

SAIS NEWSLETTER – June 11th, 2021

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FUNDING CALLS, CONFERENCES, WEBINARS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAIS Conference 2021 - Submit your late Breaker Abstract now!



IMMUNOLOGY ON THE FRONT LINE

VIIITH CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN IMMUNOLOGY SOCIETY

2021 WEBINAR

**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

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FAIS conference 2021 Virtual Meeting will be held on August 1-5, 2021

FAIS 2021

Be sure to submit an abstract by the 17th of June to take part in this Virtual Meeting. [Register here](#) to enjoy the content from other Immunologists. If you believe you qualify for a registration waiver, please click [here](#).

PathReD – Enhancing Health through Research will be held from 19-22nd August 2021

Submit your late Breaker Abstract– Log on to <http://pathred.nhls.ac.za/>

Fogarty HIV-Associated TB Training Program - Study Protocol Development & Introduction To Biostatistics

The HIV-associated TB Training Program (HATTP) is an initiative at UCT to support the training of the next generation of research leaders in the field of HIV-associated TB research, in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University and Vanderbilt University. HATTP is organizing a 10-week online course from **13th July to 14th September 2021**. The course is intended for students and early career researchers who are undertaking HIV-TB or HIV research. In particular, this course is suited to **medical doctors (including MMed candidates) and Health Science undergraduate students**. For more information please chat with Kathy Wood (Kathryn.Wood@uct.ac.za) or visit www.hattp.uct.ac.za

African Advanced Vaccinology Course – Will be held on 13 – 22th September 2021 @ Glenburn Lorge, Muldersdrift, Johannesburg.

The African Leadership in Vaccinology Expert (ALIVE) Consortium, under the guidance of Professor Helen Rees and Professor Shabir Madhi, invite you to apply to attend the African Vaccinology Course, Afro-Advac-2021. For more information, please visit www.wits-alive.co.za.

PUBLICATIONS and INTERESTING READS

The four most urgent questions about long COVID

https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-01511-z?utm_source=Nature+Briefing&utm_campaign=0560dd7b9b-briefing-dy-20210610&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c9dfd39373-0560dd7b9b-46191682

Vitamin D Supplementation for the Treatment of COVID-19

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34029377/>

Comparison of Circulating Immune Cell Profiles and Kinetics Between COVID-19 and Bacterial Sepsis

<https://www.practiceupdate.com/content/comparison-of-circulating-immune-cell-profiles-and-kinetics-between-covid-19-and-bacterial-sepsis/118595>

Who gets sick with TB? Deficient immune cells implicated in TB disease progression

<https://www.tbonline.info/posts/2021/6/4/who-gets-sick-tb-deficient-immune-cells-implicated/>

Japanese scientists warn that Tokyo Olympics could help spread COVID-19

https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2021/06/japanese-scientists-warn-tokyo-olympics-could-help-spread-covid-19?utm_source=Nature+Briefing&utm_campaign=0560dd7b9b-briefing-dy-20210610&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c9dfd39373-0560dd7b9b-46191682

The COVID lab-leak hypothesis: what scientists do and don't know

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-01529-3>

FUNDING CALLS

Funding Opportunity on Global Healthcare Detection and Response from U.S. CDC

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S. CDC) has announced an international, five-year funding opportunity for partners with experience in healthcare infection detection and response, and/or antibiotic and antifungal resistance across the One Health spectrum. This funding opportunity is open for maximum competition and there are no eligibility requirements. The smallest award may range from \$100,000 to \$300,000. The **deadline to submit proposals is June 28, 2021.**

JOBS and POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Pathology - Massachusetts General Hospital - Boston, MA, United States

Harvard Medical School (HMS) and Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Center for Systems Biology (CSB) and the Department of Pathology seeks applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level. Interested candidates are invited to submit application materials electronically via https://csb.mgh.harvard.edu/information/careers#post_122 by **September 1, 2021.**

Senior Clinical Research Associate /Site Liaison Associate, HVTN – Permanent Position - Johannesburg

The purpose of the position is to assist in the development of sites in the start-up phase, and upon trial implementation, oversee the execution of Good Clinical Practice (GCP) practice of HIV vaccine trials at various Clinical Research Sites (CRSs) in Southern Africa. This position is a trial management resource for CRS staff and other HVTN Leadership Operations Centre (LOC) staff based in South Africa and is a liaison between Southern Africa-based clinical CRS staff and Seattle-based staff. Interested candidates should submit a detailed CV to: svilakaz@hcrisa.org.za or submit their application online <https://southafrica-fhcr.icims.com/jobs/19106/site-liaisonassociatesenior-clinical-research-associate/job>

Clinical Trials Manager, HVTN – Permanent Position

The Clinical Trials Manager is responsible for ensuring the efficient and effective implementation of HIV vaccine and COVID-19 research protocols at sites in Southern Africa. Interested candidates should submit a detailed CV to: svilakaz@hcrisa.org.za or submit their application online <https://southafrica-fhcr.icims.com/jobs/19454/clinical-trialsmanager/job>

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Thank you.

Kind regards

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