

Veterinary Immunology Committee of the International Union of Immunological Societies (VIC-IUIS)

The VIC-IUIS is one of the subcommittees of the International Union of Immunological Societies.

Objectives

The objectives of the VIC are to promote the study and application of the immunology of animals of economic and sentimental value to humans. For this purpose it will have power:

- (a) to collaborate with other IUIS committees
- (b) to set up subcommittees
- (c) to develop a flow of information on veterinary immunology by communicating with national immunology societies through appointed VIC-correspondents and through the Internet via the vetimm email listserv
- (d) to organize international workshops and scientific meetings
- (e) to publish recommendations in the field of veterinary immunology
- (f) to develop any activity deemed helpful to the forwarding of its declared objectives

VIC IUIS Chair

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Veterinary Immunology Symposium

Every three years, VIC supports a local committee to organize the International Veterinary Immunology Symposium. This congress is held immediately before or after the International Congress of Immunology. The 8th IVIS will take place in Ouro Preto, Brazil on August 16th-19th, 2007 (Organizer: Dr. Isabel de Miranda-Santos imsantos@rpm.fmrp.usp.br, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Website: <http://www.eventus.com.br/8ivis>).

International Workshops and Committees

Furthermore, the VIC supports a number of international workshops that have as their goal to improve the availability of species-specific reagents, to set standards and to provide a nomenclature of immunological molecules from species of veterinary interest.

Comparative Immunoglobulin Workshop [CIgW].

Chair: Imre Kacs Kovics, Budapest (kacs kovics.imre@aotk.szie.hu)

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Website: www.medicine.uiowa.edu/CIgW

Comparative MHC Nomenclature Committee.

Chair: Shirley Ellis, Edinburgh (Shirley.Ellis@bbsrc.ac.uk)

Members: L. Kennedy, C. Davies, D. Smith, J. Kaufman, S. Marsh.

Immune Toolkit Workshop.

Chairs: Gary Entrican, Edinburgh (entrg@mri.sari.ac.uk)

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Veterinary Immunology email listserv

The VetImm email listserv is a vehicle for communication among veterinary immunologists worldwide. It has regular activity and around 800 members worldwide. There is no "species prejudice" on VetImm, communications have ranged from livestock and avian species, companion animals, to wildlife and exotic species, zoo animals and fish. There are regular announcements about upcoming meetings and new training opportunities and job/graduate student options.

The VetImm email listserv was established, and has been maintained, by Dr. Cynthia L. Baldwin (cbaldwin@vasci.umass.edu) at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA USA.

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The VIC-IUIS welcomes new initiatives that will advance the field of veterinary immunology. Contact the VIC IUIS Chair, Dr. Jan Naessens (FAX: ++1-650-833 6661; email: J.Naessens@cgiar.org) with any ideas.