



NewsFlash

European Federation of
Immunological Societies

April 2021

EFIS President's Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Unfortunately, for many of us in Europe, 2021 has not been so different from 2020 in terms of facing severe restrictions in our daily lives due to the ongoing pandemic. Thankfully, immunological research has risen to the occasion, and offered us a way out of this pandemic in the form of several working vaccines. We should be incredibly proud of our community for the enormous efforts labs around the world have gone to, and continue to go to, in an effort to allow us our "normality" back.

As part of celebrating this success, I would like to remind you of the upcoming Day of Immunology on April 29, and take note of the EFIS COVID-19 Vaccines report produced by the EFIS Task Force on Vaccination; both of which you can read about in the NewsFlash below.

Enjoy reading!

Andreas Radbruch
EFIS President

IUIS-EFIS Webinar: Register Now!



To celebrate the Day of Immunology 2021, EFIS and IUIS are jointly organizing a webinar on 29 April:

Immunology in the time of COVID-19: achievements, challenges and opportunities.

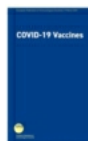
Featuring both presentations and a panel discussion, the broadcast will bring together global experts to take stock of where we are and what the future may hold. View the programme and secure your participation by registering for the webinar here, and feel free to share!

#Dayofimmunology

Complementing the 29/04 webinar, EFIS and IUIS have engaged the **Young EFIS Task Force (yEFIS)** and **Immunopaedia** to create a series of short videos to gather the thoughts of young immunologists worldwide as part of the celebrations for the 2021 #DayofImmunology. Don't miss the videos on our social media accounts and the **2021 Day of Immunology YouTube channel** on the big day. Why not join in on the celebrations by using the #DayofImmunology on social media and tagging @EFIS_Immunology and @iuis_online on Twitter and help spread the word!



EFIS Vaccination Task Force



On March 9 EFIS and its Vaccination Task Force released a new expert report which reviews vaccination strategies across Europe, effective scientific communication and public engagement, long-term immune monitoring programmes and equitable access to vaccines for all nations.

[Download Report](#)

ECI 2021

As announced elsewhere, the ECI 2021 Steering Committee in unison with the EFIS Board reached the difficult decision to hold ECI 2021 (September 1-4, 2021) as a fully virtual-formatted meeting. Registered



attendees can still nonetheless look forward to a wide range of benefits: no fewer than **2000 waived registration-fee grants, viewing on demand of talks and sessions 4 months post congress, abstracts published as a supplement of *European Journal of Immunology***, and a variety of other **awards and prizes**. **And remember the abstract submission deadline: May 10, 2021.**

[Go to ECI 2021](#)

News from EFIS Societies

Catch up on what's been happening with EFIS affiliated societies and their members over the past few months and what they've been planning.

The Irish Society for Immunology hosted a second virtual EFIS on Tour this past February 19, 2021. See an infographic they've shared summarising the event.



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HD The Croatian Society has endorsed internet platform that can be easily addressed by patients, medical doctors, scientists and students, and which is specially dedicated to people with an impaired immune system due to hematopoietic diseases, bone marrow transplantation or radiation therapy.

[Go to HERO here](#)

Congratulations to former EFIS Secretary General, Anna Erdei! As current Vice Secretary General of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Anna led the team behind a short video that shows in lay terms how the various vaccines available against COVID-19, regardless of the principle on which they operate, prime the body's immune reaction and prepare a defense against future infection.



[View the HAS Video](#)



To celebrate International Immunology Day on April 29th, the Portuguese Society for Immunology, with the collaboration of i3S, is hosting a virtual workshop "Advances on the Immune Responses during COVID-19".

[View programme](#)

Among the most active of EFIS Member Societies, the Spanish Society (SEI) has responded to COVID-19 with a vast array of events and initiatives. Download their recap for more.



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Upcoming National Society Meetings



XLVI Annual Meeting of the Portuguese Society for Immunology. May 20-21, 2021.



XII Annual Meeting of the Italian Society for Immunology, Clinical Immunology and Allergology. May 26-28, 2021.



17th Congress of the Polish Society of Fundamental and Clinical Immunology. May 27-29, 2021

Upcoming Deadlines

Applications for **EFIS-EJI Meeting Support**, **EFIS-IL Short-term Fellowships** and **EFIS Study Groups** will be accepted until May 29, 2021.

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