



4th European Congress
of Immunology
Vienna 2015

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

In less than 3 months from now, the **4th European Congress of Immunology 2015 (ECI 2015)** will take place in Vienna, Austria (www.eci-vienna2015.org). With this letter we would like to encourage you to actively participate in ECI 2015.

Let us take this opportunity to kindly remind you that there is still plenty of time to submit your distinguished research in form of an abstract to ECI 2015:

- 1. Late abstract submission deadline has been extended until July 15, 2015!**
- 2. Besides the possibility for poster presentations, a significant number of oral presentations (48 presentations) will be assigned to late abstract submitters!**

In fact, there are several very good reasons to attend ECI 2015:

During the past 18 months, the scientific program committee has developed a very attractive **4-track structure** for the meeting covering the topics of *innate immunity*, *adaptive immunity*, *diseases of the immune system* and *immune interventions*.

Delegates will hear about the latest findings and developments in basic and applied immunology within **39 symposia**, **72 workshops**, and, so far, **more than 2200 poster presentations** and will have the chance to interact with partners from industry in a very attractive **industry exhibition**. Moreover, **plenary lectures** will bring all attendees together once a day during the four-day congress.

The 2015 plenary lectures will be given by four highly renowned immunologists: **Klaus Rajewsky** (B cell development and immunological memory), **Fiona Powrie** (Intestinal homeostasis and its breakdown), **Luke O'Neill** (The Inflammasome) and **Carl June** (Cancer Therapy).

In addition, **8 joint symposia** together with societies with a strong relationship to immunology (ESID, EAACI, ISAC, EULAR, WAO, AAI, IUIS, SMI) will stimulate scientific discussion and exchange at the highest level.

Last but not least, ECI 2015 takes place in Vienna, a city unmatched for its cultural heritage but also its modern lifestyle.

Historically, the success of previous ECIs was due, in part, to the unifying agreement among the majority of EFIS member societies to proactively motivate their members to attend the respective ECI and to make it to **THE meeting point for European immunologists**. This is very important, because the majority of EFIS member societies are not holding an annual meeting in the year of an ECI. This pan-European attitude, but certainly no less the excellent science presented and discussed, makes ECI the key appointment for the immunology community.

We thank you very much in advance for considering **ECI 2015 also as your number-one immunology event in 2015** and are very much looking forward to welcoming you in Vienna, *Vienna waits for You!*

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