

From: Kamradt, Thomas  
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 11:07 PM  
Subject: Re: Solidarity support from JSI

Dear Hiro, dear friends and colleagues from the JSI

Thank you very much for your heartwarming letter of solidarity and support. Indeed, our institutions are all facing at least a slow-down, some are shut down. Luckily, thus far the mouse facilities keep up at least basic services so that currently no mouse lines had to be sacrificed. It is very reassuring to know that we could build on your scientific and infrastructure support should the situation worsen. We highly appreciate your generous offer.

We will inform our council-members of your generous offer to make it widely known amongst German immunologists.

We all hope that the Japanese public-health measures will prevent a major outbreak of SARS-Cov-2 in Japan.

We wish you and your colleagues and families all the best.

Thomas, Jochen & Andreas  
on behalf of the DGfI

Thomas Kamradt, M.D.  
President, German Society of Immunology (DGfI)

From: Monteiro Renato  
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 7:00 PM  
Subject: Re: Solidarity support from JSI

Dear Hiro, dear colleagues of the JSI,

Thank you for your very kind solidarity support. All the SFI members acknowledge such warm initiative. We are indeed entering in an extreme severe phase of the Covid19 infection in France notably in the Paris region.

Similarly, on behalf of my colleagues of the SFI, we wish to share our support with you and your JSI colleagues. The SFI remains available for coordination of international collaborations between Japanese and French academic institute and industrials to as fast as possible in the development of serologic tests and immunological approaches for Covid19 therapy. This becomes an unmet medical need actually.

Keep safe !

Warm regards,

Renato on behalf of SFI

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Renato Monteiro, MD, PhD  
President of the French Society of Immunology

From: John Fraser

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:53 AM

Subject: RE: Solidarity support from JSI

Dear Hiro and colleagues

We were delighted and touched by your very warm letter of support to ASI. Your letter will be distributed to all our members. In return please accept a reciprocal letter of thanks and support from the Executive of ASI. Our association with the Japan Society for Immunology is a special one and it is good to know that we as scientists can freely share in the difficulties and challenges we all face and agree that international collaboration is the solution.

Warmest regards

John

President

Australia and New Zealand Society for Immunology



Kia ora Hiro and to all our colleagues in the Japanese Society for Immunology

Thank you for your kind letter of support and solidarity. Your sentiments are warmly reciprocated by all members of ASI.

New Zealand is in total lockdown for the next 4 weeks in the hope of halting community transfer before it escalates and our ICU wards are overwhelmed. Thankfully this has not happened yet, and we are confident that the lockdown will stem the exponential rise in cases we are now seeing. Australia may not be far off. University campuses and schools are closed in New Zealand, and no-one can venture out on the streets without good reason. This parallels the effective approach adopted by China. As an interesting aside, our Chinese students now want to return home believing it is safer there. Undergraduate and postgraduate teaching continues on-line and surprisingly, this seems to be working. Our IT systems have not collapsed under the strain. All I can say is thank heavens for Zoom! While all non-essential research has been halted in New Zealand, immunology research into Covid19 has ramped up and is strongly supported by government. All our animals are being well cared for and any long-term animal experiments can continue. The biggest challenge we face is access to overseas reagents and supplies.

In Australia, while University's are still open, it is in a very limited way and currently researchers are being encouraged to scale back or wind down their operations. While there is a concerted effort to protect valuable resources, such as important mouse strains, this is becoming more difficult.

While it is nice to have immunology at the very forefront of our national thinking, I can think of less stressful ways to achieve it.

It is times like these when we truly value the open dialogue, support and collaboration of our global colleagues. We as scientists and clinicians must work as a single community since as you say, we are in this together and it is up to us to come up with a solution. Quite frankly a solution to Covid19 will not be achieved without international collaboration and the open sharing of information, reagents and supplies.

Thank you once again for your message which has been distributed to all our members.

Wishing you all the very best,  
Ngā mihi nui (this means "best wishes to everyone" in Māori)

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From: BSI President

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 7:32 PM

Subject: Solidarity support from JSI

Dear Professor Kiyono,

I am very grateful for your thoughtful message and thank you for your offer of support. The current situation is affecting us all globally and solidarity in our predicament and coordination of our efforts is undoubtedly the best way forward. The BSI would be delighted to reciprocate your offer of help. We have to move forward together internationally, to find a way to combat this infection.

With my very best wishes,

Professor Arne Akbar

President

British Society for Immunology