



European Federation of Immunological Societies

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EFIS General Assembly

ECI 2018 Amsterdam, The Netherlands

September 4th, 2018

14.00 -17:00 – Room 5 (D109) RAI Amsterdam

Minutes

In attendance: EFIS Board: René van Lier, Andreas Radbruch, Lorenzo Moretta, Pablo Engel, Winfried Pickl

EFIS President's Office: Christina Helbig; EFIS Coordinator: Thomas Wiley

Other participants - nominees: Federica Sallusto; 43 (out of 46 invited) Delegates of the 35 EFIS member Societies (Attachment 1)

- 14.00-14.05 1. Adoption of the Agenda and approval of the Minutes of the 2018 EFIS General Assembly
- The meeting agenda was adopted and the minutes of the 2018 General Assembly were approved.
- 14.05-14.10 2. Matters arising
- R. van Lier informed the assembly about the critical health conditions of Vito Pistoia, Editor-in-Chief of *Immunology Letters* (IL), and the certainty that he would be unable to continue in the position. IL Section Editor Václav Hořejší had already agreed to serve on an interim basis, but the search for a new Editor-in-Chief would soon be launched.
- 14.10-14.20 3. President's report: René van Lier (Attachment 2)
- R. van Lier recalled:
- The decision to relocate ECI 2021 from Istanbul to Belgrade, to be co-organized by the Turkish and Serbian Societies for Immunology;
 - The selection by the EEIG ECI-EFIS of the OIC Group as core PCO for ECI 2024 and ECI 2027;
 - New initiatives launched by EFIS beginning in 2016, namely:
 - The EFIS on Tour symposia, which had already been organized with six different Societies;
 - EFIS Guest lectures and symposia held at FAIS 2017, AAI 2019, and planned for IUIS 2019;
 - The launch of EFIS-IL Study Groups.
- R. van Lier concluded by reminding the Assembly of the vital importance of EFIS official journals to sustaining the Federation's activities, and urged Societies to publish therein.
- Regarding the selection of a new Editor in-Chief of IL, it was decided to 1) invite candidates from Societies by 30/09/2018, 2) announce a shortlist of candidates and begin remote voting to conclude on 31/10/2018, 3) ratify the voting results and appoint the new IL Editor-in-Chief by Board decision by 30/11/2018.



- 14.20-14.30 4. Secretary's report: Pablo Engel (Attachment 3)
- P. Engel briefly summarized EFIS commitments to its two main activities of providing support to European immunology-themed meetings and awarding short-term fellowships to qualified researchers. He reminded the GA that these activities were made possible thanks to European Journal of Immunology (EJI) and IL, respectively. From 2016 to September 2018, 60 events had received meeting support and 61 fellowships had been awarded for secondments of young researchers to European laboratories and institutions. He closed by recalling that EFIS had awarded a total of 273 travel grants (of € 600 each) to eligible researchers to attend ECI 2018.
- 14.30-14.40 5. Treasurer's report: Winfried F. Pickl (Attachment 4)
- W. Pickl first reminded the GA that EFIS continued to operate without exacting membership fees on its affiliated societies. He proceeded by reporting that EFIS' finances continued to be successfully audited on an annual basis. Confirming the already mentioned support of EJI and IL, he reported that revenues from the two journals from 2016 to 2018 easily enabled EFIS to pursue its activities. He further confirmed that EFIS had again successfully obtained exemption from paying German withholding taxes (nearly € 45.000/year) on royalties received from EJI. He recalled, as well, the continuing partnership with the *Fondation ACTERIA*. In closing, W. Pickl summarized overall revenues and spending commitments from 2016 to September 2018.
- 14.40-14.50 6. *Immunology Letters* Editor-in-Chief's report: Vito Pistoia
- Due to V. Pistoia's absence, no presentation was made.
- 14.50-15.00 7. *European Journal of Immunology* Ex-Co Chairman's report: Francesco Annunziato (Attachment 5)
- F. Annunziato reported that the editorial status of EJI was stable, with a sustained level and quality of submitted manuscripts and a gradually increasing impact factor. He continued by summarizing the initiatives launched under his term as Chair of the EJI ExCo:
- the expanded clinical scope of the journal
 - a facilitated submission process
 - publication of flow cytometry guidelines
 - publication of national society annual meeting proceedings
 - launch of the "Letters to the Editor" section of EJI
 - improved and fairer manuscript review process
 - enhanced communication with members
- 15.00-15.15 8. Election of 2019-2021 EFIS Board
- 5 min. presentations by each candidate, including Q&A
- President-elect: Federica Sallusto (Swiss Society for Allergology and Immunology)
 - Secretary General: Pablo Engel (Spanish Society for Immunology)
 - Treasurer: Winfried F. Pickl (Austrian Society for Allergology and Immunology)
- 15.15-15.20 9. Voting and reading of results
- F. Sallusto received 41 out of 48 votes (7 abstentions) and was declared President-elect 2019-2021.
- P. Engel received 48 out of 48 votes and was re-elected Secretary General 2019-2021.
- W. Pickl received 47 out of 48 votes (1 abstention) and was re-appointed Treasurer 2019-2021.
- 15.20-16.10 10. Presentation of bids and selection of the venue for the 7th European Congress of Immunology - ECI 2024
- 10 min. presentations by each Society, including Q&A
- Dublin: Irish Society for Immunology



- Prague: Czech Immunological Society
- Madrid: Spanish Society for Immunology
- Geneva: Swiss Society for Allergology and Immunology
- Florence: Italian Society for Immunology, Clinical Immunology and Allergology

- 16.10-16.20 11. Voting and reading of results
Dublin received 27 out of 48 votes.
Prague received 3 out of 48 votes.
Madrid received 9 out of 48 votes.
Geneva received 1 out of 48 votes.
Florence received 8 out of 48 votes.
Dublin was selected to host ECI 2024.
- 16.20-16.30 12. Farewell by outgoing Past President: Lorenzo Moretta
- 16.30-16.40 13. Address by the incoming EFIS President: Andreas Radbruch (Attachment 6)
A. Radbruch outlined his objectives as incoming President:
 - securing the income of EFIS from its journals
 - making the ECI congresses a steady success
 - promoting European funding for immunology
 - improving communication across Europe
 - fostering European educational activitiesHe commended the launch of the first EFIS-IL Study Groups on B cells, non-coding RNA and epigenetic regulation in immune cells, and T cells. He concluded by announcing the organization of an EFIS Board and Member Societies' Strategic Retreat for March 4-5, 2019 in Berlin as an opportunity to discuss the future of EFIS.
- 16.40-16.50 14. Address by the President-elect
- 16.50-17.00 15. Closing by the outgoing EFIS President: René van Lier

EFIS General Assembly – Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 – 14.00 – 17.00
Room 5 (D109) – RAI Amsterdam

EFIS Member Society	Delegate(s)
Austrian Society for Allergology and Immunology (ÖGAI)	Hannes Stockinger
	Rudolph Valenta
Armenian Association of Molecular and Cellular Biology and Immunology (AAMCB)	ABSENT
Belgian Immunological Society (BIS)	Bart Lambrecht
British Society for Immunology (BSI)	Arne Akbar
	Gary Entrican
	Judith Allen
Bulgarian Society for Immunology (BuSI)	Andrey Tchorbanov
Croatian Immunological Society (HID)	Danka Grčević
Czech Immunological Society (CIS)	Anna Sediva
Dutch Society for Immunology (NVVI)	Jolanda de Vries
	Edward Knol
	Marieke van Ham
Estonian Society for Immunology and Allergology (EIAS)	Kai Kisand
French Society for Immunology (SFI)	Laetitia Gautreau-Rolland
	Paul Guglielmi
	Hans Yssel
Georgian Association of Allergology and Clinical Immunology (GAACI)	Revaz Sepiashvili
German Society for Immunology (DGfI)	Thomas Kamradt
	Michael Lohoff
	Carsten Watzl
Hellenic Society of Immunology (HSI)	Alexandros Sarantopoulos
Hungarian Society for Immunology (MIT)	Péter Balogh
Immunological Society of Montenegro (ISM)	ABSENT
Immunological Society of Serbia (ISoS)	Nada Pejnovic
Immunology Society of Slovenia (ISS)	Vladka Čurin Šerbec
Irish Society for Immunology (ISI)	Ed Lavelle (with Kingston Mills: non-
Israel Immunological Society (IIS)	Mira Barda-Saad
Italian Society for Immunology, Clinical Immunology and Allergy (SIICA)	Francesco Annunziato
	Angela Santoni
Kosovo Allergy Asthma and Immunology Association (KAAIA)	Luljeta Neziri-Ahmetaj
Latvian Association of Immunologists (LAI)	ABSENT
Lithuanian Society for Immunology (LSI)	Aurelija Zvirbliene
Polish Society for Fundamental and Clinical Immunology (PTDiK)	Jacek Witkowski
Portuguese Society for Immunology (SPI)	Vera Martins
Romanian Society for Immunology (SIR)	Monica Neagu
Russian Society for Immunology (RSI)	Vladimir Koslov
Scandinavian Society for Immunology (SSI)	Silke Appel
	Anna Fogdell-Hahn
	Trevor Owens
Slovak Immunological Society (SIS)	Milan Buc
Spanish Society for Immunology (SEI)	Carmen Cámara Hijón
	África González Fernández
Swiss Society for Allergology and Immunology (SGAI)	Stéphanie Hugues (with Doron
Turkish Society of Immunology (TSI)	Günnur Deniz
	Barbaros Oral
Ukrainian Society of Specialists in Clinical Immunology and Allergy (UTIAI)	ABSENT



EFIS General Assembly 2018

September 4, 2018

Pablo Engel
Rene van Lier
Lorenzo Moretta
Winfried Pickl
Andreas Radbruch

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Tomas Wiley

President's Report

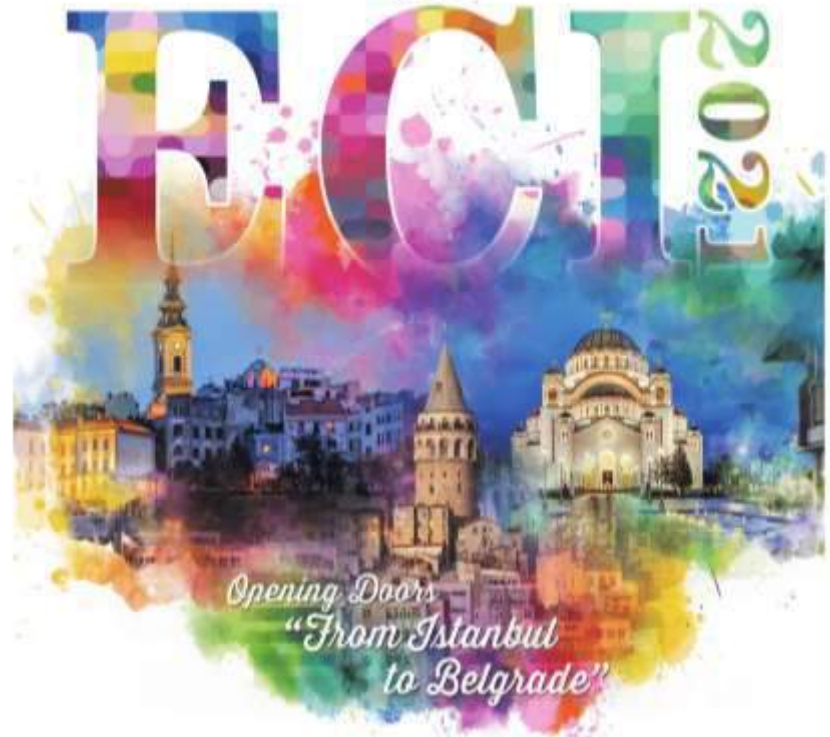
- **ECI conferences**
 - **Venues**
 - **Core PCO**
- **New EFIS' initiatives**
- **IUIS**
- **Our Journals**

Changing venues



We hope to
welcome you at
ECI 2021!

- ❖ Find out more about ECI2021 and Belgrade at booth #44 in the society village
- ❖ Do not miss out on ECI2021 lotteries for free registrations
- ❖ We look forward to meet you and hear your suggestions



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New EFIS' initiatives

BUDAPEST
ATHENS
LISBON
ZAGREB
SOFIA
TALLINN

New EFIS' initiatives

EFIS guest lectures and symposia at

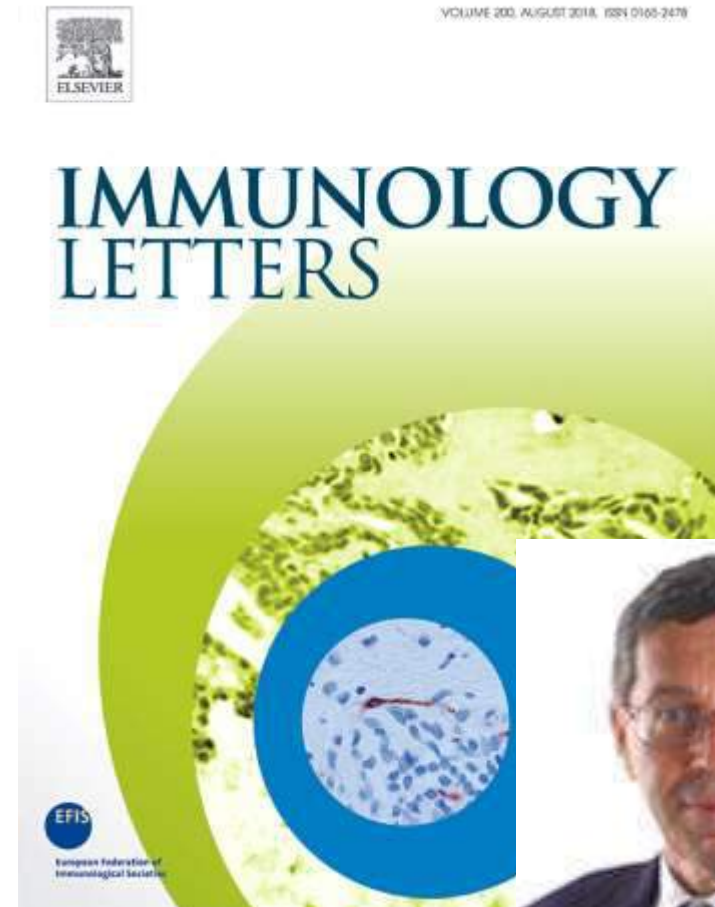
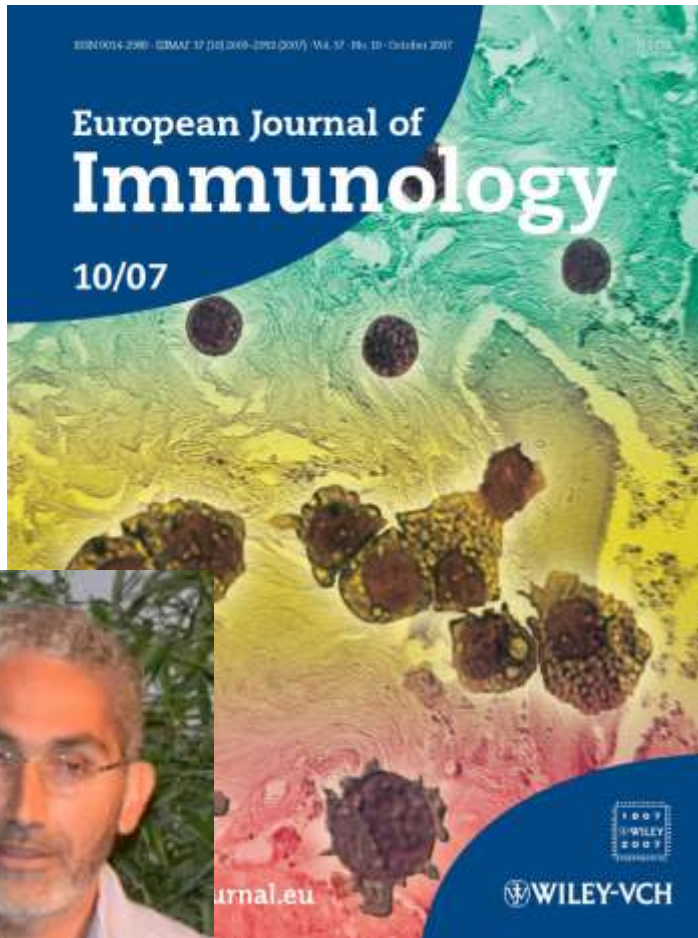
- FAIS '17**
- AAI '18**
- IUIS '19**

President's Report

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EFIS

EFIS' activities are made possible due to the support from our two journals!



We

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Selecting a new Editor-in-Chief for Immunology Letters

National Societies are hereby invited to submit candidates - one name per Society - for Editor-in-Chief of Immunology Letters

- *CV + publications (including H-Index)*
- *cover letter highlighting experience in similar position and*
- *explaining vision for the development of the Journal.*

Selecting a new Editor-in-Chief for Immunology Letters: Timeline

- Submission of candidates: September 30, 2018
- Shortlist of candidates to Societies: October 15, 2018
- Voting (remote) concluded by October 31, 2018
- Ratification of vote and appointment by the EFIS Board decision: November 30, 2018
- New Editor-in-chief in office: January 1, 2019



EFIS Secretary General Report at the General Assembly 2018

Pablo Engel

**September 04, 2018
RAI, Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

Meeting support

European Journal of
Immunology



- ☐ EFIS and European Journal of Immunology offers financial support for immunology meeting, workshops and schools that are organized in Europe
- ☐ Strong European dimension. International faculty and attendees
- ☐ EFIS aims to enhance interaction between young scientists and established immunologist

Meeting support 2016-2018

- ❑ 24 meeting (2016), 24 meeting (2017), and 12 meeting (2018)
- ❑ € 528.352
- ❑ Mainly to support travel grants for for young immunologists to attend international meeting

Short term fellowships

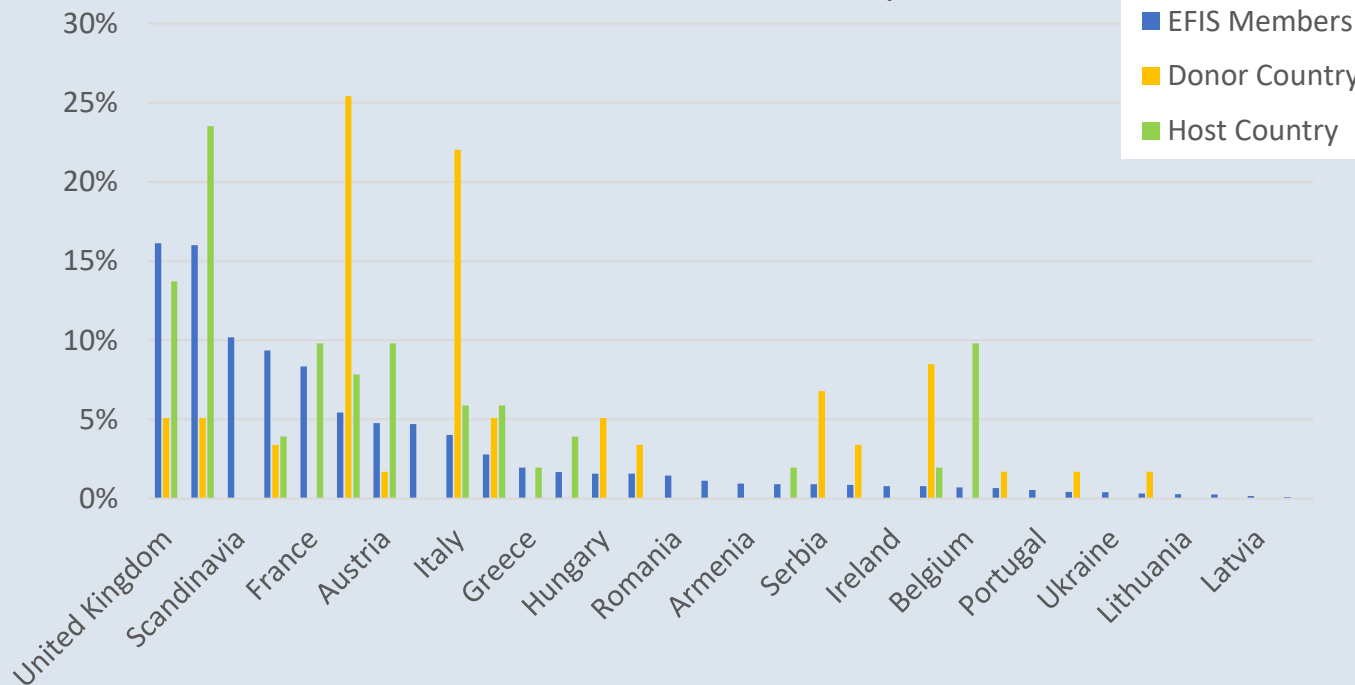


- ❑ EFIS and *Immunology Letters* (IL) award short-term fellowships for up to 3 months of support for purposes of transnational scientific collaboration or advanced training in techniques or methodologies
- ❑ The EFIS-IL Short-term Fellowship allowance is € 1.750/month and is awarded directly to the fellowship holder. In addition, EFIS will reimburse travel costs up to € 500

Short term fellowships 2016-2018

☐ All application have been granted; 25 fellowships (2016), 26 fellowships (2017), 10 fellowships (2018).

Short Term Fellowships 2016-2018



Short Term Fellowships



■ Male ■ Female

Travel grants

- ❑ 50 grants for ICI 2016 (€1.500)
- ❑ 273 travel grants ECI 2018 (€ 600)



EFIS Financial Report at the General Assembly 2018

September 04, 2018

RAI, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

**Winfried F. PICKL
Metka LUCKMANN**

Membership fee

- ☐ 0.00
- ☐ Prerequisite: being member of an European society that is active (paying) member of IUIS

External Financial Audits

- ☐ The balance sheet of each calendar year was reviewed by an external auditor
- ☐ 2016, 2017 were approved without any objection
- ☐ The reviews are available on the desk

The Treasurer's Highlights



Jenny Henzen
Publisher Elsevier



Vito Pistoia
Editor in Chief, IL

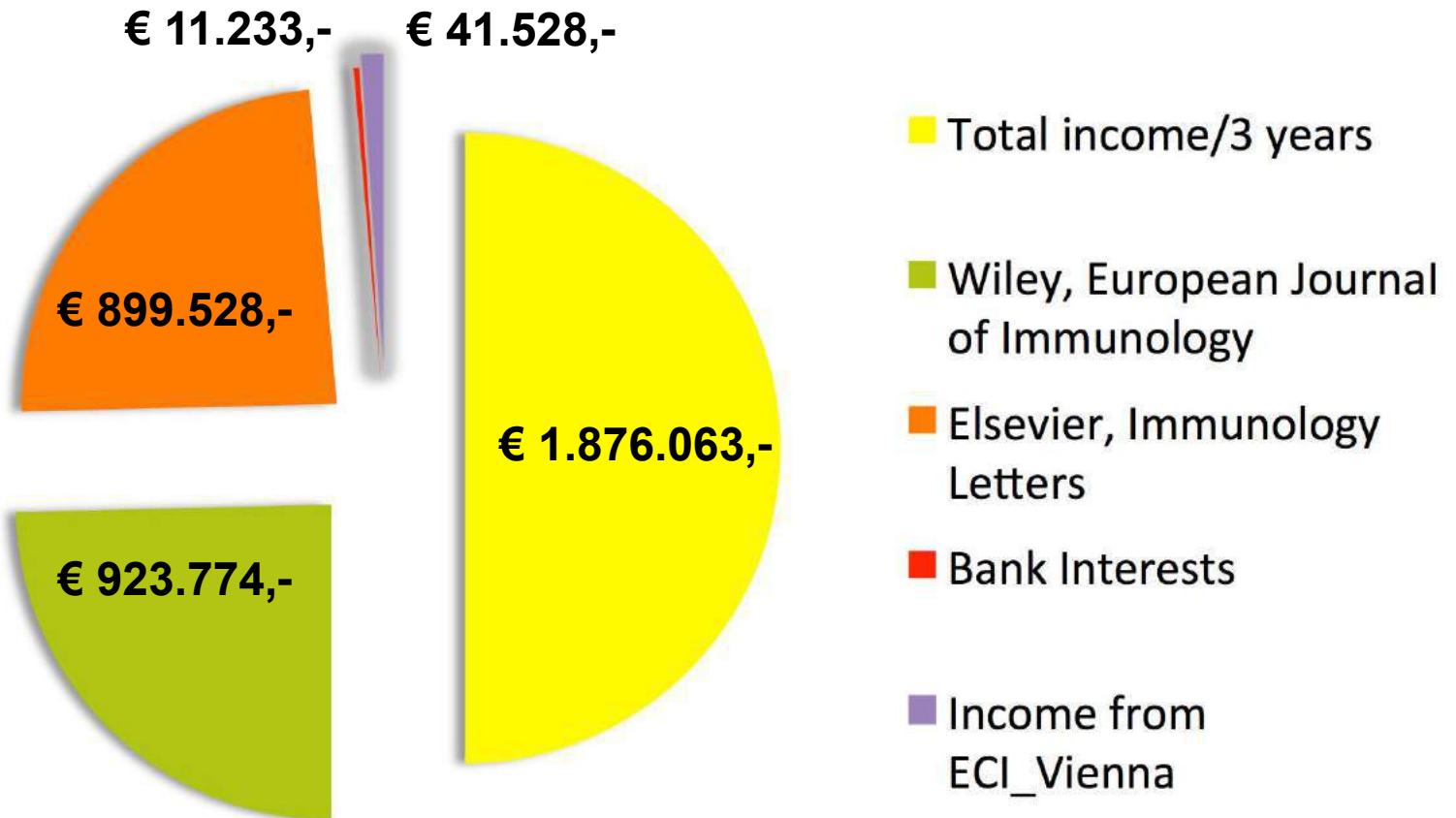


Francesco Annunziato
Editor in Chief, EJI



Cate Livingstone
Publisher Wiley

Regular EFIS income/3 years



The Treasurer's Highlights

Tax Clearance Certificate by the German Tax Authority

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Bearbeiter: Frau Lux

Exemption from tax until 2020 (EJI-Income)
Saved tax: 15.8% ≈ € 45,000.00/year

FREISTELLUNGSBESCHEINIGUNG

gemäß § 50d Abs. 2 Satz 1 Einkommensteuergesetz (EStG)

Auf den Antrag vom 04.09.2017 auf Freistellung inländischer Einkünfte vom Steuerabzug nach § 50a Abs. 1 EStG gemäß Doppelbesteuerungsabkommen (DBA)

Bundesrepublik Deutschland - Niederlande

ergeht folgende Bescheinigung:

**Die Freistellung wird erteilt.
Der Vergütungsschuldner ist berechtigt den Steuerabzug zu unterlassen.**

Gegenstand der Freistellung:

Vergütungen für die Nutzung oder das Recht auf Nutzung von Urheberrechten und/oder für ähnliche Leistungen.

Die Freistellung gilt für Vergütungen, die im Zeitraum vom **04.09.2017 bis 31.08.2020** geleistet werden.

Gläubiger der Vergütungen:

European Federation of
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Schuldner der Vergütungen:

WILEY - VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. KGaA
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Diese Bescheinigung ergeht unter dem Vorbehalt des Widerrufs (§ 131 Abgabenordnung).

Ihr Vertragspartner hat eine Zweitausfertigung dieser Bescheinigung erhalten.

The Treasurer's Highlights

Establishment of EFIS-ACTERIA Prizes



Anne Hosmalin
Council Member, Acteria Foundation

The Treasurer's Highlights

ACTERIA Prizes

Acteria Prizes		For Projects 3* € 50.000,00
ACTERIA Doctoral Thesis Prize in Allergology	€ 15.000,00	€ 150.000,00
ACTERIA Doctoral Thesis Prize in Immunology	€ 15.000,00	€ 150.000,00
ACTERIA Early Career Researcher Prize in Allergology	€ 30.000,00	€ 150.000,00
ACTERIA Early Career Researcher Prize in Immunology	€ 30.000,00	€ 150.000,00
Total	€ 90.000,00	€ 600.000,00
Total	€ 690.000,00	

yesterday secured for 2021



- ☐ 1. Prizes awarded at ICI2013 Milan
- ☐ 2. Prizes awarded at ECI2015 Vienna
- ☐ 3. Prizes awarded at ECI2018 Amsterdam

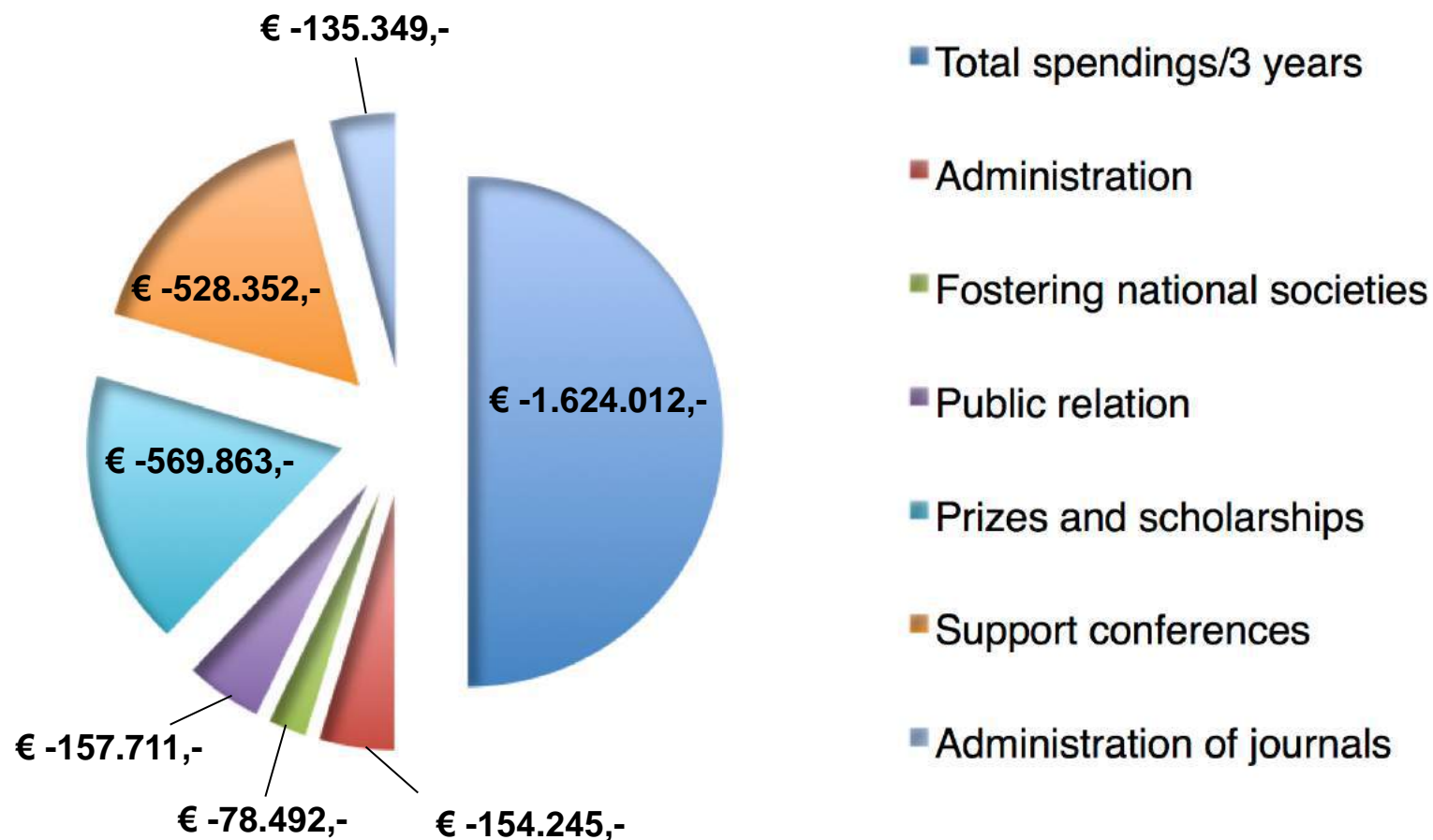
The Treasurer's Highlights

Additional Funds Granted by ACTERIA



Increased income/year: ≈ € 50,000.00
Total income: ≈ € 100,000.00

EFIS Spending 2016 – 2018



Calculation of available grant money per board meeting

Projection for 2012/2013 approvals/board meeting	
Income/year	
€300.000,-	Elsevier Immunology Letters
€300.000,-	Wiley European Journal Immunology
€111.500,-	Interests
€150.000,-	Acteria travel grants
€651.500,-	Total Income
Expenses/year	
€170.000,-	Running costs
€481.500,-	Available money
Available money divided by 4	
€120.375,-	Grant money/Board Meeting

Decisions: Board Meetings 2016 – 2018

2016	372.746	Weinheim	23.3.2016				142.325,00€			
		Budapest	2.7.2016				125.500,00€			
		Athens	22.10.2016				104.921,00€			
2017	585.950	Lisbon	25.3.2017						287.625,00€	
		London	24.6.2017				118.450,00€			
		Zagreb	21.10.2017					179.875,00€		
2018	427.144	Sofia	9.2.2018						300.900,00€	
		Tallin	2.6.2018		32.700,00€					
		Amsterdam	1.9.2018		32.250,00€					
		BM_4			61.294,00€					

- total approvals 2016-2018 € 1.457,840.-

EFIS-Support 5th ECI 2018 Amsterdam

Support ECI 2018 Amsterdam		301.825,00 €
1.	273 Scholarships	154.125,00 €
2.	Ita Askonas EFIS-EJI Award plus accomodation and registration	22.000,00 €
3.	Euopean Village and related items	6.000,00 €
4.	Best cited original paper in Immunology Letters	6.000,00 €
5.	Best cited review paper in Immunology Letters	6.000,00 €
6.	EFIS General Assembly	2.000,00 €
7.	EFIS Presidential Dinner	15.000,00 €
8.	2 nd EFIS President's Symposium	15.000,00 €
9.	EFIS booth and merchandising (books, T-shirts)	20.000,00 €
10.	EULAR Symposium plus accomodation, travel and registration	12.500,00 €
11.	EFIS Flexible ECI 2018 Support	30.000,00 €
12.	Best Abstract (bright sparks) prizes with Biolegend	6.000,00 €
13.	Best poster Prizes	7.200,00 €

The Iron EFIS Reserve

WHY?
EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF IMMUNOLOGY
BUDGET \approx 2 MILLION EUROS

RESERVE TOTAL September 4, 2018

780.621,24

Financial status by balance sheet

(September 04, 2018)

- **MAIN (IL): € 420,262.29**
 - **EFIS-EJI: € 471.461,65**
 - **Reserve: € 780.621,24**
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- **TOTAL € 1.672.345,18**

European Journal of Immunology

Francesco Annunziato

Chair of the Executive Committee

EFIS General Assembly

ECI2018, Amsterdam





Editorial status - stable

- Level of submissions and quality being maintained
- Gradually increasing impact factor

Introduced under my tenure



Introduced July 2016

Expanded clinical scope



- Revised subject categories
- Revised Editorial Board
- **25%** of all submitted research articles are clinical

Introduced November 2016

Easy first submission



- Authors can submit their manuscript as a single PDF
- No requirement to format manuscripts (references, section order etc) in EJI style
- Manuscripts need to be compatible with the article types published in EJI

Published October 2017

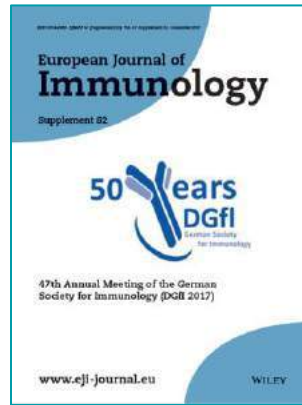
Flow Cytometry Guidelines



- Project initiated and driven by Andreas Radbruch and Andrea Cossarizza, working with Hyun-Dong Chan
- Top accessed article every month since publication
- Valuable tool for preparing experiments and writing the Methods section of manuscripts

Introduced December 2017

Meeting Abstracts



- DGfI and SIICA published Abstracts from their Annual Congress in Dec 2017

Introduced February 2018

Letters to the Editor



- Very brief research article
- Maximum 1500 words and two display elements
- Details thought-provoking, significant, preliminary studies
- Examples include case studies, observational studies and confirmatory reports

Introduced by Andreas Radbruch

Initiatives build on EJI's policies



- Fast review
 - essential, not extensive revisions
 - extra fast review for competitive situations
- Fair review
 - editorial correspondence and reviewers' reports are published online as Supporting Information
 - Scooping protection

https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/15214141/homepage/peer-review_policies.htm

Connecting with EFIS members

Communication with members

- Banners and slides for use at meetings
- Feature Societies and their activities in News & EFIS
- Inform Societies of new initiatives
- Write to EFIS-EJI travel grant winners

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Why publish with us
More than basic immunology

- Clinical subject categories introduced
- Editorial board with expertise in basic and clinical immunology

Fair peer review

- Publication of peer review correspondence
- Only essential, not extensive, revisions requested

Thank you to our
authors
and reviewers

EJI's financial support of EFIS provides:
€62,000 for EFIS-EJI schools
€140,000 total support conferences

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Basic and clinical immunology

In addition to basic research, new clinical subject categories including:

- allergy and inflammation
- immunodeficiencies and autoimmunity
- transplantation and tolerance
- tumor immunology
- immunomodulation and immune therapies

Fast 21 days to first decision 5 days of acceptance

Fair Articles seen by 2 scientific editors. Essential, not extensive, revision requests. Publication of peer review correspondence upon acceptance.

New Editorial Board members to support this translational expansion

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News & EFIS

Vaccination policies in Europe: Common goals, diverse approaches and public doubts



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Challenges and opportunities

securing the income of EFIS from its journals

making the ECI congresses a steady success

promoting European funding for immunology

improving communication across Europe

fostering European educational activities

EFIS board and Member Societies Strategic Retreat 4th-5th March 2019, Berlin

*An opportunity to discuss your
vision of the future of EFIS*



EFIS – IL Study Groups



“To stimulate and facilitate interaction among European researchers working in specific fields of immunology helping to create European platforms on a topic-oriented, bottom-up level.”

EFIS in collaboration with its official journal Immunology Letters is pleased to announce the launch of its first three EFIS-IL Study Groups in 2018:

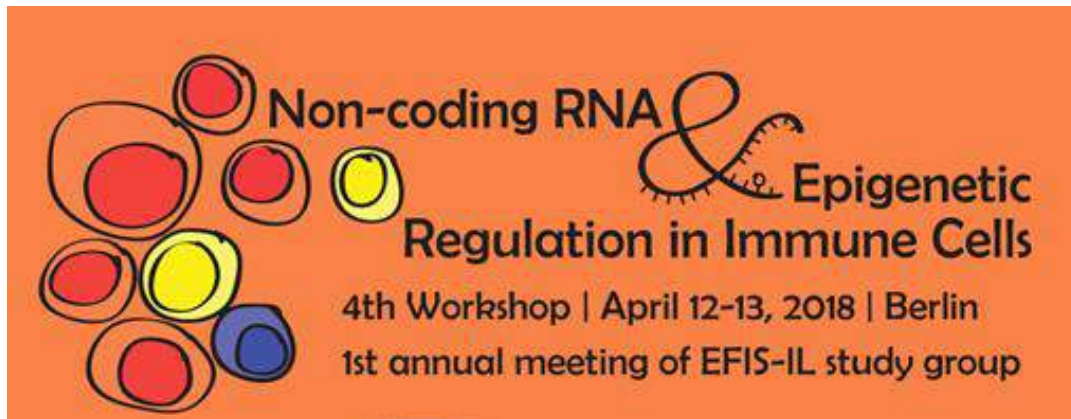
- Non-coding RNA & Epigenetic Regulation in Immune Cells
- European B cell Network (EBC Net) Forum
- T cell connect Europe (TCC)

EFIS-IL Study Groups

- have a minimum of 25 participants;
- meet at least once a year, either at a standalone event, or at a satellite meeting; and
- will be supported with a max. contribution of EUR 2.500 per group per year.

incoming president's address

- The goal is to provide a platform for researchers from the EU to establish networks and collaborations for the benefit of all involved.
- In the long run, establish an EU-funded research association on the topic of non-coding RNA and epigenetic regulation in immune cells.
- Organizers: Mir-Farzin Mashreghi (Germany) and Jürgen Wittmann (Germany).
- Meeting:



- Date: April 12th-13th 2018
- Location: Berlin, Germany
- €50 registration fee
- 52 participants
- 21 talks (20 min) over 5 scientific sessions
- 11 posters
- Keynote lecture by leader in field

- Second study group to take place in Verona June 2019
- Contact: mashreghi@drfz.de or juergen.wittmann@uk-erlangen.de

incoming president's address

- The most important goal of the EFIS-IL European B Cell Network (EBC-Net) is to offer researchers from Europe in particular, a platform for networking and cooperation.
- For first meeting , the aim is to develop a concept for a network of European B cell immunology.
- Organizers: Hans-Martin Jäck (Germany), Idit Shachar (Israel) and Rita Carsetti (Italy).
- Meeting:
 - Date: 16th-18th July 2018
 - Location: Landshut, Germany
 - 80 participants (mostly group leaders) from 15 countries
 - €340 all inclusive registration fee
 - Structure:
 - Short research talks (approx 20 min)
 - Each represented country to give an overview of its B-cell research
 - Organization meeting to decide on format of future meetings
- 2019 meeting planned to be held in Italy
- Contact: hans-martin.jaeck@fau.de



European B Cell Network

incoming president's address

- The goal is to study T cell-mediated immunity in health & disease to provide new concepts of T cell-based immunotherapies.
- TCC EUROPE will connect basic and clinical researchers in the field of T cell biology to foster the development of interdisciplinary and collaborative translational approaches.
- Organizers: Wilfried Ellmeier (Austria), Jochen Huehn (Germany), Ludger Klein (Germany), Janneke Samson (Netherlands), Marc Veldhoen (Portugal) and Lucy Walker (UK).
- Meeting:
 - Date: September 1st 2018
 - Location: Amsterdam (Waag society), Netherlands
 - No registration fee
 - Approx 40 participants
 - Structure:
 - Scientific session consisting of 8 talks approx 15 min each
 - General discussion how to organize the study group
- Contact: wilfried.ellmeier@meduniwien.ac.at



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