

Registration for “ISICR Chinese Research Partnership”

Based on the discussions held during the International Society for Interferon and Cytokine Research annual meeting in Shanghai, the ISICR (www.isicr.org) has launched an experimental new program, the ISICR Chinese Research Partnership. The goal of this partnership will be to promote interactions between Chinese labs and ISICR members and assist Chinese labs in preparing manuscripts and presentations in proper English. Partnership would be based on common research interests and we believe that such partnerships will lead to future research interactions and collaborations. The announcement calling for participants has been posted on the ISICR website at <http://www.isicr.org/societyaffairs/isicrchinese.htm> and there are 12 ISICR members who have now registered. These ISICR members have agreed to review the science and edit the language of English for 4-6 manuscripts/year (no more than 1 every 2 months) for their Chinese partner laboratories. The ISICR partners also agree to evaluate PowerPoint presentations for correct English content.

The ISICR members who are willing to participate in the program are listed below. We are now calling for Chinese partners. As the program has been outlined, the partnership is designed as one-on-one relationship; therefore we expect to identify only 12 laboratories from China to establish the partnership with the registered ISICR members. If more ISICR members agree to participate, more Chinese partners will be sought. Note that research interests are not limited to immunology and Chinese partners do not have to be members of the ISICR.

Chinese partners will be identified with the assistance of Zhigang Tian, MD, PhD, Professor and Director of Institute of Immunology, and Professor Weihua Xiao, School of Life Science, University of Science & Technology of China (USTC). The laboratories willing to participate in this program should send to Weihua Xiao via e-mail (xiaow@ustc.edu.cn) or Fax (0551-3606783) the participant name, institute, contact information, research interests and selected ISICR partner (from the current list).

List of "ISICR Chinese Research Partnership" Participants

Name	Institute	E-mail	Fax	Research Interests
Howard Young	National Cancer Institute-Frederick, Maryland, USA	youngh@ncifcrf.gov	301-846-1673	NK cell gene expression, development, regulation of IFN- γ gene expression
Xiaomin Chen	University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	xiaomin_chen@wotan.mdacc.tmc.edu	713-834-6273	Jak-STAT signaling, biochemistry, biophysics, structural biology
Robert Fleischmann	University of Minnesota	rfleisch@umn.edu	612-626-0428	Immunoregulatory, antiproliferative, antitumor effects of interferons, synergistic interactions of interferons, oral administration of interferons.
Milton Taylor	Indiana University	taylor@indiana.edu	812-855-6705	IFN-signaling, hepatitis C, microarray analysis of IFN induced gene expression, IDO
Ling Cao	Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center	Ling.Cao@Dartmouth.edu	603-650-4928	Neuroimmunology and psychoneuroimmunology especially chronic pain and stress
Nancy Reich	Stony Brook University	nancy.reich@stonybrook.edu	631-632-9797	Signal transduction in response to hormones that activate STAT transcription factors, and cellular responses to viral infection that activate IRF transcription factors.
Ana Gamero	National Cancer Institute-Frederick, Maryland	gameroa@ncifcrf.gov	301-846-1673	Type 1 IFN signal transduction, IFN- λ , STAT2 structure function
Ge Liu	AFG Biosolutions, Germantown, Maryland	Ge.Liu@afgbio.com	240-361-1705	Role of cytokines, particularly interferons, in the antiviral defense, development of cytokine-based antivirals, basic cytokine immunology
Neil Foster	University of Newcastle upon Tyne	Neil.Foster@newcastle.ac.uk	0191 2227918 (UK)	Early innate immune cell responses (in particular to bacterial pathogens), cytokine production and the development of inflammation, use of immunomodulators as current and novel therapeutics during inflammatory disease.
Hannah Nguyen	Methylgene, Montreal, Canada	nguyenh@METHYLGENE.com	514-337-0550	Kinases, histone methyltransferases, histone acetylation, inflammation
Xiaoqing Ma	Weill Medical College of Cornell University	xim2002@med.cornell.edu	212-746-4427	Molecular mechanisms of interleukin-12 and interleukin-10 gene expression in auto- and tumor-immunity
Paula Pitha Rowe	Johns Hopkins School of Medicine	parowe@jhmi.edu	410-955-0840	Interferon signaling, IFN expression in response to viral infection