8th FIMSA/IIS Advanced Immunology Course

Focus on Clinical Immunology

March 1-5, 2006

New Delhi

Department of Transplant Immunology & Immunogenetics
All India Institute of Medical Sciences,
Ansari Nagar, New Delhi, India – 110029
Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 8th FIMSA/IIS advanced immunology course to be held in New Delhi from March 1-5, 2006 – being jointly organized by the Federation of Immunological Societies of Asia-Oceania (FIMSA) and Indian Immunology Society (IIS) with support from the International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS) and Immunology Foundation, India.

The focus of the course is on Clinical Immunology, which is a very exciting and challenging field. Besides basic lectures covering concepts in basic and acquired immunity, the scientific program will address recent developments in disciplines related to clinical immunology including Immunology of Infectious and Autoimmune Diseases, HIV, Organ and Stem cell Transplantation, vaccines and immune homeostasis. The intention is to provide an advanced course beyond the undergraduate level, and which is interactive, scientifically stimulative and intense over a period of five days. The program will be replete with interactive sessions, guest lectures from invited faculty, group discussions and scientific presentations by the participants.

The course is open to early postdoctoral and young scientists below 40 years of age having proven research acumen and commitment for working in any of the several areas encompassing clinical Immunology. Participants from all over India and neighboring FIMSA region countries are particularly encouraged. The members will be limited to 100.

New Delhi, the national capital of India, has been chosen as the venue for the course as it is the travel gateway to other tourist spots and hill destinations of northern India. The distance from the sea gives Delhi an extreme type of continental climate. The bloom season of February and March is the season to visit the city. During this time, Delhi is very colorful, where greenery shows on its face. The maximum temperature during this time of the year is 25-28ºC during daytime and nights are extremely pleasant with temperature between 12-15ºC.

We warmly invite you to share and enjoy with us a stimulating scientific program and eagerly look forward to your active participation in making this course a success.

Prof. Narinder Mehra
Course Convenor
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Immunology Foundation, India
Course Format:

Scientific Program

Scientific Sessions:

The course will be covered under the following broad themes:

- Concepts in innate and acquired immunity
- Immunology of Infectious Diseases
- Autoimmune Diseases
- Immunodeficiency and HIV
- Transplant Immunology and Organ Transplantation
- Stem Cell Research: Recent Trends
- Tumor Immunology and Immunotherapy
- Immune Interventions in Health care

Group Discussions: An important feature of the course will be short group discussion sessions with designated individual faculty members on regular intervals.

Participants: Early postdoctoral and young scientists below 40 years of age having proved record or intentions of working in the area of clinical Immunology. These will be drawn from all over India and neighbouring countries viz Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and FIMSA region countries. Number will be limited to 100.

Travel Bursaries: Depending on the finances available, eight bursaries will be provided to candidates from FIMSA member societies and seven to those from Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal.

Teaching Faculty: More than 10 foreign experts and an equal number from India actively engaged in areas of Clinical and Basic Immunology will comprise the course faculty.
**Poster Presentation:** All participants are required to put up poster presentation of their research activities. Selected posters will be invited for oral presentation.

**General Information:**

**Venue:**
Conference Hall  
All India Institute of Medical Sciences  
New Delhi - 110029

**Dates:**
March 1-5, 2006

**Accommodation:** The course faculty will be accommodated in the India Habitat Center/India International Center. The accommodation in the AIIMS guest house is very limited. Every effort will be made to provide fairly decent guesthouse accommodation in the neighboring academic institutions to the selected participants, on first-come-first served basis.

**Transportation:** Free transportation will be provided to all members of the teaching faculty and course participants from their place of accommodation to the course venue.

**Language:** The language of the course will be English.

**Visa Requirements:** All foreign delegates including those from SAARC region countries are required to have a valid visa. Please check with the local Indian Embassy or consulate. Letters of invitation will be issued on request.

**Social Events:** Welcome reception hosted by the course organizing committee will be held on March 1, 2006, 7:30 pm onwards. In addition, there will be the course dinner on March 4 and the valedictory function followed by farewell lunch on March 5.

**Application Procedure:** Application form, CV, letter of recommendation from the supervisor/head of the Department and a two page write up on current areas of interest should be sent to the course secretariat before the closing date.
Registration Fee: Indian participants Rs. 3500/- US$ 150

The fee includes all meals, Tea/Coffee and social events during the duration of the course. Participants will be provided a comprehensive course literature book.

Payment procedure: Bank draft in favour of 8th FIMSA/IIS Course, payable at New Delhi

Dates to Remember:

Issue of first circular: August 31, 2005

Issue of second Circular: September 30, 2005

Last Date for application: November 30, 2005

Selection Notification: December 15, 2005

Bursary application: November 30, 2005 (For Foreign Students)

Course Dates: March 1-5, 2006

Course Secretariat:

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