

2024 Nominee for Council

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Please briefly describe why you believe you are suitable to serve as a member of the Council. Consider the following within your response: What do you think should be the ICIS's top priorities over the next three to five years, and what challenges might come? How might the ICIS serve our membership better in your view? In what way has your background given you a diverse perspective?

The ICIS is a commendable organization where outstanding researchers gather in a very familial atmosphere, fostering close interactions among its members and promoting the advancement of science. However, the society lacks a bit in terms of geographic diversity among its members. To further advance the society, it is crucial to enhance the diversity of its membership. I believe that I can contribute to increasing the participation of cytokine researchers from Asian countries, including Korea.

Please list your current and/or past participation in ICIS committees. Include committee membership, positions of leadership, speaking invitations, etc.

I have been serving as an ICIS Council member since 2022 and as a member of the Conference Committee since 2023. I am also the Chair of the Organizing Committee for Cytokines 2024 & KAI 2024, which will be held on October 20-23, 2024, in Seoul, Korea.

List any other relevant qualifications for office, including any non-ICIS volunteer other leadership activities. (Not a CV.)

I have long represented the Korean Association of Immunologists in collaborations with various international societies. For instance, I successfully brought the Federation of Immunological Societies of Asia-Oceania (FIMSA) Congress 2021 to Korea and participated in organizing the China-Japan-Korea Joint Symposium on Immunology in 2024. Currently, I am also serving as a general assembly delegate for the International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS).