

## **FIMSA 2013 report of activities**

### **Hong Kong**

1. Five research immunology seminars including 8 oversea speakers were organized by HKSI
2. HKSI Annual Scientific Meeting
3. International Summit Meeting on Immunology and Infectious Diseases in Children co-organized by HKSI and Chinese Society of Immunology (invited more than 20 oversea and local experts to deliver the lectures).

### **Taiwan**

#### **Academic Report of Chinese Immunology Society (Taiwan) for year 2013-14**

Chinese Immunology Society, Taiwan (CIS) is with a current membership of around 800. The society is committed to promote the subject of Immunology in academic and at all levels of carrier.

CIS's Annual Scientific meeting was held in Taipei in Nov 16 2013 (attendance of ~400 delegates) in conjunction with APACCI conference.

The 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting was just held in Oct. 18-19 conjunction with Inflammation and Disease Conference in National Taiwan University, Taipei (attendance of ~400 delegates).

The Cross Strait Immunology Conference (with China, Hong-Kong Immunology Society) was held at April 28-29 in National Yang-Ming University, Taipei.

The Spring Immunology Conference was held at April 13 in Taipei

Local Immunology/Rheumatology combine case conference was held every 2 months in different area of Taiwan.

We awarded 2 international travel awards for graduate students to attend international conferences

We issued a Distinguished Research Award for the member who has outstanding research performance in Immunology.

## **India**

### **Academic Report of Indian Immunology Society for year 2013-14**

Indian Immunology Society (IIS) is close to four decades old society with a current membership of around 1400. The society is committed to promote the subject of Immunology at all levels of carrier. The society takes proactive role in organizing Continue Medical Education (CME) programs in various Medical Schools, Universities and graduate & postgraduate colleges with diverse themes related to Immunology under its umbrella teaching basic courses in Immunology and Immune pathways. This helps the Doctoral students, post graduates medical students and newly appointed young teaching faculty in updating their knowledge in this area leading to formulation of cutting edge research projects. These locations are identified based on specific need to encourage medical graduates and students in the field of immunology. The CME programs held last year were at Nirma University in Ahmedabad (Gujrat), Basic Immunology course in Miranda house which is a residential college for women being one of the premier Women's Institutions of Delhi University (Delhi), Research workshop on diagnostic and therapeutic Immunology at

Department of Biochemistry, College of Medicine and JNM Hospital West Bengal University of Health Sciences, Kalyani (West Bengal) and a CME on Infectious Diseases & Immunology: an Overview at the Department of Microbiology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences at Jodhpur (Rajasthan). Apart from this the society holds its annual meetings at different locations in India in the form of Annual Conference of Indian Immunology Society (Immunoncon). The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference 'Immunocon-2013' was organized by the Department of Biochemistry, University College of Medical Sciences, University of Delhi, New Delhi and The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference 'Immunocon-2014' will be held at Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai in Nov. 2014. Teaching faculty from India and abroad are invited to share their research work and interact with students and young researchers during these national conferences and workshops. Fifth FIMSA Congress was held in AIIMS New Delhi, India

from 14-17 March, 2012 under the aegis of IIS. Travel bursaries are provided by the Indian Immunology society to the students, in order to encourage them to attend national conferences, seminars, CMEs and workshops. The 'Immunology Day' was celebrated on March 29 in many locations in the country during the last 2 years which included lectures, exhibitions, quiz contests, poster competitions with special emphasis on the involvement of young secondary grade students in order to inculcate the interest in the Immunology subject at this early stage. Most of these activities of national & International conferences and meetings are also posted on the vibrant website of our society: [www.indianimmunology.org](http://www.indianimmunology.org)

**Japan**

2013-2014 Japanese Society for Immunology (JSI) (report made on 21st October 2014)

#### 1) Annual meetings

JSI annual scientific meeting in 2013 was held in Makuhari during 11th and 13th December 2013 with the attendance of approximately 2,000 delegates.

<http://www.jsi-men-eki.org/jsi42/index.html>

JSI annual scientific meeting in 2014 will be held in Kyoto during 10th and 12th December 2013.

<http://www.jsi-men-eki.org/jsi43/index.html>

JSI provides FIMSA travel awards to young researchers, such as graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, from Asia-Oceania region outside of Japan, who submit an abstract for workshop presentation in JSI annual scientific meetings. Up to 20 researchers are awarded annually.

<http://www.jsi-men-eki.org/jsi43/e/fimsa/index.html>

#### 2) Science communications

JSI organizes science communication activity called “Men-eki Fushigi Mirai” (Immunology, Wonder and Future) annually since 2007, to cooperate the activity for the Day of Immunology organized by EFIS and IUIS. The major activity is held in summer at National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation in Tokyo, displaying educational panels as well as real lymphoid tissues and immune cells under various types of microscopes. A series of public talks are also given. It was held in

2013 on Sunday 11th August and in 2014 on Sunday 10th August. It has attracted approximately 2,000 people annually.

## **Australia**

Here is a brief report of ASI activities for the last year:

ASI's Annual Scientific meeting was held in Wellington New Zealand in Dec 2013 (attendance of ~400 delegates) The 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting will be held in conjunction with Human Leucocyte Differentiation Antigen workshop in Wollongong Day of Immunology activities were held in many locations across Australasia, including Townsville where a series of public talks were given Local (branch based) scientific meetings were held in all branches ASI launched a new, more interactive website <http://www.immunology.org.au> We introduced a new, website based, women's initiative program including a mentor/mentee system and a list of female scientists available for giving talks, arranged by field of research We awarded 20 travel bursaries to attend annual scientific meeting We awarded 11 international travel awards to attend international conferences We forged an alliance with German Immunology Society (DGFI) for a two stage joint ASI/DGFI workshop to take place in Australia (Canberra) in 2015 and Germany (Bonn) 2016, involving travel of at least 12 delegates from each society to each other.

ASI supported travel to Australasia, including visits to multiple branches, of 10 international visiting speakers.

We issued a national press release in support of government funded immunisation bonus We issued a letter of support to the Australian NHMRC in support of NHMRC-based investigation into homeopathy Strong progress has been made in

organising the International Congress of Immunology conference for 2016.

## China

### 2013 CSI report to FIMSA

In the year of 2013 Chinese Society for Immunology (CSI) co-hosted an international conference and two joint symposia, organized four serial meetings for young immunologists, cooperated with *Cell* publishing group to issue the 2013 *Spotlight on China*, and won the bidding for the host of 17<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Immunology (ICI).

“FIMSA International Symposium on Autoimmune Diseases: From Basic to Clinics” took place at Beijing Conference Center from October 17-20, 2013. It was jointly organized by FIMSA, CSI, CAMS (Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences) and PUMC (Peking Union Medical College Hospital). The academic sessions consisted of five parts (B cell in autoimmunity; Signaling in autoimmunity; T cells in autoimmunity; Therapeutics of autoimmune diseases; Regulation of autoimmune response). 26 talks were given by world-renowned immunologists and 500 participants joined this meeting.

During the 2013 AAI annual meeting (May 3-7, 2013, Hawaii) the AAI-CSI joint symposium was held on May 4 at room 316A, and it is the 6th time since CSI has been invited to host a guest society symposium in AAI annual meeting. Prof. Xuetao Cao, the president of CSI, and Prof. Olivera J. Finn from University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine co-chaired this symposium of the theme “Tumor immunology: basic aspects, microenvironment, and clinical translation”.

The 3rd CSI-GDFI (German Society for Immunology) Joint Symposium on Immunology has been held on September 14-17, 2013 in Kloster Eberbach. 24 immunologists from both sides gave talks in different fields of recent advances in basic and clinical immunology.

During 2013 CSI organized 4 serial meetings for the immunology education, including: the 3rd Excellent Young Immunologist Forum (July 7-9, 2013, Shanghai), 2013 Immunology Summer School (July 12-21, Beijing), 2nd Immunology Doctoral Forum (July 28-29, Beijing) and 4th Recent Advances Workshop on Immunology (December 20-22, Guilin).

The last two events are quite exciting for CSI. First, the 2013 *Spotlight on China* was issued with the cooperation of Cell Press and CSI. It is an informational supplement to the journal *Immunity* that captures the ongoing progress in immunology research in China. Second, at 15th IUIS General Assembly (August 22, 2013, Milan) CSI won the bidding for the host of 17<sup>th</sup> ICI, and the Congress will be held in Beijing in 2019.

## **Singapore**

In 2013-2014, our society had organized annual international scientific symposiums and seminar series.

The 2nd SIgN-iFReC Winter School held by the Singapore Immunology Network (SIgN) in Jan 2013.