Dear Corporate Colleagues:

This year, we are proud to announce and celebrate the 48th Annual Autumn Immunology Conference (AIC), which is due to take place at the Chicago Marriott Downtown, in Chicago, IL on November 22nd-25th, 2019. Corporate support for this conference has always been, and continues to be critical to our success, allowing us to maintain low registration costs in a challenging environment of diminished educational and research resources.

The AIC was started in 1971 and is the longest-running regional meeting of immunologists in the USA. Since then, it has been organized strictly on a volunteer basis by immunologists representing many academic institutions, mostly from the Midwest. Approximately 500-600 scientists attend our Conference, including many established scientists in academia and industry. The AIC is proud to have a strong focus on trainee education with high participation from graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. We are also proud of our Undergraduate Outreach and John Wallace Diversity Program (now in its 27th year), which promote the participation of undergraduates and students from under-represented backgrounds in Immunology. If you wish to learn more about our conference, please feel free to visit the AIC website at: autumnimmunologyconference.org.

We have a truly exciting world-class program in 2019. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. E. John Wherry, Richard and Barbara Schiffrin President’s Distinguished Professor, Chair of the Department of Systems Pharmacology and Translational Therapeutics and Director of the Institute for Immunology at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Wherry’s expertise focused on T cell exhaustion and cancer, and on the mechanisms by which immunoregulatory “checkpoint” pathways such as PD-1 control T cell exhaustion. Dr. Wherry’s work has defined the molecular mechanisms of T cell exhaustion, including defining the role of inhibitory receptor biology, transcriptional control and regulation of T cell differentiation. This work has helped define key principles about inhibitory receptor blockade and co-blockade to reverse T cell exhaustion. Bridging the gap from mouse models to human patients, Dr. Wherry is leading a major translational effort including transcriptional profiling, genomics, computational biology and multiparameter flow cytometry to understand the nature, regulation and reversibility of T cell exhaustion in both preclinical and clinical settings.

Our major 2019 symposia will feature topics on Stromal Cells in Immunity (chaired by Dr. Shannon Turley from Genentech); Tumor Antigens in Immunotherapy (chaired by Dr. Olivera Finn from the University of Pittsburgh), and New Concepts in Transplantation Immunobiology (chaired by Dr. Ivan Mailard from the University of Pennsylvania). We invite you to review our exciting 2019 scientific program at autumnimmunologyconference.org.

This year, the AIC will be held Friday, November 22 through Monday, November 25, 2019 at the Chicago Marriott Downtown (540 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611) – this has been our usual venue over the years, and we anticipate a busy and vibrant meeting.

We sincerely appreciate the long-standing relationship that we have had with our sponsors over the years. We are aware of the role that you play in our conference and we are glad to recognize your involvement in our Program book and during all of our conference activities. If you are an “AIC veteran”, we thank you for your continuing support and hope to see you back in 2019! If you are new to AIC, we are sure that you will find our conference to be a very positive experience. As an exhibitor, you will gain access to and have close interactions with many potential customers. As a Sponsor, your organization will benefit from increased visibility while contributing to the training of future immunologists. Working together, we will make AIC 2019 our best year yet.

Thank you for supporting the Autumn Immunology Conference!

The AIC 2019 Executive Council
General Information

Event Schedule 2019

Exhibit Dates
Saturday, 23 November — 8:30 AM - 6:15 PM
Sunday, 24 November — 8:30 AM - 6:15 PM

Exhibit Setup
Saturday, 23 November — 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Exhibit Disassembly
Sunday, 24 November — 6:15 - 9:00 PM

Opportunities for Social Event Sponsorship
Friday, 22 November
Reception — 8:30 - 9:30 PM
Meet the Speakers — 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Saturday, 23 November
Coffee break — Saturday AM
Posters & Reception — 4:15 - 6:15 PM

Sunday, 24 November
Coffee break — Sunday AM
Posters & Reception — 4:15- 6:15 PM

Monday, 25 November
Coffee break — Monday AM

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Exhibitor Information

General Information

Booths are 10’ x 10’

Cost per booth space is:
- Commercial institution: $1250
- Nonprofit Association or Society: $600

Included with each booth space:
- Table with skirting and chairs
- Listing in the meeting program book
- Personnel badges
- Free WiFi access for exhibitors
- QR coded registration badges
- Full registration for 3 people per institution

Tables are 30” x 72”

Cost per table is:
- Commercial institution: $1250
- Nonprofit Association or Society: $600

Included with each table:
- Table with skirting and chairs
- Listing in the meeting program book
- Personnel badges
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Exhibitor registration

To reserve exhibit space, please visit our website - autumnimmunologyconference.org. The deadline for exhibitor reservations is 1 November 2019. Included with each commercial exhibitor package is full conference registration allowing access to all public sessions and events for the entire conference.

Space assignment

Booth space/location assignments will be made on a first-come, first-assigned basis. Every effort will be made to meet the exhibitor’s preference. Meeting management reserves the right to make adjustments to the floor plan and/or reassign an exhibitor’s location when advisable and for the good of the exhibition. Any affected exhibitors will be consulted in all such situations.

Questions regarding exhibit area, booth, or table arrangements should be directed to Dr Kevin Legge or Dr Ryan Langlois.

Exhibitor services

An Exhibitor Information Packet will be provided to all exhibitors/sponsors and will contain information concerning services such as labor, shipping and material handling, furnishings, utilities and other services that you may require.

AIC provides security for all exhibits on Saturday night.

Hotel information

The 2019 Autumn Immunology Conference will be hosted by the Chicago Marriott Downtown, 540 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL, 60611. A block of rooms at discounted rates has been reserved at the following rates:

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Hotel room rates are subject to the applicable state and local taxes (currently 14.9%) in effect at time of check in. In order to receive the discounted rates, all reservations must be made through the Autumn Immunology Conference website (http://autumnimmunologyconference.org). Deadline for sleeping room registration is 1 November 2019.

Exhibit cancellation

Cancellation of exhibit space must be made in writing or by email to Dr Kevin Legge or Dr Ryan Langlois (see page 3) and must be received no later than 30 days prior to the meeting and will be subject to a 10% cancellation fee. Refunds cannot be issued for cancellations received less than 30 days prior to the meeting.

Meeting demographics

Typically 500-600 people attend AIC, representing 148 institutions, primarily in the upper Midwest (see diagram below). Our annual trainee (graduate students and postdocs) attendance averages 65%.

Approximately 85% of our attendees in 2018 resided in the midwestern states shown. Out-of-region registrants represent 23 states, and 4 foreign countries.
Exhibitors & Sponsors of AIC2018

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Adaptive Biotechnologies
Agilent Technologies
American Association of Immunologists
Arthritis National Research Foundation
BD Biosciences
Bio-Techne
BioLegend
Cell Signaling Technologies
DeNovo Software
FlowJo, LLC
Immudex
Leinco Technologies Inc.
Mabtech, Inc

Miltenyi Biotec, Inc.
National Institutes of Health
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
PeproTech
PerkinElmer
Ray Biotech
Shenandoah Biotechnology, Inc.
St. Jude Childern’s Research Hospital
StemCell Technologies, Inc.
The Jackson Laboratory
Thermo Fisher Scientific
Tonbo Biosciences
Trends in Immunology
**Sponsorship Levels**

**Levels and Benefits**

**Platinum ($10,000)**

1. A banner on the AIC website registration page.
2. Recognition as a “Platinum level” Sponsor by the chair of a Plenary Session and a logo on the projection screen displayed prior to the start of the session. The Platinum Sponsor’s logo will also be displayed prominently at the entrance of the Plenary Session and will appear in the program book indicating sponsorship of the session.
3. Prominent display of the Platinum Sponsor’s logo and web link on the AIC webpage (http://autumnimmunologyconference.org).
4. A complimentary exhibitor booth or table.
5. Distribution of Sponsor’s (optional) promotional materials at the registration desk.
6. Choice of one of several preferred exhibitor booth locations that will be reserved (until July 1) specifically for Platinum and Gold Sponsors.
7. A complimentary full-page color (up to 4 colors) advertisement in the program book.
8. A complimentary Sponsor Presentation with food provided for up to 50 attendees.
9. Acknowledgment of the Platinum Sponsors’ support will be included in conference communications.

**Gold ($5,000)**

1. Recognition as a “Gold level” Sponsor by the chair of a Plenary Session and a logo on the projection screen displayed prior to the start of the session. The Sponsor’s logo will be displayed prominently at the entrance of the Plenary Session and will appear in the program book indicating sponsorship of the session.
3. A complimentary exhibitor booth or table.
4. Choice of one of several preferred exhibitor booth locations that will be reserved (until July 1) specifically for Platinum and Gold Sponsors.
5. A complimentary full-page color (up to 4 colors) advertisement in the program book.

**Silver ($2,500)**

1. Recognition as a “Silver level” Sponsor by the chair of a Plenary Session and a logo on the projection screen displayed prior to the start of the session. The Sponsor’s logo will be displayed prominently at the entrance of the Plenary Session and will appear in the program book indicating sponsorship of the session.
2. Prominent display of the Sponsor’s logo and web site link on the AIC webpage (http://autumnimmunologyconference.org).
3. A complimentary exhibitor booth or table.

**Bronze ($1,250)**

1. A complimentary exhibitor booth or table.
2. Display of your company’s logo and web site link on the AIC webpage.

*The benefits listed above are available upon request to your Liaison to Sponsors. Platinum, Gold, or Silver levels may be achieved either by a single contribution at the level indicated in parentheses or any combination of a-la-carte sponsorships (see next page) that add up to or exceed the indicated amount for each level of financial support.*
**Additional Sponsorship Opportunities**

**Plenary Sessions**

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Presented by leaders in the field who will share their views, experience, and vision on the latest advances in immunology. Grants to support the plenary session will help underwrite speaker expenses and audio/visual support. Support of the Plenary Sessions will provide an unprecedented opportunity of visibility in the educational portion of the annual meeting. In addition to the standard sponsorship acknowledgements, Plenary Sessions sponsors will be recognized by a sign posted at the entrance of the Plenary Session and with a logo on the projection screen between sessions.

**Workshop sessions**

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Workshop presentations are vital to the continued success of the Autumn Immunology Conference. Each year ~20 workshop sessions are held over a two-day period. Workshops offer a forum for researchers to give a short electronic presentation (e.g., PowerPoint) summarizing their findings immediately prior to the poster session. For many students this is their first opportunity to orally present their data to fellow scientists. Workshop sponsorship will be recognized by a sign posted at the entrance of the workshop.

**Receptions**

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Three receptions will be held. One follows the Keynote Address (Friday) in the foyer of Salon III from 8:30-9:30 PM. The other two are concurrent with Saturday and Sunday poster sessions in Salon I & II. These receptions are ultimate networking events, allowing all attendees to view the posters and to interact with the exhibitors. Please contact Michael Zimmer, Michelle Swanson-Mungerson, or Gerald Buldak to discuss options available during sponsorship of this event.

**Coffee breaks**

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Nothing breaks the ice better than a cup of coffee at the start of the day. These breaks provide a high visibility and much valued sponsorship opportunity. Coffee service is provided in the exhibitors salon affording yet another opportunity to promote your company in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. Please call to discuss options available during sponsorship of this event.

**Diversity fellowships**

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For over two decades the Autumn Immunology Conference has actively reached out to under-represented minority students. To date, over 120 minority trainees from 39 different institutions have had the opportunity to attend our world class scientific conference, affording them the opportunity to present their scientific data and to meet with fellow minority students and prominent scientists.

**Undergraduate outreach**

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An important aspect of the mission of the Autumn Immunology Conference is to provide outreach to students interested in Immunology careers. Each year we convene a special panel discussion featuring immunologists from different settings including academia, clinical, and corporate. Support for this program provides a luncheon for participating students and is recognized in the Program and Abstract booklet and by signage at the workshop.

**Program book advertising**

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Increase your exposure by advertising in the Program Book! This valuable resource provides attendees with a listing of abstracts, events, program content, exhibitors, floor plans, and other important meeting information. Distributed to all attendees and utilized well beyond the meeting, this is a high visibility sponsorship and advertising opportunity. Another great way to promote your company even if you are unable to attend the meeting.

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