

## Welcome

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the International Society for Vaccines (ISV) and of the journal Vaccine and its publisher, Elsevier – the organizing partners for this 7th Vaccine and ISV Annual Global Congress – , it is our pleasure as co-Chairs of this 7th Vaccine & ISV Congress to welcome all the delegates, invited speakers, presenters of oral and poster abstract presentations, exhibitors, sponsors, the press, and other participants. We are looking forward for three days of exciting vaccine science and research.

From historical China where the previous meeting was held in Shanghai to this year, where we will all meet at the European and Mediterranean city of Sitges, 36 kilometers from Barcelona, Spain, with origins of the first inhabitants in the Neolithic period. Today Sitges is a vibrant and wide open tourist city to all cultures, with beautiful beaches, three ports for the practice of sports and fishing, and intense commercial offering. The Sitges international Fantasy Film Festival is a great crowd-puller of fantasy and horror movies and one of the cinema awards most recognized in Europe. From Sitges you can travel easily by high-speed trains and experience the wonders of Spain, cities like Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, Granada, Sevilla, and many others. You will be fascinated by this city, its surroundings and the warmth of its people.

We have put together a very exciting programme of invited speakers and oral and poster presentations. We want to thank the members of the scientific advisory board and all our invited speakers and presenters for their participation. This would not have been possible without the contribution of all of you. We also want to thank Shan Lu, President of ISV, and the Elsevier staff for helping with the scientific organization and logistics of this meeting. We hope you find the Congress useful and productive in informing you of progress in your field, sharing your work with others, and meeting colleagues in the vaccine enterprise.

ISV will have its annual general meeting on Tuesday 28 October at 2pm and non-ISV members are also welcome to attend.

We hope you enjoy the congress and we hope to see you again at the 8th Vaccine and ISV Congress.

Sincerely,

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