

**ISSCD Members' Newsletter****July 2024****Message from the President**

*A strict gluten free diet is the foundation for the treatment of celiac disease. There is urgency in establishing a collective voice for experts in celiac disease to shape food safety standards. It makes sense to have a technical definition for measured gluten levels in "gluten-free" foods and also a functional medical definition for the safe amount of gluten in a "gluten-free" diet. The new data available to regulators updating food labelling for the millions of people affected by celiac disease is very limited compared to IgE-mediated wheat allergy which is much less prevalent. In principle it is the members of ISSCD who are best placed to*

*perform the studies needed to guide food labelling regulation for celiac disease. ISSCD members' opinions would also be expected to help shape global food standards, but ISSCD has never made submissions to international regulatory authorities such as Codex. With its recent expansion, the ISSCD is addressing this priority area by forming the Gluten Safety and Standards Committee (GSSC). The GSSC co-Chairs are Prof Jason Tye-Din, Australia and Prof Katharina Scherf, Germany well known for their contributions to understanding, defining and analysing gluten and its toxicity in celiac disease. I encourage ISSCD members with an interest in this critical issue and expertise in translational immunology, analytical chemistry, gluten free food or public health and lobbying to put themselves forward to be members of the GSSC.*

*ICDS Sheffield is just over a month away. The program and research abstracts are excellent. The ISSCD Board looks forward to meeting our members face to face and hearing what you think about the new direction of the ISSCD and how we can do better.*

*And 28 August, 14:00 (GMT+1) is the time to make your vote (and voice) count at the ISSCD General Assembly. The meeting will take place online so you can join wherever you are in the world. Please join us!*

*Bob***Dr Robert P Anderson, President (Queensland, Australia)**

### ISSCD – Online General Assembly



The [ISSCD General Assembly](#) will take place online on **28 August, 14:00 (GMT+1)**. Members can register [here](#) or if unable to attend you may nominate a proxy by completing this [form](#). We hope you will join us to help shape the future of ISSCD.

### ICDS Sheffield, 5-7 September 2024



The 20<sup>th</sup> International Celiac Disease Symposium (ICDS) will take place 5-7 September 2024 in Sheffield, UK. Local organiser Prof David Sanders and the Sheffield team have created an enticing programme with something for everyone. There will be an ISSCD Forum for all ISSCD Members on Friday 6 September at 17:30 and later that evening there is a [Gala Dinner](#) providing an ideal opportunity for networking; £50 per head for a three course meal. Limited availability, book now to avoid disappointment. Please visit the [event website to secure your place](#) and we look

forward to seeing you there!

### ISSCD Committees – submit your expression of interest



The ISSCD is committed to advancing knowledge and understanding of celiac disease and gluten mediated human disease, on a global scale. We are establishing specialist committees and currently have a call to submit your expressions of interest for the Gluten Safety Standards Committee (GSSC). You must be an ISSCD member to apply. Please visit the [website](#) for more information.

The co-Chairs of the GSSC committee are Prof Jason Tye-Din, Australia and Prof Katharina Scherf, Germany.

If you have any suggestions for other committees, please submit your proposal via the website [Contact Us form](#). You need to include a member of the ISSCD Board as a sponsor.

## Impact of diet on mucosal immunity and immune mediated digestive diseases, 21-22 August 2024



The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) in the USA is hosting an open workshop on celiac disease and IBD entitled "Impact of diet on mucosal immunity and immune mediated digestive diseases", on 21 and 22 August, 2024. The event will be **livestreamed** or you may attend in person at the NIAID Conference Center, 5601 Fishers Lane, 1D13 Grand Hall, Rockville, Maryland, USA. For more information and to register please visit <https://cvent.me/P2LoZG>

## Opportunity to secure funding for scientific conferences and workshops



The Office of Autoimmune Disease Research in the Office of Research on Women's Health, National Institute of Health, USA has released a Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) to highlight its interest in receiving applications that seek funding for the support of scientific conferences and workshops. These symposia and workshops should intend to assemble experts to develop and refine knowledge on autoimmune disease research.

The NOSI expires December 14, 2026. For further information and to check the individual *Notice of Funding Opportunities* and the applicable deadline dates for receipt please visit their website. ISSCD is happy to mediate between organisers and patient organizations such as the Celiac Disease Foundation, USA to partner on grant applications in a patient advocacy role.

## Share your news and reach a global audience

If you or a colleague have something to celebrate, have an outstanding research publication you'd like us to shout about or information about an event or anything else that will be of interest to the scientific and professional celiac community, please get in touch via the [Contact Us form](#). We would be happy to spread the news! All requests must be approved by the ISSCD Board.

## ISSCD Membership



Membership of ISSCD is open to all professionals working in the field of celiac disease and gluten-mediated human disease and are willing to support the aims of the ISSCD. Membership continues to remain **FREE** of charge. Please encourage your colleagues to join by completing the online [application form](#). Membership has the benefit of being part of a truly global community and access to the ISSCD's funding streams.

### Voluntary donations



As a not for profit organisation, the ISSCD welcomes donations from those who are able.

If you have the capacity to donate money to support the work of the ISSCD, please visit the society's [partnered donation platform](#).

All donations are gratefully received, thank you.