

Summary of Activities in 2013 supported by IUIS Funds

Gender Equality and Career Development (GECD) Committee

Committee Leadership

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PLEASE NOTE that you must complete the form “**Summary of Activities in 2013 Supported by IUIS Funds**”. Evidence of expenditures is required.

The summary form must be submitted annually, 2 months prior to the IUIS Council Meeting = **September 30, 2014**
If this summary is not received in time, there will be no consideration of requests for future financial support.

The next IUIS Council Meeting will take place in Nairobi, Kenya, November 30, 2014

Sent to: Olivera Finn, GECD Committee Chair

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Total amount received 2013: \$10,000

This amount was received in July 2013. In our request for 2012/2013 we had projected expenditure of \$11,000 but with \$800 left over from 2012 we were able to meet all our commitments as will be detailed below.

Total amount spent 2013: \$11,116.38

Specifics (original requests and records of wire transfers are kept by Mr. Mathew Barry, Administrator of the Department of Immunology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine):

In September 2013, \$2035.00 (plus \$35 for wire transfer) to Rashmi Tippalagamato from Sri Lanka to attend AAI Advanced Immunology course in Boston, US, in July 2013

In April 2014, \$1855.88 (plus \$35 for wire transfer) to Carolina Gorino, Argentina, to attend FOCIS course in February 2014. The money was wired to a relative in the US, Ms. Elizabeth Sisic, who was traveling to Argentina and took the money to Carolina

In May 2014, \$2085, 50 (plus \$35 for wire transfer) to Elizabeth Akiny Ochola, Kenya, to attend the AAI Basic Immunology Course in June 2014. Ms. Ochola was unable to spend money in advanced for the ticket so the ticket was purchased in the US.

In August 2014, \$2000 to Elena Gonzalez, Mexico, to attend AAI Advanced Immunology Course in Boston in July 2014.

In September 2014 (pending bank information), \$3,000 (plus \$35 for wire transfer) to Dr. Lucy Ochola, Nairobi, Kenya, for the FAIS GECD Symposium and dinner on December 5, 2014.

GECD Committee's mission is to promote women immunologists and help build their careers. The focus is on younger women scientists from the developing world. We work closely with the Education Committee to select women candidates and sponsor their attendance at various courses where in addition to learning new material, they can also form connections with other women trainees as well as lecturers. GECD also sponsors symposia and networking events at major meetings or IUIS Federations meetings.

We request written reports describing the experiences and how the women expect them to influence their future professional activities. The reports are published on the GECD website.

Because of these established commitments, which have been very highly valued and should continue but have always used up the entire \$10,000 budget, we were not able to add potentially interesting new activities. The decision made at ICI in Milano to increase our budget for 2013/2014 to \$15,000 will be a motivation to propose a new GECD activity. The Chair and Co-Chair will convene by telephone conference the members of the committee and include Dr. Mantovani, in advance of the IUIS Council meeting in Nairobi. The proposal for additional activities will be included in the committee report.



Date of Request: September 1, 2014

Signature: Olivera J Finn, PhD, Chair