



## SAIS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear SAIS members,

Below, please find this week's newsletter.

### **FUNDING CALLS, CONFERENCES, WEBINARS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Two-week modular course "Immunology in the Tropics" - December 3rd - 14th in Entebbe, Uganda**

The Makere/UVRI Infection and Immunity Centre of Excellence, Uganda is running an intensive two-week modular course "Immunology in the Tropics" from December 3rd – 14th in Entebbe, Uganda in collaboration with the Wellcome Trust. The application deadline is Friday, November 2nd, 2018. For more information, please visit [www.muui.org.ug](http://www.muui.org.ug).

#### **Keystone Symposia - Transcription and RNA Regulation in Inflammation and Immunity - February 2-5, 2019 - Tahoe City, California, USA**

Scholarship and discounted abstract deadline extended to October 18, 2018; abstract deadline (for Short Talks) - October 30, 2018; discounted registration deadline - November 29, 2018. Please find more information here: <https://lnkd.in/dFM3qJn>.

#### **The 2019 Michelson Prizes - Funding Opportunity**

The 2019 Michelson Prizes have been expanded to include three focus areas: Human Immunology, Computational Biology and Protein Engineering, and Neglected Parasitic Diseases. The pre-application due date is October 29, 2018 - 5:00 pm EDT (UTC -4). Please find more details here: <https://lnkd.in/dTXvZwB>.

#### **Clinic on Dynamical Approaches to Infectious Disease Data - 16-22 December 2018, Stellenbosch, South Africa - Request for Applications**

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ici3d.org/daidd>.

#### **Pre-conference event - IDSSA/SASPID Workshop - 24 October 2018 - 10:00-14:00 - Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand, Gauteng, South Africa**

The purpose of the workshop is to provide updates on the **treatment and prevention of infectious diseases in children and adults**. Cost: R500 per person (cost includes lunch and refreshments). Please follow this link to register: <https://lnkd.in/drM4kuw>.

#### **Workshop on Infectious Diseases Dynamics and Evolution - December 3-5, 2018 - the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD), Johannesburg, South Africa - Registration deadline 29 October 2018**

The Fogarty International Center, NIH will be running a training workshop on Infectious Diseases Dynamics and Evolution, December 3-5, 2018 at the NICD.

The objective of this workshop is to train epidemiologists, virologists, microbiologists, and public health professionals, on the use of computational methods in infectious diseases.

Participants will learn how to characterize seasonality, disease burden, transmission dynamics, molecular analysis and phylodynamics of viral infections, with a key focus on influenza and HIV. Participants will be invited to work with their own data and with publicly available sample datasets.

The workshop will include 2 parallel tracks on epidemiology and phylogenetics.

Prospective participants for the workshops are requested to submit an abstract (maximum 250 words) describing the data which they will be bringing and their research questions along with their registration information.

Workshop registration is now open by the following link: <https://lnkd.in/dDeDtj3>.



**Advanced Course in Basic and Clinical Immunology - March 3-6, 2019 - La Jolla, California - Program and Faculty Announced**

<https://lnkd.in/dAjTGGe>.

**PUBLICATIONS and INTERESTING READS:**

**Impact of monovalent rotavirus vaccine on diarrhoea-associated post-neonatal infant mortality in rural communities in Malawi: a population-based birth cohort study - new study (open access)**

<https://lnkd.in/dvkE44B>.

**Scientists develop novel vaccine for lassa fever and rabies - new study**

<https://lnkd.in/dSTZF72>.

**Fruit fly protein could be new tool in tackling disease-carrying mosquitos - new study**

<https://lnkd.in/dFKdXZa>.

**Basophils - Underestimated players in lung development - interesting read**

<https://lnkd.in/dUcjRfj>.

**Long-acting injectable implant shows promise for HIV treatment and prevention - new study**

<https://lnkd.in/d2xFmCC>.

**JOBS and POSITIONS:**

**Hutchinson Centre Research Institute of South Africa is hiring a Scientific Officer**

The Scientific Officer (SO) will oversee a group of research technologists conducting immunological assays to determine immune responses induced by HIV and TB vaccines. The SO will train and supervise research technologists and will implement laboratory Quality Assurance (QA) processes to maintain an endpoints lab compliant with Good Clinical Laboratory Practices (GCLP). The SO will ensure timely completion of assays, analyze data and report findings back to laboratory management, collaborators and clinical trial sponsors.

For more details, description and qualifications required, please contact Bongzi Vilakazi:

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**Hutchinson Centre Research Institute of South Africa is hiring a Regional Medical Liaison for the HIV Vaccine Trials Network**

Regional Medical Liaison, HIV Vaccine Trials Network

The Regional Medical Liaison plays a key role in providing clinical support for clinical research sites (CRSs) implementing HIV vaccine & prevention trials of the HVTN in Southern Africa. The position is based in Southern Africa and is part of the Clinical Development Unit, Core Operations Center of the NIH-funded HIV Vaccine Trials Network. The Regional Medical Liaison is a resource for CRS staff and other Core Operations staff based in Southern Africa and is a liaison between Southern Africa-based clinical CRS staff, Seattle-based Clinical Safety Specialists and Clinical Trials Physicians, and the HVTN Leadership. The main responsibilities of the position are to be involved in the safety monitoring of HVTN trials being conducted in the region.

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**Cape Town HVTN - Immunology Laboratory is hiring a Research Technologist**

The purpose of this position is to perform laboratory technical work to assess immune responses. For more details, description and qualifications required, please contact Bongi Vilakazi:

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Additionally, I would like to kindly remind you that we have a SAIS LinkedIn group (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13607802>), where I post daily updates and reminders of conferences, meetings, funding opportunities, etc., coming up. If you would like to be a member of the group, please send me a request to join. Please remember that it is a closed group, and therefore the content is only available to members.

Please don't forget to send me any info you may have on funding opportunities, meetings, workshops and/or conferences, so I can post it on the group's LinkedIn page. Additionally, if you are recruiting/hiring, I am more than happy to advertise it on the group.

Thank you and have a nice week ahead.

Kind regards

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