10th Anniversary of the ESPIID - Oxford Course
Welcome

Dear Delegate,

Welcome to “Hot Topics in Infection and Immunity in Children 2012”, and a warm welcome to Keble College and to Oxford.

We have put together a very exciting programme with leading experts from around the world to update us on the latest developments in the field. This is a very special year as we are celebrating our ‘Decennial’. To commemorate this 10th annual Oxford IIC Course we have a few surprises lined up [and we don’t just mean Andy’s dancing on Tuesday night – editor’s comment from Nigel].

Despite the long line up of distinguished speakers, the course is really about you and we urge your active participation in all of the interactive sessions to provide your knowledge and comments about the topics under review. We hope too that you will relish your duty to extend the educational opportunity by putting questions to the speakers after each talk, in order to extract the most from them and justify their travel expenses!

In order to bring you such a comprehensive course programme, and provide maximum value for the 3 days away from work, we have left a minimum amount of time in the daily schedule and it is, therefore, vital that you attend all sessions and mealtimes promptly. The speakers have been asked to keep strictly to time.

We will be filming all 3 days of the course and the webcast will be used as a resource for the Postgraduate Diploma in PID.

The course reception, buffet dinner and dancing is on Tuesday evening at the Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street (there is a map in your pack). There will be plenty of time for relaxation and opportunity to chat further with the Speakers in the evenings, when the college bar will be open. If you are staying over on Wednesday night, you will find an abundant selection of restaurants and cafes in the centre of Oxford to meet your needs as dinner will not be in college.

Delegates staying in college will be served breakfast in the dining hall. Please be prompt for all meal times as service will only take place over the first 25 minutes of each break. Residential delegates are asked to vacate their rooms and return their keys to the Porters’ Lodge by 10am on the day of their departure. Effectively this means checking out after breakfast, before the first session as there will not be sufficient time once the day’s talks begin. There will be provision for the safe storage of luggage on the day of your departure and a porter is on duty 24 hours a day.

We have done our best to accommodate everybody on the course according to the information we have been given. If there is anything we have over-looked, please do not hesitate to let us know via the Conference Information Desk.

We look forward to meeting each of you during the next three days.

Sue Sheaf

Andrew Pollard

Ronald de Groot

Adam Finn

Nigel Curtis

Simon Dobson

Ulrich Heininger

Sue Sheaf
Andrew J Pollard is Professor of Paediatric Infection and Immunity at the University of Oxford, Director of the Oxford Vaccine Group, James Martin Senior Fellow, Jenner Institute Investigator, Fellow of the Infectious Disease Society of America, Fellow of St Cross College and Honorary Consultant Paediatrician at the Children’s Hospital, Oxford, UK. He obtained his medical degree at St Bartholomew’s Hospital Medical School, University of London in 1989 and trained in Paediatrics at Birmingham Children’s Hospital, UK, specialising in Paediatric Infectious Diseases at St Mary’s Hospital, London, UK and at British Columbia Children’s Hospital, Vancouver, Canada. He obtained his PhD at St Mary’s Hospital, London, UK in 1999 studying immunity to Neisseria meningitidis in children and proceeded to work on anti-bacterial innate immune responses in children in Canada before returning to his current position at the University of Oxford, UK in 2001. He chaired the UK’s NICE meningitis guidelines development group, and chairs the NICE topic expert group developing quality standards for management of meningitis and meningococcal septicaemia. He sits on the Department of Health committee that considers use of meningococcal vaccines. He runs one of the largest paediatric research group in the UK with over 80 staff. Current research activities include clinical trials of new and improved vaccines for children, surveillance of invasive bacterial diseases in children in Nepal, studies of cellular and humoral immune responses to glycoconjugate and typhoid vaccines, and development of a serogroup B meningococcal vaccine.

Adam Finn is Head of the Academic Unit of Child Health at Bristol Medical School, School of Clinical Sciences, University of Bristol and an honorary consultant in paediatric infectious diseases and immunology at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children. He is director of the South West Medicines for Children Research Network and heads the Bristol Children’s Vaccine Centre. His main research interests include mucosal immunology relating to bacterial vaccines, in particular pneumococcus and clinical trials of vaccines and medicines in children.

Nigel Curtis is Professor of Paediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Melbourne and Head of Infectious Diseases at the Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne. He is also Leader of the Microbiology & Infectious Diseases Research Group at the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute. He trained in Cambridge, London and Vancouver, and spent a recent sabbatical period in Cape Town, South Africa. He has a wide range of clinical and laboratory research interests focusing on the immune response to infectious diseases. Current research projects include studies of the immune response to BCG vaccine, the immunodiagnosis of tuberculosis, and host-pathogen interactions in staphylococcal and streptococcal disease including DNA microarray-based studies of gene expression in acute rheumatic fever.
Ronald de Groot studied medicine in Rotterdam, followed by a residency in Gynecology/Obstetrics and Surgery as a preparation for a 2½ year period as Senior Medical Officer in Zonkwa Hospital, Nigeria. He did his pediatric training in Rotterdam, became chief resident followed by a 3 year research fellowship in PID in the University of Washington, Seattle. In 1988 he returned to the Erasmus University in Rotterdam and became head of the training program and Professor in PID and Immunology. He was chairman of the Dept of Paediatrics of the Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre from 2005–2009. As Professor in Pediatrics, his research activities cover several themes including the study of respiratory tract infections, the molecular pathogenesis of infections by S. pneumoniae, Neisseria meningitidis and HIV and clinical and translational research in children with immunodeficiencies and has authored 250 peer-reviewed English language papers. Ronald is currently President of ESPID, member of the Dutch Health Council and member of the Central Committee of Medical Research in the Netherlands.

Ulrich Heininger has been in charge of the Division of PID and Vaccinology at the University Children’s Hospital in Basel, Switzerland, since 1998. Previously, he was working in the field of PID at the University of Erlangen, Germany. He has conducted several vaccine studies as study coordinator and principal investigator in the recent past. His clinical work is in the fields of general paediatrics and ID. He is also one of the founding members of “The Brighton Collaboration”, an international collaboration of volunteers aiming at standardization of adverse events following immunization. In Switzerland, he is one of the 7 scientists running the INFOVAC service, a nationwide information network for vaccine related questions raised by physicians in private practice. He was President of ESPID 09–12.

Simon Dobson is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia and an attending physician in PID at BC’s Children’s Hospital, Vancouver. He trained in Pediatrics in the UK and in PID at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston. His current research interests are clinical vaccine trials, especially in the pre-teen and adolescent age group, and vaccine adverse events. He works at the Vaccine Evaluation Center, BC’s Children’s Hospital and is a member of the National Advisory Committee of Immunization.

Sue Sheaf has been organising events in the University of Oxford Department of Paediatrics since 2004. The main focus of her role is organising all aspects of IIC. Other events include the annual Oxford Vaccine Group Immunisation Seminar which provides an update for practice nurses and GPs, a bi-annual training event in Kathmandu for Nepali GP trainees, as well as other training and social events. Her interests also lie in design and she recently led the re-design of the OVG website and the branding of the group.
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Hot Topics in Infection and Immunity in Children arose from discussions in 2002 between Andrew J Pollard and George McCracken about the successful programme George runs for trainees in North America. The aim of the Espid-Oxford Course is to provide both basic information and updates in key areas of paediatric infectious disease. The course is designed with trainees in mind but also receives excellent feedback from senior specialists.

Course Philosophy
- Course Faculty drawn from credible international authorities on aspects of paediatric infectious disease
- Collegiate atmosphere
- Audience participation and interaction
- Value for money – delegates pay only 60% of actual cost, making it accessible for trainees
- Organisers take account of course feedback to improve future courses
- Emphasis on hot topics and information for trainees

Training Objectives
- Provide information on expert approach to management for children with acute and chronic infections
- Updates on hot topics in paediatric infectious disease and immunology
- European PID training programme topics included in the course programmes

Over 9 years there have been:
- 1,708 delegates
- 295 speakers
- 173 hours of training
- 398 bursaries awarded
- 38 countries represented (average) each year
- 50% of delegates are ESPID members
- Over 60% of delegates are trainees
Keble College

Keble College opened in 1870 and was the first new college to be established in Oxford for nearly two centuries. The college was founded in memory of John Keble (1792-1866), a founding member of the so-called ‘Tractarian’ movement which sought to recover the catholic heritage of the Church of England. Funding for the college was sought from Tractarian sympathisers, including the benefactor of the chapel, William Gibbs, whose family’s fortune was based on Peruvian bird droppings, a valuable fertiliser! It was the wish of the founders in 1870 to extend access to the University more widely and the college has always had a reputation for being friendly and inclusive.

Keble’s distinctive redbrick architecture is the work of William Butterfield, a leading proponent of the modern Gothic style, and the college chapel is generally regarded as a masterpiece. But it is perhaps the grandeur of scale and the architectural unity of the original college buildings as a whole that are most striking. The equally bold buildings by Ahrends, Burton and Koralek, opened in 1977 have supplemented Butterfield’s architecture. The latest addition to the college is the Sloane Robinson Building, which opened in October 2002.

Although originally intended for ‘gentleman wishing to live economically’, the college began to admit women undergraduates from 1979 and elected its first female Warden in 1994. Originally dominated by those intending a career in the Church, it now admits students for the full range of subjects and sends them forth to just about every conceivable career. Keble now has 440 undergraduates and 160 graduate students and is among Oxford’s largest colleges. Its students come from a great variety of social and educational backgrounds and from diverse parts of the UK, Europe and further overseas. It is noted for both its academic and sporting successes and its music, notably the Chapel Choir which is among some of the best in Oxford.

The Sloane Robinson Building and the Arco Building have both won awards for being very environmentally friendly. Neither building has any heating or air-conditioning as both are climate controlled. Heat exchangers using water circulating in pipes embedded in the foundations draw winter warmth and summer cooling from the water table. Room temperatures are controlled by water circulating in the floor/ceiling slabs. The plumbing system is similar to that found in ships and aircraft in order to reduce water consumption.
Directions from Keble College to Oxford City Centre:

Exit the College at the main entrance and turn right down Parks Road. Turn right into Broad Street where you will find Blackwells book shop and the tourist information office. Continue along this street which brings you into the heart of the city.

Useful contacts:

**Police Station**  
St Aldates Tel: 01865 841148

**Post Office**  
St Aldates Tel: 01865 202863

**Chemist**  
Boots, Cornmarket Street Tel: 01865 247461

**Hospital A&E**  
John Radcliffe Hospital Tel: 01865 741166

**NHS Direct**  
Tel: 0845 4647

**Dental Emergencies**  
Tel: 01865 337267/0800 113824 or  
Out of hours: 0845 345 8995
# Course timetable

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<td>From immunity to implementation science: a perilous African journey of</td>
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<td>The decade of vaccines</td>
<td>David Salisbury, UK</td>
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<td>Children and child health: where are we now?</td>
<td>Al Aynsley-Green, UK</td>
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<td>Claire-Anne Siegrist, Switzerland</td>
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<td>The challenge of enteric fever</td>
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<td>What have we learnt about management of bone and joint infection in the</td>
<td>Sheldon Kaplan, USA</td>
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Mark Abzug is Professor of Pediatrics (Infectious Diseases) at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and The Children’s Hospital Colorado, Aurora, Colorado. He completed undergraduate and medical studies at Boston University, followed by training in pediatrics at the University of Rochester and in pediatric infectious diseases at the University of Colorado. He is active in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Collaborative Antiviral Study Group and the National Institutes of Health International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials Group. He has served as a member of The American Board of Pediatrics Subboard of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and an Associate Editor of the Journal of Clinical Virology. He currently serves as a Co-Chair of the NIH-CDC-IDSA/HIVMA-PIDS-AAP Guidelines for Treatment and Prevention of Opportunistic Infections Among HIV-Exposed and HIV-Infected Children Working Group and is Co-Editor of Current Diagnosis and Treatment-Pediatrics, 21st edition. His scientific interests include enterovirus infections, congenital and perinatal infections, central nervous system infections, sinusitis, and infections and vaccine response in immunocompromised patients.

John Bradley became very interested in the antimicrobial–pathogen–host interactions during his pediatric training based on clinical experiences and, subsequently pursued subspecialty training in PID at Stanford University. Increasingly, complicated neonates, infants and children are requiring prolonged hospitalizations; antibiotic resistance has become profound in hospitals, requiring increasingly sophisticated antimicrobial agents, infection control and antimicrobial stewardship. Dr. Bradley has been involved in clinical investigation of new antiinfective agents for the past 33 years. At the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, he is a Professor and Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases. He has directed the clinical ID program at Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego since 1988. He has been a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Diseases, the Council of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, and the FDA’s Anti-Infective Drug Advisory Committee (and continues to actively serve on the FDA Advisors and Consultants staff). He has served as an advisor to the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (which determines, with FDA, breakpoints for antimicrobial agents based on antimicrobial resistance mechanisms and drug exposure: S, I and R). For the past 9 years, he has been an active member of the Antimicrobial Availability Task Force of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, working with the FDA, NIH, pharmaceutical industry, and the US Congress to encourage the development of new antiinfective agents for antibiotic-resistant pathogens. He is a current member of the Foundation of NIH Biomarkers Consortium, creating new clinical trial designs for antimicrobial agent investigation that can lead to regulatory agency approval and availability of new agents. He is also Chief Editor of Nelson’s Pediatric Antimicrobial Therapy, published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Sir Al started his career in medicine in London then trained in paediatric endocrinology in University hospitals in Oxford, England and Zurich, Switzerland. He was Clinical and then University Lecturer in Paediatrics and Fellow of Green College in Oxford, James Spence Professor of Child Health and also Head of the School of Clinical Medical Sciences at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Nuffield Professor of Child Health and Board level Executive Director for Clinical R&D at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children and the Institute of Child Health in London. Sir Al has been involved in the political arena of Children’s Services since 2000. He was Chair of the first NHS Children’s Task Force, the first National Clinical Director for Children in government before becoming the first Children’s Commissioner for England in 2005, stepping down after his five years of tenure in 2010. He is now Professor Emeritus of Child Health, University College London, Honorary Fellow of UNICEF UK and of Oriel College, Oxford, and Founder and Director, Aynsley-Green Consulting working with governments and organisations internationally on children, child health and childhood. He was knighted for his services to children and young people by HM the Queen in 2006.
Professor Hoosen Coovadia is based in Durban South Africa, implementing documented research findings on maternal, newborn and child health. He was primarily involved in academic paediatrics during his tenure at UKZN. He has devoted his life to the pursuit of justice, democracy and freedom – chairing the Mandela government’s first Commission on Maternal and Child Health, designing appropriate national policies and he headed the largest International AIDS Conference in Africa. His research into HIV transmission and treatment has been globally significant. He has published more than 320 papers in national and international journals.

Director: Maternal, Adolescent and Child Health (WITS)
Commissioner: Presidency National Planning Commission
Emeritus Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health,
Emeritus Victor Daitz Professor of HIV/AIDS Research, (UKZN)

Marc Brisson is an associate professor at Laval University where he holds a Canada Research Chair in Mathematical Modeling and Health Economics of Infectious Diseases. His research aims at developing mathematical models that predict the effectiveness and cost–effectiveness of interventions against infectious diseases to help policy decision-making. Dr. Brisson has produced over 55 peer reviewed journal articles, and made over 100 presentations at conferences, external seminars and workshops. He has consulted for the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC), the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC), the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and the Canadian Immunization Committee (CIC). He has a BSc in Actuarial Science (1992–1996), a certificate in Statistics (1996) and an MSc in Epidemiology (1996–2001) from Laval University in Quebec City, and a PhD in Health Economics (1999–2004) from City University in London, England.

Ron Dagan is Professor of Pediatrics and Infectious Diseases and Director of the Pediatric Infectious Disease Unit at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and the Soroka University Medical Center, Beer–Sheva, Israel. He is currently chair of the board of the International Symposia on Pneumococcus and Pneumococcal Diseases (ISPPD). He serves on the editorial board of several peer-reviewed journals and is the recipient of many grants and awards. He has contributed > 450 original articles, reviews and book chapters, and has presented > 450 papers at national and international scientific meetings.

Carlo Giaquinto, graduated in Medicine (1982) and specialised in Pediatrics (1986) at the University of Padova, Prof.Carlo Giaquinto is full time paediatrician at the Department of Paediatric of the University of Padova and Head of the Paediatric AIDS Centre. In December 2011, he was also appointed as Responsible for the Clinical Research Trials Unit of Padova Hospital. In addition, he is President of Fondazione Penta and Fondazione C.A.R.A.P., Scientific Responsible and Vice President of Fondazione Moschino and chair of the Paediatric European Network for the Treatment of Aids. His main interest has always been the research in the field of Paediatric Infections. He was founder of the European Collaborative Study on the natural history of HIV infections in childhood and is Honorary Senior Lecturer in the Centre for Paediatric Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Institute of Child Health, London. He was Member of the National Committee for the fight against AIDS and other infectious diseases of the Italian Ministry of Health and Member of Comite Restreint del Fonds de Solidaritè Terapeutique International.

He is one of the most important experts in Paediatric Rotavirus Infection and vaccination. He is Primary Investigator of the REVEAL study (European Rotavirus Epidemiology), Member of the ECDC working group for Rotavirus vaccination, Member of the European Paediatric Vaccine Advisory Board. He is the coordinator of several International research projects, among which: TEDDY, PENTA/ECS, ACTIVATE, PENTA/LABNET, NEOMERO, GRIP.
**Nicole Guiso** is the Head of the Research Unit “Molecular Prevention and Therapy of Human Diseases” unit, Director of the National “Whooping cough and other Bordetelloses” Reference Centre, and “Toxinogenic Corynebacteria” Reference Centre at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, France. She joined the Institut Pasteur in 1972 as a voluntary trainee, having obtained a Master’s Degree in biochemistry. From 1977 to 1980 she obtained her PhD and after her thesis on the evolution of the Lactose genes in Enterobacteriaceae. Nicole left the Pasteur Institute between 1986–1987 to take up the position of Visiting Lecturer at the National Jewish Hospital in Denver, Colorado, USA to study Archaeabacteria. She returned to the Institute in 1988, to undertake studies on the factors implicated in Bordetella species pathogenicity. In 1991 she was appointed Laboratory Head and, 2 years later, became the Director of the National Bordetella Reference Centre and the head of the Bordetella Unit. In 2001, she thought with her colleagues to another project which the main goal and philosophy is to promote multidisciplinary approaches for the study of human infectious diseases, bridging the dysfunctional gaps between scholars interested in: i) the relations between humans, pathogens and their vectors; ii) the interactions between infectious agents and their environment; iii) the distribution, emergence or re-emergence of the related diseases. She took up the position of Head of the “Ecosystems and Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases” department in 2002. In 2008, she became Head of the toxigenic Corynebacteria reference centre.

**Roger Glass** is the Director of the Fogarty International Center and Associate Director for International Research of the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Glass graduated from Harvard College, received a Fulbright Fellowship to study at the University of Buenos Aires,, and received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School and his M.P.H. from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Glass’s research interests are in the prevention of gastroenteritis from rotaviruses and noroviruses through the application of novel scientific research. His research has been targeted toward epidemiologic studies to anticipate the introduction of rotavirus vaccines.

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