implementing RSS feeds; and adding online usage metrics for articles published in *The JI*. Boss was also instrumental in the creation of *The JI* site for mobile devices to improve ease of readability for users accessing *The JI* from handheld mobile devices.

Boss has led several other significant developments in *The JI* during his term. He oversaw improvements to the online manuscript-submission system and worked with reviewers, editors, and staff to reduce the average time from submission to decision for manuscripts submitted to *The JI*. He also introduced the "Translating Immunology" section, which explains, in general and historical terms, immunological discoveries that have led to advances in treatment, drugs, or diagnostic devices. In addition, "Author Choice," an optional, fee-based feature that allows authors to make their article freely available immediately upon publication, was launched.

In addition to his appointment as editor-in-chief, Boss has served as a deputy editor and associate editor of *The JI*. He is also a past invited symposium speaker and presenter in scientific writing and mentoring workshops at AAI annual meetings.

Dr. Boss received his Ph.D. (biology) from the State University of New York at Albany in 1982, before becoming a postdoctoral fellow in Jack Strominger's lab in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Harvard University. In 1986, he joined Emory University's faculty, where he currently holds appointments as professor and chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology in the School of Medicine.



**Kristin A. Hogquist, Ph.D.** University of Minnesota

Kristin A. Hogquist, AAI '95, has provided exemplary leadership and outstanding dedication as chair of the AAI Program Committee from 2009 to 2012. Her efforts sustained and enhanced the standard for excellence in scientific and social programming that characterizes

the AAI annual meetings and advances the interests of AAI members at every career stage. She oversaw the development of the scientific program of the AAI annual meetings, from the designation of AAI Distinguished Lecturers and Major Symposia chairs to the organization of abstract sessions and the participation of guest societies and NIH institutes. During her tenure, Dr. Hogquist displayed exemplary commitment to ensuring that all facets of immunology are represented at the AAI annual meetings and helped facilitate the restructuring of abstract submission topics to better reflect the expanding continuum of immunology research. AAI annual meeting attendance reached near-record levels during Hogquist's term, a reflection, at least in part, of her dedication to providing extensive, current, and relevant scientific programming at the AAI annual meetings.

Beyond her extensive contributions as chair of the AAI Program Committee, Hogquist has provided other immeasurable service to the AAI organization. She has acted as section editor of *The Journal of Immunology (The JI)*, chair of the AAI Nominating Committee, member of the AAI Committee on the Status of Women, and mentor for the AAI High School Teachers Summer Research Program. Hogquist also served as course instructor for the AAI Advanced Course in Immunology for a number of years and as course director from 2008 to 2009. She is currently deputy editor of *The JI* and will speak as an AAI Distinguished Lecturer at IMMUNOLOGY  $2014^{\rm TM}$ . Her service to AAI exemplifies the attributes honored by the AAI Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Hogquist received her Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis in 1991 before accepting a position as postdoctoral fellow in Michael Bevan's lab at the University of Washington. In 1995, she joined the faculty at the University of Minnesota as assistant professor in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, where she is now professor and associate director of the Center for Immunology.

## Members in the News

### **Wendy Havran Appointed AAI Program Chair**

Wendy L. Havran, Ph.D., AAI '85, has been named to chair the AAI Program Committee for a three-year term beginning on July 1 of this year. Havran, who served on the Program Committee from 2005 to 2008, will succeed interim program chair and past AAI president Leslie Berg, who assumed leadership of the committee last summer following the death of Leo Lefrançois.

Havran is a professor in the Department of Immunology and Microbial Science at The Scripps Research Institute (TSRI) in La Jolla, California. Her research has pursued a long-

term interest in interactions between intraepithelial  $\gamma\delta$  T cells and their neighboring epithelial cells. Findings on the part of Havran and her colleagues have defined unique properties of these cells and support a specialized role for epithelial  $\gamma\delta$  T cells in immune surveillance, wound repair, inflammation, and protection from malignancy. The group's identification of cell surface molecules and growth factors regulating epithelial T cell functional responses has increased understanding of the role that these cells play in epithelial and mucosal diseases such as inflammatory bowel disease, asthma, malignancies, and wound healing. Their studies continue to address the debilitating problem of chronic wounds; new information gained is utilized to modulate  $\gamma\delta$  T cell responses and develop new strategies to accelerate healing.

In addition to her past service on the AAI Program Committee, Havran served as an annual meeting abstract programming chair and, on multiple occasions, as a Major Symposium chair and speaker at the AAI meeting. She has also served on the AAI Publications Committee, AAI Nominating Committee, AAI Awards Committee, and AAI Committee on the Status of Women. She is a past associate and section editor for *The Journal of Immunology* and past AAI Advanced Course in Immunology instructor.

Her additional service appointments include participation on multiple review panels at NIH – including at NIAID (ad hoc consultant, Board of Scientific Counselors), NIDDK, and NIGMS – as well as for other organizations including the European Research Council, Institut National du Cancer (France), Scripps Translational Science Institute, U.S. Department of Defense Medical Research Program, Cancer Research UK, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Wellcome Trust, and American Heart Association. She has served



Wendy L. Havran, Ph.D.

on the editorial board for  $\mathit{Immunological}$   $\mathit{Reviews}$ , as chair and scientific committee member in organizing the International  $\gamma\delta$  T Cell Conference (multiple occasions), and as co-chair and council member in organizing the Midwinter Conference of Immunologists (multiple occasions).

Her career honors include: honorary doctorate, University of Copenhagen, Denmark; Stohlman Scholar Award, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; Leukemia Society of America Scholar; Lucille P. Markey Scholar in Biomedical Science; NIH Postdoctoral Training Grant Fellowship; NIH

Predoctoral Training Grant Fellowship; University of Chicago Fellowship; Conrad and Marcel Schlumberger Scholarship; and Mary Gibbs Jones Scholarship.

A native of Houston, Havran is a zoology graduate of Duke University. After serving as a research analyst at Duke, she received her Ph.D. in immunology from the University of Chicago (advisor: Frank Fitch, AAI '61). Havran then trained as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, Berkeley, (mentor: Jim Allison, AAI '78) before joining the Department of Immunology at The Scripps Research Institute (TSRI) as an assistant member in 1991. She was appointed TSRI associate professor in 1995 and full professor in 2006. She holds additional faculty appointments with TSRI's Kellogg School of Science and Technology; Strohm Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center, Scripps Clinic; Markey Trust Graduate Program, University of California, San Diego; and the Division of Dermatology, University of California, San Diego.

### AAI PROGRAM COMMITTEE AAI ABSTRACT PROGRAMMING CHAIRS

The members of the current AAI Program Committee (2013-2014), together with the IMMUNOLOGY 2014<sup>™</sup> AAI Abstract Programming Chairs, are listed on page 47.

### IN MEMORIAM

### Donald L. Morton (AAI '70 – Emeritus)

1934 - 2014

The following tribute to AAI member Donald Morton, M.D., who died on January 10, was published on the Cancer Research Institute (CRI) blog and authored by CRI Science Writer Matthew Tontonoz. It is reprinted here with the permission of CRI.

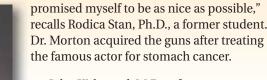
### Remembering Donald Morton, a Medical Pioneer

CRI lost a devoted member of its
Community this month, 79-year-old
Donald Morton, M.D., who died of heart
failure. Morton was a longtime member
of CRI's Scientific Advisory Council,
and a world expert on melanoma—a disease for which he
revolutionized diagnosis and treatment.

In the 1970s, when Dr. Morton was a young surgeon, the established way of determining whether melanoma had spread to the lymph nodes was to remove a large number of surrounding nodes. The procedure was invasive, and often proved unnecessary since the nodes turned out to be clean. Dr. Morton pioneered a new approach, which involved removing only the closest lymph node and testing it for signs of cancer. If no cancer was found, then this could be taken as a sign that the cancer had not spread further. This "sentinel node" (Dr. Morton's term) was identified by injecting the tumor with dye, which would then spread via lymphatic vessels to each node in the chain. The technique proved to be a reliable method of diagnosis, and quickly became established medical practice—not only for melanoma but also for breast cancer and other cancers that spread via the lymphatic system.

In addition to being a skilled surgeon, Dr. Morton was also a forward thinking tumor immunologist. He was an early proponent of cancer vaccines and of using immune-stimulating chemicals to boost the immune system's power to fight cancer. His strategy of injecting bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) directly into tumors represented the first successful clinical use of immunotherapy against a metastatic human cancer. Dr. Morton later had melanoma himself, but it was caught early enough to be completely removed by surgery.

Students and colleagues remember Dr. Morton as an intellectual force to be reckoned with, a kind of cowboy in the Wild West of cancer. "I'll never forget when I walked into his office for my interview and the first thing I saw were two big guns that belonged to John Wayne nicely hung in a display case on the wall! They didn't point at anyone, but I still



John Kirkwood, M.D., a former colleague and now a melanoma expert at the University of Pittsburgh and a CRI scientific advisor, calls Morton's knowledge of cancer immunology and melanoma "encyclopedic." "We have lost a giant in our field," he says.

As aggressive as Dr. Morton was in the operating room, he was the exact opposite in his personal life. "Dr. Morton was gentle

and respectful, a cowboy hunting down only melanomas," says Stan.

Donald Lee Morton was born on September 12, 1934, in Richwood, West Virginia. His father was a coal miner, and young Donald grew up without electricity or running water. He attended Berea College in Kentucky on scholarship before transferring to the University of California, Berkeley. He received his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco, in 1958. He did postgraduate work at the National Cancer Institute and was for many years chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology at UCLA before establishing the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, where he served as chief of the melanoma program. Dr. Morton served as president of the International Sentinel Node Society, the Society of Surgical Oncology, and the World Federation of Surgical Oncology Societies. He was a member of the CRI Scientific Advisory Council for more than 40 years.

#### See also:

"Dr. Donald Morton Dies at 79; Melanoma Expert Pioneered a Cancer Technique," New York Times (William Yardley, January 20, 2014): http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/20/health/dr-donald-morton-melanoma-expert-who-pioneered-a-cancer-technique-dies-at-79.html?\_r=3

"In Remembrance: Donald L. Morton – The Legacy of a Cancer Researcher," John Wayne Cancer Institute: http://www.newsaintjohns.org/ In\_Remembrance\_\_Donald\_L\_\_Morton,\_MD.aspx

"Donald L. Morton, M.D., Melanoma Research Program to Preserve His Legacy," John Wayne Cancer Institute: http://www.newsaintjohns. org/Oncology/JWCI/About/Press\_Releases/Donald\_L\_Morton,\_MD,\_ Melanoma\_Research\_Program\_to\_Preserve\_His\_Legacy.aspx

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### The Emergence of Immunology in Pittsburgh

by Bryan Peery and John Emrich

With IMMUNOLOGY 2014™ taking place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 2–6, AAI salutes the current prominence of this city in biomedical research and reflects on the individuals and events contributing to its emergence as an international center for immunology.

Pittsburgh, a major center for immunological research, began its steep ascent to that acclaim just 60 years ago when it attracted a few ambitious, young immunologists to the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt). Among the scientists who arrived in the late 1940s and 1950s were several distinguished members of the American Association of Immunologists (AAI), including Jonas Salk (AAI '47), Frank Dixon (AAI '50, president 1971-72), F. Sargent Cheever (AAI '50, president 1963-64), and Niels Jerne



Pittsburgh Municipal Hospital, 1939
Pittsburgh City Photographer Collection, University of Pittsburgh

(AAI '65). We chronicle below the achievements of these and other leading immunologists and their roles in shaping the history of immunology in Pittsburgh.

### **Early Medical Research in Pittsburgh**

The discovery of large coal veins in 1833 brought rapid industrialization to Pittsburgh. The transformation of Pittsburgh from a small frontier city to an industrial center was accelerated by the mass production of steel and the heightened demand for that product during the American Civil War.

The city's prominence in higher education and medicine, however, experienced a slower emergence. Western University of Pittsburgh was incorporated in 1813¹ but lacked a sizable enrollment until the turn of the twentieth century. It was not until 1853, following a decade that witnessed endemic typhoid and tuberculosis, as well as multiple outbreaks of smallpox and cholera, that the first chartered public hospital, Western Pennsylvania Hospital, opened its doors.² A group of local physicians chartered the first medical school in 1883, and construction began after 250 shares of stock were sold for \$100 each.³ Western Pennsylvania Medical College opened

its doors to the first class in 1886. Initially, the college was completely autonomous, but in 1892, it entered into a formal relationship with Western University, officially becoming the Medical Department of Western University, although it was the stockholders, not the university, who had ownership and authority over the department.

Western University underwent dramatic changes in 1908 to raise both the standards and prominence of the school. A new name—the University of Pittsburgh—was adopted, the campus was relocated from its

site in Pittsburgh's North Side section to the Oakland area of the city; and the university formally acquired the medical college. With full control of what was now the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, the administration of Pitt hired a new chancellor, Samuel McCormick, who, modeling the institution on the top medical schools in the country, began recruiting accomplished researchers for faculty positions and raising the standards for enrollment and graduation. Facilities and opportunities for clinical research followed, as a new medical school building was opened in 1911, and formal relationships were forged with St. Francis and Mercy hospitals in 1912.

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine was not the only medical research institution in the city in these years. The William H. Singer Memorial Research Laboratory was founded at Allegheny General Hospital in 1914 as a research laboratory dedicated to the study of medical and surgical problems. Its staff included Oscar M. Teague (AAI '20), a noted bacteriologist and the first active AAI member in Pittsburgh,<sup>4</sup> as well as other researchers, who, although not AAI members, published early articles in *The Journal of Immunology (The JI)*. Western Pennsylvania Hospital also attracted talented immunologists

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<sup>1</sup> The Pittsburgh Academy was founded in 1787 as a preparatory school and reincorporated as an institution of higher learning by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1813.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Barbara I. Paull, A Century of Medical Excellence (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Medical Alumni Association, 1986), 5–6, 26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid., 11. The price of each share was approximately \$2,400 in today's dollars.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Oscar Teague," The Journal of Immunology 9, no. 1 (1924): 1-5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See, for example, G. R. Lacy and C. C. Hartman, "Specific Reactions of the Body Fluids in Pneumococcic Infections," *The Journal of Immunology* 3, no. 1 (1918): 43–49.

beginning in the 1910s: Jacques J. Bronfenbrenner (AAI '20, president 1942–46) was director of research and diagnostic laboratories at Western Penn from 1913 to 1917, and Arthur P. Locke (AAI '26) and Ralph R. Mellon (AAI '22) were researchers in the laboratories from the 1930s until the 1950s.

The stature of the medical research in Pittsburgh steadily increased from the 1910s through the mid-1940s, but a series of events—the First World War, the Great Depression, and the Second World War—delayed more rapid progress until the end of the 1940s.

### **Post-War Pittsburgh Renaissance**

Turning the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine into a first-rate research institution had been William S. McEllroy's aspiration since his election as dean by the medical school faculty in 1938.<sup>6</sup> Born into an affluent Pittsburgh family, McEllroy had personal connections to Pittsburgh's private donors who might turn his dream into a reality.

Resources and focus for McEllroy's plan were soon diverted to the U.S. war effort following the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. With the war's end in 1945, however, McEllroy and Pitt benefitted from the financing and enthusiasm of industrialists and philanthropists united in efforts to usher in "the Pittsburgh Renaissance." Their plan for revitalizing the city included drastically improving public health. McEllroy encouraged the university chancellor to use a portion of the new endowment to fund a university-wide interdisciplinary research program known as the Division of Research in the Natural Sciences. Furthermore, in 1948, the Graduate School of Public Health was founded at Pitt with a \$13.6 million endowment from the Andrew W. Mellon Education and Charitable Trust.8 McEllroy sought to make sure the medical and public health schools' interests were closely aligned. He found an ally in the dean of the new public health program, former U.S. Surgeon General Thomas Parran, Jr., 9 who argued that the success of the Graduate School of Public Health would depend on the School of Medicine's receiving the investment necessary to become a top-flight institution.10

With financial backing and the new Division of Research serving as an indicator of the direction in which Pitt was heading, McEllroy began recruiting researchers from around the country. Convincing established scientists to tie their fates to the nascent program proved difficult because the appointments lacked status. Younger scientists, however, could be attracted by the promise of independence and a unique opportunity to expedite their advancement through the academic ranks. <sup>11</sup> One researcher who was looking for just such an opportunity was Jonas Salk.

### **Jonas Salk and Polio Research at Pitt**

After the war, McEllroy, recognizing virology as a young but promising field that might soon put Pitt on the map, began fundraising for virus research. In 1946, he secured funds from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (NFIP) to start a Virus Research Laboratory. His search for a director of the new laboratory led him to an assistant professor of epidemiology at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Jonas E. Salk.

Although Salks's credentials were respectable, he was hardly a luminary in 1947, and there was little to indicate that he would become the legend that he is today.<sup>13</sup> The eldest son of working-class Russian immigrants, Salk grew up in the Bronx, New York, and attended City College of New York during the Great Depression before earning his M.D. from the New York University (NYU) College of Medicine in 1939. At NYU, he studied under William H. Park (AAI '16, president 1918–19) and Thomas Francis, Jr. (AAI '30, president 1949–50), who



Jonas Salk and Julius S. Youngner, ca. 1954 University of Pittsburgh News Services

- <sup>6</sup> Paull, A Century of Medical Excellence, 141.
- <sup>7</sup> Ibid., 176.
- <sup>8</sup> Ibid., 165–67; "About," Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, http://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/home/about.
- 9 Parran was the sixth surgeon general of the United States, serving under Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman from 1936 to 1948.
- $^{\rm 10}$  Paull, A Century of Medical Excellence, 167.
- 11 Ibid., 176.
- $^{12}\ \text{Ibid., } 178; \textbf{David\,M.\,Oshinsky}, \textit{Polio:An\,American\,Story}\ (\textbf{New\,York:\,Oxford\,University\,Press, } 2005), 109.$
- $^{\scriptscriptstyle 13}$  Daniel S. Greenberg, "The Vanishing Heroes of Science," New York Times , July 4, 1995, 31.

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was then experimenting with using ultraviolet light to produce killed-virus vaccines. 14 After completing a two-year medical internship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, Salk contacted Francis in 1942 about a job. The previous year, Francis had become chair of the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Michigan School of Public Health and director

of the Influenza Commission of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board. Francis brought Salk to Michigan, helping Salk secure both a National Research Council Fellowship and a draft deferment.<sup>15</sup>

After five years under Francis, Salk grew restless, desiring a promotion and more independence. He and Francis had a cordial relationship, but Francis could offer only an assistant professorship. When McEllroy promised to make Salk an associate professor and head of the Virus Research Laboratory at Pitt in 1947, he immediately accepted the offer.16

At the time of Salk's arrival in Pittsburgh, the medical school's transition to major research institution was far from complete. Salk soon realized that it fell upon him to be an impetus for change. He later recalled the shock of learning that most of his colleagues "were parttime instructors who earned their living in private practice and had neither the time nor inclination for basic research."17 He would have to build his laboratory from the ground up—literally. Starting with two rooms and a technician in the basement of Municipal Hospital, he waged what one colleague recalled as "a kind of guerilla war" for space and funding.18

He continued his investigations into influenza virus but increasingly turned to poliomyelitis virus, at least in part because he knew this research would attract funding.<sup>19</sup> When NFIP approached him in late 1947 about doing the tedious technical work of typing poliovirus, Salk readily agreed to do what senior researchers had shunned. In return, he received large research grants, beginning in 1948, to help him build his laboratory.<sup>20</sup> By 1949, his laboratory and

offices had expanded to two floors in Municipal Hospital, he had been promoted to full professor, and he was hiring his own research faculty. One of the scientists whom he brought into his laboratory was Julius S. Youngner (AAI '50) from the University of Michigan, who, as a senior assistant research scientist at the National Cancer Institute, had specialized in

> cell culture techniques. Youngner would remain an active member of the Pitt faculty for the next 50 years.

By 1951, Salk's laboratory had completed its typing project, concluding that there were three distinct types of poliovirus. The lab shifted its efforts to producing a vaccine. Based on the success that his mentor Francis had had with a killed-virus flu vaccine. Salk chose to pursue a killed-poliovirus vaccine over the attenuated-virus vaccine that the majority of other scientists, including his rivals Albert B. Sabin (AAI '46) and Hilary Koprowski (AAI '46), preferred.

Even within the small community of researchers at Pitt. Salk had competition. In 1950, Parran recruited William McDowall Hammon (AAI '46) to chair the Department of Epidemiology and Microbiology at the Graduate School of Public Health. Unlike Salk, who had no experience with polio research when he was hired to head the Virus Research Laboratory, Hammon had already established himself in the field when Parran convinced him to leave his position as dean of the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley, for Pittsburgh. Wary of both killed-virus and attenuated-virus vaccines, Hammon preferred passive immunization through gamma-globulin injections containing polio-resistant antibodies. He conceded that passive immunization would not prevent infection, but he argued that

it could prevent the worst symptom of infection—paralysis. NFIP-funded, double-blind trials involving more than 50,000 children in 1951 and 1952 yielded compelling evidence that passive immunization was a major step in the war against



Jonas Salk inoculating a young girl History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine



William M. Hammon, ca. 1955 © University of Pittsburgh

<sup>14</sup> Oshinsky, Polio, 98.

<sup>15</sup> Ibid., 100-101.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid., 107.

<sup>17</sup> Salk quoted in ibid., 109.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Ibid., 110

<sup>19</sup> Ibid., 110-11.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid., 116.

polio. Unfortunately, as Hammon himself pointed out, the immunity produced was only temporary, and the gamma-globulin was in short supply.<sup>21</sup>

Meanwhile, Hammon's passive immunization approach was eclipsed by Salk's March 1953 announcement of the successful completion of the first human trials of his group's killed-virus vaccine.<sup>22</sup> The national field trial, which involved more than 1.8 million children and was overseen by Thomas Francis, commenced in June 1954, and, on April 12, 1955, Francis pronounced the vaccine safe and effective.<sup>23</sup> Salk instantly became a celebrity scientist, receiving a Presidential Citation and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1955 and the Albert Lasker Clinical Medical Research Award the following year. Although Salk left Pitt to head the Salk Institute in 1963, his accomplishments of the 1950s cemented Pitt's reputation as a major research center for medical sciences.

### Frank Dixon and the "Pittsburgh Five"

In addition to attracting national attention through his own laboratory studies, Salk's administrative work helped contribute to the effort to transform Pitt into a major research institution. As the head of the search committee for a chair of the Department of Pathology in the medical school in 1951, Salk selected a scientist who shared several key characteristics with him: Frank J. Dixon was young, ambitious, and not yet well-known.<sup>24</sup>

Dixon had grown up in St. Paul, Minnesota, and had attended the University of Minnesota, where he earned his M.D. in 1942 before entering the medical corps of the U.S. Marine Corps and serving in the Pacific Theater. Upon his return to the United States in 1946, Dixon became a research assistant in the Department of Pathology at Harvard. He moved to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1948, where he was an instructor in the Department of

Pathology at Washington University for two years before being promoted to assistant professor in 1950. The following year, Salk and his search committee offered a full professorship and the chair of the Department of Pathology to Dixon, who, at age 31, became the youngest department head at Pitt.<sup>25</sup>

As a research assistant at Harvard in 1946, Dixon had developed a new technique for labeling and tracking the location of



Frank J. Dixon
The American Association of Immunologists
Records, Center for Biological Sciences Archives,
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

proteins in the body using radioactive iodine.<sup>26</sup> At Pitt, he used this procedure to study serum sickness and soon discovered that the host's antibody immune response to foreign proteins in the injected serum caused deposition of immune complexes in tissues that led to tissue destruction.<sup>27</sup> From these results, Dixon made a novel and important conclusion—the body's immune response could have deleterious effects on the health of the host. Dixon's careful methodology in the study of serum sickness and kidney disease served as a paradigm for immune complex-

mediated disease pathogenesis and established the field of immunopathology, a discipline critical to the understanding of autoimmune diseases, such as lupus erythematosus and rheumatoid arthritis.

In his second year at Pitt, Dixon received the Theobald Smith Award of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an honor bestowed upon the most outstanding medical researcher under the age of 35. As chair of the pathology department, he sought to change the culture of the department



The "Pittsburgh Five," from left to right, Charles G. Cochrane, Joseph D. Feldman, Frank J. Dixon, Jacinto J. Vazquez, and William O. Weigle

 $The \, Scripps \, Research \, Institute$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Charles R. Rinaldo, Jr., "Passive Immunization against Poliomyelitis: The Hammon Gamma Globulin Field Trials, 1951–1953," American Journal of Public Health 95, no. 5 (2005): 790–99.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Jonas E. Salk, "Studies in Human Subjects on Active Immunization against Poliomyelitis. 1. A Preliminary Report of Experiments in Progress," Journal of the American Medical Association 151, no. 13 (1953): 1081–98.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> "Text of the Statements on Dr. Salk's Vaccine Evaluation," New York Times, April 13, 1955, 22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Paull, A Century of Medical Excellence, 180; Leah Kauffman, "California Dreaming: Frank Dixon Dreams Immunopathology and White Sand Beaches," Pitt Med, January 2002, 27, http://pittmed.health.pitt.edu/jan\_2002/ca\_dreaming.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Michael B. A. Oldstone, "Frank James Dixon, 1920–2008," Biographical Memoirs (Washington, DC: National Academy of Sciences, 2009), 4–5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Shields Warren and Frank J. Dixon, "Antigen Tracer Studies and Histologic Observations in Anaphylactic Shock in the Guinea Pig," *American Journal of the Medical Sciences* 216, no. 2 (1948): 136–45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Frank J. Dixon, Jacinto J. Vazquez, William O. Weigle, and Charles G. Cochrane, "Pathogenesis of Serum Sickness," A.M.A. Archives of Pathology 65, no. 1 (1958): 18–28; William O. Weigle and Frank J. Dixon, "Relationship of Circulating Antigen-Antibody Complexes, Antigen Elimination, and Complement Fixation in Serum Sickness," Proceedings of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine 99, no. 1 (1958): 226–31.

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so that it reflected both his youth and his interest in research. He brought in young scientists as fellows and assistant professors and allowed them to devote themselves to laboratory research by hiring part-time faculty to take care of many of the teaching and clinical responsibilities. 28 Dixon believed that enthusiasm for research was contagious, explaining, "Nothing is more valuable

than for a student to sit down and talk to a young researcher, six or seven years his senior, and feel the excitement that comes from scientific inquiry."29 One instance in which Dixon's teaching philosophy bore fruit was in the case of William O. Weigle (AAI '57), a laboratory technician from a working-class family, whom Dixon encouraged to pursue a Ph.D. at Pitt.<sup>30</sup>

In 1960, Dixon received an offer from Edmund Keeney, director of the then relatively unknown Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, California, to establish a Division of Experimental Pathology. As long as Dixon could secure outside funding, he and his researchers would be free of administrative and teaching responsibilities and devote themselves to full-time research. Dixon, Weigle, Charles G. Cochrane (AAI '61), Joseph D. Feldman (AAI '63), and Jacinto "Joe" Vazquez (AAI '59) known as the "Pittsburgh Five"—left Pitt for the Scripps Clinic in 1961, taking with them six post-docs and several members of the support staff.31 Together, they laid the foundation for the world-renowned Scripps Research Institute. Dixon's pioneering achievements in immunopathology were formally recognized when he was awarded the Gairdner Foundation International Award in 1969 and the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award in 1975.

### **F. Sargent Cheever**

When William McEllroy retired in 1958, he was succeeded as dean of the School of Medicine by Francis Sargent Cheever. A fourth-generation Boston physician, Cheever attended the prestigious Groton School and received both his B.A. and M.D. from Harvard University.<sup>32</sup> Following a two-year medical internship at Presbyterian Hospital in New York, he returned to Harvard in 1939 as a research fellow in

bacteriology, rising to the rank of assistant professor by 1946. In 1950, acceding to an invitation from his Harvard classmate William Hammon to join him at Pitt, Cheever became a professor of epidemiology and microbiology in the Graduate School of Public Health.33

Shortly after arriving at Pitt, Cheever sought a second

appointment in the Department of Bacteriology in the School of Medicine. Eager to add another first-rate researcher to the medical school faculty and to further the relationship between the medical and public health schools, McEllroy made Cheever a lecturer in the Department of Bacteriology in 1951. Cheever was well-liked by his colleagues in both schools, and his patrician background allowed him to run in the same social circles as wealthy Pittsburgh donors who soon looked to Cheever as a spokesman for the university. These qualities led Parran to encourage Cheever to prepare for a role in administration, so when McEllroy announced in January 1958 that he would retire at the end of the term, Cheever was a natural choice as his successor.34

Cheever excelled in the position and oversaw the expansion of the medical school during his 11-year tenure. The highlight of these years was the formal integration of the medical and public health schools with several Pittsburgh hospitals into the University Health Center [now the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)]. From 1970 to 1974, Cheever served as president of the new medical center.



F. Sargent Cheever, ca. 1962

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Niels K. Jerne FASEB Archives

### **Niels Jerne**

As dean of the School of Medicine, Cheever succeeded in attracting stellar faculty to Pitt, including Niels K. Jerne, who became chair of the Department of Microbiology in the School of Medicine in 1962. Jerne had already established himself as a

preeminent immunologist at the time of his arrival. He had been a researcher at the State Serum Institute in Copenhagen for 10 years before joining Max Delbrück's laboratory at the California Institute of Technology in 1954, where he published

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Paull, A Century of Medical Excellence, 180; Oldstone, "Frank James Dixon, 1920-2008," 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Dixon quoted in Paull, A Century of Medical Excellence, 181.

<sup>30</sup> Oldstone, "Frank James Dixon, 1920-2008," 5.

<sup>31</sup> Kauffman, "California Dreaming," 29; Jenelle Pifer, "We Knew You When: Charles Cochrane and the Pittsburgh Five," Pitt Med, Fall 2012, 39, http://pittmed.health.pitt.edu/ Fall 2012/alumni.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> "Pitt Names New Dean of Medicine," Press Release, January 30, 1958, Documenting Pitt, University of Pittsburgh, http://digital.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/t/text/text-idx?c=pitt pressreleases;view=toc;idno=pittpressreleases19580018.

<sup>33</sup> Paull, A Century of Medical Excellence, 208; "Cheever, Francis Sargent," American Men and Women of Science, 14th ed. (1979), 2:801.

<sup>34</sup> Paull, A Century of Medical Excellence, 208-10.

the landmark paper, "The Natural-Selection Theory of Antibody Formation" in 1955. Jerne next headed the Biological Standards and Immunology sections of the World Health Organization in Geneva from 1956 to 1962, but, wishing to return to academic life and his immunological research, he seized the opportunity to chair the Department of Microbiology at Pitt when it arose in 1962.

The change of venues paid immediate dividends. Jerne, regarded as one of immunology's greatest theorists, returned to the laboratory and made an important technical innovation. With Albert A. Nordin (AAI '72), a post-doc at Pitt, he developed the plaque-forming cell assay—often called the Jerne plaque assay—which advanced the study of immunology at the cellular level by allowing researchers to see and enumerate antibody-producing cells in an agar plate.<sup>36</sup>

Jerne left Pittsburgh in 1966, succeeded at Pitt by Julius Youngner, who chaired the Department of Microbiology from 1966 to 1989. Jerne returned to Europe and directed the Paul Ehrlich Institute before becoming the founding director of the Basel Institute for Immunology in 1969. In recognition of his major contributions to the field of immunology, he was awarded the 1984 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

### **New Directions: 1980s-Present**

Neither the growth of the medical sciences at Pitt nor the role of AAI members in advancing it ended in the 1960s. Donald N. Medearis (AAI '65) succeeded Cheever as dean of the medical school, serving from 1969 to 1974. One of his most significant acts as dean was recruiting Thomas Detre to head the Department of Psychiatry in 1974.<sup>37</sup>

As senior vice chancellor of the health sciences from 1984 to 1998, Detre left a lasting legacy on UPMC. He oversaw the transformation of UPMC into a research hub of international renown by establishing several research institutes, including the Pittsburgh Transplantation Institute (renamed the Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute in 1996) and the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute (UPCI) in 1985.<sup>38</sup>

Under the direction of Ronald B. Herberman (AAI '69), UPCI was designated a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute, five years after its establishment, making it the youngest center to receive such a distinction.<sup>39</sup> Moreover, it was at UPCI that immunology began to emerge as one of the more significant areas of basic research at Pitt in the late 1980s. By

1997, the interdepartmental Graduate Program in Immunology had received accreditation and was authorized to award Ph.D. degrees.<sup>40</sup> In January 2002, the School of Medicine established the Department of Immunology and appointed Olivera J. Finn (AAI '83, president 2007–2008) its founding chair.<sup>41</sup>

Although there is now a permanent home for the study of immunology at



Olivera J. Finn, 2009

AAI Archives

Pitt, studies in the field and AAI members remain ensconced in several departments and institutes across the university. Since 1997, Charles R. Rinaldo, Jr. (AAI '78), has served as chair of the Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology in the Graduate School of Public Health, the position once held by William Hammon. Recognizing parallels between the mid-century work on polio carried out by his predecessors at Pitt and his own research on HIV and AIDS, Rinaldo declared in a 2004 interview, "I look to history to help me look to the future."

Salk, Dixon, Cheever, Jerne, and the many other AAI members who have called Pittsburgh home helped to establish the city as a major center for immunological research. In turn, Pittsburgh has contributed much to AAI. Five past presidents and one current councillor, Joanne L. Flynn (AAI '96, councillor 2013–present), have spent at least some of their professional years in Pittsburgh. Beginning with Arthur Locke, who became an associate editor of *The JI* in 1936, Pittsburgh immunologists have worked to ensure that *The JI* remains the preeminent journal in the field, most notably Joseph Feldman, who served as editor-in-chief from 1971 to 1987. Together, these immunologists have left behind an enduring legacy that continues to inform the work of immunologists the world over.

Bryan D. Peery, Ph.D., AAI Assistant Historian John S. Emrich, Ph.D., AAI Historian

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<sup>37</sup> Paull, A Century of Medical Excellence, 243.

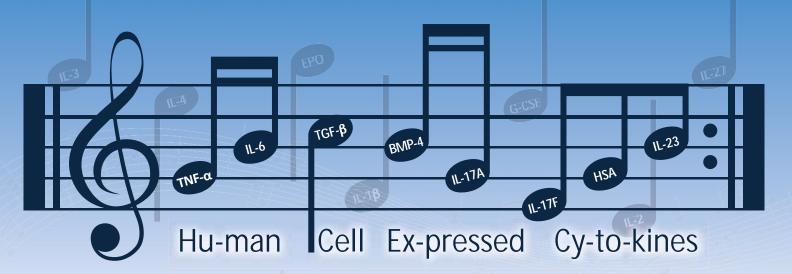
<sup>38</sup> Peter Hart, "Obituary: Thomas P. Detre," University Times [University of Pittsburgh], October 14, 2010, http://www.utimes.pitt.edu/?p=13669.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Mary Brignano, *Beyond the Bounds: A History of UPMC* (Pittsburgh: UPMC, 2009), 66.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Olivera J. Finn and Russell D. Salter, "Immunology in Pittsburgh," *Immunologic Research* 36, nos. 1–3 (2006): 2.

<sup>41</sup> Ibid., 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Rinaldo quoted in "Unsung Hero of the War on Polio," *Public Health* [University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health], Spring 2004, 7, http://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/Portals/0/Main/News/Publications/Public\_Health\_Spring\_2004.pdf.

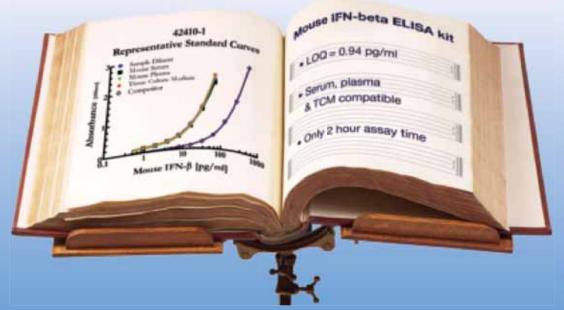




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### AAI PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM

### **AAI President's Address**

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Marc K. Jenkins

University of Minnesota Medical School, AAI President

The in vivo response of naive CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells

Stephen D. Miller

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Introduction



Marc K. Jenkins

AAI President

### **AAI President's Symposium: Anatomy of the Immune Response**

Dedicated to the Memory of our Colleague and Friend, Leo Lefrançois, Jr., Ph.D.

MONDAY, MAY 5, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom

Chair:

Marc K. Jenkins, University of Minnesota Medical School, AAI President

Speakers:

Ronald N. Germain, NIAID, NIH

Visualizing the dynamics and micro-anatomy of the immune system: how this complex machine really works

Michel C. Nussenzweig, HHMI, Rockefeller University Antibodies in HIV vaccine and therapy

**Ellen A. Robey**, University of California, Berkeley *Visualizing T cell selection in the thymus* 

**Jason G. Cyster**, HHMI, University of California, San Francisco *Deciphering the guidance cue code for B cell immunity* 



Ronald N. Germain



Michel C. Nussenzweig



Ellen A. Robey



Jason G. Cyster

### **AAI President's Symposium**

### Anatomy of the Immune Response



Marc K. Jenkins

AAI President



uring my postdoctoral years at the NIH as a self-respecting 96-well plate immunologist, I was amazed by the work of Ian MacLennan and Garnet Kelsoe, who were using immunohistology to study germinal centers. Their efforts convinced me that in vivo and, even better, in situ approaches were the best ways to study the immune response, especially if antigen-specific lymphocytes could be mapped onto the body's geography. Research in this area blossomed in the last two decades, revealing fundamental information about how lymphocytes enter, exit, and move within lymphoid organs and how antigen-specific T and B cells, and dendritic cells, initially find each other, become activated, enter germinal centers, and migrate to non-lymphoid organs during immune responses.

The President's Symposium this year features leaders who made many of the discoveries mentioned above.

**Ronald Germain** was one of the first to produce dynamic images of T cells interacting with antigen-bearing dendritic cells in lymph nodes. Imaging studies from his group have shown how T cells and dendritic cells sense chemokines to facilitate their interactions before and after foreign antigens enter the body. His recent work is producing insights into how effector T cells become activated in the non-lymphoid organs.

Ellen Robey used real-time two-photon microscopy to study the cellular dynamics of CD8<sup>+</sup>T cells and dendritic cells in lymph nodes. She revealed that T cells scan many dendritic cells in the absence of antigen but stop on antigen-bearing dendritic cells for hours. Her group has also characterized the dynamic interactions of thymocytes and thymic epithelial cells during positive and negative selection.

**Michel Nussenzweig** discovered that dendritic cells can induce tolerance and that self-reactive B cells are abundant in the repertoire. His work has also been essential to the current understanding of somatic mutation, class-switch recombination, and formation of neutralizing antibodies to HIV. His dynamic imaging studies have identified many of the important events in affinity maturation in germinal centers.

**Jason Cyster** revealed the key role that S1PR plays in lymphocyte egress from lymphoid organs and how chemokines direct the migration and positioning of B cells in the body. He discovered that CXCR5 directs the migration of activated T cells to follicles, setting the stage for much later work on follicular helper T cell–B cell interactions.

Please join me at the IMMUNOLOGY 2014<sup>™</sup> President's Symposium to see the latest discoveries by these outstanding investigators. The science should be enlightening and the presentations entertaining, with lots of colorful cells scurrying about. Someone bring the popcorn!

### **AAI DISTINGUISHED LECTURERS**

SATURDAY, MAY 3 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM



Kristin A. Hogquist

University of Minnesota Center for Immunology

Self reactivity in T cell selection and homeostasis

SUNDAY, MAY 4 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM



Ellen V. Rothenberg

California Institute of Technology

Gene regulatory pathways to

T cell identity

MONDAY, MAY 5 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM



Mark J. Shlomchik
University of Pittsburgh School of
Medicine
NETworks in lupus: T-B or not T-B,
DC is the question

### **AAI Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation**

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 5:00 PM Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom

Chair:

Marc K. Jenkins, University of Minnesota Medical School AAI President



Award Recipient: Emil R. Unanue, Washington University School of Medicine

AAI President Marc K. Jenkins will introduce the awardee and present the award prior to the start of the President's Address.

The AAI Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor bestowed by the AAI Council upon an AAI member. This award recognizes a deserving member for a career of scientific achievement and for contributions to AAI and fellow immunologists.

### **AAI Excellence in Mentoring Award Presentation**

MONDAY, MAY 5, 12:30 PM

Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom

Chair:

Marc K. Jenkins, University of Minnesota Medical School AAI President



Award Recipient: William E. Paul, NIAID, NIH

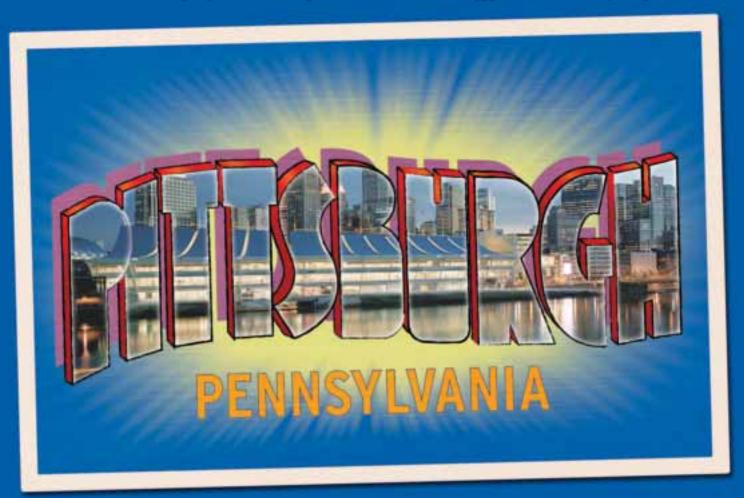
AAI President Marc K. Jenkins and Anthony L. DeFranco, University of California, San Francisco, will introduce the awardee and present the award prior to the start of the President's Symposium.



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### **AWARD LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

### AAI-BD Biosciences Investigator Award Presentation and Lecture

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SATURDAY, MAY 3, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom

Chair:

Marc K. Jenkins, University of Minnesota Medical School AAI President



Award Recipient:
Katherine A. Fitzgerald, University of
Massachusetts Medical School

Molecular basis of recognition and gene regulation in innate immunity

AAI President Marc K. Jenkins and BD Biosciences Vice President of Market

Development Robert Balderas will introduce the awardee and present the award immediately prior to Dr. Fitzgerald's lecture.

### AAI-Life Technologies Meritorious Career Award Presentation and Lecture

Generously supported by Life Technologies Corporation

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom

Chair:

Marc K. Jenkins, University of Minnesota Medical School AAI President



Award Recipient:

**Timothy A. Springer**, Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School

Integrins, gliding adhesins, and malaria vaccines

AAI President Marc K. Jenkins and a representative of Life Technologies Corporation will introduce the awardee and present the award immediately prior to Dr. Springer's lecture.

### AAI-Steinman Award for Human Immunology Research Presentation and Lecture

MONDAY, MAY 5, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom

Chair

Marc K. Jenkins, University of Minnesota Medical School AAI President



### Award Recipient:

**Carl H. June**, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

Adventures with CARs for cancer

AAI President Marc K. Jenkins will introduce the awardee and present the award immediately prior to Dr. June's lecture.

### **AAI BUSINESS MEETING & AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**

### SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

This session will include the annual report to AAI members on AAI and *The Journal of Immunology* business affairs and will feature special 2014 AAI award presentations and acknowledgments. Refreshments will be provided.

### **AAI Distinguished Service Award Presentations**



**Kristin A. Hogquist**, University of Minnesota Center for Immunology

For outstanding service to AAI and the immunology community as Chair of the AAI Program Committee, 2009–2012



**Jeremy M. Boss**, Emory University School of Medicine

For outstanding service to AAI and the immunology community as Editor-in-Chief of The Journal of Immunology, 2008–2013

AAI annually provides travel awards and grants to recognize the promise and bolster the professional development of early- and mid-career investigators, including underrepresented minority scientists and trainees. Travel award and grant presentations and acknowledgments will include:

#### Presentations

- AAI-Life Technologies Trainee Achievement Awards
- Lefrançois-BioLegend Memorial Award
- Chambers-eBioscience Memorial Award
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- AAI Undergraduate Faculty Travel Grants

### **MAJOR SYMPOSIA**

### **SATURDAY, MAY 3, 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

### Major Symposium A: Underlying Mechanisms of Autoimmunity

Chairs:

Ann Marshak-Rothstein, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Daniel B. Stetson, University of Washington

Speakers:

**Daniel B. Stetson**, University of Washington Endogenous retroelements and autoimmune disease

Virginia Pascual, Baylor Institute for Immunology Research Novel innate immunity pathways contribute to human lupus pathogenesis

**Amit Bar-Or**, Montreal Neurological Institute, McGill University *B cell: T cell interactions in autoimmunity* 

**Ann Marshak-Rothstein**, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Systemic autoimmune disease – Why TLR7?

Alexander V. Chervonsky, University of Chicago Microbial contribution to autoimmunity

Jayne Danska, Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto Ménage à trois: genes, sex, and microbes in autoimmunity

### Major Symposium B: Cytokines: In Sickness and in Health

Chairs:

Sarah L. Gaffen, University of Pittsburgh

Achsah D. Keegan, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Speakers:

**Georgia Perona-Wright**, University of British Columbia The impact of indiscriminate cytokine signaling in infection

Achsah D. Keegan, University of Maryland School of Medicine Alternative activation of macrophages by IL-4 and IL-13: contribution to severity of allergic lung inflammation

**Sharon S. Evans**, Roswell Park Cancer Institute *The two faces of IL-6 in the tumor microenvironment* 

Sandip K. Datta, NIAID, NIH

Cytokine regulation of Staphylococcus aureus infections

Sarah L. Gaffen, University of Pittsburgh Straight from the mouse's mouth: IL-17 signaling and oral immunity to fungi

**Jean-Laurent Casanova**, HHMI, Rockefeller University *Toward a genetic theory of childhood infectious diseases* 

### SUNDAY, MAY 4, 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### Major Symposium C: The Female Reproductive Tract: From Infection to Pregnancy

Chairs:

Adrian Erlebacher, New York University School of Medicine
Akiko Iwasaki, Yale School of Medicine

Speakers:

**Michael N. Starnbach**, Harvard Medical School Chlamydia trachomatis *manipulates immunity in the genital tract* 

**Ashley T. Haase**, University of Minnesota Vaccine strategies to concentrate immune defenses at mucosal frontlines

Akiko Iwasaki, Yale School of Medicine Tissue-resident memory T cell protection against HSV-2

**Sing Sing Way**, Cincinnati Children's Hospital *Immune pathogenesis of prenatal infection* 

**Adrian Erlebacher**, New York University School of Medicine *Epigenetics of immune privilege in the pregnant uterus* 

Francesco Colucci\*, University of Cambridge Maternal immune cells and fetal compatibility genes \*Supported by the British Society for Immunology

### Major Symposium D: Regulation of Gene Expression and Immunity

Chairs

Peter D. Katsikis, Drexel University College of Medicine

Carola G. Vinuesa, Australian National University

Speakers:

**Peter D. Katsikis**, Drexel University College of Medicine *miRNA and CTL responses* 

Karla Kirkegaard, Stanford University School of Medicine Function of a long noncoding RNA in pathogen susceptibility and IFN-gamma synthesis

Rafael Casellas, NIAMS, NIH
The nature of AID off-targeting activity

**Alexander Tarakhovsky**, Rockefeller University *Epigenetic control of antiviral response* 

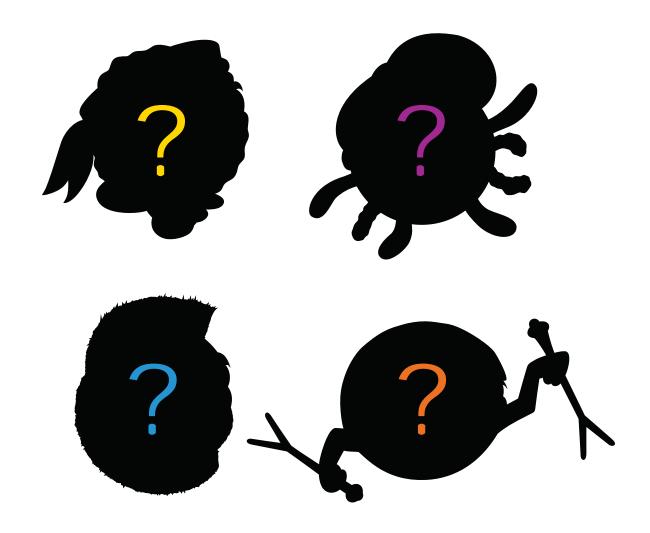
Martin Turner, Babraham Institute

The regulation of lymphocyte development by RNA binding proteins

**Carola G.Vinuesa**, Australian National University miRNA-mediated control of Tfh cells and germinal center responses



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### **MAJOR SYMPOSIA**

### MONDAY, MAY 5, 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### Major Symposium E: Fueling Immunity: Metabolic Effects in and on the Immune System

#### Chairs:

Douglas R. Green, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Barbara S. Nikolajczyk, Boston University School of Medicine

#### Speakers:

**Douglas R. Green**, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital *Metabolic reprogramming in activated T cells* 

**Steven J. Bensinger**, University of California, Los Angeles SREBPs are required for metabolic reprogramming of effector T cells

Erika L. Pearce, Washington University School of Medicine Metabolic regulation of T cell function and fate

**Barbara S. Nikolajczyk**, Boston University School of Medicine *Lymphocytes regulate inflammation in human type 2 diabetes* 

Vishwa Deep Dixit, Yale School of Medicine Immunometabolic control of age-related inflammation

Myriam Aouadi, University of Massachusetts Medical School Role of adipose tissue macrophages in the regulation of whole body metabolism

### Major Symposium F: Progress and Challenges in Vaccines for the Major Killers: Malaria, Tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS

### Chairs:

John T. Harty, University of Iowa

JoAnne L. Flynn, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

#### Speakers:

Robert A. Seder, NIAID, NIH

Translational development of a malaria vaccine from bench to bedside: is it prime time for T cells?

John T. Harty, University of Iowa

Breaking, making, and breaking immunity during malaria infection

Willem Hanekom, University of Cape Town and Gates Foundation Toward understanding vaccination-induced protection against tuberculosis

**JoAnne L. Flynn**, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine *Variability among and within hosts in tuberculosis* 

Pamela J. Bjorkman, HHMI, California Institute of Technology Engineering improved antibodies against HIV

**Dan Barouch**, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center *Novel HIV vaccine strategies* 

### TUESDAY, MAY 6, 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### Major Symposium G: Deciphering the Roles for Innate Lymphoid Cells in Health and Disease

#### Chairs:

James P. Di Santo, Institut Pasteur

Fumio Takei, University of British Columbia

### Speakers:

James P. Di Santo, Institut Pasteur

Transcriptional regulation of innate lymphoid cell differentiation

Nadine Cerf-Bensussan, Institut IMAGINE and Université Paris Descartes-Sorbonne Paris Cité

Gut innate lymphoid cells and intestinal lymphomagenesis

Michael A. Caligiuri, Ohio State University
Human NK cell development: sorting out the ILCs

Gregory F. Sonnenberg, University of Pennsylvania
Innate lymphoid cell regulation of adaptive immunity and
intestinal homeostasis

Bruce D. Levy, Brigham & Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School

Specialized pro-resolving mediators regulate innate lymphoid cells

**Fumio Takei,** University of British Columbia *ILC2 and allergic lung inflammation* 

### Major Symposium H: Macrophages and DCs in Vascular Inflammation

#### Chairs:

Klaus Ley, La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology

Eicke Latz, University of Bonn and University of Massachusetts Medical School

### Speakers:

**Eicke Latz,** University of Bonn and University of Massachusetts Medical School

Role of inflammasomes in vascular inflammation

**David M. Mosser,** University of Maryland, College Park *The regulation of inflammation by macrophages* 

Filip K. Swirski, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School

Monocyte flux and macrophage proliferation in atherosclerosis

Klaus Ley, La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology Antigen presentation in the atherosclerotic aorta

**Cornelia M. Weyand,** Stanford University School of Medicine Dendritic cell function in large vessel vasculitis

**Jacques F. Banchereau**, Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine *Harnessing human dendritic cell subsets for next generation vaccines* 

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### **AAI COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

### Rock Talk-ing With Sally Rockey: The Issues, the Blog, and the Woman Behind It All

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

#### Chair:

Elizabeth J. Kovacs, Chair, AAI Committee on Public Affairs

#### Speaker:



### Sally Rockey

Deputy Director for Extramural Research and Director, Office of Extramural Research, NIH

So you get the blog, and you read it, and you sometimes even comment. The issues

raised are important and thought-provoking, and the questions asked can be provocative. But the person who writes this blog is also a senior leader at NIH who has influence over NIH policy, particularly, over many of the key issues that affect you. Who is she and what do you want her to know about you? Come to this session to meet Sally Rockey, to learn about upcoming NIH plans for the extramural research community, and to get answers to the questions you've always wanted to ask.

### **AAI CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

### Personalized Medicine from an Immunologist's Perspective

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM

#### Chairs:

Robert L. Modlin, University of California, Los Angeles

Charles A. Dinarello, University of Colorado Denver

The integration of basic research and clinical knowledge has led to an ever-increasing repertoire of personalized strategies for the treatment and prevention of a variety of infectious and inflammatory diseases. A major focus of this session will be on systems medicine approaches to identify biomarkers and targets for both prevention and intervention in human disease.

### Speakers:

Kenneth G. C. Smith, University of Cambridge Immune-mediated disease: the genomics of clinical outcome

**Charles A. Dinarello,** University of Colorado Denver *Blocking IL-1 in inherited rare diseases and in common diseases* 

**Denise E. Kirschner,** University of Michigan Medical School *A systems biology approach to understanding the immune response to* Mycobacterium tuberculosis

Bali Pulendran, Emory University Vaccine Research Center, Systems vaccinology: enabling rational vaccine design with systems biology

### AAI EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### AAI High School Teachers Summer Research Program Workshop: Lessons in Immunology

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

#### Chair:

Clinton B. Mathias, Western New England University

The AAI High School Teachers Summer Research Program brings the excitement of immunology directly to high school students through curricula developed by participating high school teachers. This program pairs high school science teachers with established AAI member immunologists who mentor them in their laboratories in a "hands-on" summer internship. The teachers develop a science project for the classroom based on their summer research experience. In this session, 2013-2014 participating high school teachers will present their experiences and projects.

### Speakers:

Robert Aguilar, Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, Ohio

**Andrea Cobb,** Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria, Virginia

Mark Trice, Frederick High School, Frederick, Maryland

Matthew S. Young, A&M Consolidated High School College Station, Texas

### Careers in Biotech: Panel Discussion and Networking

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### Chair:

### Nandita Bose, Biothera

Many opportunities exist in industry for a scientist with advanced degrees. There are positions in laboratory research, program management, business development, regulatory affairs and clinical trials oversight, medical liaison, and more. This panel features scientists employed in a variety of positions in industry, who will share their career paths and highlight the skills required to succeed in these careers. Following the panel discussion, enjoy casual conversation with the speakers and other industry connections at a networking reception.

#### Panelists:

**Elizabeth L. Bachert,** Senior Director, Worldwide Business Development, Pfizer

Jane Grogan, Senior Scientist, Genentech

James Huleatt, Deputy Director, Global Clinical Immunology Sanofi Pasteur

Thomas MacAllister, Chief Development Officer, Besins Healthcare

Jeffrey Rossio, Director, R&D, Immunoassay Development Life Technologies Corporation

### AAI EDUCATION COMMITTEE & AAI COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### Careers in Science Roundtable

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Chair

Scheherazade Sadegh-Nasseri, Johns Hopkins Medical Institute Chair, AAI Committee on the Status of Women

Registration Fee: \$20 (Lunch included)

At this always popular session, you'll have the opportunity to meet with scientists at your own career stage and with more experienced scientists to explore specific career issues important to men and women in science today. Learn what others are thinking and gain insights into issues you are confronting in your own situation. New topics this year offer insights into NIH Study Sections and considerations for scientists in M.D.-Ph.D. careers. Choose from these and the other vital topics related to the environment you work in (academic research, biotech industry, governmental agencies, non-profits), the transitions from specific career stages, or issues in balancing career and family in any career path. Don't miss this great networking opportunity!

### Discussion topics and table leaders:

#### Research Careers in Academia

- Graduate Student to Postdoc: finding a postdoc, interviewing Table Leaders: Carol F. Webb, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation; Michelle A. Parent, University of Delaware
- Postdoc to PI: finding a position, interviewing, negotiating, lab start-up
   Table Leaders: Deborah M. Brown, University of Nebraska,
  - Lincoln; Shabaana A. Khader, Washington University
- New PI: attracting students and postdocs, preparing for tenure Table Leaders: Akiko Iwasaki, HHMI, Yale School of Medicine; Robin Stephens, University of Texas Medical Branch
- Undergraduate Institutions: finding the balance in teaching, doing research
   Table Leaders: Paula Lutz, University of Wyoming;
   Laurie Shornick, St. Louis University

Mentoring Effectively
 Table Leaders: Gail A. Bishop, University of Iowa;

 Laura Haynes, University of Connecticut Health Center;
 Janice S. Blum, Indiana University School of Medicine

#### How to Build a Network

*Table Leaders*: **Sarah L. Gaffen,** University of Pittsburgh; **Paula M. Oliver,** University of Pennsylvania

Career and Family: time management/family leave/professional couples

Table Leaders: Susan Kovats, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation; Carolina B. Lopez, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine; Lisa K. Denzin, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Careers in Biotech and Industry: moving from academia to industry and vice versa

*Table Leaders*: Jane Grogan, Genentech; Mandy J. McGeachy, University of Pittsburgh; Theresa Schaub, eBioscience, an Affymetrix company

Research Careers at Governmental Agencies (FDA/NIH/USDA/CDC)
Table Leaders: Carol H. Pontzer, NCCAM, NIH;
David H. Margulies, NIAID, NIH

### NIH Study Section Insights

Table Leaders: Scheherazade Sadegh-Nasseri, Johns Hopkins Medical Institute; Virginia Shapiro, Mayo Clinic

The Physician Scientist: balancing clinical and research duties
Table Leaders: Penelope A. Morel, University of Pittsburgh;
Robert L. Ferris, University of Pittsburgh

#### Research from the M.D., Ph.D. Perspective

Table Leaders: Mary Beth Humphrey, Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center; Wayne M. Yokoyama, HHMI, Washington University School of Medicine

Non-Research Careers for Scientists: careers in scientific journals, public policy, non-profits

Table Leaders: Mary T. Litzinger, American Association of Immunologists; Elizabeth R.Walsh, American Association of Immunologists (Two Ph.D. immunologists serving the AAI as manager of educational and career development programs, and science liaison, respectively)



### **AAI MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **New Member Reception**

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

#### Chair:

Judith A. Owen, Haverford College; Chair, AAI Membership Committee

AAI wishes to welcome new Regular and Associate members joining AAI for the first time. AAI President Marc Jenkins and other AAI leaders look forward to meeting you personally. Please join us with your invitation in hand for light refreshments and casual conversation.

Event by invitation only.

### **AAI MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### Careers Roundtable and (NEW!) Speed Networking Session

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 11:45 AM - 2:15 PM

Supported in part by a grant to the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), National Institutes of Health [FASEB MARC Program: T36-GM08059-31]

#### Chair:

Adriana Larregina, University of Pittsburgh; Chair, AAI Minority Affairs Committee

Registration Fee: \$20 (Includes lunch; coffee/cookies during networking hour.)

Networking skills have never been more crucial to ensure success for early/mid-career scientists, including those traditionally under-represented in biomedical research. At the roundtable, take advantage of the opportunity to meet in small-group format with accomplished, senior immunologists to hear how they have handled the career challenges you now face and learn what they believe will work for you today. Then practice networking in a relaxed environment offering a structured networking exercise and personalized feedback on communicating your scientific interests/objectives most effectively.

### Roundtable discussion topics and table leaders:

Grad Student: finding a mentor; taking aim at postdoc training Table Leaders: Santiago Partida-Sanchez, Nationwide Children's Hospital; Eduardo Davila, University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center

Postdoc: finding a mentor; taking aim at a faculty position Table Leader: Jose A. Guevara-Patino, Loyola University

Junior Faculty: preparing for promotion and tenure
Table Leader: Adriana T. Larregina, University of Pittsburgh

Academia or Industry: how to decide (or switch sides)
Table Leaders: Jonathan A. Deane, GNF/Novartis;
Karel Otero Gutierrez, Biogen Idec

Government Agency Careers: CDC, FDA, NIH Table Leaders: Cherié L. Butts, Biogen Idec; Marta Catalfamo, NIAID, NIH

Non-Research Careers: science journalism, patent law, biomedical entrepreneurship

Table Leader: Maria S. Vanegas, University of Pittsburgh Office of Technology Management

### Minority Affairs Committee Guest Lecture

MONDAY, MAY 5, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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#### Chair:

Adriana Larregina, University of Pittsburgh; Chair, AAI Minority Affairs Committee



#### Speaker:

Arturo Casadevall, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University A new synthesis for antibody-mediated immunity

### AAI PROGRAM COMMITTEE

### Back to School: A Review of Four Fast-Moving Fields

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

#### Chairs:

David Masopust, University of Minnesota

Leslie J. Berg, University of Massachusetts Medical School

This workshop intends to bring a broad audience up-to-date on a few emerging or rapidly changing fields or areas of technological innovation. Expert lecturers will provide an overview of each trending topic with an emphasis on communicating big picture concepts.

### Speakers:

**David A. Largaespada**, University of Minnesota Engineering cells using transposons and site-specific endonucleases

Richard M. Locksley, HHMI, University of California San Francisco Innate lymphoid cells

Katherine A. Fitzgerald, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Long non-coding RNA: new players in gene regulation and host defense

Kenneth M. Murphy, HHMI, Washington University School of Medicine

Dendritic cell development and subset function

### **AAI PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Publishing Your Scientific Work: Tips on Writing, Responding to Reviewers, and Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

#### Chairs:

Eugene M. Oltz, Washington University School of Medicine

Pamela J. Fink, University of Washington School of Medicine Editor-in-Chief, *The Journal of Immunology* 

Your data may be good and your findings may be significant, but your manuscript will navigate peer review more smoothly if you present your findings well. What steps can an author take to improve data presentation? What is considered an inappropriate, even unethical, presentation of data? What will make the manuscript easier for the reviewer to read and evaluate? How can the author best respond to reviewers? With ample time for questions and answers at the end of the session, experienced editors will address these and other questions about scientific publishing in this session sponsored by the AAI Publications Committee.

### Speakers:

Eugene M. Oltz, Washington University School of Medicine Writing a scientific manuscript: How should I tell my story and to whom should I tell it?

**Kristin A. Hogquist**, University of Minnesota Responding to reviewers: What you want to say and what you should say

**Pamela J. Fink,** University of Washington School of Medicine Editor-in-Chief, *The Journal of Immunology* If it feels wrong, it probably is

### AAI VETERINARY IMMUNOLOGY COMMITTEE & AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY IMMUNOLOGISTS (AAVI) JOINT SYMPOSIUM

### Vaccines for the Modern Era: Implications for Human and Animal Health

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

#### Chairs

Laurel J. Gershwin, University of California, Davis

Carol G. Chitko-McKown, Genetics, Breeding, and Animal Health Research Unit, ARS, USDA

This symposium will feature topics on both human and veterinary vaccines, with emphasis on new technologies and new information for more appropriate targeting of the immune response to achieve protective immunity. Advances in understanding immune responses to veterinary and human pathogens and applications of that information to vaccine design illustrate a commonality that supports the current "one health" concept in medicine.

### Speakers:

Mark K. Slifka, Oregon Health and Science University

Hydrogen peroxide-based vaccines: a new approach to an old problem

**Tilahun Yilma,** University of California, Davis Strategies for enhancing the safety and efficacy of recombinant vaccines

Ronald D. Schultz, University of Wisconsin Immunologic memory: what to expect from different types of vaccines!

Anna P. Durbin, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Dengue vaccines: from animal models to human challenge



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Travel the AAI Centennial Timeline spanning the 3rd floor corridor. The Centennial Timeline depicts important developments for AAI and immunology, science and technology, and U.S. and world history. Even if you viewed this structure in Hawaii at the AAI meeting, you'll find worlds more to explore in this chronicle of the great legacy informing your work today.

#### Also on Display:

- Profiles of AAI Nobel laureates and Lasker Award recipients
- AAI StoryBooth, featuring attendees' favorite immunology career recollections (Record your own while you are there!)

### NIH INSTITUTE-SPONSORED SYMPOSIA

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Symposium: *Lymphatic* Function and the Immune Response to Microbial or Viral Infection

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM

#### Chairs:

Michael C. Carroll, Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School Lara R. Miller, NIAID, NIH

#### Speakers:

**Melody A. Swartz**, Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne *Immunoregulatory roles of lymphatic endothelial cells* 

Michael C. Carroll, Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School

Nodal regulation of humoral immunity to influenza infection by lymphangiogenesis

David C. Zawieja, Texas A&M Health Science Center Altered lymphatic function in response to inflammation/peritonitis

Nancy H. Ruddle, Yale University Lymphatics in chronic inflammation

### National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Workshop: *Scavenger Receptor Biology and Nomenclature*

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

#### Chairs:

Mercy PrabhuDas, NIAID, NIH

Joseph El Khoury, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School

This workshop will serve as a follow-up to a meeting held in November 2012 in Bethesda, Maryland, at which experts in the field came together to establish guidelines and recommendations for standardizing the nomenclature for scavenger receptors (SRs) and to consider strategies for dealing with future discoveries of SRs. The goal of this workshop is to communicate these recommendations and guidelines, which will be published in *The Journal of Immunology* prior to IMMUNOLOGY 2014<sup>TM</sup>, to the wider scientific community, to provide a forum for discussion, and to gather feedback for adopting the recommended nomenclature in the future.

The session will consist of one hour of scientific talks followed by a panel discussion, which will culminate with a vote from the floor to arrive at a decision regarding the proposed recommendations.

#### Schedule:

Monty Krieger, Massachusetts Institute of Technology The initial molecular identification and characterization of scavenger receptors

**Dawn M. E. Bowdish**, McMaster University
Scavenger receptors in host defense against infectious disease

Joseph El Khoury, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School

Scavenger receptors and the neuroimmune system

Joseph El Khoury, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School

Proposed nomenclature

Panel Discussion followed by vote

Monty Krieger, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Steven R. Post, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Dawn M. E. Bowdish, McMaster University

Joseph El Khoury, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School

Xiang-Yang Wang, Virginia Commonwealth University

### National Institute on Aging (NIA) Symposium: B Cell Regulation of Immunity in Old Age

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM

#### Chairs:

Rebecca A. Fuldner, NIA, NIH

Michael P. Cancro, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

#### Speakers:

Richard L. Riley, University of Miami

Mechanisms and outcomes of reduced B lymphopoiesis in old age

Michael P. Cancro, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine Affinity, effectors, and memory: independent variables in humoral immunosenescence

Laura Haynes, University of Connecticut Health Center Protective humoral immunity and Tfh function decline with age

M. A. Julie Westerink, University of Toledo Health Science Center Age-related immune response to pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccination

### National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Symposium: Gene Environment Interactions in the Etiology of Asthma

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

### Chairs:

Michael C. Humble, NIEHS, NIH Donald N. Cook, NIEHS, NIH

### Speakers:

Donald N. Cook, NIEHS, NIH

Finding the molecular links between house dust and asthma

**Stephania A. Cormier**, University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Exposure to combustion-derived particulate matter enhances influenza severity in infants

### John W. Hollingsworth, Duke University

Molecular mechanisms involved in lung airway and immune responses to ozone

Lester Kobzik, Harvard School of Public Health

Prenatal programming of asthma susceptibility by environmental stressors

### **GUEST SOCIETY SYMPOSIA**

American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Symposium: *Immunogenicity of Biotherapeutics: Predicting Potential Contributors and Mechanisms* 

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Chairs:

Arunan Kaliyaperumal, Amgen, Inc.

Bonnie Rup, Pfizer

Speakers:

Terry Goletz, Amgen, Inc.

Applications and approaches for immune monitoring in clinical drug development

Jack Ragheb, FDA

Novel in vivo approaches for the study of immune responses

**Genhong Cheng**, University of California, Los Angeles *Inflammatory responses to PAMPs, DAMPs, and protein aggregates* 

Scheherazade Sadegh-Nasseri, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Use of the immune system's bare essentials for identification of T cell targets

American Association of Veterinary Immunologists (AAVI) and AAI Veterinary Immunology Committee Joint Symposium: Vaccines for the Modern Era: Implications for Human and Animal Health

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problem

**Tilahun Yilma**, University of California, Davis
Strategies for enhancing the safety and efficacy of recombinant vaccines

Ronald D. Schultz, University of Wisconsin

Immunologic memory: what to expect from different types of

**Anna P. Durbin**, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Dengue vaccines: from animal models to human challenge

American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT) Symposium: *Exploiting Immune Responses to Cytomegalovirus Infection after Transplantation* 

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Chairs:

Jeffrey S. Miller, University of Minnesota

Helen E. Heslop, Baylor College of Medicine

Speakers:

**Jeffrey S. Miller**, University of Minnesota Human NK cell memory responses shaped by CMV reactivation

William J. Murphy, University of California, Davis School of Medicine

Differential effects of murine NK cell licensing in mediating MCMV resistance and modulating T cell responses

**Helen E. Heslop**, Baylor College of Medicine Targeting CMV with multivirus-specific or third party CTLs

**Karl Peggs**, University College London Cancer Institute *CMV-specific T cell therapies: from proof of concept to standard of care?* 

American Society of Transplantation (AST) Symposium: New Paradigms in T Cell Biology and Transplant Immunity

MONDAY, MAY 5, 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Chairs:

Mandy L. Ford, Emory University

Heth R. Turnquist, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Speakers:

**Fadi G. Lakkis**, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine *Migration of effector and memory T cells into the transplant* 

Jordan S. Pober, Yale University

Endothelial cells as antigen presenting cells and regulators of effector T cell transplant infiltration

**Qizhi Tang**, University of California, San Francisco *Therapeutic applications of Tregs in transplantation* 

**Daniel J. Campbell**, Benaroya Research Institute Roles for Th1 and Th2 "master regulator" transcription factors in regulatory T cells



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### Canadian Society for Immunology (CSI) Symposium: *Transcriptional Regulation of Hematopoiesis*

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

#### Chairs:

Michele K. Anderson, Sunnybrook Research Institute, Toronto Rodney P. DeKoter, Western University, London, Ontario Speakers:

R. Keith Humphries, Terry Fox Laboratory, Vancouver The good and bad side of transcription factors in hematopoiesis: Meis1 as a case study

#### Trang Hoang, IRIC, Montreal

Oncogenic transcription factors, from hematopoietic stem cells to acute leukemias

Rodney P. DeKoter, Western University, London, Ontario
Complementary roles of PU.1 and Spi-B at the pro-B to pre-B cell
transition

Michele K. Anderson, Sunnybrook Research Institute, Toronto Regulation of gamma-delta T cell development and programming by HEB transcription factors

Juan Carlos Zúñiga-Pflücker, Sunnybrook Research Institute Toronto

Requirements for GATA-3 at the initiation of the T-lineage development program in response to Notch signals

#### Chinese Society of Immunology (ChSI) Symposium: Cancer Immunotherapy Targeting Chronic Inflammation and Immunosuppression

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

#### Chairs:

Xuetao Cao, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Beijing Olivera J. Finn, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

#### Speakers:

**Xuetao Cao**, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Beijing Overview of tumor immunology and immunotherapy in China

Limin Zheng, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou

Macrophage plasticity in distinct microenvironments of human
tumor

**Xiyun Yan**, Institute of Biophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing

Targeting CD146 for cancer immunotherapy

**Bo Huang**, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Beijing *Macroparticles in cancer immunotherapy* 

Taoyong Chen, National Key Laboratory of Medical Immunology and Institute of Immunology, Second Military Medical University, Shanghai

New adjuvant and delivery system in cancer immunotherapy

#### German Society for Immunology (DGfI) Symposium: *Thymic Development and Tolerance*

MONDAY, MAY 5, 3:45 PM- 5:45 PM

#### Chairs:

Jürgen Wienands, University of Göttingen

Dieter Kabelitz, University of Kiel

Cartsen Watzl, Leibniz Research Center, Dortmund

#### Speakers:

**Hans-Martin Jäck**, University of Erlangen *Immunology in Germany* 

**Thomas Boehm**, MPI for Immunobiology and Epigenetics Freiburg

Evolution of the thymus

Ludger Klein, University of Munich

Functional adaptation of thymic stromal cells for tolerance induction

**Bruno Kyewski**, German Cancer Research Institute (DKFZ) Heidelberg

Generating intra-thymic self-antigen diversity for central tolerance

**Vera Martins**, University of Ulm *Cell competition in T cell progenitors* 

**Hans-Reimer Rodewald**, German Cancer Research Institute (DKFZ), Heidelberg

Thymus as a source of T cell leukemia

#### International Complement Society (ICS) Symposium: Frontiers in Complement Research: Immunity, Autoimmunity, and Cellular Homeostasis

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

#### Chairs:

V. Michael Holers, University of Colorado School of Medicine,

Viviana Ferreira, University of Toledo

#### Speakers:

**Wenchao Song**, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

Complement, inflammation, and the synergistic intersection of innate immune pathways

Marina Botto, Imperial College London

Complement in humoral immunity and autoimmunity

Piet Gros, Utrecht University, Elucidating mechanisms of complement function from structural biology

**Daniel Ricklin**, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

Regulation of cellular proliferation by complement: roles in cancer and transplantation biology

Andrea J. Tenner, University of California, Irvine
Novel functions of complement proteins and pathway activation
in neurological disorders

#### Japanese Society for Immunology (JSI) Symposium: *Highlights of Immunology in Japan: JSI Awardees Symposium*

MONDAY, MAY 5, 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM

Chairs:

Ichiro Taniuchi, RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences Yasunobu Miyake, Kyushu University

Speakers:

Ichiro Taniuchi, RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences Transcriptional control of helper/cytotoxic lineage choice in the thymus

Takashi Sekiya, Keio University

Roles of the nuclear orphan receptor Nr4a in CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell development and functions

Keiji Hirota, Osaka University

T cell-dependent IgA responses by plastic Th17 cells

Yasunobu Miyake, Kyushu University

Mycobacterial recognition by C-type lectin receptors

Hideyuki Yanai, University of Tokyo

Role of HMGB1 in inflammatory diseases and nucleic acidmediated immune responses

Korean Association of Immunologists (KAI) and Association of Korean Immunologists in America (AKIA) Symposium: *Regulation of Host Immunity* by Immune Cell Receptors and Effectors

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM

Chairs:

Charles D. Surh, Institute for Basic Science, Korea

Mi-La Cho, Catholic University of Korea

Speakers:

Jae U. Jung, University of Southern California

Host and pathogen standoff: host intracellular pattern recognition receptors vs. viral immune modulators

Yong-Soo Bae, Sungkyunkwan University

Positive and negative regulatory factors epigenetically expressed during dendritic cell development control the immunogenicity of dendritic cells

Sungjin Kim, Michigan State University

Memory-like NK cells with potent Fc receptor function and broadspectrum antiviral activity

Mi-La Cho, Catholic University of Korea

STAT3 licenses AP-1 family to drive Th17 cell differentiation in autoimmune diseases

Hyun Park, NCI, NIH

IL-7 receptor as a new target for immune intervention in inflammation and autoimmunity

Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) Symposium: Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy: From Basic Science to Clinical Application

MONDAY, MAY 5, 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Chairs:

Thomas F. Gajewski, University of Chicago

Lisa H. Butterfield, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute

Speakers:

**Robert H. Vonderheide**, University of Pennsylvania Novel mechanisms of anti-CD40 activity

Nicholas P. Restifo, NCI, NIH

Adoptive T cell therapy: from biology to practice

Suzanne L. Topalian, Johns Hopkins University

Targeting the PD-L1/PD-1 axis for cancer immunotherapy

F. Stephen Hodi, Jr., Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Anti-CTLA-4 mAb: new directions and combinations

Society of Mucosal Immunology (SMI)
Symposium: The Leo Lefrançois Memorial
Symposium on T Cell Memory and Protection from
Infection

MONDAY, MAY 5, 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Chairs:

Joanne L. Viney, Biogen Idec

Stephen M. Hedrick, University of California, San Diego

Speakers:

**David Masopust**, University of Minnesota

The study of memory T cells that reside within the respiratory,

The study of memory T cells that reside within the respiratory, intestinal, and reproductive mucosa

Vaiva Vezys, University of Minnesota

Induction and maintenance of tolerance to intestinal proteins

Kimberly D. Klonowski, University of Georgia

Environmental cues regulating memory CD8+ T cell immunity in the respiratory tract

Kamal M. Khanna, University of Connecticut Health Center Imaging the onset of primary and secondary immune responses to viral and bacterial infection

Kimberly S. Schluns, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Regulation of IL-15 by inflammatory signals

Michael J. Bevan, University of Washington

In honor of Leo Lefrançois: advances in our understanding of T cell memory and protection from infection

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#### Chairs:

Hans-Gustaf Ljunggren, Karolinska Institutet

Chiara Romagnani, German Rheumatism Research Center

#### Speakers:

Chiara Romagnani, German Rheumatism Research Center Phenotypic and functional characterization of human NK cell subsets

André Veillette, Institut de Recherches Cliniques De Montréal Regulation of NK cell activation by SAP family adaptors and SLAM family receptors

**Yenan T. Bryceson**, Karolinska Institutet and University of Bergen CMV drives methylation-dependent epigenetic reprogramming of NK cells

Taku Kambayashi, University of Pennsylvania

Proximal signaling events that dictate NK cell tolerance and education

Monika Braun, Karolinska Institutet

Mechanisms of NK cell activation following human hantavirus infection

The Obesity Society (TOS) Symposium: Unresolved, Chronic Inflammation as a Mediator of Diverse Disease Risks in Insulin-Resistant Obesity

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#### Chairs:

**Gerald V. Denis**, Boston University School of Medicine **Jennifer Snyder-Cappione**, Boston University Medical Center **Speakers**:

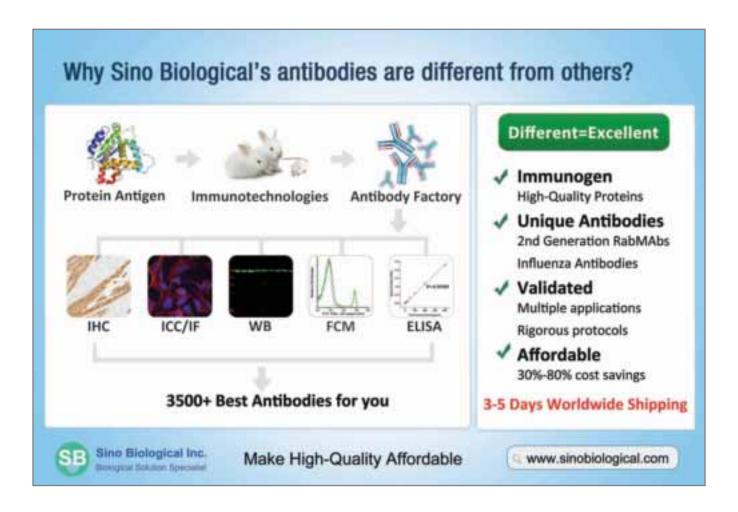
Irving L. M. H. Aye, University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio

Maternal obesity, placental inflammation, and fetal growth

**Clara Westwell-Roper**, University of British Columbia Aggregation of islet amyloid polypeptide as a trigger for islet inflammation in type 2 diabetes

Harold S. Sacks, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Epicardial adipose tissue as a putative contributor to coronary atherogenesis

**Suneil Koliwad**, University of California, San Francisco Microglia as fatty acid sensors in the control of hypothalamic inflammation and metabolic function



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- Interviewing for a Job
- Publishing Your Scientific Work: Tips on Writing, Responding to Reviewers, and Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls
- Secrets for a Successful Postdoctoral Fellowship
- Online and on-site Jobs Board, free to meeting registrants and exhibitors
- New Member Reception (By invitation)

#### Publishing Your Scientific Work: Tips on Writing, Responding to Reviewers, and Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls

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#### Careers in Science Roundtable

Sponsored by the AAI Education Committee & AAI Committee on the Status of Women

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

#### Chair:

Scheherazade Sadegh-Nasseri, Johns Hopkins Medical Institute Chair, AAI Committee on the Status of Women

Registration Fee: \$20 (Lunch included)

At this always popular session, you'll have the opportunity to meet with scientists at your own career stage and with more experienced scientists to explore specific career issues important to men and women in science today. Learn what others are thinking and gain insights into issues you are confronting in your own situation. New topics this year offer insights into NIH Study Sections and considerations for scientists in M.D.-Ph.D. careers. Choose from these and the other vital topics related to the environment you work in (academic research, biotech industry, governmental agencies, non-profits), the transitions from specific career stages, or issues in balancing career and family in any career path. Don't miss this great networking opportunity!

#### **Discussion topics:**

#### • Research Careers in Academia

- Graduate Student to Postdoc: finding a postdoc, interviewing
- Postdoc to PI: finding a position, interviewing, negotiating, lab start-up
- New PI: attracting students and postdocs, preparing for tenure
- Undergraduate Institutions: finding the balance in teaching, doing research
- Mentoring Effectively
- How to Build a Network
- Career and Family: time management/family leave/ professional couples
- Careers in Biotech and Industry: moving from academia to industry and vice versa
- Research Careers at Governmental Agencies (FDA/NIH/USDA/CDC)
- NIH Study Section Insights
- The Physician Scientist: balancing clinical and research duties
- Research from the M.D., Ph.D. Perspective
- Non-Research Careers for Scientists: careers in scientific journals, public policy, non-profits

Table leaders: see AAI Committee-sponsored Sessions

### *Meet the Editor-in-Chief at* IMMUNOLOGY 2014<sup>™</sup>.

New Editor-in-Chief for *The Journal of Immunology* Pamela J. Fink, University of Washington School of Medicine, will be in the AAI Booth (Booth number 705) on Saturday, May 3, during the poster time (2:30 PM -3:45 PM). Be sure to stop by the AAI booth to meet your new EIC!



### Careers Roundtable and (NEW!) Speed Networking Session

Sponsored by the AAI Minority Affairs Committee

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 11:45 AM - 2:15 PM

#### Chair:

Adriana Larregina, University of Pittsburgh; Chair, AAI Minority Affairs Committee

**Registration Fee: \$20** (Includes lunch; coffee/cookies during networking hour.)

Networking skills have never been more crucial to ensure success for early/mid-career scientists, including those traditionally under-represented in biomedical research. At the roundtable, take advantage of the opportunity to meet in small-group format with accomplished, senior immunologists to hear how they have handled the career challenges you now face and learn what they believe will work for you today. Then practice networking in a relaxed environment offering a structured networking exercise and personalized feedback on communicating your scientific interests/objectives most effectively.

#### Discussion topics:

- Grad Student: finding a mentor; taking aim at postdoc training
- Postdoc: finding a mentor; taking aim at a faculty position
- · Junior Faculty: preparing for promotion and tenure
- Academia or Industry: how to decide (or switch sides)
- · Government Agency Careers: CDC, FDA, NIH
- Non-Research Careers: science journalism, patent law, biomedical entrepreneurship

Table leaders: see AAI Committee-sponsored Sessions

#### How to Convert Your CV into a Resumé

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Chair:

Mary Litzinger, AAI

Speaker:

**Derek Haseltine**, Director, Career Services, George Washington University



For anyone seeking a job outside of academe, how you present yourself on paper is critical. A well-prepared resumé can make all the difference in securing that interview. The focus of this session will be on the important elements of a resumé,

the differences between a resumé and the standard academic curriculum vitae, and the information needed to make a good impression. In this special career development session, attendees will be instructed in how to transform their CVs into professional resumés.

Small breakout sessions for individual consulting will follow from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. Bring your CV!

### Careers in Biotech: Panel Discussion and Networking

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Chair:

Nandita Bose, Biothera

Panelists:

Elizabeth L. Bachert, Senior Director, Worldwide Business Development, Pfizer

Jane Grogan, Senior Scientist, Genentech

James Huleatt, Deputy Director, Global Clinical Immunology Sanofi Pasteur

**Thomas MacAllister**, Chief Development Officer Besins Healthcare

Jeffrey Rossio, Director, R&D, Immunoassay Development Life Technologies Corporation

Many opportunities exist in industry for a scientist with advanced degrees. There are positions in laboratory research, program management, business development, regulatory affairs and clinical trials oversight, medical liaison, and more. This panel features scientists employed in a variety of positions in industry who will share their career paths and highlight the skills required to succeed in these careers. Following the panel discussion, enjoy casual conversation with the speakers and other industry connections at a networking reception.

#### Secrets for a Successful Postdoctoral Fellowship

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Chair:

Mary Litzinger, AAI

Speakers:

**Darlene F. Zellers**, Director, Office of Academic Career Development, Health Sciences, University of Pittsburgh

Steven K. Wendell, Assistant Director, Postdoctoral Development Office of Academic Career Development, Health Sciences University of Pittsburgh

A postdoctoral fellowship is the time to develop research skills you will need to succeed as an independent scientist. It is, however, just as important to realize that you need to prepare for a career path at the same time. This session will highlight ways of getting the most out of your postdoctoral fellowship, relating successfully with your mentor, and understanding how to use the resources available to you to ensure that your training prepares you adequately for a seamless transition into the next phase of your career.



#### Interviewing for a Job

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Chair:

Mary Litzinger, AAI

Speaker:

**Derek Haseltine**, Director, Career Services, George Washington University

This session will be focused on tips and techniques to help you successfully navigate the interview process. Emphasis will be on how you can present yourself in the best possible light. You will also learn how to respond to unexpected questions. This session is open to anyone but is especially intended for student and postdoctoral attendees.

#### **AAI STORYBOOTH**

VISIT THE STORYBOOTH (ROOM 332) WITH FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, OR MENTORS TO RECORD YOUR STORIES AND BECOME PART OF AAI HISTORY.

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FRIDAY, MAY 2, 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

#### Chair:

Judith Owen, Haverford College; Chair, AAI Membership Committee

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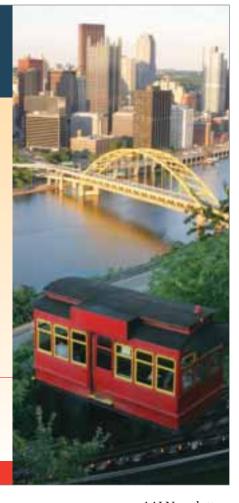
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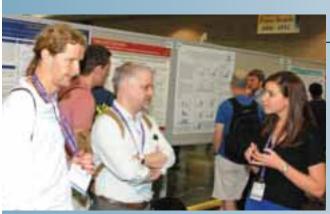


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Selected abstracts are programmed into oral sessions called Block Symposia. Each Block Symposium comprises up to eight selected abstracts. For this annual meeting, 74 Block Symposia are programmed.





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No concurrent symposia, presentations, or other sessions will be held during the designated poster presentation time.

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Be sure to take advantage of the knowledge-building opportunities presented in Exhibitor Workshops. Located on the Exhibit Floor, these workshops explore companies' latest technologies, products, and services through demonstrations and discussions.

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The drawing will be held during the Poster Presentations on Monday, May 5, from 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM. You'll find your Passport in your meeting bag or you may pick one up at the AAI Booth.





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#### SCHEDULE OF BLOCK SYMPOSIA

#### FRIDAY, MAY 2

#### 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Immune Cell Development
Immunotherapy Vaccines
Innate Immunity in Autoimmune Disease I
Regulatory T Cells in Tolerance and Disease
T Cell Maintenance and Memory
Veterinary and Comparative Immunology

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 3**

#### 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Accessory Factors and Antigen Presentation Pathways
B Cell Development and Function
Myeloid Cells in Cancer
T Cell Activation
The Innate Immune Response in Non-infectious Inflammation

#### 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Mechanisms of Asthma and Allergy Molecular Decisions During B Cell Activation and Differentiation Mucosal Immunization Novel Innate Immune Mechanisms

#### 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Bridging the Interface of Innate and Adaptive Immunity Immunotherapeutic Interventions for Autoimmune Demyelination Inflammasomes and Cytosolic Sensing Mast Cell Biology

#### 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM

Adjuvants and Immunotherapy Innate Regulation of Type 2 Immunity Pathogen Control and Evasion Strategies T Cells in Autoimmunity I

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 4**

#### 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Actions of CD4<sup>+</sup> T Cells and B Cells During Acute and Persistent Viral Infections Cytokine and Chemokine Signaling Immunosuppression in the Tumor Microenvironment T Cell Subsets in AutoImmunity Toll-like Receptor Signaling

#### 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Cellular Innate Immune Responses in Bacterial and Parasitic Infections Immunology of the Airway Inflammation: Friend or Foe? T and NK Cell Development T Cells in Autoimmunity II

#### 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Adoptive Transfer Therapy Cell Subsets, Cytokines, and Disease Cellular Innate Immune Responses in Viral Infections Targeting Signaling Pathways in Autoimmunity

#### 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM

Cancer Immunobiology
Infection, Inflammation, and Immunity
Innate Immunity in Autoimmune Disease II
Metabolomics and Mucosal Immunity
Pathways for Regulating Alloimmunity: T Cells and Beyond

#### **MONDAY, MAY 5**

#### 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Adaptive Immunity in Autoimmune Diseases Input Signals Regulating T Cell Responses Leukocyte Migration Regulation of B Cells and B Cells as Regulators Regulation of Immunotherapy Responses

#### 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Immune Epitopes and Repertoires
Innate Immunity at the Microbe-Host Interface
Innate Immunity in SLE
T Helper Cell Differentiation and Cytokine Expression
Technological Innovations in Immunology

#### 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Contra-regulation by Coinfection and Cytokines Cytokines in the Th17/IL-17 Family Genetic, Environmental, and Cellular Risks for Disease Molecular Regulation of CD8 T Cell Immunity Respiratory Viruses and the Immune Response

#### 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM

CD4 T Cell Differentiation
Effects of the Microbiota on Mucosal Immunity
HSCs and B Cell Development
Influenza
Myeloid-derived Cells: A Range of Regulatory Possibilities

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 6**

#### 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Immunopathogenesis of Enteritis and Colitis Infectious Diseases Vaccines Regulation of the Virus-Specific Immune Response T Cell Memory: Generation, Maintenance, and Function Topics in Innate Immunity

#### 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Cytokines and Chemokines in Immunobiology
Function and Persistence of Virus-Specific CD8+T Cells
Harnessing Cellular and Molecular Interactions in Autoimmunity
Metabolism and Nutrient Sensing Pathways in Innate Immunity
Regional Immunity
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### IMMUNOLOGY 2014™ Opening Night Welcome Reception

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FRIDAY, MAY 2, 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM NORTH AND SOUTH GARDEN TERRACES DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER

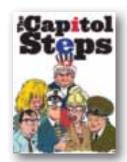


Come directly from the President's Address to the Opening Night Welcome Reception on the convention center terraces overlooking the Allegheny River and the Pittsburgh skyline. Seek out old friends and make new acquaintances with hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and music recalling the rich jazz legacy of Pittsburgh. The reception is generously supported by eBioscience to welcome you and wish you a pleasurable, productive week.

## 25th Anniversary of AAI Public Affairs, featuring The Capitol Steps

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ROOM 413/414/415 DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER

Join us for a riotously entertaining musical performance by the political satire group, The Capitol Steps, preceded by a reception celebrating the 25th anniversary of the AAI Public Affairs Program. Help AAI honor current and past members of the Committee on Public Affairs and attend the uproariously funny performance by the group who "put the MOCK in democracy." This once-in-a quarter-century event is open to all attendees, but space is limited and tickets are required (Tickets available when registering for the meeting).



\$35 for Attendees and \$50 for Guests.

### The Journal of Immunology (The JI) Editorial Board Dinner and Meeting (By invitation only)

Generously sponsored by Dartmouth Journal Services

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

This working dinner is held each year at the annual meeting to provide the Editorial Board members the valuable opportunity to meet in person to discuss items of interest and concern about *The JI*.

### President's Service Appreciation Reception (By invitation only)

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SUNDAY, MAY 4, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

At this important event, AAI leadership honors the association's dedicated member volunteers—the committee members, editors, mentors, instructors, and others—who work on the membership's behalf throughout the year by giving generously of their time in support of the AAI mission. Open to 2013-2014 AAI volunteers.

#### IMMUNOLOGY 2014<sup>™</sup> Gala

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At the Heinz History Center, you will be treated not only to a Taste of Pittsburgh at a festive reception but also to an immersion in stories of world-altering innovations tracing their origins to the Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania region—among them, Jonas Salk's polio vaccine; George Westinghouse's alternating current; new jazz styles (Bill Strayhorn, George Benson, et al.); the Ferris Wheel; the first wire-cabled suspension bridge; the first commercial radio station; the Big Mac; Klondike bars; and much more. You'll enjoy music, drinks, and hors d'oeuvres as you explore the exhibits throughout the century-old Chautauqua Lake Ice Company Building, an exhibit in itself.



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#### **SATURDAY, MAY 3**

### A New Kit for Assessing NFkB Translocation by Imaging Flow Cytometry

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 1

EMD Millipore

Presenters: Haley Pugsley, Ph.D., Application Scientist Bob Smith-McCollum, Director of Marketing

Nuclear factor kappa B (NFkB) transcription factor plays a central role in regulating many key processes in mammalian cells, including proliferation, inflammation, immunity, and stress responses. Classical biochemical techniques are semiquantitative in nature and do not provide per-cell translocation measurements. Manual microscopy allows visual identification of nuclear translocation on a per-cell basis, but an objective and statistically rigorous assessment is difficult to obtain. To overcome these problems, we use the Amnis ImageStream®X Mk II and FlowSight® imaging flow cytometry platforms, which combine the quantitative power of flow cytometry with the spatial information provided by microscopy in one system. In this workshop, we will present three case studies, demonstrating the Amnis® NFkB translocation kit for the Amnis<sup>®</sup> imaging flow cytometry platform for the monitoring of NFkB translocation in HL-60 human promyelocytic leukemia cells, THP-1 human acute monocytic leukemia cells, and peripheral blood monocytes.

### Innovative Tools and Approaches for Optimizing Multicolor Panel Design

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 2

**BD Biosciences** 

Presenters: Jurg Rohrer, Director, Research & Development

Flow cytometry has been an indispensable tool for immunologists for almost 40 years. Over time, the technology has advanced from two fluorescent parameters to 18 and counting today. These advances have also made multicolor flow cytometry more accessible to researchers worldwide. To take full advantage of these flow cytometry tools, one must consider instrument capabilities, biology and antigen expression levels, the brightness of dyes, and the consequences to spillover. One of the recent advances has been the introduction of the Brilliant Violet and Ultraviolet dyes. These bright dyes offer additional options (other than PE) when a bright reagent is required. The tutorial will highlight why it is important to base one's dye choice not only on instrument capabilities but also on the expression level of the antigen studied and the brightness of the dye. We show that by making the correct choices, one can dramatically improve resolution of the populations studied.

#### Multicolor Flow Cytometry on Your Benchtop: Introducing the Guava EasyCyte™ 12

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 1

EMD Millipore

Presenters: Jessica Reed, Product Manager Katherine Gillis, Application Scientist

Multi-laser flow cytometers can dramatically increase the capability of cell analysis. However, traditional multicolor flow cytometers have required deep expertise and exclusive dedication of user resources. In this workshop, you will learn how the simplicity of the new guava easyCyte<sup>TM</sup> 12 can further your research. The guava easyCyte<sup>TM</sup> systems are microcapillary flow cytometers that enable you to obtain absolute cell counts and use low sample volumes. Additionally, the violet laser of the guava easyCyte<sup>TM</sup> 12 system increases the amount of information you can get from each well. For analysis, guava InCyte<sup>TM</sup> software provides an easy-to-use solution capable of answering complex questions for both tube- and plate-based assays. We will dive into the guava easyCyte<sup>TM</sup> 12 system performance and examples of multicolor whole-blood immunophenotyping experiments with no compensation.

### Genomics Meets Proteomics: Detect Non-coding and Viral RNA Using Flow Cytometry

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 2

eBioscience, an Affymetrix Company

Presenters: Susan Reynolds, Applications Scientist

QuantiGene® FlowRNA enhances the understanding of transcription and gene regulation by advancing RNA detection within a single cell using a standard flow cytometer. This novel assay complements gene expression arrays by deepening the information gathered in heterogeneic cellular environments. Detection of RNA can be supplemented to many existing flow cytometry workflows to recognize transcriptional events in specific cell subsets, label cells expressing proteins for which there are limited or no commercially available antibodies, and potentially identify viral or non-coding RNA molecules. This workshop details the results of QuantiGene® FlowRNA technology currently used in the field and discusses how these approaches allow a more comprehensive look at gene expression inside an individual cell.



#### SmartFlare<sup>™</sup> Probes Enable Live Cell RNA Detection in Monocytes and Macrophages by Flow Cytometry

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 1

EMD Millipore

Presenters: Don S. Weldon, R&D

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The ability to detect gene expression in live monocytes and macrophages, as opposed to fixed or lysed cells, would uncover far more physiologically relevant information based on the cell's response to given stimuli. Here, we present SmartFlare™ probes, a novel RNA detection technology capable of detecting specific mRNA and miRNA in live cells. This technology also enables the ability to perform downstream assays such as fluorescenceactivated cell sorting (FACS) to enrich for a specific subpopulation of live cells based solely on their RNA expression profile. Following RNA detection with SmartFlare<sup>TM</sup> probes, cells remain viable and fully functional for use in downstream assays. Studying both protein and RNA in the same cells, as opposed to using duplicate wells, provides correlating data while preserving precious samples. SmartFlare™ probes can be used in conjunction with traditional antibody staining techniques to simultaneously detect mRNA and its protein product at the single cell level.

#### The Benefits of T Cell Immune Monitoring

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 2

Immudex USA

Presenters: Stephen T. Haley, Ph.D., Vice President

Cellular immune monitoring assays have become much more reliable and are now an important tool for efficient development of immunotherapeutics. This is particularly pronounced in cancer immunotherapy and HIV research, but immune monitoring is also increasingly being used in the fields of transplantation and autoimmunity. Consequences of poor assay choice, poor assay performance, or misinterpretation of data can be severe. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the various immune monitoring assays? Participation in the proficiency panel programs allows benchmarking, and enables testing of your lab's proficiency in performing the assay. Furthermore, some reagents are better than others. The higher avidity of MHC dextramer reagents, as opposed to conventional multimers such as tetramers, enables more efficient detection of antigen-specific T cells. This workshop will provide examples from cancer immunotherapy, CMV immune monitoring, as well as provide results of previous proficiency panels. The data demonstrates that cellular immune monitoring assays are now standard, robust, and routine.

#### Simplified Cellular Analysis of Routine Immunology Applications Using the Muse® Cell Analyzer

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 1

**EMD Millipore** 

Presenters: Kamala Tyagarajan, Ph.D., Senior R&D Manager

The Muse® cell analyzer is an innovative, highly compact, affordable cell analyzer that enables users of all expertise levels to access flow cytometry data easily. This workshop will focus on a range of research applications of value to the immunologist, including the easy enumeration of PBMC or whole-blood samples, determination of their viability/apoptotic status, and study of proliferation status based on Ki67 expression. Rapid assays that allow for the quick identification and enumeration of CD4 T cells, CD8 T cells, or B cells in whole blood or PBMC samples and assays that allow for the study of lymphocyte activation status based on CD69 or CD25 expression levels will also be discussed. The simple, dynamic interface of the Muse® cell analyzer, coupled with specific assays for whole blood or PBMC samples, makes the platform a valuable tool in immunology research.

#### High-Throughput Sequencing of T Cell and B Cell Receptors Using immunoSEQ

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 2

Adaptive Biotechnologies Corp.

Presenters: Catherine M. Sanders, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist

Adaptive Biotechnologies' commercial product, immunoSEQ (www.immunoseq.com), combines the capabilities of our proprietary multiplex PCR methodology with ultra-high-throughput sequencing to provide exceptionally deep access to T cell and B cell receptor repertoires. This patented technology is complemented by powerful analytical software tools that facilitate analysis, visualization, comparison, and reporting of TCR or BCR sequence data. This technology is applicable in various fields, including autoimmunity, infectious disease, vaccine development, allergy, oncology, drug development, and transplantation. Come and learn how immune profiling can be applied to your research.



#### SUNDAY, MAY 4

### The Next Generation in Acoustic Cytometry: Attune® NxT Acoustic Focusing Cytometer

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 1

Life Technologies<sup>™</sup>

Presenters: Gayle Buller, Senior Product Manager Greg Kaduchak, Engineering Leader

We will present the latest addition to the Attune® acoustic focusing cytometer family. Designed by Molecular Probes®, the affordable Attune® NxT acoustic focusing cytometer is a highperformance, multidimensional analyzer that makes the detection of rare events easier and faster with a No Wash/No Lyse assay for whole blood and an expeditious sample speed of up to 1 mL/min. The Attune® NxT system can be configured with up to four lasers, enabling the simultaneous detection of 14 fluorescent parameters and providing more flexibility in reagent selection for panel design or fluorescent protein detection. We will show examples that use acoustic focusing to enable the detection of rare events, as demonstrated by hematopoietic stem cells in whole blood, and identification of cellular subsets in whole blood and splenocytes using >10 parameters. Attune® NxT modularity allows the user to customize the system at the time of purchase and can be easily modified or upgraded in the future to meet your research needs. The Attune® NxT software is designed to make understanding your data simpler through its intuitive design, streamlined workflow, top-notch analysis speed, and complete suite of acquisition and analysis tools.

### Expanding the Boundaries of Immunology with Imaging Flow Cytometry

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 2

EMD Millipore

Presenters: Sherree Friend, Ph.D., Applications Scientist
Bob Smith-McCollum, Director of Marketing,
Cell Analysis

Imaging flow cytometry combines the speed, sensitivity, and phenotyping abilities of flow cytometry with the detailed imagery and functional insights of microscopy. The features and benefits of the Amnis ImageStreamX® Mark II and FlowSight® imaging flow cytometers will be explored. Both platforms can expand the range of your research exponentially compared with traditional flow cytometers. Amnis® instruments enable greater fluorescence sensitivity, visual verification of cell images, and quantitative image analyses. Important applications of imaging flow cytometry in immunology will also be discussed.

#### RNA in Cellular Context: Enabling Translational Research

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 1

eBioscience, an Affymetrix Company

Presenters: Matthew H. Cato, Applications Scientist

Quantify and visualize gene expression in tissue lysates, paraffinembedded tissues, or fixed cells using the power of branched DNA technology, providing signal amplification at the core of the QuantiGene® assay portfolio. Detection of multiple probes within the same sample on a Luminex® platform provides a simplified means to screen relevant RNA transcript(s) and isolate RNA presence within particular cell populations. Confirm data by measuring protein expression levels using advanced immunochemistry or flow cytometry techniques to develop a powerful, translational workflow approach that offers pertinent data in limited sample and shortened project time.

#### Phenotypic and Functional Characterization of Chemokine Receptors on Cancer Cell Lines Using Novel Antibodies

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 2

BioLegend®

Presenters: Kelly Lundsten, Business Segment Manager, Advanced Cytometry

BioLegend has generated a large library of high-affinity antibody clones against chemokine receptors. Not only is the ability to phenotype receptors important, but the blocking activity of these antibodies would be useful for in vitro studies, as well as having potential in therapeutics. The BioLegend library consists of antibodies against CCR, CXCR, and CX3CR chemokine receptor families. In this application, we screened chemokine receptor expression on 10 different human cancer cell lines. We then designed chemotaxis experiments to assess the potential blocking activity of these anti-chemokine receptor antibodies against appropriate chemokine ligands. Here, we report on unique BioLegend clones with chemotaxis blocking capacity.

#### MONDAY, MAY 5

#### High Content Cell Surface Receptor Screening Methods and Applications

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM EXHIBITOR WORKSHOP ROOM 1

BioLegend®

Presenters: Zach Bjornson, Graduate Student, Nolan Lab, Stanford University School of Medicine

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Our lab has applied LEGENDScreen™ kits in multicolor flow cytometry screening assays to identify unique markers of new cell populations, characterize and compare staining distributions between species and individuals, and study tolerance of antibody clones to different staining protocols. Additionally, by miniaturizing the protocol from 96- to 384-well plates, we have substantially reduced the number of cells and amount of materials required, allowing a scan of approximately 320 antibodies in less than two hours.

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July 12–17, 2014 • Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, California

Director: Juan Carlos Zuñiga-Pflücker, Ph.D.

University of Toronto and Sunnybrook Research Institute

#### Don't miss the most comprehensive introduction to immunology available!

This intensive two-part course, taught by world-renowned immunologists, provides a comprehensive overview of the basics of immunology. This course is for students new to the discipline or those seeking more information to complement general biology or science training. Part I (July 12–14) is a detailed introduction to the basic principles of immunology and is suitable for students with a general biology background. Part II (July 15–17) is a clinically oriented lecture series focusing on specialty areas.

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**Lewis L. Lanier,** University of California, San Francisco Innate Immunity: Introduction to the Cells

**Andrea J. Tenner,** University of California, Irvine Complement

**Gregory M. Barton,** University of California, Berkeley Innate Immunity: Introduction to Pattern Recognition and Intracellular Signaling

Wendy L. Havran, The Scripps Research Institute Introduction to Adaptive Immunity

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MHC Restriction and Thymic Selection

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Dendritic Cells: The Bridge Between Innate and Adaptive Immunity

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**Arthur Weiss,** University of California, San Francisco Signaling in the Immune System

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Putting the Pieces Back Together: Epitopes, Cell Responses, and Diseases

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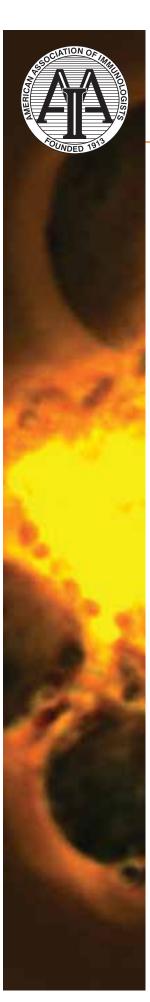
Andrew C. Chan, Genentech, Inc. Bench to Bedside to Bench: Current Issues in Immunology

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### **AAI Outreach Program**

#### **AAI Again Extends Support to Early-Career Scientists at New England and Autumn Immunology Conferences**

In its commitment to the cultivation of career opportunities for promising young scientists, AAI was pleased to provide award and session sponsorship at the New England Immunology Conference and Autumn Immunology Conference this past November. AAI congratulates the awardees as well as AAI member organizers of the conferences.

#### **New England Immunology Conference (NEIC)**

The 39th Annual NEIC was held November 2–3, 2013, at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. The conference was organized by Mark Exley (AAI '02), J. Rodrigo Mora (AAI '07), Thorsten Mempel (AAI '07), and Shannon Turley (AAI '05).

For the third year, AAI sponsored awards given at the conference. AAI Young Investigator Awards were presented to four post-doc and student winners: Alexandre Bénéchet (AAI '11), University of Connecticut Health Center; Ribhu Nayar (AAI '11), University of Massachusetts; Anna Gil (AAI '11), University of Massachusetts; and Francois Legoux (AAI '12), Massachusetts General Hospital.

Also sponsored by AAI were two Janeway Awards, named in honor of the late Charles A. Janeway (AAI '74), AAI president from 1997 to 1998. These were won by Sarah Whelan, Trinity College Dublin, and Pablo Romagnoli (AAI '07), University of Connecticut Health Center.

The broad-ranging program included sessions on lymphocyte biology at the intersection of autoimmunity, immunity, and tolerance; twenty-first century vaccines; and mucosal immunity and tolerance—the last dedicated to the memory of past NEIC organizer and AAI member Leo Lefrançois.

#### **Autumn Immunology Conference (AIC)**

Nearly 600 scientists attended the 42nd Annual AIC, held November 22–25, 2013, in Chicago. Conference Chair Maria-Luisa Alegre (AAI '97) welcomed attendees on the opening night and introduced Keynote Speaker and Past AAI President Laurie H. Glimcher (AAI '83). Among Glimcher's career accomplishments, which Alegre highlighted, was the AAI Excellence in Mentoring Award in 2008. In the keynote address, Glimcher spoke on "The ER stress sensor XBP1 in disease."

AAI, for the third year, sponsored 21 awards in support of talented trainees. Presenting the awards were Alegre, assisted by Virginia Shapiro (AAI '04), AIC awards coordinator. Recipients of the AAI Young Investigator Award were William Bowen (AAI '11), Xiufen Chen, Renee de Pooter, Akinola Emmanuel (AAI '14), Jennifer Heller (AAI '12), Kathryn Hulse (AAI '06), Igal Ifergan, Brandon Lee, Ankit Malik (AAI '12), Jeannette Messer, Mallory Paynich (AAI '14), Kamalakannan Rajasekaran (AAI '13), Justin Spanier, Stefani Spranger, Gabriel Starbeck-Miller (AAI '11), Mariko Takami, Matthew Thompson, Gregory Tietjen, Kayla Weiss (AAI '12), Michelle Xu, and Jilu Zhang (AAI '13).

AAI also continued its sponsorship of the Careers in Immunology Workshop for Undergraduates, directed this year by Heather A. Bruns (AAI '05), who has served as a panelist for the session in past years. This annual workshop provides an opportunity for undergraduate students with a demonstrated interest in immunology to learn about options for research careers in the field. The panel this year featured Calvin B. Williams (AAI '01) from the Medical College of Wisconsin, John R. Hackett (AAI '94) from



Mark Exley (far left) and Thorsten Mempel (far right) with NEIC Awardees (l-r) Ribhu Nayar, Anna Gil, Alexandre Bénéchet, François Legoux, Sarah Whelan, and Pablo Romagnoli

Abbott Laboratories, Charlotte M. Vines (AAI '05) from the University of Kansas Medical Center, and Aldo Vacaflores Salinas (AAI '14), a graduate student at the University of Iowa. In this interactive session, the panelists fielded a range of questions, from the most important criteria in choosing a graduate school to whether joint M.D.–Ph.D. programs are required training for physician scientists. The workshop was followed by a meet-and-greet session for graduate program representatives to provide students with additional information about the field and answer questions about their own institutions and programs.

The AIC continued its commitment to career development through its workshop blocks and the AIC John Wallace Diversity Program. The workshop blocks give all presenters the opportunity to speak, providing a valuable training experience for students. The annual Wallace luncheon provides the opportunity for present

Wallace scholars to meet one-on-one with AIC councillors, past Wallace scholars, and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases representatives to hear about their scientific career experiences and receive advice on a range of career issues, including research-funding opportunities.

AAI staff hosted a booth in the exhibit and poster hall. There, Jennifer Woods, membership manager, and Mary Litzinger (AAI '11), manager of educational and career development programs, engaged AIC attendees in discussion about the benefits and resources available through AAI.

Next Issue: Recent AAI Outreach Program support extended to the December "CRWAD" and January "Asilomar" meetings. Look for coverage in the May-June AAI Newsletter.



AIC Keynote Lecturer Laurie Glimcher and Conference Chair Maria-Luisa Alegre



AIC Careers in Immunology Workshop for Undergraduates Panelists (l–r, at table) Calvin Williams, Aldo Vacaflores Salinas, John Hackett, and Charlotte Vines, joined by Coordinator Heather Bruns (standing at back)



Virginia Shapiro (far left), Mary Litzinger (fourth from right), and Jennifer Woods (third from right) with AAI Young Investigator Award recipients at AIC



Mary Litzinger and Jennifer Woods at the AAI booth at AIC

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#### March 24

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- Prize/Award: Strategic research agreement funding of up to \$250,000 per year for up to two years for the study of modifications of pancreatic beta cell proteins in the pathogenesis, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of human type 1 diabetes; multi-center collaborative projects will be considered for variable budgets
- Eligibility: Applicants holding an M.D., D.M.D., D.V.M., Ph.D., or equivalent academic degree and a faculty position or equivalent at a college, university, medical school, for-profit research based organization, or other comparable institution
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### Cancer Research Institute Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Prize/Award: Up to \$164,500 over three years in research and training support per fellow, to cover stipend or salary, insurance, and other research-related expenses such as travel to meetings; each fellow works and continues training under the guidance of a leading immunologist serving as mentor, fostering the fellow's career foundation in cancer immunology
- Eligibility: Early-career postdoctoral scientists affiliated with universities and research centers in the United States and abroad who propose studies to directly impact our understanding of the immune system's role in cancer risk, tumor initiation, progression, metastasis, host response to tumors, and/or the treatment of cancer
- **Details:** http://www.cancerresearch.org/ grants-programs/grants-fellowships/ cri-irvington-postdoctoral-fellowships
- Contact: Office of Grants Administration: (212) 688-7515; grants@cancerresearch.org

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#### NIAID Primary Caregiver Technical Assistance Supplements (applications received on rolling basis, reviewed quarterly)

- Prize/Award: Grants to support postdoctoral research scientists taking care of a child or sick family member; each grant provides funds for an NIAID grantee to hire and cover salary and fringe benefits for a mid-to-senior-level technician to fill in when the caregiver needs to be away from the lab
- Eligibility: Principal investigators with at least two years of NIAID support remaining who seek supplemental funding to assist a postdoctoral researcher in need of primary caregiver technical support; the postdoctoral researcher must have at least one full year's experience at an NIAID-funded laboratory and be a primary caregiver for a child or ailing relative
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#### May 1

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- Prize/Award: Grants of \$10,000 for exploratory/feasibility studies, \$50,000 for discovery/validation studies, and pre- and post-doctoral fellowships providing \$50,000 in support of research in one of FRI's areas of interest: gastroenterology; reproductive health; urology; hepatology
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- Details: http://ferring-research.com/ferring-grants/ overview/
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- Prize/Award: A crystal award, honorarium of \$10,000, and travel to the University of Pittsburgh to receive the award and present the award lecture
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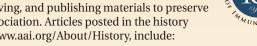


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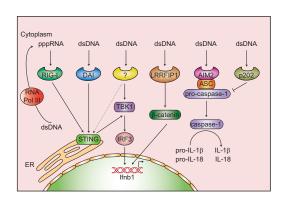
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