



# INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON VIRAL INFECTIONS & INFLAMMATION

**HYBRID MEETING** | 2023 | 6-7 September  
Rockville, MD, USA

## About this Program

The **Viral Infections & Inflammation Workshop 2023** brings together basic, translational, and clinical researchers to disseminate the latest knowledge in this area fuel discussion on the many remaining unknowns in order to catalyze future research.

Inflammatory response and cytokine storm in severely ill COVID-19 patients have put a spotlight on the importance of inflammation in viral infections. Prevalence of long-term COVID is also a concern and potentially related to the suboptimal function of the immune system. Yet, these concerns are not unique to COVID-19. In the case of HIV for instance, despite remarkable improvements in antiretroviral therapy, immune reconstitution remains limited in some patients even a long time after treatment initiation. Exhaustion of primary immune resources due to persistent activation and inflammation drives premature immune aging and impacts life expectancy.

Although HIV and SARS-CoV-2 are fundamentally different infections with distinct long-term consequences, underlying mechanisms that drive those complications might be common. Common underlying mechanisms imply the possibility to employ similar therapeutic interventions. For instance neutralizing antibodies, antiviral drugs, and therapeutic vaccines to eliminate the persistent virus or anti-inflammatory drugs to ameliorate chronic inflammation.

## Target Audience

- Infectiologists;
- (Clinical) virologists;
- Immunologists;
- Microbiologists; and
- Researchers

## Meeting Objectives

- Provide a global platform to exchange knowledge across different disciplines involved in research on mechanisms of virus-mediated inflammation;
- Gather basic, translational, and clinical researchers to stimulate discussion on remaining unknowns;
- Translate the data into clinical guidance; and
- Increase the visibility of junior investigators and their research thereby facilitating a generation of future leaders in the field.

## Support

To organize these much-needed interactive platforms, we rely on funding. Supporting this workshop provides you the opportunity to profile your organization within the respective community and show your commitment to advancing this field.

## Organizing Committee Members



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## 2022 Facts and Figures



**92** Attendees

**48%** Specialized in  
HIV Care



**10** Countries



**16** Lectures



**17** Abstract  
Submissions

**10** Poster  
Presentations



**5** Oral Abstract  
Presentations

**98%** (strongly) agreed the lectures given in this program have increased my knowledge of viral infections & inflammation.

**94%** of attendees indicated that they would be able to implement the knowledge gained without any problems.

**92%** (strongly) agreed that the content was relevant to their practice.

Meeting materials from the 2022 edition can be viewed [here](#).