Dear Colleagues,

We are very glad to announce the 3rd African International Conference on Immunity (AICI 2018) co-organized by members from the Austrian Society of Allergy and Immunology and the Immunology and Allergy Societies in Zimbabwe as well as from the Medical University of Vienna.

The main theme of the conference which will be held from November 3 to 6, 2018 is “Immunity in Infectious Diseases and Allergy”. The meeting will discuss conditions of defective immunity (AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Opportunistic infections, other infectious diseases, tumors etc.) and excess immunity (autoimmunity and allergy etc.) with reference to how these interact with each other at molecular, cellular and clinical levels. Embedded in the meeting will be an Educational Course in Immunology and Meet the Professors events for early career scientists.

**Keynote Speakers are:**

Abul K. Abbas, San Francisco, USA  
Iona Agache, Brasov, Romania  
Mohamed Ridha Barbouche, Tunis-Belvédère, Tunisia  
Kristina Broliden, Stockholm, Sweden  
Rita Carsetti, Rome, Italy  
Bradley Chipps, Sacramento, USA  
Liz Corbett, Lilongwe, Malawi  
Ahmed El-Gohary, Alexandria, Egypt  
Stanley Fineman, Atlanta, USA  
Clive Gray, Cape Town, South Africa  
Rainer Henning, Vienna, Austria  
Alexander Karaulov, Moscow, Russia  
Musa Khaitov, Moscow, Russia  
Alberto Mantovani, Milano Italy  
Collen Masimirirembwa, Harare, Zimbabwe  
Takafira Mduluza Harare, Zimbabwe  
Harriet Mpariwe, Entebbe, Uganda  
Francisca Mutapi, Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
Henry Mwandumba, Lilongwe, Malawi  
Mike Levin, Cape Town, South Africa  
Faith Osier, Kilifi, Kenya  
Ruby Pawankar, Tokyo, Japan  
Winfried Pickl, Vienna, Austria  
Peter Schmid-Grendelmeier, Zürich, Switzerland  
Mario Sanchez-Borgez, Caracas, Venezuela.
Elopy Sibanda, Harare, Zimbabwe
Hans Uwe Simon, Bern, Switzerland
Hannes Stockinger, Vienna, Austria
Jude Uzonna, Manitoba, Canada
Rudolf Valenta, Vienna, Austria
Marianne van Hage, Stockholm, Sweden
René A.W. van Lier, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
George Warimwe, Kilifi, Kenya
Ursula Wiedermann, Vienna, Austria
Harald zur Hausen, Heidelberg, Germany.

**International Program Committee:**

Elopy Sibanda – co-chair, Harare & Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
Rudolf Valenta – co-chair, Medical University of Vienna, Austria

**Organizing Committee:**

Elopy Sibanda, Rudolf Valenta, Hannes Stockinger, Winfried Pickl, Ursula Wiedermann, Faith Osier, Francisca Mutapi

**Venue**

The conference will be held from November 3-6, 2018 in Victoria Falls at Elephant Hills Hotel.
Contacts of the venue:
https://elephanthillsresort.com/en/
Conference web-site: http://www.aici2018.org/web
Official languages of the conference: English.
PROGRAM OUTLINE

Saturday, November 3, 2018:
14.00-17.00 FOCIS Educational Course in Immunology, Abul Abbas
17.30-19.00 Opening Ceremony
Keynote lecture by Prof. Harald zur Hausen
19.00 Welcome reception

Sunday, November 4, 2018:
8.30-10.30 Session 1
10.30-11.00 Break
11.00-13.00 Session 2
13.00-14.30 Lunch with the Professors
14.30-16.30 Session 3
16.30-17.00 Break
17.00-18.30 Session 4
18.30-20.30 Poster Session
21.00 Dinner Elephant Hills Hotel

Monday, November 5, 2018:
8.30-9.00 Round Table “Immunology in Africa”
9.00-10.30 Session 5
10.30-11.00 Break
11.00-13.00 Session 6
13.00-14.30 Lunch
14.30-17.00 Session 7
17.00-17.30 Break
17.30-19.30 Session 8
20.00 Dinner Elephant Hills Hotel

Tuesday, November 6, 2018:
9.00-10.30 Session 9
10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30 Session 10

12.30-14.00 Closing ceremony, Awards for best posters and oral presentations

14.00-15.30 Late lunch with the Professors

16.00 Zambezi River Sunset Cruise followed by Water Front Gala Dinner
REGISTRATION

To participate in the conference, you must fill out the registration form (Word doc for download below), sign it and send it as PDF or fax to Doris Werjant-Locmele. Email: doris.werjant@meduniwien.ac.at; Fax: +43-1-40400-51300. You will then receive an invoice. After successful payment you will receive the confirmation of your registration together with the hotel reservation. Abstracts should be submitted as indicated below.

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!African students are eligible for travel grants!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

African students applying for travel grants should submit their abstract before end of September 2018 as indicated below together with their registration. On the registration form the application for a travel grant should be indicated by ticking the “yes” box. The abstracts will be reviewed and eligible students will be notified until beginning of October if their application for a travel grant was successful. The travel grant will cover travel costs, accommodation and registration.

Abstract submission

- Original laboratory or clinical research and case – report presentations in the scope of the meeting
- Deadline for abstract submission: For travel grants until end of September, others until October 15, 2018
- Abstracts must be written in English.

Abstract Formatting Instructions

- **File Type:** Abstracts must be submitted as a MS Word file (.doc or .docx).
- **File Name:** Please title the abstract file as follows, the presenter’s entire last name, followed by the first initial of their first name plus the word “Abstract”. Example: “SmithJAbstract.doc”
- **Page Format:** 8.5” x 11” page with 1-inch margins, single spaced and 12-point Times New Roman font.
- **Page Limit:** 1 page for complete abstract.
- **Title:** The abstract title should be in all CAPITAL letters and bold 12-point Times New Roman font.
- **Authors:** The presenting author should be the first author and the research mentor should be the last author. Any co-authors who are not presenting should be included between the presenter and research mentor.
- **Affiliations:** The format for affiliations should be as follows: Presenter Institution Name, City, Country.
- **The Body of Abstract:** Maximum 2,500 characters (approx. 340 words). Title, authors and affiliations statement are not included in word limit.
Abstract regulations

- Abstracts should be submitted to the AICI team via e-mail address: doris.werjant@meduniwien.ac.at. Please, include within the “Subject” space “Abstract AICI 2018” and indicate your preference for oral or poster presentation in the email.
- Acknowledgement of receipt of your submission will be sent to your email address. If you do not receive the confirmation email within 48 hours, please contact us at: doris.werjant@meduniwien.ac.at with copy at: Rudolf.valenta@meduniwien.ac.at and ensibanda@gmail.com
- You are allowed to be the presenting author of more than one abstract or to be a co-author of another abstracts.
- Abstract presenters must be registered for the 3rd African International Conference on Immunity (AICI 2018), Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
- For registration, please, use the Registration Form.
- Any errors in grammar or scientific facts will be reproduced as typed by the author.
- Notification of acceptance or rejection of the abstract will be sent to the corresponding author of the abstract by mid-October, 2018.
- Accepted abstracts will be considered for oral and/or poster sessions guided by an international jury.
- Cash awards will be given for the best oral presentations and best posters selected by an international jury
- The corresponding author receives all information concerning the future presentation.

Organizing committee:
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Looking forward meeting you in Victoria Falls 2018!