

NewsFlash

December 2021

EFIS President's Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we prepare to bid farewell to a second year of pandemic-imposed challenges, with this final NewsFlash of 2021 we would like to share a few final announcements, thanks from the organisers of ECI 2021, some updates from EFIS' Official Journals, and news from some of our member societies.

In particular, we would like to take the opportunity to thank René van Lier and Pablo Engel for their tremendous service to EFIS over the last nine and six years, respectively. If you're keen to learn more about their time on the EFIS Board, continue reading here. And, in closing, we want to share our warmest greetings to all for



Andreas Radbruch **EFIS President**

Acteria Doctoral Thesis Prizes: 9 Days Left!



One final, last-minute, reminder that the deadline for the submission of applications for the 2022 Acteria Doctoral Thesis Prizes in immunology and allergology expires at 12:00 AM on Friday, December 31, 2021. acteria Full details at www.acteriaprizes.net.

News from EFIS Task Forces

The yEFIS network was highlighted during meetings of the Hellenic and French societies for immunology this past month. Our network is still growing and young immunologists from Serbia have also joined our actions. We are always looking for motivated members to join our working groups. Find out more at www.yefis.org.

Day of Immunology 2022

The 2022 Day of Immunology theme is 'VACCINES'. IUIS & EFIS invite all international societies to join in the effort to increase global awareness of the importance of immunology in the fight



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against infection, autoimmunity, and cancer. Learn more here - also on how to compete for awards - and save the date: April 29, 2022.

Virtual ECI 2021



The ECI 2021 Team wishes to thank everyone for participating and for the enthusiasm and support shown during the meeting. Click here to download some comments received and some images of the congress. Remember, as well, that if you were a registered participant at Virtual ECI 2021 but missed

some of the rich lineup of plenary speakers, main and joint symposia and special sessions, just go to the virtual platform to view whatever you want on demand until December 31, 2021.

News from EFIS' Official Journals

Immunology Letters (IMLET) is pleased to share with EFIS NewsFlash readers free access to the **top five** downloaded articles in 2021, the list of which is available here. Also, as of December 1st 2021, the IMLET team is delighted to welcome Simona Sivori from the University of Genoa, Italy, and Marianne Boes from the University Medical Centre (UMC) Utrecht, Netherlands, as new Section Editors for the journal.

- European Journal of Immunology (EJI) is proud to present the third edition of Flow Cytometry Guidelines for basic and clinical immunologists written by world's leading experts
- EFIS and EJI provide financial support for immunology-themed meetings, workshops and schools, live and virtual alike
- To hear more from the Journal, connect with us on Twitter!



News from EFIS Societies

Read up on what EFIS member societies have been doing over the past few months and what's planned for 2022.



The French Society has been very active recently, with the organisation of monthly webinars titled *Les jeudis de la SFI*, increased engagement of young immunologists, and its most recent annual meeting. Details available here

A report from the Irish Society for Immunology on its First Early Career Researchers' Meeting, that took place on November 25th, 2021.Get the summary here.

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The German Society for Immunology (DGfl) invites the European immunological community to join them at one of their immunology schools, one of their study group meetings or their annual meeting, which will be held together with the Austrian Society for Allergology

and Immunology in Hannover in September 2022. DGfl members are also most welcome to apply for one of 6 Young Scientist Awards. Deadline is Jan 31, 2022. Download information and links here.

The Annual Meeting of the Portuguese Society of Immunology will be hosted in sunny Lisbon on April 20-22, 2022, covering the theme "At the Crossroads of Human Immunology". The programme includes



international invited speakers sharing their work on the most exciting challenges of human immunology. Check out the programme **here**.



The Hellenic Society of Immunology held its annual seminar in Immunology 2021, titled "Adaptive Immunity: Current approaches to cellular and molecular mechanisms". A summary of the event and the attention it attracted is downloadable **here**.

The 50th anniversary meeting of the Scandinavian Society for Immunology (SSI) took place October 19-22 this year in Aarhus, Denmark. The meeting was a great success, and it was a much anticipated and celebrated occasion to reunite with all of our friends and colleagues and to make new connections. Read more **here**. And mark your calendars for the next SSI annual meeting to be held in Reykavík, Iceland in June 2022.





The Austrian Society of Allergy and Immunology looks back to a year dedicated to its 50th anniversary. In the middle of the pandemic, the hybrid Annual ÖGAI Day was dedicated to "Planetary Health and

Immunity". A bright fire of "immune resilience" in these challenging times! Read more here.

Read a short recap **here** of the first Alicante Winter Immunology Symposium in Health - A-WISH, jointly organised by the Spanish Society of Immunology (SEI) and the University of Alicante, and held December 16-17, 2021, in Alicante, Spain.



Upcoming Deadlines

Applications for EFIS-EJI Meeting Support, including virtual/online events, EFIS-IL Short-term Fellowships, EFIS Study Groups and EFIS-IL Lecture Awards will be accepted until March 12, 2022.

Also: applications for the EFIS Eastern Star Awards will be accepted until January 31, 2022.

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