The Congress was held at the Diplomat Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic from 28th June to 4th July 2009. Some 360 delegates from 31 countries attended the meeting, together giving 353 presentations (233 talks and 120 posters) in 16 sessions. The congress was organised by the ISDCI in cooperation with the Institute of Microbiology ASCR, v.v.i., Prague. The International Scientific Committee consists of Kenneth Söderhäll, Valerie Smith, Christopher Secombes, Jorunn Jorgensen.

Plenary speakers

- Shizuo Akira (Osaka, Japan), *Negative regulation in TLR responses*
- Richard A. Flavell (New Haven, USA), *The inflammasome in health and disease*
- Elena A. Levashina (Strasbourg, France), *The major role of a complement-like system in the mosquito antimalarial response*
- Dietmar Schmucker (Boston, USA), *Diverse immune receptors in arthropods: Divergence of diversity*
- Christopher Secombes (Aberdeen, UK), *Evolution of immunoregulation in vertebrates, perspectives from a fish cytokine biologist*