To EFIS Member Societies

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As the President of the EFIS-EJI Ruggero Ceppellini Advanced School of Immunology, an international scientific association aimed at the continuing education in immunology of researchers, PhD students and medical graduates, I invite you and your secretarial office to spread to your society members the enclosed information regarding an advanced course on:

"Novel vaccination strategies against the three major killers"

The latest news on Malaria, Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, and vaccine development in general

Directed by Prof. Stefan H.E. Kaufmann (Director Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology, Department of Immunology, Berlin) and Prof. Francesca Chiodi (Department of Microbiology, Tumor and Cell Biology, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm), the Course will be held 16 - 20 October 2013 in Castellammare di Stabia (Naples), Italy.

The course will review aspects of the immunology of Malaria, Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS which are important for vaccine development and discuss how host protective immunity can be translated into design and development of novel vaccines. Basic platform for vaccine development will also be presented and related to the need to vaccinate individuals co-infected with Tuberculosis and HIV in developing countries. Information will be provided on the scientific platforms for the vaccines under clinical trial for HIV, TB and malaria.

Attached you will find the poster with the general program, that we request you forward to your relevant mailing lists, and print and post for major visibility among those interested in this field.

We are extremely pleased to have the continued support of EFIS; in fact, this is considered an EFIS-EJI course. Part of their funding is destined for bursaries, and in accordance with the School tradition, preference will be given to applicants from developing countries. In addition, we have requested funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation specifically for African researchers and workers most directly affected by these three diseases.

I am certain that many society’s members will be interested in the event. More detailed information about the course, the Ceppellini School, its history, structure and past activities is available at the School’s website (www.ceppellini.it).

With kind regards,

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