**Relevant IUIS constitutional paragraph:**

3.2 The Vice-President shall hold office for about 3 years, normally then becoming President.

3.3.2 The Vice-President shall substitute for the President at the request of the latter or if the latter is unable to discharge his/her duties.

**Personal description by the 2013-2016 IUIS Vice-President:**

The office of the Vice-President (VP) is the first 3-year term of three that a person will take on the IUIS Executive Committee (ExCo). This is normally followed with presidency and past-presidency. Please refer to statements of President Jorge Kalil

My service as Vice President included a strong interaction with the President and the ExCo. As a strategic choice, we made an effort, personally or through Sumiko, to establish closer ties with committees. The function required participation in monthly teleconferences and ad hoc meetings. I found it challenging to be part of strategic choices, such as the decision to hold the Council in Nairobi in spite of (actually because of!) the uncertainties related to Ebola and security; to start interacting with KIT as provider, to interact with the ICI 2016 organizers to ensure a balanced program. Living the IUIS dimension broadened my vision of immunology as a global enterprise. The IUIS experience was most rewarding in terms of human interactions.

2013-2016 Vice-President: Alberto Mantovani