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Organization

The Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS) is an organization of 34 professional scientific societies whose members specialize in a number of diseases or conditions related to clinical immunology. FOCIS exists to improve human health through immunology by fostering interdisciplinary approaches to both understand and treat immune-based diseases.

Initially established as a cross-disciplinary meeting, FOCIS held its first Annual Meeting in 2001. After two successful consecutive meetings, FOCIS incorporated in 2003 as an independent organization.

Now in its seventh year of existence, FOCIS has 20 Member Societies and 14 Affiliate Societies, representing roughly 30,000 clinician scientists. A federation of this size provides a voice for clinical immunologists and ultimately strives to improve patient care.

Purpose, Mission, and Goals

The object and mission of FOCIS is to improve human health through immunology by fostering interdisciplinary approaches to both understand and treat immune-based diseases.

Goals of FOCIS include:

- I. EDUCATION OF CLINICAL TRAINEES AND INVESTIGATORS:** To create educational programs that maintain, develop or increase the knowledge, understanding, skills and professional performance of trainees and investigators in the broad field of clinical immunology.
- II. EDUCATION OF BASIC SCIENTISTS:** Basic scientists will understand the pathogenesis of immunological disease and the principles of clinical research.
- III. FOCIS CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE:** To establish a variety of diverse FOCIS Centers of Excellence that are fully functional as interdisciplinary umbrella programs that bring a unique approach to research and patient care.
- IV. ANNUAL MEETING:** To establish the FOCIS Annual Meeting as the premier venue for clinical immunology in the world.

Future FOCIS Meetings

June 5-9, 2008
Boston, Massachusetts

June 11-15, 2009
San Francisco, California

June 24-28, 2010
Boston, Massachusetts



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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to invite you to attend FOCIS 2007, the premier meeting in clinical immunology!

Now in its seventh year, FOCIS 2007 is the only scientific meeting to approach clinical immunology from an interdisciplinary angle. Since its conception in 2001, the FOCIS Annual Meeting has evolved into the leading forum for researchers and clinicians in a multitude of specialty areas to gather and share the latest findings, breakthroughs and therapies related to human disease.

The popularity of affiliated course offerings has grown as well, with five FOCIS Member Societies holding Satellite Programs last year that were overflowing with attendees. FOCIS' own Satellite Program, "Basic Immunology for Clinicians: Update" saw an overwhelming demand for registration.

FOCIS 2007 will bring together researchers from around the world, working in more than 30 clinical specialties, as well as those affiliated with biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, in a forum where attendees can share their work and ideas.

A top-notch scientific program includes plenary sessions, thematic symposia, oral abstract sessions, and poster sessions on featured topics such as crucial novel cytokine pathways, combating infectious disease, adoptive immunotherapy, and the future of immunogenetics and functional genomics.

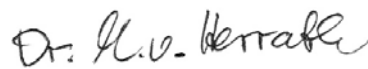
World-renowned speakers in the field of clinical immunology will explore their work and touch on the five themes embraced by FOCIS:

- Immunoregulation
- Immunodiagnosis
- Immunogenetics
- Immunotherapy
- Host Defense

FOCIS 2007 is your chance to be a part of an exciting and significant approach to "improving human health through immunology."

FOCIS 2007 will be held June 7-11 in San Diego, California, headquartered at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. We look forward to welcoming you to beautiful San Diego and hope you will take advantage of the exciting opportunities that exist at FOCIS 2007.

With best regards,



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Meeting Information

Dates: Thursday, June 7 through Monday, June 11, 2007.

Abstracts

Abstracts are the backbone of the thematic and concurrent sessions of FOCIS 2007 and aid in energizing the discipline of clinical and translational science. To submit an abstract, please visit the Annual Meeting section of the FOCIS website at www.focisnet.org. The submission deadline is January 19, 2007. There will be NO late-breaking abstract deadline. All abstracts will be reviewed and considered for either an oral or poster presentation. Notification regarding acceptance or rejection of abstracts will be made via email by March 15, 2007.

Registration

FOCIS 2007 registration is now open! Visit www.focisnet.org to register online.

Discounted registration rates are available to delegates who register before May 1, 2007. Also, delegates who book their hotel rooms at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, the FOCIS 2007 Headquarters Hotel, are eligible to receive further discounts when registering before April 13. Simply enter your Sheraton confirmation number when registering for FOCIS 2007 to receive the Headquarters Hotel Discount.

	Headquarters Hotel Discount <small>(available until April 13)</small>	Advance <small>(Nov 10-May 1)</small>	Onsite
Member	\$200	\$250	\$400
Non-Member	\$250	\$300	\$450
Trainee Member	\$75	\$100	\$150
Trainee Non-Member	\$125	\$150	\$200

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Confirmation

Upon receipt of the submitted registration form and full registration fee, each delegate will receive a confirmation of registration via email. If an email address is not provided, the confirmation will be sent via postal mail or fax. Your confirmation letter is your receipt for the meeting and also contains your registration ID number. This number will be needed after the meeting if you plan on claiming CME credit for the sessions you attend. Please use your confirmation letter as proof you have paid your registration fees and attended the meeting. Please bring a copy of this confirmation with you to FOCIS 2007.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Refund of registration fees, less a \$25 administrative fee may be applied for, in writing, before April 13, 2007. After this date, no refunds will be made. There will also be a \$25 administrative fee assessed for transfers of registration.

Exhibition

Manufacturers, distributors and suppliers of products and services for physicians and researchers involved in clinical immunology are invited to participate in the FOCIS 2007 Posters and Exhibition Hall. To receive a copy of the Exhibitor Prospectus, please contact FOCIS Meetings Manager, Michelle Reed (mreed@focisnet.org) or visit the Annual Meeting section of the FOCIS website (www.focisnet.org).

Opening Reception

The Opening Reception will take place on Friday, June 8 at 7:30 pm in the Posters and Exhibition Hall. The Reception is open to all delegates and Exhibit Hall staff

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Registration Desk

Name badges and registration materials will be mailed to delegates who pre-register for FOCIS 2007. Pre-registered delegates may simply bring their Registration Bag Voucher to the FOCIS 2007 bag desk to claim a registration bag.

Delegates who register onsite will receive a name badge and materials at the FOCIS 2007 registration desk. A limited number of registration materials will be available for onsite registrations and will be distributed while supplies last. The FOCIS 2007 registration desk will be located at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, and will be open the following hours:

Wednesday, June 63:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday, June 77:00 am-5:00 pm
Friday, June 87:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday, June 97:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday, June 107:00 am-12:00 pm

Special Needs Accessibility

Delegates requiring special arrangements in order to fully participate in FOCIS 2007 should send a written description of such needs along with their registration form. To ensure appropriate accommodations, all special needs should be addressed in advance with FOCIS Meetings Manager, Michelle Reed (mreed@focisnet.org).

Travel

The San Diego International Airport (SAN) offers service from more than 26 domestic and international airlines. Visit www.san.org/airport/splash.asp for more information on airline accessibility, ground transportation, and parking.



Weather

The average June temperatures in San Diego range from a low of 61° to a high of 71° Fahrenheit.

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Hotel Information:

Book Online at www.focisnet.org

Registration for the FOCIS meeting does not include a room reservation. A special meeting rate is available at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. Please contact the hotel directly, or log onto www.focisnet.org to make reservations before May 6, 2007 in order to receive the following rates (rates are not guaranteed after May 6):

Single/Double Rate: \$209

Trainee Rate*: \$169

** A limited number of rooms are available to trainees at this reduced rate!*

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2007 Preliminary Scientific Program

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

- 3:00 pm-8:00 pm Registration Open
- 8:00 am-5:00 pm Basic Immunology for Clinicians, (\$150)
- 2:00 pm-6:00 pm FOCIS Centers of Excellence Director's Meeting

Thursday, June 7, 2007

- 7:00 am-5:00 pm Registration Open
- 8:00 am-5:00 pm FOCIS Trainee Satellite Symposia
- FOCIS Member Society Satellites**
- 9:00 am-5:00 pm Damage Associated Molecular Pattern Molecules, Inflammation and Autoimmunity - presented jointly by the Clinical Immunology Society and International Society for Biological Therapy of Cancer (\$50)
- 9:00 am-5:00 pm Immunoassessment & Interventional Immunology - presented by the Clinical Immunology Society and Cancer Vaccine Consortium (\$50)
- 9:00 am-5:00 pm ISNI/IDS Satellite Symposium - presented jointly by the International Society for Neuroimmunology and the Immunology of Diabetes Society (\$45)
- 9:00 am-5:00 pm AST Satellite Symposium - presented by the American Society of Transplantation
- 1:00 pm-5:00 pm What's New in Uveitis - presented by the American Uveitis Society
- 1:00 pm-5:00 pm Immune Response in Silico - presented by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
- 6:30 pm-9:30 pm Trainee Satellite Symposia Poster Reception - Open to All

Friday, June 8, 2007

- 7:00 am-5:00 pm Registration Open
- 7:30 am-8:30 am Poster Session - Authors Optional
- 8:30 am-10:00 am Plenary Session
 - Combating Infectious Disease
- 10:15 am-12:00 pm Concurrent Thematic Symposia
 - Combination Therapies to Induce Tolerance
 - Commensal Flora and the Immune Response
 - From Micro to Nano Imaging
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Getting your First NIH Grant Funded (\$20)
- 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Targeting B cells - supported by Genentech
- 2:45 pm-4:45 pm Concurrent Oral Abstract Sessions
- 5:00 pm-5:45 pm Keynote Address - Tadimitsu Kishimoto, MD, PhD
- 5:30 pm-7:30 pm Exhibit Hall Open
- 5:45 pm-7:00 pm Poster Session with Authors Present
- 7:30 pm-9:00 pm Opening Reception - Exhibition Hall

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Saturday, June 9, 2007

7:00 am-5:00 pm	Registration Open
7:30 am-8:30 am	Poster Session - Authors Optional Exhibit Hall Open
8:30 am-10:00 am	Plenary Session Crucial Novel Cytokine Pathways - supported by UCB Pharma
10:15 am-12:00 pm	Concurrent Thematic Symposia Inflammation Good or Bad for Tregs Immunodeficiencies in Humans - Human 'Knockouts' Immune Responses to Modified Self Antigens
12:00 pm-2:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	Developing Immunotherapies - supported by Amgen
2:45 pm-4:45 pm	Concurrent Oral Abstract Sessions
5:00 pm-5:45 pm	Presidential Address - David Hafler, MD
5:30 pm-7:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
5:45 pm-7:00 pm	Poster Session with Authors Present

Sunday, June 10, 2007

7:00 am-12:00 pm	Registration Open
7:30 am-8:30 am	Poster Session - Authors Optional Exhibit Hall Open
8:30 am-10:00 am	Plenary Session Adoptive Immunotherapy
10:15 am-12:00 pm	Concurrent Thematic Symposia From Genes to Treatment - supported by the Clinical Immunology Society Antigen Specific Immune Modulation Innate Immunology
12:00 pm-2:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	Afternoon Plenary Session
2:45 pm-4:45 pm	Concurrent Oral Abstract Sessions
5:00 pm-5:45 pm	Keynote Address
5:30 pm-7:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
5:45 pm-7:00 pm	Poster Session with Authors Present

Monday, June 11, 2007

8:30 am-10:00 am	Plenary Session - John Todd, PhD The Future of Immunogenetics and Functional Genomics
10:15 am-12:00 pm	State of the Art Reports: Genome Wide Association Scans · Inflammatory Bowel Disease Genetics Consortium · Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis Consortium · International Multiple Sclerosis Genetics Consortium · North American Rheumatoid Arthritis Consortium · Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Consortium · Welcome Trust Case Control Consortium Closing Keynote Address - Eric Lander, PhD
12:00 pm-1:30 pm	Designer Genes Luncheon (pre-registration required)

Abstract Deadline:

January 19, 2006

See back cover for abstract submission guidelines.

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Submission Instructions

Go to www.focisnet.org to begin the online abstract submission process. Click on "Submit an Abstract" to access the online submission system, which includes complete instructions on the process. Paper and disk submissions will not be accepted.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting abstracts is January 19, 2007. There will be NO late-breaking abstract deadline.

Eligibility

Members of any of the FOCIS Member Societies, Affiliate Societies or FOCIS Centers of Excellence, as well as non-members are eligible to submit abstracts.

Prior Publication

Abstracts that have been or will be published prior to the time of presentation at FOCIS 2007 may NOT be submitted.

Review Process

Abstracts will be peer-reviewed according to the categories provided. Authors must choose one category and one theme for each abstract submitted. Indicate the category and theme during online submission.

Abstract Placement

The FOCIS Organizing Committee will have sole discretion regarding placement of abstracts within the FOCIS program. Abstracts will be considered for either an oral or poster presentation. Please indicate your preference for oral or poster presentation format during online submission.

Notification

Notification regarding acceptance or rejection of abstracts will be made via email by March 15, 2007. If you do not receive any notification of your abstract's status, please contact:
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Abstract Publication

Abstracts accepted for presentation and properly registered by April 1, 2007 will be published in PDF format on the FOCIS website and be distributed to all FOCIS 2007 delegates.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals of abstracts must be received in writing before February 1, 2007. Abstracts may not be withdrawn after this day.

Abstract Presentation

Abstract submitters must be prepared to present submitted abstracts at FOCIS 2007 should their abstract be accepted for the meeting. Posters will not be allowed without an accompanying presenter.

Travel Awards

Travel awards are available to select abstract presenters chosen for presentation at FOCIS 2007. The number and amount of awards made is dependent upon available funds. To be considered for a travel award, check the appropriate boxes when submitting abstracts online.

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