

Request for Funds 2015

Gender Equality and Career Development Committee (GEC)

Committee Leadership:

Olivera J. Finn, Committee Chair

Committee Members:

Narinder Mehra, Committee Co-Chair
Franca Ronchese, Member
Anna Erdel, Member
Jeffrey Frelinger, Member
Rudolf Valenta, Member
Xuetao Cao, Member

Sent to: Olivera Finn, GECD Committee Chair

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Please complete this form and email to: iuis-central-office@kit-group.org

Amount allocated for 2014: \$10,000

Allocated amount for 2015: \$15,000

Amount projected for 2016: \$15,000

Please fill and submit the accompanying spreadsheet “IUIS Committee Annual Report”:

Tab 1. Mission and Objectives

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 from the awardees describing their experiences and how they expect them to influence their future professional activities. The reports are published on the GECD website.

Our committee has been active for four years. In that time we have supported travel for training of 16 individuals. We are planning on developing a method by which we can judge our success. We will be contacting those whom we supported in the first two years to report their progress and to hear from them if they think they are advancing in their careers. We will ask them to report on the barriers they have encountered and if having attended the courses has given them any advantage.

Tab 2. 2014 Activities/ Budget/ Communication – Results and Outcomes (Please include receipts corresponding to last year’s funds)

We received \$15,000 on September 5, 2014. Since then we have supported two types of activities – attendance to immunology courses and gender symposia at federation meetings. As one new initiative, we supported the establishment of a website hosted on the official website of the AustraloAsian Society of Immunology.*

Travel to Courses:

Drs. Georgiana Roxana Dumitrascu and Adriana Narcisa Munteanu from Romania to attend the Ruggero Ceppellini School of Immunology in December 2014- \$1,535

Dr. Tufaria Mussa from Mozambique to attend the FOCIS course in February 2015 - \$2,035

Dr. Josiane Honkpehedji from Gabon to attend the AAI Basic Immunology Course in June 2015 - \$2093.12

Dr. Luz Stella Rodriguez Camacho from Colombia to attend the AAI Advanced Immunology in August 2015 - \$842.64

Gender Symposia

Organized at FAIS in Nairobi, Kenya, in December 2014 - \$2,500

Organized at Immunocolombia 2015, in October 2015 - \$2,500

Other expenses

Support for the Women in Immunology website - \$1500

Airline ticket for Dr. Finn, GEC Chair, to attend IUIS Committee Chairs meeting, the IUIS Council meeting, to teach in the IUIS course on Immunoregulation and to run the GEC Symposium at Immunocolombia2015 - \$989.20

A plaque for Dr. Nancy Saravia in appreciation of her participation as the keynote speaker at the GEC symposium at Immunocolombia2015 - \$83.02

Tab 3. 2015 Activities/ Budget/ Communication – Update to year-end projection

To date we have spent \$14,077.98 from our 2014/2015 budget of \$15,000. Copies of all receipt are kept by Mr. Matt Barry, Department of Immunology Administrator, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine as well as the university accounting office through which the wire transfers were sent.

Tab 4. 2016 Activities/ Budget/ Communication – Proposal

We have around \$10,000 as fixed costs related to the FOCIS, AAI and Ruggero Ceppellini Immunology Courses. The other \$5,000 goes to other activities. This budget year we supported GEC symposia at two federation meetings. In 2016 we will have the ICI and could organize a very high visibility event highlighting the gender issues. This is under discussion with the GEC committee members and the ICI organizers. It will be discussed at the next Council meeting as well. We request the same budget for 2015/2016.

Gender Equality and Career Development (GEC) Committee bank account details:

Bank name: Mellon Bank

Bank Code:

Bank address: 500 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Account Holder Name: University of Pittsburgh

Reference: Finn-IUIS-ext87607

Account no.:001-5510


ABA Routing Number: 043000261

SWIFT/BIC: MELNUS3P

The summary form must be submitted annually, at least 6 weeks prior to the IUIS Council Meeting = **September 1, 2015**

The next IUIS Council Meeting will take place in Medellin, Colombia, October 13, 2015

Date of Request: September 6, 2015

Signature:  _____