

## IUIS Council Member Description

### Personal description by the Candidate for 2019-2022 Council:

Since 1986, I have been a member of international Immunology Societies: the DGfI (German Immunology Society), Swiss Society of Allergology and Immunology (where I was awarded the Ferdinand Wortmann Price in 2000), the Australasian Society of Immunology (ASI) and I am honorary member of the Cuban Immunology Society since 2001. Within the ASI, I served as QLD councilor (2004-2005) and as the Convener of the ASI International Visiting Speaker Program (2005-2015). I have contributed to 4 ICIs (Berlin, Budapest, Kobe, Melbourne), two sets regional immunology meetings (European Federation of Immunological Societies, EFIS and the Latin American Society for immunology, ALAI), in addition to over 20 national annual immunology societies meeting.

My experience working within immunological societies in three continents has provided me with a very comprehensive understanding of the educational needs that researchers (and clinicians) face in the current scientific environment.

The growing prominent role of immunotherapy fits quite well with the main areas of my research interests, which are DC biology in cancer and cancer immunotherapy. This alignment favourably allows me to contribute on the planning and support of educational and training activities for future immunologists

I have been the ASI representative to IUIS since 2016 and have enjoyed having the privilege to support the profession from this role. During my tenure, I have been an active and participating member of the *Education committee*, the *Immunopaedia advisory board*, and founding member of the *Publications committee*. I have also regularly written "*The IUIS corner*", the ASI Newsletter section highlighting IUIS activities. This space has facilitated the awareness of the IUIS role among the ASI membership. My continuity in the role will facilitate completing and furthering the initiated tasks within IUIS and its committees as well as strengthening the links between ASI and IUIS.



Candidate for 2019-2022 Council: **Jose Alejandro Lopez**