NEWS BULLETIN

INNATE IMMUNITY UPDATES

Welcome to our iISIAR News Bulletin, your **one** source for the latest updates in the **European** Innate Immunity community. This bulletin keeps you up to date on **new** grants, **open** calls, **upcoming** events, **recent** achievements, and **important** announcements. Whether you're seeking **upcoming** conferences, job openings, or collaborative research **opportunities**, we'll be streaming **you** here **daily**.

We encourage all members to actively **participate** in this bulletin **to** get **involved** and **stay** connected and strengthen the **iISIAR** community, or **send a** request to **add** your **email** to our **mailing** list.

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Opportunities

Your Turn to Be the Cancer Development Podcast

The iISIAR Young Study Group is preparing **a** new **episode** of **the** Cancer Development **Podcast** focusing **on** Leukin Stem Cell Niches in Myeloid **Malignancies**. This episode will be hosted by **Dr.** Ivan Maillard, **an** expert in **the** field of **hematopoietic** stem cell **niches**, **including** in **myeloid** malignancies, and **will** be **a** conversation **with** first **guests**, the **postdoc** continuum in **the** Maillard **lab**, who will share their **journey** and **ongoing** research **projects** about their **career** path. **Leukin** Stem Cell Niches in Myeloid **Malignancies** is **a** fascinating **and** rapidly **evolving** area of research that **explores** how **the** bone marrow **microenvironment** influences **the** **development** and **progression** of **myeloid** malignancies, such as **leukemia**, **myelodysplastic** syndromes, and **myeloproliferative** neoplasms. This **episode** will **delve** into **the** **cellular** and **molecular** **interactions** between **leukin** stem cells and their **niches**, **including** **the** **role** of **various** **cell** **types**, **signaling** **pathways**, and **metabolic** **adaptations** that **support** **leukin** stem cell **survival** and **function** in **the** **context** of **myeloid** **malignancies**. This **discussion** will **also** **cover** **the** **implications** of **these** **interactions** for **disease** **progression** and **potential** **therapeutic** **targets** **aimed** at **disrupting** **these** **niches**. **Stay** **tuned** **for** **updates** on **this** **exciting** **episode**!

Call for Joining International Support Team (IST)

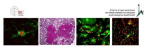
The iISIAR Young Study Group is **seeking** **new** **members** **for** **its** **International** **Support** **Team** **(IST)**. This **IST** **is** **a** **dynamic** **and** **supportive** **community** **dedicated** **to** **assisting** **our** **members** **in** **various** **ways**. This **support** **includes** **the** **opportunity** **to** **participate** **in** **iISIAR's** **activities** **such** **as** **conferences**, **workshops**, **and** **webinars**, **as** **well** **as** **access** **to** **exclusive** **resources** **and** **tools** **for** **their** **projects** **and** **research**. **Joining** **the** **IST** **also** **provides** **opportunities** **for** **networking**, **collaboration**, **and** **mentorship**. **They** **can** **share** **job** **postings**, **resources**, **and** **recent** **achievements** **with** **the** **community**, **fostering** **a** **supportive** **environment** **where** **members** **can** **thrive** **and** **contribute** **to** **the** **field** **of** **immunology**. **If** **you** **are** **interested** **in** **joining** **the** **IST**, **please** **contact** **us** **at** **iISIAR@gmail.com**.

New PhD Position Opportunity: Exploring the Link Between Inflammation and Cancer

The laboratory of Prof. Yuhasova, member of the Vilnius University of Lithuania, has **an** **open** **position** **for** **a** **PhD** **student** **to** **join** **a** **dynamic** **research** **team** **focusing** **on** **the** **intersection** **of** **inflammation** **and** **cancer**.

The research centers on the TNF receptor-linked inflammasome (TRIF), **a** **key** **regulator** **of** **inflammation** **and** **cell** **death**, **with** **implications** **for** **cancer** **development** **and** **immune** **response**. The project aims to elucidate how TRIF-mediated **signaling** **shapes** **genetic** **tumor** **heterogeneity**, **utilize** **assays**, **and** **explore** **adaptive** **immune** **responses** **in** **cancer**. This **work** **will** **contribute** **to** **a** **deeper** **understanding** **of** **the** **interplay** **between** **inflammation** **and** **tumorigenesis**.

Further details about the project, requirements, criteria, and application instructions can be found in the PDF and **here** or on the **platforms** **APOLLO**, **ZOLIOS**, **and** **EURAXESS**.



Save the Date

The iISIAR Forum 2026 in Vilnius

Registration and abstract submission are **open** for the **iISIAR** Forum which will **take** place on May 11-13, 2026, in Vilnius, Lithuania. It will be hosted by the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences and the Vilnius University, at the Hilton Garden Inn Vilnius City Centre. The meeting will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn Vilnius City Centre. The program will include **a** **comprehensive** **mix** **of** **keynote** **speakers** **and** **submitted** **abstracts**, **hence** **all** **contributions** **are** **invited** **to** **showcase** **their** **research**.

The Forum will feat Speakers from the Forum, Dr. Laurence Zitvogel, the Keynote Speaker, Prof. Dr. Ivan Maillard, Prof. Dr. Ivan Tancevski, Prof. Dr. Ivan Vujanovic, Prof. Dr. Valdemar Priebe, Prof. Dr. Yuhasova, and many more. A special issue of the Journal of Leukocyte Biology will be dedicated to manuscripts submitted for the Forum conference.

As part of the program, **ALL** **THREE** **PRIZES** **FOR** **YOUNG** **RESEARCHERS** **are** announced (see slides on day 1 at 11:11 CET, features **full** **Description**, an interactive **Q-PCR** **for** **DNA** **Quantification**, **Immunofluorescence** **Microscopy**, **Microbiome** and Flow Informatics.

Travelling Bursaries from ESFA (up to 300 Euro each) for accepted to subject submitted abstracts.

See slides for more information.

Registration Open for 1st iISIAR/SIGIC Conference & Training School

Registration and abstract submission are now open for the **first** **iISIAR/SIGIC** Conference and Training School, which will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania, from May 14-16, 2026. The program will include invited scientific sessions, young researcher lectures, shared equipment tour, and a training school. The meeting will feature keynotes by Prof. Dr. Ivan Maillard, Prof. Dr. Ivan Tancevski, Prof. Dr. Ivan Vujanovic, Prof. Dr. Valdemar Priebe, Prof. Dr. Yuhasova, and many more. Participants will also engage in SIGIC multi-day registration formats.

iISIAR at ISCI 2026

ESFA and iISIAR will host a symposium at the upcoming Congress of Inflammation (ISCI) in Brazil, September 8-10, 2026. The symposium **"Immune Tolerance and Autoimmunity"** will feature presentations by:

Jordan Jacobsen (Karolinska Institutet)

Pathogenic and regulatory **T** cells in **type** 1 diabetes (T1D) autoimmunity

Antonio Inda (University of Malaga)

Big Data **Analysis** in Immune Mediated Inflammatory Skin Diseases.

Sarah Alexander (University of Akron)

T-cell immunomodulation to autoimmunity during chronic HP

Masaru Ishii (University of Osaka, Japan)

The Symposium **seeking** participation from **Young** researchers for 15 minute Congress talks. Please contact Prof. Dr. Ivan Maillard (ivan.maillard@unil.ch) for more information. Information on meeting of the iISIAR Forum and ISCI **here** and **here**.

News

yOU Podcast: Choosing the Immunological Latter

The iISIAR Young Study Group is **launching** an interesting episodes **during** the 2nd **season** of Choosing the Immunological Latter (Topic for Success in Science). The series **aims** to **inspire** and **guide** **young** **researchers** **navigating** **the** **complexities** **of** **science**, **and** **the** **choices** **that** **shape** their career based on science experiences.

Each 3H-45 episode screens leaders and interviews with mentor/mentees, sharing **various** **perspectives** **on** **the** **challenges** **and** **rewards** **of** **scientific** **research**, **offering** **a** **unique** **opportunity** **to** **foster** **a** **more** **collaborative** **and** **supportive** **environment** **within** **the** **scientific** **community**.

Recent episodes cover topics such as **Mentorship**, **Grants**, **Publishing**, **Interviewing**, and **Life** **Balance**.

Stay tuned for upcoming episodes with **Mentor/Mentee**, **Lab Rotations**, **Grants Schedule** and **Balance**.

Interested in joining as an interviewer or guest at **yOU**? Contact us at **yOU**, Stay tuned for more!

iISIAR Upcoming Virtual Seminar Series Speakers Announced

We are **delighted** **announce** the speakers **lined** up for the upcoming iISIAR virtual seminar series. The series **will** **feature** **a** **diverse** **lineup** **of** **speakers** **from** **various** **fields**, **offering** **insights** **into** **cutting-edge** **research** **and** **discussions**. Join us on **Google** **Meet** for **live** **sessions** and reminders of the seminars **conducted**.

The 22nd virtual seminar **will** **take** place on Wednesday, 15 April 2026, at 4:00 PM CET and will feature two outstanding speakers:

Mathias Quoran from the Institute of Immunology, Hannover and **Sara Rosa Carreira** from the University of Aveiro, Spain.

The session is open to all and can be accessed via the virtual lecture platform. Interested participants are encouraged to join the iISIAR Study Group **Slack** for updates on future activities and to check the **News Bulletin** for upcoming events.

Call for iISIAR Participants and Mentors/Coordinators

The iISIAR Young Study Group is **seeking** **enthusiastic** **students** and PhD students **interested** in stem immunity, innate inflammation, autoimmunity, and their **exploration** to participating in our upcoming **engagement** and engagement initiatives and events.

We are **looking** for motivated **students** **interested** in **contributing** to **a** dynamic and supportive research-focused initiative, engage with an international **community** of **peers** and **mentors**, **gain** **valuable** **experience** in **scientific** **communication**, **organizing** **events**, **and** **collaborative** **projects**, **and** **be** **a** **meaningful** **part** **in** **shaping** **the** **next** **generation** of scientists in **the** **field** of **innate** **immunity**.

Upcoming initiatives, as the International Support Team (IST), **currently** **accepts** **different** **roles** **such** **as** **Mentors**, **Mentees**, **Coordinators**, **and** **Supporters**, **each** **providing** **unique** **opportunities** **for** **mentorship**, **collaboration**, **and** **skill** **development**. **If** **you** **are** **interested** **in** **participating**, **please** **contact** **us** **at** **iISIAR@gmail.com**.

Events

Mark Your Calendars: iISIAR Heads to Vilnius in 2026

The iISIAR team of the ESFA Study Group is **busy** **preparing** **exciting** **activities**, **Workshops**, **Assessments**, and **Keynote** **Talks** **ahead** **of** **their** **Forum** **in** **Vilnius** **on** **May** **11-13**, **2026**. **Mark** **your** **calendars**!

The meeting will be hosted by the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences in **collaboration** with **Vilnius** University, one of the oldest universities in Eastern Europe (founded in 1579). The Forum will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn Vilnius City Centre.

The program will feat a diverse lineup of speakers, with confirmed **keynote** speaker **Prof. Dr. Laurence Zitvogel**. Information on meeting **updates** from the iISIAR team and ESFA **will** be **shared** **here**.

Stay **tuned**! Invite your **colleagues**, **friends**, and **family** to **join** us for **this** **exciting** **event**, **a** **milestone** **in** **the** **advancement** of **Innate** **Immunology**.

Summer School on Tumor Microenvironment & Immunity Returns for Another Year!

The Czech **Immunological** Society, along **with** **organizers** **within** **the** **Institute** **of** **Microbiology** **of** **the** **CAS**, **Charles** University and Masaryk University, **is** **hosting** **its** **popular** **Summer School** **on** **Tumor** **Immunology**, **Mar.** 2026, at **Chateau Mariánské**.

This year's summer school will **focus** on the tumor microenvironment, a pioneer in tumor **immunotherapy** research, and will be **delivered** **in** the morning lectures in English. Designed for PhD students and postdoctoral **fellows**, the program will **include** lectures, **workshops**, and **poster** **sessions**, **with** **ample** **time** **for** **networking**. **Participation** **fees** **cover** **accommodation**, **meals**, and **a** **registration** **fee** of **a** **maximum** of 200 EUR.

Use the QR code below for more information.

We look forward to **seeing** you there!

iISIAR at WCI 2026

The 12th World Congress of Inflammation (WCI) **coincides** with the 11th Meeting **of** the Brazilian Society of Immunology and the 50th Annual Meeting of Pharmacology. Basically, **all** **three** **meetings** **will** **be** **held** **in** **Foz** **do** **Iguaçu**, **Brazil**, **in** **September** **2026**.

This **special** **gathering** **brings** **together** **researchers**, **clinicians**, **and** **industry** **professionals** **from** **across** **the** **globe** **to** **explore** **the** **latest** **advances** **in** **immunology**, **inflammation**, **and** **related** **fields**.

This **congress** is **designed** **to** **foster** **scientific** **exchange**, **foster** **collaboration**, **and** **highlight** **groundbreaking** research and **innovations** in **cell** **biology**, **immunology**, and **related** **disciplines**.

See **here** for more information, updates.

We look forward to ongoing **dialogue**, **sharing**, and **building** partnerships that will shape the future of science and society.

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