

Welcome
to the
5th International Summer School on Immunogenetics

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

The American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI) together with the other international societies for histocompatibility and immunogenetics, The European Federation for Immunogenetics (EFI) and The Australasian and South East Asian Tissue Typing Association (ASEATTA), would like to cordially invite you to participate in the **5th International Summer School on Immunogenetics**. It will be held from **September 9-13, 2008** in the beautiful seaside city of Buzios, Brazil immediately preceding the 15th International workshop in Buzios from September 13 and the International Conference from September 17-20, in Rio de Janeiro.

The aim of the summer school is to promote the field of immunogenetics through an intensive 4-day course covering a broad range of related topics in immunology, genetics, histocompatibility and transplantation. The program will be in English and will emphasize interaction between participants and faculty. Introductory lectures will be followed by discussions of recent developments and student presentations of their own research.

The faculty includes: Jim McCluskey (ASEATTA), Campbell Witt (ASEATTA), Deborah Crowe (ASHI), Carol Pancoska (ASHI), Andrea Zachary (ASHI), Sophie Caillat-Zucman (EFI) and Frans Claas (EFI).

Topics to be covered include immunogenetics of HLA and non-HLA genes, molecular typing strategies, structural and functional aspects of the MHC, population genetics, antigen presentation, NK cells and KIR genes, autoimmunity, host pathogen response, solid organ and bone marrow transplantation, HLA disease associations. Participants will have the opportunity to present their own research data.

The summer school will accept 25-30 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

Applications: applications must include a current C.V., statement of motivation for attending the summer school, a letter of recommendation and a summary of current research project.

Applications should be sent to:

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The deadline for applications is July 15, 2008.

A committee consisting of representatives from EFI, ASHI and ASEATTA will review the applications and select the candidates. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by August 1, 2008. After selection, successful candidates will receive registration information.

Registration fee: 150 USD which includes registration, lodging and meals

Bursaries: Participants are expected to pay their own travel expenses to Rio de Janeiro; a few travel stipends will be available for participants who provide reasonable justification at the time of registration.

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Further information about the Summer School may be found on the websites of ASHI (www.ashi-hla.org) EFI (<http://www.efiweb.org>), ASEATTA (<http://www.aseatta.org.au/>) and 15th International Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Workshop (www.15ihiws.org).