



# 10<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Neuroimmunology

International Society of Neuroimmunology

Barcelona  
26-30 October 2010

First Announcement

## INVITATION LETTER

*On behalf of the International Society of Neuroimmunology (ISNI), we are pleased to invite you to participate in the Tenth ISNI Congress, which will be held in Barcelona, Spain, from October 26-30, 2010.*

*The field of Neuroimmunology is expanding because of the growing interest in inflammation for many neurological diseases, the new immunotherapies and biomarkers available or being developed and the growth of new brain infections related with globalization or with the use of new immunotherapies. Thus, we are in the presence of an explosion of knowledge about the mechanisms of brain inflammation as well as new opportunities for intervening in neurological diseases.*

*The 10th ISNI Congress will be an excellent opportunity to realize the changes in the field and to envision new perspectives for basic and clinical research.*

*The Local Organizing Committee and the International Advisory Board are planning to set up a program containing lectures, workshops and technical demonstrations with a broad scope and the highest quality, focusing on new and promising technologies or providing feed-back from clinical observations to the lab and back. In addition, specific sessions and fellowships will be available in order to encourage the participation of young researchers.*

*The city of Barcelona is one of the loveliest cities in the world and it is ready to welcome ISNI attendees. The venue, Fira de Barcelona, combines a modern convention center surrounded by the romantic atmosphere of the Montjuic hill, which is very close to the center of the city. Flight connections to Barcelona international airport should provide easy connections and the many hotels, restaurants and places to visit in the city are going to make this event a wonderful experience.*

*We look forward to seeing you in Barcelona in 2010!*

Pablo Villoslada

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LANGUAGE

The official language of the congress is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

### STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE AND TRAVEL GRANTS

Special efforts will be made to promote attendance of students and young researchers by offering reduced registration fees. A limited number of travel grants will be made available for students, young scientists and for scientists from resource-poor countries.

### CME ACCREDITATION

The course will be registered in the European CME program (UEMS European Union of Medical Specialists) and in the USA CME program.

### EXHIBITION

Pharmaceutical companies, manufacturers of technical equipment and publishers of related scientific books, magazines and journals are invited to participate in the trade exhibition which will be organized at the Congress Forum during the congress. For information on exhibiting, please contact the Organizing Secretariat.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- January, 2010** Publication and mailing of the Preliminary Program Call for Abstracts.  
Online abstract submission and online registration
- March, 2010** Abstract submission deadline
- September, 2010** Publication of the Final Program

### ORGANIZING SECRETARIAT

secretariat@isni2010.org



### EEM International Congress Services

Via Elio Lampridio Cerva, 167  
00143 Roma (Italy)

tel. +39 06 5193499 - fax +39 06 5194009  
www.eemservices.com

Updated information will be constantly provided through the official website of the Congress: [www.isni2010.org](http://www.isni2010.org)  
In order to receive the congress updates, you are invited to insert your personal data in the pre-registration form of the website.





# who

# what

# where

## LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Pablo Villoslada	Chair (Hospital Clínic, Barcelona)
Bernardo Castellano	(Autonomous University of Barcelona)
Francesc Graus	(Hospital Clínic, Barcelona)
Isabel Illa	(Hospital Sant Pau, Barcelona)
Xavier Montalbán	(Hospital Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona)

## INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

F. Aloisi	(Roma, Italy)
B. Becher	(Zurich, Switzerland)
A. Coles	(Cambridge, UK)
R. Gold	(Bochum, Germany)
D. Hafler	(Boston, MA, USA)
W. Hickey	(Dartmouth, MA, USA)
R. Hintzen	(Rotterdam, The Netherlands)
V. Kuchroo	(Boston, MA, USA)
R. Martin	(Hamburg, Germany)
G. Martino	(Milano, Italy)
Y. Matsumoto	(Tokyo, Japan)
S. Miller	(Chicago, IL, USA)
T. Olsson	(Stockholm, Sweden)
H. Perry	(Southampton, UK)
L. Probert	(Athens, Greece)
M. Schwartz	(Rehovot, Israel)
L. Steinman	(Stanford, CA, USA)
P. Villoslada	(Pamplona, Spain)
T. Yamamura	(Tokyo, Japan)
W. Yong	(Calgary, Canada)
A. Uccelli	(Genova, Italy)

## ISNI OFFICERS

Caroline Whitacre (US)	President
Thomas Olsson (Sweden)	Vicepresident
Trevor Owens (Denmark)	Treasurer and Secretary

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

# 1

### Main lectures

The Dale McFarlin Lecture: Steve Hauser. UCSF  
The Newsom-Davis Lecture: Stephen Waxman.  
Yale University

# 2

### Plenary Sessions

Genomics of Neuroimmunological diseases.  
Neural stem cells at the crossroad of Neuroimmunology.  
Immunotherapies for neurological diseases.  
Modulating the immune response into the brain.  
Autoimmune response against neuronal receptors.

# 3

### Concurrent Symposia

Systems Biology for the study of Neurological diseases.  
In vivo imaging for Neuroimmunology.  
New insights on the neuroimmunomodulatory role of astroglia and microglia.  
Paraneoplastic syndromes of the CNS.  
Neuromuscular diseases.  
Immune mediated neurodegeneration.  
Pathology of neuroimmunological diseases.  
TBA: Infectious diseases of the CNS.  
Brain tumors immunotherapy.  
Molecular mediators in CNS inflammation.  
Viruses and CNS inflammation  
Biomarker discovery.

# 4

### Training courses

Work and training opportunities in Neuroimmunology.  
How to build a career in Neuroimmunology.  
Clinical skills for Neuroimmunologists.  
Neuroimmunology technologies.

# 5

### Workshops (Platform presentations)

# 6

### Poster sessions

# 7

### European School of Neuroimmunology (ESNI) course

## LOCATION

Palau de Congressos de Barcelona  
Fira de Barcelona - Avda. Maria Cristina, s/n  
BARCELONA  
<http://www.firabcn.es>

## ABOUT BARCELONA

Situated on the North-East coast, Barcelona is the second largest city in Spain. It is a dynamic, welcoming city and one of the major economic and business centres of Mediterranean Europe. Around 4.5 million inhabitants live in its metropolitan area. Thanks to both its privileged position on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea and its economic, social and cultural dynamism, Barcelona's influence extends over a wide area in southern Europe. Barcelona is a modern cosmopolitan city, which has managed to preserve an important cultural, architectural and monumental historic legacy. Being almost 2000 years old, Barcelona hosts monuments and remains from all the different stages in its history, from its Roman walls to the biggest Art Nouveau concentration in Europe. It also holds an important number of cultural events, such as concerts, exhibitions and festivals, and its congress center hosts numerous international fairs and shows throughout the year. The city is a mixture of cultures, and its three universities host students from all over the world, being one of the leading Spanish cities in education and research at a national and international level.

## TRANSPORTATION

Direct flights are available from most major international cities. Downtown is located only at 15 km from the airport. There are trains from the airport to downtown every 30 minutes and buses every 15 minutes.

## HOUSING

A large number of rooms will be secured in nearby hotels. In order to encourage the participation of young scientists and students, limited low-cost accommodation will also be available. A list of these structures will be available on the Congress website ([www.isni2010.org](http://www.isni2010.org)) by January 2010.