

NEWS BULLETIN

INNATE IMMUNITY UPDATES

Welcome to the iSTAR News Bulletin, your go-to source for the latest updates in the European Innate Immunity community. This bulletin brings you key events, career opportunities, and unique resources to support your research and professional journey. Whether you're searching for upcoming conferences, job openings, or cutting-edge research tools, you'll find everything you need right here.

We encourage group leaders, students, and industry professionals to get involved and help us expand and strengthen the iSTAR community. For more information, visit our website [here](#).

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Opportunities

Your Turn on the Mic

Career Development Podcast

The iSTAR Young Study Group is gearing up for Season 2 of *Climbing the Immunological Ladder: Steps for Success in Science* - our podcast dedicated to career development in immunology and inflammation. Building on a successful first season, the podcast continues to spotlight candid conversations with invited guests about their career paths, lessons learned, and practical advice for young researchers. We invite ySG members to join as interviewers, working in pairs to host 30-45 minute episodes. Questions are prepared in advance, and episodes are released on Spotify and promoted through iSTAR channels. This is a great opportunity to strengthen science communication skills, connect with leaders in the field, and contribute to a growing resource designed to empower the next generation of scientists. If you are interested in joining, please contact us at [ySG](#).

Call for enlisting

International Support Team (IST)

The IST provides experienced investigators and group leaders from non-European countries the opportunity to participate in iSTAR's activities and be involved in shaping its future. Members are listed on the iSTAR website with links to their group's websites, get priority for presenting at iSTAR annual seminar series and forums. They can share job postings, resources, and event announcements in the monthly News Bulletin and stay updated on iSTAR activities. Membership is €50 annually with a 50% discount for participants of the iSTAR 2026 Forum in Vilnius. For more details please see [IST](#).

Save the Date

iSTAR at WCI 2026

EFIS and iSTAR will host a symposium at the World Congress of Inflammation (WCI) 2026 in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil.

The symposium "Regulatory Effectors in Inflammation and Autoimmunity" will include presentations by

Ari Waisman (University of Mainz)

Aging-associated microbiota drives Treg cell dysfunction

Amiram Ariel (University of Haifa)

Biased STING agonism - a novel strategy to treat inflammatory and fibrotic disorders

Zeinab Abdullah (University of Bonn)

More trouble with IFN- λ ; obesity hampers liver regeneration through IFNAR signalling

Masaru Ishii (University of Osaka, Japan)

TBD

This landmark meeting brings together three major events: the 17th World Congress of Inflammation (IAIS), the 11th Inflammata – Brazilian Society of Inflammation, and the 50th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Immunology – ImmunoFoz. See more details [here](#).

News

ySG Podcast: Climbing the Immunological Ladder

The iSTAR young Study Group has launched the 2nd season of *Climbing the Immunological Ladder: Steps for Success in Science*. This unique podcast educates early-career researchers in immunology and inflammation and allows them to plan their career based on veteran experience.

Each 30-45 minute episode features interviews with invited scientists, sharing career journeys, tips for success, and guidance for young researchers. Episodes are hosted by ySG members, offering a unique opportunity to develop science-communication and interviewing skills.

All episodes can be found [here](#).

Recent episodes cover conversations with [Georg Schett](#) and [Ira Tabas](#).

Stay tuned for upcoming episodes with [Valerie Horsley](#) and [Liz Kovacs](#)!

Interested in joining as an interviewer or podcast editor? Contact us at [ySG](#).

Stay tuned for more!

ySG Podcast Sponsorship & Travel Award

The iSTAR board is pleased to announce a new sponsorship agreement with Heel Pharmaceuticals. This support will cover the ySG podcast expenses and fund a €1,000 travel award to attend the joint RSD5-iSTAR 4th Forum in Costa Brava, Spain. A new competition will be launched soon, following the success of last year's "Vying for Vancouver" initiative. Details on the competition theme, eligibility, and judging process will be announced shortly - **stay tuned!**

Events

Welcome to WCI 2026

The 17th World Congress of Inflammation (IAIS) joins forces with the 11th Inflammata – Brazilian Society of Inflammation and the 50th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Immunology – ImmunoFoz in a landmark edition of WCI 2026.

This special gathering brings together researchers, healthcare professionals, and students from Brazil and across the globe to explore the latest advances in inflammation, immunology, and chronic inflammatory diseases.

The program is designed to spark scientific exchange, foster collaboration, and highlight translational research with real impact on public health; aligned with the principles of Brazil's SUS healthcare system.

See [here](#) for more information.

We look forward to inspiring days of learning, sharing, and building partnerships that will shape the future of science and society.



Mark your calendars for the joint 5th Resolution Days and 4th iSTAR Forum in Costa Brava, Spain

The Conference will take place **12–16 April 2027** at the Eden Roc Hotel, Costa Brava, Spain. Centered on the theme: *"The Resolution of Inflammation: New Avenues and Opportunities for Innovative Therapeutics,"* the meeting will bring together leading international researchers to discuss the latest advances in innate immunity, resolution biology and their translation into novel therapeutic strategies.

The conference promises a stimulating scientific program and valuable opportunities for collaboration within the inflammation and immunology communities.

5th RESOLUTION DAYS
The resolution of inflammation,
new avenues and opportunities for
innovative therapeutics?

**April
12-16th, 2027**
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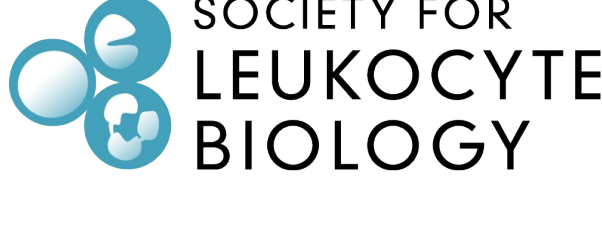
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