

IUIS Executive Committee Candidate

Personal description by the Candidate for 2019-2022 Secretary-General:

In 2016, I was fortunate to be elected to the role of Secretary-General for IUIS. In the two years since, I have been part of a vibrant and action-oriented executive council and I would like to continue to contribute in this role for a further three years to achieve my long term goals for the Society.

It has been a privilege to serve on the Executive Council of IUIS, and to be part of a truly international society, even if it means teleconferences are in the middle of the night. I have seen a change in the perception of IUIS from a society with general oversight, to one that is active and has a plan for improving immunology knowledge, research and partnerships around the world. I have learnt a lot about how the society runs and have developed functional and personal relationships with the Committee Chairs and Council Members. I would like to continue to be involved in improving IUIS communication and transparency.

A major role of the Secretary-General is to liaise with IUIS Executive Council, Council, Committee Chairs, Regional Federations as well as foster and support our external relationships with World Health Organisation (WHO), the International Science Council (ISC) and Frontiers in Immunology, amongst others. Since election in 2016, I have re-established formal relationships with both WHO and Frontiers in Immunology. I also established the newest IUIS Committee – Publications – whose main focus has been establishment of the IUIS-sponsored Research Topics in Frontiers in Immunology, a source of revenue for IUIS; I am currently Vice-chair of this committee. The Publications committee will take stewardship over all communication platforms for IUIS and I have been working to begin this process. I have sought individuals to lead aspects of IUIS's activities, such as a Day of Immunology liaison. Finally, I have been leading, with K.I.T, the development and upgrade of a new IUIS website.

My goals for the 2020-2022 term are focussed mostly on using the relationships I have established in my current term to:

1. Develop an IUIS policy on gender and geographical representation at meetings by member societies and federations,
2. Improve communication by establishing a better social media presence, promotion of scholarships, opportunities and conferences on the new website,
3. Incorporate new website content, including educational webinars, education resources, and to provide a repository of useful publications for IUIS members,
4. To streamline communication within IUIS – including regular updates on activities, and to provide easy access to previous policies, strategies and documentation, at both Council and member society levels – improving transparency on IUIS operations is important if members are to see value in the society,
5. Define a working relationship with the International Science Council, specifically the CODATA project, developing policies for use and storage of “big data”, and

6. Better define membership categories in IUIS to formalise relationships with societies such as FOCIS and SITC

I would also like to complete the work I began in my current term, specifically to:

1. Continue and formalise relationships with WHO, using our joint expertise to improve education and training in immunology in developing countries,
2. Improve communication and function of Council, including better definitions of roles and potential contributions,
3. Improve IUIS visibility with Frontiers in Immunology, and create new initiatives such as webinars, in partnership with Frontiers,
4. Complete the website upgrade and oversee the transition from the current website, and
5. Support the organisation of IUIS2022 in Capetown.

I ask for your vote as Secretary-General for 2020-22. For me, being an IUIS officer is not just a political appointment, but a mandate for active engagement to improve the IUIS. I look forward to fulfilling my goals for the Society.



Candidate for 2019-2022 Secretary-General: **Roslyn Kemp**

