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EDUCATION:

- 1984 B.Sc. - Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Wroclaw University
1985 M.Sc - Department of. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Wroclaw University
1990 PhD - Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy, Wroclaw

PROFESSIONAL:

- 1985-1987 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Occupational and Internal Diseases, College of Medicine, Wroclaw, Poland.
- 1987-1990 Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Cellular Immunology, Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy, Wroclaw, Poland.
- 1990-1996 Postdoctoral Fellow, Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine, Denver, CO, USA
- 1996-2001 Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy, School of Graduate Studies, Institute of Molecular Medicine and Genetics, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia (USA)
- 2001-2005 Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy, School of Graduate Studies, Institute of Molecular Medicine and Genetics, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia.
- March 2007 Professor, Center for Biotechnology and Genomic Medicine, Department of Medicine, Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy, School of Graduate Studies, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia.

MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL and NATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1998– now Member, Combined Intramural Grants Program (previously MCG RI program).
2000 – 2004 Member, Committee of Animal use for Research and Education.
2002 – 2004 Member, IMMAG Executive Faculty Committee.
2000 - now Director, Flow Cytometry Core, MCG.
1996 - now Member, Faculty Search Committees - (multiple).
1996 - now Member, PhD Committees - (multiple).
2010 - now VA Eligibility Committee (member)

AWARDS/HONORS

The Roche Organ Transplantation Research Foundation (ROTRF) Recognition Prize – Philadelphia 2011. (“awarded to investigators whose ROTRF-funded projects had a major impact on the field of transplantation and whose achievements best exemplify the mission of the ROTRF”)

SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

American Association of Immunologists- Member

REFEREE:

Immunity (*ad hoc*)

Journal of Immunology (*ad hoc*)

Journal of Experimental Medicine (*ad hoc*)

Cellular Immunology (*ad hoc*)

Scientific Reports (*ad hoc*)

EMBO J (*ad hoc*)

NIH (*ad hoc*)

Veterans Administration (*ad hoc*)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS (last five years):

- TymUS international meeting, Puerto Rico, US.
- NIH/NIAID NIH Immunology Seminar Series
- 13 Congress of Polish Society of Clinical and Experimental Immunology, Lublin, Poland.
- Conference “Tolerance and Development”, Foundation des Treilles, Nice, France
- American Transplant Congress Philadelphia 2011, ROTRF Luncheon Satellite Symposium
- “Lymphocyte development, Tolerance and Autoimmunity: solved and open questions“ International Conference, Wroclaw, Poland.
- European Thymus Workshop EuroThyme Rolduc, Leeuwenhorst, Netherlands.
- John Hopkins Hospital, Philadelphia
- University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT.
- University of Texas, Tyler, TX
- Albany Medical College, Albany, NY
- University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS:

1. Ignatowicz L.: T cell antigen receptors. **Post. Hig.** 1989, 3: 1-12.
2. Swat W., Ignatowicz L., P. Kisielow: Detection of apoptosis of immature CD4+CD8+ thymocytes by flow cytometry. **J. Immunol. Meth.** 1991, 137:79-87.

3. Swat W., Ignatowicz L., von Bohemer H., P. Kisielow: Clonal deletion of CD4+CD8+ thymocytes in suspension culture by extrathymic antigen-presenting cells. **Nature**, 1991, 351: 150-153.
4. Ignatowicz L., Kappler J.W., Marrack P.: The effect of chronic infection with a Superantigen-producing virus. **J. Exp. Med.** 1992, 175: 917-923.
5. Marrack P., McCormack J., Callahan J., Ignatowicz L., J.W. Kappler: T cell tolerance. **Chest**. 1993, 3:76-78.
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7. Scherer M.T., Ignatowicz L., Winslow G.M., Kappler J. W., P. Marrack: Superantigens; Bacterial and viral proteins that manipulate the immune system. **Ann. Rev. Cell Biology**, 1993, 9:101-28.
8. Marrack P., Ignatowicz L., Kappler J.W., Boymel J., J. Freed: Comparison of peptides bound to spleen and thymus class II. **J. Exp. Med.** 1993, 178:2173-2183
9. Ignatowicz L., Kappler J.W., Marrack P, M.T. Scherer: Identification of two V β 7 specific superantigens. **J. Immunol.**, 1994, 1:65-71
10. Ignatowicz L., Winslow G.M., Bill J., Kappler J.W., P. Marrack: Cell surface expression of Class II MHC proteins occupied by a single peptide. **J. Immunol.**, 1995, 154, 3852-3862.
11. Scherer M.T., L. Ignatowicz, A. Pullen, J.W. Kappler, P. Marrack: The use of Mtv negative and single Mtv mice to evaluate the effects of endogenous viral superantigens on the T cell repertoire. **J. Exp. Med.**, 1995, 182, 1493-1504.
12. Ignatowicz L., J.W. Kappler, P. Marrack: The repertoire of T cells shaped by a single MHC/peptide ligand. **Cell**, 1996, 84, 521-529.
13. Ignatowicz L., J.W. Kappler, D. Parker, P. Marrack: The responses of mature T cells are not necessarily antagonized by their positively selected peptide. **J. Immunol.** (Cutting Edge) 1996, 157, 1827-1831.
14. Marrack P., L. Ignatowicz, D. Parker, C.-P. Liu, J. Kappler: The structure and specificity of T cells selected by a single MHC/peptide combination. **HLA and Disease - The Molecular Basis**, 1997. Alfred Barjon Symposium, Murksgaard, Copenhagen.
15. Ignatowicz L., Rees W., Pacholczyk R., Ignatowicz, H., Kushnir E., Kappler J., P. Marrack: T cells can be activated which are unrelated in sequence to their selecting peptide. **Immunity**, 1997, 7, 179-186
16. Wilson N.A., Wolf P., Ploegh H., Ignatowicz L., Kappler J W., P. Marrack: Invariant chain can bind MHC class II at a site other than the binding groove. **J. Immunol.**, 1998, 61(9):4777-4784.
17. Kuśnierczyk P., R. Pacholczyk, B. Chmielowski, L. Ignatowicz: Role of peptide ligand in the positive selection of T lymphocytes. **Cent. Eur. J. Immunol.** 1998, 23, 169-182.

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19. Thayer W.F., Ignatowicz L., P.E. Jensen: CLIP-independent binding of invariant chain to class II major histocompatibility complex molecules. **J. Immunol.** 1999, 162, 1502-1509.
20. Chmielowski B., Muranski P., L. Ignatowicz: On the role of high and low abundance class II MHC/peptide complexes in the positive selection of CD4⁺ T cells. **Int. Immunol.** 2000, 12, 67-72.
21. Muranski P., Chmielowski B., L. Ignatowicz: Mature CD4⁺ T cells perceive a positively selecting class II MHC/Peptide complex in the periphery. **J. Immunol.** 2000, 164, 3087-3094.
22. Kovalik J.P., N. Singh, S.K. Mendiratta, W.D. Martin, L. Ignatowicz, L.van Kaer: Alloreactive and self-restricted CD4⁺ T cells directed against the same MHC class II/peptide complex have similar sensitivities to alterations in the peptide sequence. **J. Immunol.** 2000, 165, 1285-1293
23. Gaszewska-Mastalarz A., P. Muranski, B. Chmielowski, P. Kraj, L. Ignatowicz: Altered selection of CD4⁺ T cells by class II MHC bound with dominant and low-abundant self-peptides. **J. Immunol.** 2000, 165:6099-6106.
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