

Report – Attendance of the 19th International Congress of Immunology (IUIS2025)

The NVVI travel grant supported my attendance of the 19th International Congress of Immunology, organized by the International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS), taking place in Vienna, Austria. The congress comprised five days of lectures, symposia, abstract sessions, and workshops. With several thousand attendees from all over the world and speakers such as Noble Prize winner James P. Allison, the congress provided excellent conditions to learn about the latest developments in the field of immunology. I was able to broaden my knowledge in both related and unrelated fields, providing fresh ideas and inspiration for my own work. The poster session was a great opportunity to present my work to a broad and multidisciplinary audience, and connect with peers. In doing so, I am glad to have brought some attention to the neglected field of rabies virus infections, and laid the groundwork for potential future collaborations. Next to academic representatives, the industry was present with over 40 booths in the exhibition hall and selected industry sessions, providing insight into the latest technologies and their applications. I have already incorporated these insights in the design of future experiments, for example by trying out a different cell culturing system for barrier models. Moreover, the congress offered networking opportunities also with representatives from outside of academia. All in all, attending the congress has been a valuable and insightful experience that will certainly have a positive impact on my future work.