

The Second International Summer School on Immunogenetics

ASHI, together with other international societies devoted to histocompatibility and immunogenetics, EFI and ASEATTA, is pleased to announce the organization of the 2005 International Summer School on Immunogenetics. The aim of the summer school is to promote the field of immunogenetics via an intensive 4-day course covering a broad range of related topics in immunology, genetics, and response to immune challenge. 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 summer school will be held August 6-10, 2004 at Hotel Real de Minas - San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, MEXICO. The faculty includes: Marcelo Fernandez Viña (ASHI), Peter Nickerson (ASHI), Frank Christiansen (ASEATTA), Jim McCluskey (ASEATTA), Erik Thorsby (EFI), David Watkins (ASHI), Frans Claas (EFI) and Clara Gorodezky (ASHI).

Topics to be covered include immunogenetics of HLA and non-HLA genes, evolution of the MHC and the immune response, population genetics, antigen presentation, NK cells and KIR genes, autoimmunity, host pathogen response, solid organ and bone marrow transplantation immunology, HLA and infectious diseases, and vaccines based on immunogenetics. Participants will have the opportunity to present their own research data.

The summer school will accept 25-30 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who have received their graduate degrees within the past 5 years.

Applications must include c.v., statement of motivation for attending, a letter of recommendation and a summary of current research project. A committee consisting of EFI, ASHI and ASEATTA delegates will review the applications and select the candidates.

Registration fee: 180.00 USD including lodging, meals and transportation by bus (add 30.00 USD) Mexico City San Miguel Allende and back to Mexico City. Plain Tickets, and stay in Mexico City to take the bus to San Miguel will be on your own.

Bursaries: Participants are to pay their own travel expenses; a few travel bursaries will be available for a select group of participants who provide reasonable justification.



A complete application package must be received by May 15, 2005. **THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JUNE 1, 2005.** All questions and applications should be addressed to:

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Tour to Guanajuato (\$35.00 USD) will be charged on-site to those who would like to take the tour.

Information on acceptance will be sent to the candidates after May 15, 2005.

**Second International Summer School on Immunogenetics
August 6-August 10, 2005**

Preliminary Program

Venue:

Hotel Real de Minas- San Miguel Allende. Guanajuato, México
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Saturday 6

20.00 Welcome reception at the Hotel Real de Minas, with a renaissance Mexican group of music

Sunday 7

Morning

Topic: Immunogenetics and polymorphism

Tutors: Marcelo Fernandez Viña and Clara Gorodezky

Presentation by the participants

Afternoon:

Topic: Population genetics and evolution.

Tutors: Marcelo Fernandez Viña and Clara Gorodezky

Presentation by the participants

Monday 8

Morning

Topic: HLA and disease. Mechanisms of Association

Tutors: Erik Thorsby and David Watkins

Presentation by the participants

Afternoon

Topic: Vaccines based on Immunogenetics (SIV and HIV) and predictive and preventive medicine

Tutors: Erik Thorsby and David Watkins

Presentation by the participants

Tuesday 9

Morning

Topic: Antigen presentation

Tutor: James McCluskey

Presentations by the participants

Afternoon

Topic: NK and KIR

Tutor: Frank Christiansen

Presentations by the participants

3.00-9.00 pm . Visit to the historical colonial town of Guanajuato

Wednesday 10

Topic: Solid organ transplantation

Tutors: Peter Nickerson and Frans Claas

Presentations by the participants

Afternoon:

Topic: Bone marrow transplantation

Tutors: Frans Claas, Marcelo Fernandez Viña and Clara Gorodezky
presentation by participants and end-discussion

Evening: *Closing of the meeting by Reception and guided visit to the Art Museum of Medioeval and Renaissance colonialpaintings (Colonial Building of the 17 th Century) in front of the Cathedral*

Thursday 11: Participants leave 10.00 am

Information:

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