



The EFIS-affiliated Study  
Group on innate immunity  
in Sterile Inflammation,  
Autoimmunity, and their  
Resolution (iiSIAR)



# NEWS BULLETIN

## INNATE IMMUNITY UPDATES

Welcome to the iiSIAR 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 iiSIAR community. For more information, visit our website [here](#).**

**To join the email list (free) please click [here](#) or scan QR code below:**



## Opportunities

### Your Turn on the Mic

#### Career Development Podcast

The iiSIAR 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 iiSIAR 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

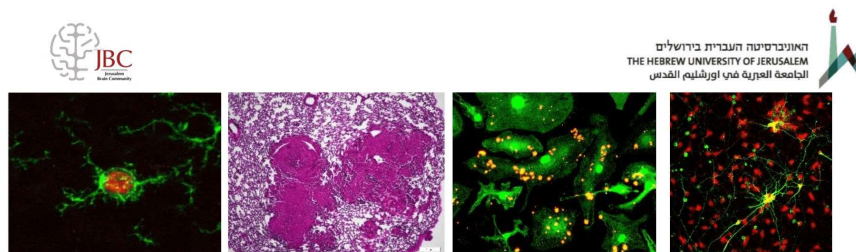
#### International Support Team (IST)

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

### New PhD/Postdoc Opportunity: Exploring the Link Between Inflammation and Coagulation

The laboratory of Prof. Tal Burstyn-Cohen at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is seeking highly motivated PhD students and postdoctoral researchers to join a fully funded project exploring the intersection of inflammation and coagulation.

The research centers on the TAM receptor-ligand signaling pathway—Tyro3, Axl, MerTK and their ligands GAS6 and Protein S (PROS1)—which regulates both immune



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## Save the Date

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### The iiSIAR Forum 2026 in Vilnius

Registration is still open for the 3rd iiSIAR Forum which will take place May 11–13, 2026, in Vilnius, Lithuania. It will be hosted by the Lithuanian Society of Immunology and Vilnius University, one of the oldest universities in Eastern Europe (founded in 1579). The meeting will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn, Vilnius City Center. The program will include oral presentations from keynote speakers and submitted abstracts. Senior and Junior researchers are invited to showcase their studies. The Forum will host Speakers from the Society for Leukocyte Biology, the Inflammation Research Association and the Eicosanoid Research Foundation as part of its collaborative mission. A special issue at the Journal of Leukocyte Biology will be devoted to manuscripts submitted by Forum participants.

**Registrants from abroad can apply for travelling fellowships from EFIS-EJL of up to 300 Euro during the registration process.**

See below for more information.

### iiSIAR at WCI 2026

EFIS and iiSIAR 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)**

Pathogenic and regulatory T-cell development in CNS autoimmunity

**Amiram Ariel (University of Haifa)**

Myeloid regulators in inflammation resolution and tissue fibrosis

**Zeinab Abdullah (University of Bonn)**

TLR-driven mechanisms in autoimmunity during chronic HIV

**José Carlos Alves Filho (University of São Paulo)**

TBA

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

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### EU-RESOLVE key updates

The EU-RESOLVE Management Committee is delighted to announce the opening of calls for Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) and Travel Grants for the current Grant Period. These opportunities support collaborative research visits and enable Young Researchers and Innovators to participate in EU-RESOLVE–relevant meetings, conferences, and training activities, with a strong encouragement for applicants from Inclusiveness Target Countries. The call opened on 1 January 2026 and **closes on 15 February 2026**, with applications submitted via the [e-COST platform](#). Eligible researchers are warmly encouraged to apply and make the most of these funding opportunities.

For more info, please click [here](#) or contact:

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### ySG Podcast: Climbing the Immunological Ladder

The iiSIAR Young Study Group will release the 2nd season of *Climbing the*

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 [Angel Porgador](#), [Steffen Jung](#), and [Leila Akkari](#).

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

### **iiSIAR Upcoming Virtual Seminar Series Speakers Announced**

We are delighted to announce the speaker lineup for the upcoming iiSIAR Virtual Seminar Series. Click [here](#) to see the full 2025-26 program and mark your calendars to join us for another round of cutting-edge talks and discussions. Join our [email list](#) to get updates and reminders of the seminars content.

The 20th virtual seminar will take place on Wednesday, 4 February 2026, at 4:00 PM CET and will feature two outstanding speakers.

Prof. Sylvia Knapp (Vienna, Austria) will present “Determinants of pulmonary immune homeostasis,” followed by Prof. Sanja Arandjelovic (Charlottesville, VA, USA) with a talk titled “ELMO1’s role in innate immune functions.”

The session is open to all and can be accessed via the EFIS Virtual Seminars platform. Interested participants are encouraged to join the EFIS Study Group mailing list for updates on future activities and to check the News Bulletin for upcoming events.

### **Call for ySG Participants: Career Development Podcast**

The iiSIAR Young Study Group - composed of postdoctoral fellows and PhD students - has launched *Climbing the Immunological Ladder: Steps for Success in Science*, a podcast focused on career development in immunology and inflammation.

We are inviting ySG members to take part as interviewers. Participants will work in pairs to host 30–45 minute conversations with invited guests, exploring their career paths, tips for success, and advice for young researchers. Questions are prepared in advance, and recordings will be shared on Spotify and promoted through iiSIAR channels.

This is a great opportunity to gain experience in science communication and contribute to a resource designed to empower the next generation of scientists. If you are interested in joining the podcast team, please contact us at [ySG](#).

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## **Events**

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### **Mark Your Calendars: iiSIAR Heads to Historic Vilnius in 2026**

The 3rd Forum of the EFIS Study Group on Innate Immunity in Sterile Inflammation, Autoimmunity, and their Resolution (iiSIAR) will take place on May 11–13, 2026, in Vilnius, Lithuania.

This meeting will be hosted by the Lithuanian Society of Immunology in collaboration with Vilnius University, one of the oldest universities in Eastern Europe (founded in 1579). It will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn, Vilnius City Center.

The program will include oral presentations, with a preliminary agenda posted at [Forum Program](#). Information on traveling fellowships from the COST action and EFIS will be provided at a later date.

We warmly invite you to join us in Vilnius, a vibrant capital city with a beautifully preserved Old Town, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and a rich blend of historical charm and modern culture.

Click [here](#) to register and/or submit an abstract. We look forward to welcoming you in Vilnius.



# iISiAR VILNIUS 2026

May 11–13, 2026  
Hilton Garden Inn,  
Vilnius City Centre



## Welcome to WCI 2026

The 17th World Congress of Inflammation (IAIS) joins forces with the 11th Inflammation – 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.



# WCI 2026

17<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Inflammation  
11<sup>th</sup> Inflamm (SBI)  
50<sup>th</sup> ImmunoFoz (SBI)

September 8-12, 2026  
Foz do Iguaçu - Brazil

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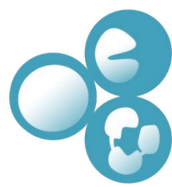


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