

SAIS NEWSLETTER – August 27th, 2021

Dear SAIS

Please find this week's newsletter. Only few hours left to go until the 8th SAIS Virtual conference. The conference will start on 30 August to 1 September 2021 and will feature great workshops as well as exciting presentations from experienced researchers. Registration is only R250. Please use this link: <https://www.sais-bookings.co.za/> to register. Don't miss out on this exciting conference! Please follow us on all our social media platforms for more daily updates on the SAIS Conference 2021.

FUNDING CALLS, CONFERENCES, WEBINARS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



**IMMUNOLOGY
ON THE FRONT LINE
VIIITH CONFERENCE
OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN
IMMUNOLOGY SOCIETY**

2021 WEBINAR
30 August – 1 September 2021

Join us on Monday, 30th of August 2021, for a day of workshops, plenary and an ethics session, presented by leading international speakers

Workshops Include

- Science Writing Session (Sponsored by Sanofi Pasteur)**
Presented by Dr Andrew Moore
- Pursuing Science Outside Of Academia**
Presentations by Dr Andreia Cunha, Dr Dana Savulescu & Dr Samantha Barichiev
- Antigen Desensitisation – What Is It And How To Go About It?**
Presentations by Dr Carien Murray & Dr Zunaid Barday
- Evolutionary Perspectives In Host – Microbe Interactions**
Presentations by Dr Joe Alcock & Dr Andrew Read

Opening Plenary

- Shifting Sands Of Vaccine Manufacturing In South Africa**
Presentations by Prof Willem Hanekom & Dr Morena Makhoana

Ethics Session

- Vaccine Passports Driving Global Inequity: An Ethical Conundrum**
Presented by Prof Keymanthri Moodley



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**JOIN US FOR THE FIRST SAIS
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

Exciting Topics Include:

- o **Immunology of TB** - the overshadowed epidemic
- o **Allergy** - the frontline in diagnosis and therapy
- o **Inborn errors of immunity/PID** - new insights
- o **Immunometabolism** - piecing together the puzzle
- o **Clinical immunology** - the cutting edge
- o **HIV Immunology** - into the future
- o **Auto-immunity & Rheumatology** - tools in our arsenal
- o **Immuno-oncology** - outmanoeuvring cancer
- o **Vaccinology** - our best shot
- o **COVID-19 immunology** - leading the way

Registration Fee • R250

Student scholarships available



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GOOGLE PLAY & THE APP STORE

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visit www.sais-bookings.co.za for more information

Elections for Executive Committee of the SAIS

We will be electing the new SAIS committee during the upcoming SAIS conference. The committee consists of 7-10 members including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and other office-bearers. Portfolios will be determined by the elected members after the voting process. The AGM will be held on Tuesday 31 August at 7 pm.

PUBLICATIONS and INTERESTING READS

A Mix-and-Match Approach to SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination

https://www.practiceupdate.com/c/121770/75/24/?elsca1=emc_eneews_weekinreview&elsca2=email&elsca3=practiceupdate_cv19&elsca4=cv19&elsca5=newsletter&rid=NDY1Mzc5NzcwNTYyS0&lid=31048597

mRNA Vaccine Effective Against Hospitalization Over 24-Week Period

https://www.practiceupdate.com/c/122639/2/6/?elsca1=emc_eneews_daily-digest&elsca2=email&elsca3=practiceupdate_primary&elsca4=primary-care&elsca5=newsletter&rid=NDY1Mzc5NzcwNTYyS0&lid=20849336

A Third Dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine Appears to “Strongly” Boost Protection Against the Delta Variant

<https://www.practiceupdate.com/content/a-third-dose-of-the-pfizerbiontech-covid-19-vaccine-appears-to-lldquostronglyrdquo-boost-protection-against-the-delta-variant/121617/15/24/2>

FDA Approves First COVID-19 Vaccine

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-first-covid-19-vaccine>

“Your body doesn’t produce infinite amounts of antibodies... Your lymph nodes are not, like, the horn of plenty.”

https://www.newyorker.com/science/medical-dispatch/have-you-already-had-a-breakthrough-covid-infection?utm_source=Nature+Briefing&utm_campaign=3e50acf932-briefing-dy-20210823&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c9dfd39373-3e50acf932-46191682

Critics say a childhood asthma study unethically withheld care—and see a troubling trend

https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2021/08/critics-say-childhood-asthma-study-unethically-withheld-care-and-see-troubling-trend?utm_source=Nature+Briefing&utm_campaign=3e50acf932-briefing-dy-20210823&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c9dfd39373-3e50acf932-46191682

Spike-Antibody Waning After Second Dose of BNT162b2 or ChAdOx1

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(21\)01642-1/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(21)01642-1/fulltext)

Innate immune cell dysregulation drives inflammation and disease in aspirin-exacerbated respiratory disease

[https://www.jacionline.org/article/S0091-6749\(21\)00973-8/fulltext](https://www.jacionline.org/article/S0091-6749(21)00973-8/fulltext)

Rethinking neutrophils and eosinophils in chronic rhinosinusitis

[https://www.jacionline.org/article/S0091-6749\(21\)00545-5/fulltext](https://www.jacionline.org/article/S0091-6749(21)00545-5/fulltext)

COVID-19–associated multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C): A novel disease that mimics toxic shock syndrome—the superantigen hypothesis

[https://www.jacionline.org/article/S0091-6749\(20\)31414-7/fulltext](https://www.jacionline.org/article/S0091-6749(20)31414-7/fulltext)



Effect of HLA genotype on intravesical recurrence after bacillus Calmette–Guérin therapy for non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00262-021-03032-0>

JOBS and POSITIONS

Lecturer in Genetics / Applied Bioinformatics / Immunology, School of Molecular & Cell Biology, University of The Witwatersrand

To apply, submit a cover letter accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae (CV), indicating research and teaching experience, NRF rating (if available), a brief statement of proposed research to be undertaken, a teaching portfolio, certified copies of all educational qualifications and identity document, and the names and email addresses of 3 referees. Applications closing date: 3 September 2021.

For more information, please visit: <https://lnkd.in/dRi2r4W>

Scientist - Aurum Institute - Johannesburg

The Aurum Institute is offering a great opportunity to suitably qualified and experienced staff to contribute towards our mission to improve the health of people and communities through innovation in Health Research and Systems. We are focused on research, support and implementing integrated approaches to managing TB and HIV. Qualification: Interested applicants should have a Masters degree in immunology, virology or Molecular biology. For more information, please visit:

https://za.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=ebde16100b47f116&q=Immunology&tk=1fcg7a4nu7sm800&from=ja&aid=56257a45e4b07b61b353ec38&utm_campaign=job_alerts&utm_medium=email&utm_source=jobseeker_emails&rgtk=1fcg7a4nu7sm800

Medical Advisor Immunology at Sanofi

Education, Experience & Knowledge: Medical Qualification - MBChB/ PhD / B.Sc. Specialist qualifications will be an advantage. If you are interested in applying for this vacancy and you are confident that you meet the criteria set out in the advertisement kindly click on the link below

<https://sanofi.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/SanofiCareers>.

IMPORTANT LINKS

To renew your SAIS Membership please visit: <https://saimmunology.org.za/membership.htm>

For booking or registration of SAIS Conference 2021 visit: <https://www.sais-bookings.co.za/>

Please don't forget to send me your recent publications for inclusion in our community corner. Additionally, if you are recruiting/hiring, I am more than happy to advertise it on LinkedIn/twitter and in the newsletter.

Thank you.

Kind regards

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