

# The International Society for Antiviral Research

The International Society for Antiviral Research (ISAR) was formally established on May 14, 1987. After many years of skepticism, antiviral chemotherapy had become a reality and there was a need for investigators in the field to periodically assemble with colleagues to exchange information and set up collaborations. ISAR was established to meet this need. In the spring of 1988, at a meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, The International Conference on Antiviral Research drew more than 400 participants. Following the meeting, the new Society's membership rolls approached 700. It was clear that those in the antiviral research community welcomed the opportunity to have a forum for the exchange of scientific information.

Since those early beginnings, ISAR has become internationally recognized as an organization for scientists in the field and as offering the premiere scientific meeting on antiviral research. The purpose of ISAR's annual meeting is to provide an interdisciplinary forum at which investigators involved in basic, applied, and clinical research worldwide can meet to review recent developments in all areas of antiviral research. The organizers plan a program to meet the needs of chemists, biologists, virologists and clinicians interested in the field.

The current membership of the International Society for Antiviral Research is a "Who's Who" of scientists involved in antiviral research.

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## **Why you should join the society:**

You will be joining approximately 800 of your colleagues, including virologists, chemists, crystallographers, molecular biologists, and clinicians from around the world. As an ISAR member, you will automatically receive an invitation to attend the International ISAR Conferences and as an ISAR member, you will be entitled to a substantial reduction in the registration fee. Additional benefits of membership in ISAR include receiving a membership director and the Society's Newsletter.

To become a member of ISAR, please contact the secretary of ISAR or print the application form from the ISAR web site at [www.isar-icar.com](http://www.isar-icar.com)

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**You are invited to attend:**

## **Seventeenth International Conference on Antiviral Research**

**Tucson, Ariz., USA**

**May 2–7, 2004**

Conference organized and sponsored by the International Society for Antiviral Research (ISAR)

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The 17th International Conference on Antiviral Research will be held in Tucson, Arizona, USA. The conference will begin on May 2, 2004 (Sunday) and will end at 1 pm on May 6, 2004 (Thursday). All scientific sessions will be held at the Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Resort. There will be a Welcome Reception on Monday evening, May 3, and a Conference Banquet Wednesday evening, May 5, for all registered attendees.

The purpose of the Conference is to provide an interdisciplinary forum at which investigators involved in basic, applied, and clinical research worldwide can meet to review recent developments in all areas of antiviral research. Conference participants will hear from leading “overview” speakers on the most current related topic. A Number of oral and poster presentations will be selected from submitted abstracts.

Tucson is Arizona’s second largest city and is home to more than 800,000 people. The city’s geography is a post-card image of cactus forests, rolling hills, and stony mountains. Tucson lies in the borderland, a region that blends the cultures of the United States and Mexico, and has a history of settlement by ancient Native American peoples, Spanish explorers, and frontiersmen.

Tucson was formally founded in 1775, about the time the United States signed the Declaration of Independence. Locally, the city is still called the Old Pueblo for the adobe fortress or “presidio” that marked its early borders. Over the past three centuries, Tucson has grown from Native American farming community, to Spanish outpost, to dusty frontier town to the mature Southwestern metropolis seen today.

For a perfect introduction to Tucson and Southern Arizona’s past, visitors can take a self-guided Downtown Walking Tour and stroll through a restored 19th century neighborhood and the site of the original Spanish presidio. To learn about Tucson’s significant aviation history, be sure to visit Pima Air & Space Museum, the world’s largest privately-funded air museum. For those interested in native wildlife, The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is one of the most notable wildlife parks in the world. Just south of Tucson lies the Patagonia-Sonoita Creek Preserve, a pristine wildlife sanctuary.

There are more than 3,000 eateries in Tucson, including many award winning restaurants including authentic Mexican cuisine, from Sonoran to Mexico City style as well as southwestern cuisine and Wild West steakhouses. Visit the natural wonders of the desert on horseback or on foot. You may also see the old West in action at Tucson Studios with a full array of live shows.

Tucson enjoys more sunshine than any other city in the United States, about 350 days each year. The days, with very few exceptions, are warm and sunny. The mild temperatures during spring, fall, and winter are legendary. Temperatures rise in the summer, but low humidity helps even the warmest days feel comfortable.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to combine an important learning experience with a wonderful travel experience to the Western United States and join us in Tucson, Arizona for the 17th International Conference on Antiviral Research.

ISAR Conference Committee

Hilton El Conquistador Resort  
Tucson, Arizona  
May 2 – May 6, 2004

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Additional Information:

Information on housing and travel arrangements, the scientific program, instructions for submitting abstracts, hotel accommodations and conference registration forms will be included in the second announcement, which will be sent to all members of ISAR. The information will also be available after July 1, 2003 on our web page – [www.isar-icar.com](http://www.isar-icar.com)

If you are not a member and wish to receive this information, please see our web page or contact the Organizing Secretariat.