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FOCIS 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting Highlights



FOCIS 2020 was held virtually on October 28-31, 2020. 1,236 attendees from 40 countries attended the conference.

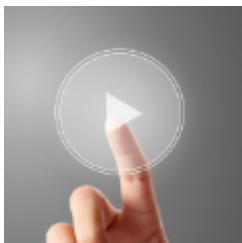
The FOCIS Annual Meeting is THE meeting in translational immunology and this year was no exception! FOCIS 2020 boasted over 400 abstracts, over 100 plenary, thematic, and abstract speakers, seven Member Society symposia, and four pre-meeting educational courses/workshop.

FOCIS was proud to present attendees with a special opening session from NIAID Director Dr. Anthony Fauci, and Keynote Addresses from Nobel Laureate Dr. Tasuku Honjo, Dr. Federica

Sallusto and Dr. Irving Weissman.

Many thanks to the FOCIS 2020 Scientific Program Committee for their time and talent in putting together a stellar lineup of topics and speakers.

FOCIS 2020 Highlights Video



Thank you to all FOCIS 2020 attendees, speakers, sponsors and exhibitors. Your contributions have made FOCIS' first virtual Annual Meeting a resounding success!

Catch up on all the action in our [2020 Annual Meeting highlights video](#).

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Details coming soon regarding individual and group registration, abstract submission and Member Society Symposia.



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1. Want to have immune cell markers in one place? Download our [Immune cell guide](#) to find cell markers. This guide has common and esoteric cell surface and intracellular markers to help you find your immune cell subset.
2. Unsure how to put together your panel? Check out the [Invitrogen Immunology at Work Learning Center](#) to learn about the combinations of markers and subsets of immune cells. This resource center is written by scientists who worked with immune cells and other topics in immunology. The purpose is to help you design your experiment more quickly.
3. Ready to design your experiments? Picking clones and fluorophores can be challenging when you are designing for a 5-color or 40-color experiment. Try the [Invitrogen Flow Cytometry Panel Builder](#) Webtool to easily design your panel and get fluorophore

choices right before you start your experiment. The webtool can help suggest clones and fluorophores with our unique program. If you want someone else to build your panel, get in touch with our **technical specialists** who are expert panel builders and former flow cytometrists.

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FCE Spotlight



Olivier Boyer, MD, PhD
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To introduce our membership to Dr. Boyer, we interviewed him about his career path, proudest achievements, his involvement in FOCIS and the research his FCE is currently conducting.

How did you first get involved with FOCIS?

I first got involved by attending one of the FOCIS meetings. It was in 2011 in Washington. I thought it

was the perfect congress format with top-level science, outstanding speakers, focus on human interventional immunology (which is my main interest), opportunities for networking and also an excellent organization.

How do you think FOCIS has changed your world?

It has increased the visibility of my research at the international level. FOCIS has allowed me to get in touch with colleagues, some of whom I am now collaborating with. I feel that there is a FOCIS spirit and I like it. Over the years I have become more and more involved in FOCIS. I have advocated FOCIS membership to my national society, the French Society of Immunology, which became a FOCIS member society in 2013. Then I served twice on the FOCIS Steering Committee. I organized last year's member society joint session with ALAI, which is the Latin American Association of Immunology. This was also last year that we became a FOCIS Center of Excellence (FCE) and this year that I joined the FCE Committee. FOCIS indeed changed my world!

If your colleague asked you why they should join FOCIS, what would you tell them?

I wouldn't wait until they asked me. I would rather go and tell them before they ask. They should definitely join FOCIS because FOCIS organizes the best congress of immunology ever. Seriously. Not only is the quality excellent, but the possibilities of interacting with people are like nowhere else for a general immunology meeting. It's true for the juniors. It's also true for the seniors. I may add that besides attending the Annual meeting, being an individual FOCIS member, creates some opportunities, especially for some young immunologists, such as travel grants, discounts on registration fees for the annual meeting and courses.

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Remember to Renew your FOCIS Membership



More than 1,000 immunology professionals consider FOCIS their home to access education, research and a community of scientists, clinicians, and scholars who have a broad interest in this growing field.

We're continuously expanding the reach of FOCIS to more sectors, both in academia and in industry. Thank you for being part of the translational immunology community. We're glad you're here!

Enjoy your FOCIS Member Benefits:

- **Opportunity** – Present your research at FOCIS 2021 by submitting an abstract. Our Annual Meeting is large enough to attract top presenters and participants, but small enough that you can interact with them.
 - **Savings** – FOCIS members receive discounted registration rates to all FOCIS events, complimentary abstract submission (normally a \$30 submission fee) and eligibility for up to \$750 in travel reimbursement!
 - **Access** – FOCIS has 59 Member Societies who represent over 65,000 clinician scientists. Your membership connects you with these leaders in immunology.
 - **Growth** – FOCIS offers many educational opportunities throughout the year, including our upcoming Spring Advanced Course and FOCISed Courses prior to FOCIS 2021.
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Registration for the 2021 Spring Advanced Course is now open!

Register Now!



Vazquez Receives Top Scoring FCE Poster at FOCIS 2020

Congratulations to FCE trainee Sara Vazquez, University of California, San Francisco.

Sara Vazquez is the presenting author of the top-scoring poster presented by a FOCIS Center of Excellence (FCE) trainee during the FOCIS 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting on October 28-31, 2020.

The poster presentation was entitled, *Identification of Novel, Clinically Correlated Autoantigens in APS1 and Autoimmune Diabetes by Proteome-wide PhIP-Seq*.

Please join us in congratulating Sara Vazquez.

The FOCIS Centers of Excellence (FCE) is a network of multidisciplinary academic medical centers that encompass three or more areas of research relevant to clinical immunology and have met the criteria to be designated by FOCIS as FCEs.

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