NEWS BULLETIN
INNATE IMMUNITY UPDATES

Welcome to the IISIAR News Bulletin, your open access to 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 community-driven initiatives, we've got you covered.

We encourage group leaders, students, and industry professionals to get involved and help us expand and strengthen the IISIAR community. For more information, please contact us at [redacted].

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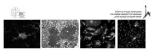
Opportunities

Your Face on the Mic
Become a Podcast Podcast
The IISIAR Young Study Group has launched *Climbing the Immunological Ladder: Steps for Success in Science*, a new podcast supporting early-career researchers in immunology and inflammation. We invite applications from PhD students, postdocs, and junior group leaders to host 15min interviews with invited guests, sharing career journeys, tips for success, and advice for young researchers. Episodes are recorded remotely and published on Spotify and Apple Podcasts. Applicants should be prepared in advance, and episodes are edited professionally. Hosts will be supported through IISIAR channels. This is a great opportunity to develop communication skills, connect with peers, and contribute to resources that complement the next generation of scientists. If you are interested in joining, please contact us at [redacted].

Call for editing
Editorial Support Team (EST)
The IISIAR Editorial Support Team (EST) provides experienced investigators and group leaders the opportunity to serve as Associate Editors for participants in IISIAR's activities and its journal in shaping its future. Members will be invited to join the EST for a three-year term. As their primary responsibility, they will help in processing all IISIAR-related manuscripts, including assigning reviewers, providing timely recommendations, and making final decisions on papers in the IISIAR family of journals. Members will also have the opportunity to participate in other activities. Membership is 100% voluntary with a 50% discount for participants of the IISIAR Annual Meeting. For more details, please see [redacted].

New PhD Position Opportunity: Exploring the Link Between Inflammation and Drug Addiction
The laboratory of Prof. Uli Kunze at the Andrew University of Jerusalem is seeking highly motivated PhD students and postdoctoral researchers to join a fully funded project. The research centers on the TRD receptor, a promising drug target for both addiction and pain. Specific GADD and Protein S (PROS1) ligands that activate both of these receptors have been developed in the lab and have shown promising results in preclinical models. Candidates should have a strong background in pharmacology, biochemistry, and cell culture techniques. Interested candidates should send a CV and a brief statement of interest to Prof. Uli Kunze at [redacted].

Further details about the project, required qualifications, and application instructions can be found in the PDF available here or on the lab website: WWW.TRDLAB.com



Save the Date

Mark your calendars: IISIAR Forum 2026 in Vilnius
Registration is now open for the 3rd IISIAR Forum which will take place from 14th-15th May 2026 in Vilnius, Lithuania. The Forum will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Vilnius City Centre, one of the most attractive locations in Eastern Europe. Situated in the Old Town, the meeting will be just a few minutes' walk from the historic Cathedral Square, Gediminas Castle Hill, and the vibrant network of cafés, restaurants, and bars that make Vilnius one of Europe's most welcoming cities for visitors. Delegates can also enjoy convenient access to the airport and city transport, while the compact layout of the Old Town means that all the main sights are within easy reach on foot. Early-career researchers are invited to showcase their findings.

The Forum will host Speakers from the Society for Leukocyte Biology, the Information Society for Immunology, and the European Federation of Immunological Societies, with a special focus on the current challenges in the field of collaborative industry. **A special focus of the Journal of Leukocyte Biology will be devoted to mass-sample outer-blind by Yvonne-per-Nalpert.**
Travelling fellowships of up to [redacted] will be awarded by [redacted], Secretary General of IISIAR.

Stay Tuned: IISIAR at WCI 2026
IISIAR will host a symposium at the World Congress of Immunology (WCI 2026 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The symposium, featuring renowned speakers from Europe, Asia, the Americas, and Africa, will highlight the latest advances in innate immunity, inflammation, and the IISIAR mission. Mark your calendars for this exciting event! Further details will be announced soon.

News

DAMPSOLVE Hits the Ground Running
The DAMPSOLVE Action (CA24738) officially launched with its inaugural Management Committee meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, on 3rd February 2025. Bringing together [redacted] researchers from [redacted] countries, led by Prof. Jeanine D'Armiento, the Action is now open for registration to all colleagues interested in joining our growing network. Registration is free and can be completed via the Action's website: [redacted].

The Action is organised around four key scientific working groups (WGs), each addressing a unique yet complementary dimension of DAMP biology. WG1 focuses on the mechanisms underlying DAMP release and sensing, while WG2 is dedicated to their role in disease pathogenesis. WG3 will explore DAMPs as biomarkers for clinical applications, and WG4 is tasked with translating these findings into therapeutic strategies. Each WG is led by a pair of co-chairs, ensuring a balanced leadership structure.

Over the next four years, DAMPSOLVE will organise training schools, workshops, and conferences, including the first Training School, scheduled for [redacted] in Lisbon, Portugal. Short Scientific Missions, and details of the first Network Meeting, which will take place in Porto, Portugal, in [redacted]. Please sign up to the mailing list to receive updates and future announcements.

IISIAR Success at IA'SLS 2025
The IISIAR Lunch Symposium at the SLS meeting in Vancouver was a great success. The symposium, "Immunomodulating Ligands in Oncology Intervention and Autoimmunity", drew a strong and enthusiastic audience and prompted lively discussions. Our speakers delivered outstanding talks, sparking engaging Q&A sessions. Many of the presentations were specially received, the poster and fluorescence for speakers: Profs. Tal Shalev-Ovcinin, PhD, Richard Chiffi, MSCP, Jenny Lundqvist, attending the symposium, and Prof. Jeanine D'Armiento, MD, PhD, FAHA.

It was wonderful to see our community so well represented on the international stage!

New LRG Podcast: Climbing the Immunological Ladder
The IISIAR Young Study Group has launched its new podcast *Climbing the Immunological Ladder: Steps for Success in Science*, a new platform supporting early-career researchers in immunology and inflammation. We invite applications from PhD students, postdocs, and junior group leaders to host 15min interviews with invited guests, sharing their career journeys, tips for success, and advice for young researchers. Episodes are recorded remotely and published on Spotify and Apple Podcasts. Applicants should be prepared in advance, and episodes are edited professionally. Hosts will be supported through IISIAR channels. This is a great opportunity to develop communication skills, connect with peers, and contribute to resources that complement the next generation of scientists. If you are interested in joining, please contact us at [redacted].

Recent episodes cover topics from [redacted] Basic Permit, Andrei Hoxha and [redacted].

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

IISIAR Virtual Seminar Series Speakers Announced
We are delighted to announce the speaking line-up for the upcoming IISIAR Virtual Seminar Series, which will take place on the [redacted] of each month. Please join us for another round of cutting-edge talks and discussions, and we [redacted] to get to know and familiarise of the audience variety.

Call for LRG 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 invite applications from PhD students, postdocs, and junior group leaders to host 15min interviews with invited guests, exploring their career paths, tips for success, and advice for young researchers. Questions are prepared in advance, and recordings are edited professionally and promoted through IISIAR channels.
This is a great opportunity to gain experience in science communication and contribute to resources that support the next generation of researchers. If you are interested in joining the podcast team, please contact us at [redacted].

IS Still in Focus: Read About Its in the OLD Newsletter
We're excited to share that IISIAR was featured in the latest issue of the International Society for Immunology (ISI) newsletter! Read more about our mission, our recent milestones, and our vision for the future. Our dedication to fostering collaboration around innate immunity in clinical inflammation.
[redacted] Read the full article here: [redacted] (page [redacted]).
This article also reflects on the success of our Freezing Night Forum in Krakow and provides a preview of upcoming activities, including plans for the 2026 Forum in Vilnius. We're grateful for the ISI's support in helping us share our community story and look forward to further our goals with a broader immunology audience.
Read the full article here: [redacted] (page [redacted]).

Events

Mark Your Calendars: IISIAR Forum in Vilnius Vilnius in 2026
The 3rd Forum of the IISIAR Study Group on Innate Immunity (the LRG Innovation, Advancements, and Peer Readiness (IISIAR) will take place on May 1st–2nd, 2026, in Vilnius, Lithuania.
This meeting will be hosted by the Information Society of Immunology in collaboration with the host University, one of the oldest universities in Eastern Europe (founded [redacted]) and a hub for innovation in the life sciences.
The program will include oral presentations, with a well-known keynote speaker of [redacted] information on travelling fellowships. Mark the 2026 vision and IISIAR Vilnius Forum in your calendars!
We look forward to seeing many of you there in Vilnius for an exciting and rewarding event. Registration will open soon. Please check the IISIAR website for updates and more details.
Click here to register and/or submit an abstract. We look forward to welcoming you to Vilnius.

Welcome to WCI 2026
The 15th World Congress of Immunology (WCI) joins forces with the 11th Latin American Congress of Immunology (LACI) and the 50th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Immunology – International Joint Edition of WCI 2026.
This special gathering brings together researchers, neighbors professionals, and students from around the world to share the latest in basic, translational, and clinical immunology, immunotherapy, and chronic inflammatory diseases.
The program is designed to spark scientific exchange, foster collaboration, and highlight innovative research across the full spectrum of immunology. Join us in the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro for a week of discovery, networking, and inspiration.
We look forward to shaping days of thinking, sharing, and building partnerships that will shape the future of science and society.

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