

The ISoP Star

Manila Conference Report

The 5th ISoP Annual Meeting took place at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel Manila, Philippines from 17-19 October 2005, with 5 pre-congress sessions. It was attended by over 350 delegates – a record number which exceeded expectations. The many stimulating



Quiz Bowl winning team 'Amnesia' X Kurz/S Öksüz/P Tragulpiankit

presentations and discussions included a plenary lecture on 'Ecopharmacology', and the first 'Pharmacovigilance Quiz Bowl'. The Local Organisers, Ken Hartigan-Go

and Suzette Lazo, and their team from the Philippine Society of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology (PSECP) were warmly congratulated on a smooth-running and welcoming meeting.

Most presentations are now posted on the ISoP website. The password to allow access to them is sent with your renewal membership letter.



N Moore/Honourable Fidel Ramos/GP-Velo

The minutes of the General Assembly held on 19th October in Manila are also available on the website www.isoponline.org. Prof. Velo, on behalf of the Executive Committee, proposed the nomination of the following honorary members: Prof Ron Mann and Prof Sir Mike Rawlins - which the Assembly unanimously approved.

Manila Annual Meeting Best Abstract Prize



Ken Hartigan-Go, Alex Dodoo and Rosie Stather

103 abstracts, published in *Drug Safety*, were accepted, and this year the scientific committee innovated by rewarding the best abstract. The winner was Alex Dodoo from

Ghana (Abstract 79) 'Effectiveness of a simplified

Spontaneous Reporting Form for Intense Monitoring of adverse Events During Intermittent Preventive Treatment of Malaria in Pregnant Women with Sulphadoxine-Pyrimethane'.

Thanks and congratulations to the author and others who have presented their work which contributed to the scientific interest and success.

ISoP Course: 2-3 February 2006, Spain

'Pharmacovigilance: Science and Regulations. Is this compatible? Assessment and Management of Drug Liver Toxicity & Coping with Audits and Inspections' (Hospital Virgen del Rocío, Sevilla- Spain)

Chair: Paula Marquez, Co-chairs: Giampaolo Velo, Amer Alghabban and Corinne Pierfitte

These two study-days, combining presentations from well-known experts, panel discussions and questions among the group of delegates, will explore current debate and controversy in the area of liver toxicity, proposing models and patterns to avoid such an important medical condition caused by drug; and during the second day a whole dedicated panel will review the most update knowledge on Auditing and Inspection in pharmacovigilance: sharing best practices for shifting the quality in pharmacovigilance and drug safety.

The course will be suitable for anyone working in clinical, academic, industry or regulatory sectors; participation will be strongly encouraged. There is the possibility for participants to attend either or both days. Programme and Registration forms available at administration@isoponline.org

Joint and co-sponsored meetings

- ★ Successful ISoP workshop 'Pharmacovigilance' chaired by Giampaolo Velo and Nicholas Moore at the 7th EACPT Meeting in Poznan, Poland, last June.
- ★ The CPT 2008 scientific programme committee welcomes your proposals for symposia, plenary lectures and speakers. Deadline for receipt of proposals is extended until June 2006, more information on www.cpt2008.com
- ★ Conference 'Pharmacovigilance of herbal medicines' from 26th to 28th April, 2006- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London, UK. Please see www.rpsgb.org.uk for more details

Season's greetings to all ISoP members!

Annual Meeting, Liège 2006

'Joining forces for managing risks':

11-13 October 2006

The next Annual Meeting of ISoP will follow the 29th Annual Meeting of the WHO Programme with a joint afternoon ISoP/WHO session on the 11th.

Two training courses will precede the ISoP meeting. Scientific programme topics proposed include:

Metabolic disorders as ADRs, ADRs of antipsychotics, What have we learnt from Coxib/NSAIDs story, New tools for pharmacogenetics in pharmacovigilance, Pharmacovigilance for medicines used in children, Pharmacovigilance for vaccines,

Risk management: timing, content and follow-up, New groups of ADR reporters, Use of databases for studies on drug safety issues, Hospital pharmacovigilance: schemes to monitor ADRs continuously in the hospital setting, case stories and successful examples, Transparency in pharmacovigilance, incl. communication to health professionals and the public,

The precautionary principle: what does it mean? Is there any threshold?

Local organisers are Dr Xavier Kurz and Dr Thierry Roisin (Belgium Centre for Pharmacovigilance).

Chairs of the Scientific Committee are Dr Kees van Grootheest and Prof. Jean-Marie Maloteaux.

Closing date for submission of oral and poster abstracts is 30th June 2006.

For more information, contact the ISoP 2006 secretariat info@isop2006.org (or www.isop2006.org)

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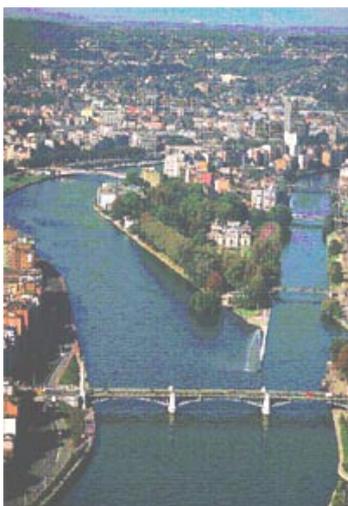
Bournemouth on the south coast of England will be the venue for the 2007 ISoP Annual Meeting (21-24 October). Local organiser is Dr Saad Shakir, Director of the Drug Safety Research Unit (DSRU).

Call for bids

If you would like your country to host the 2008 or 2009 Annual Meeting, contact ISoP Administration.

National Chapters

ISoP members in one country have now the possibility to form groups to facilitate the organisation of meetings, training courses, or other



The river Meuse flowing through Liège

activities related to the missions of ISoP. At least ten members are needed to constitute a national chapter. For further information, please contact administration@isoponline.org

Drug Safety: Call for papers

Submit now! The journal Drug Safety welcomes the submission of original research. Studies should focus on the clinical implications of drug treatment safety issues. More information at drugsafety@adis.co.nz

2006 Membership renewal

Renewal forms are on its way to you, if not already received. Only members who have paid their fees will have access to incentives, elections, and discounts. Society membership fees have been frozen this year, and there is a reduced retired membership fee. A limited number of reduced fee memberships are available to those from emerging countries working directly in pharmacovigilance. Those who may be eligible should apply to the President, c/o ISoP Administration before 31st March 2006.

Executive Elections in 2006

On a proposal of the Executive Committee, the General Assembly in Manila has elected the 2006 Nominations committee: Prof. Ralph Edwards (Chair) Dr Suzette Lazo, Dr Lynda Wilton.

The elections will take place this spring. There are 11 vacancies to be filled, and paid-up members with appropriate skills and experience who would like to put themselves forward as a candidate for the ISoP Executive Committee are invited to contact directly the Nominations committee before the end of February. Please contact administration@isoponline.org with any queries

Please get in touch

If you would like to contribute to ISoP Star by writing short articles or indicating conferences or courses of interest for members or assist the Society in your own country or region, do get in touch with the Officers, via the Administration Office.

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www.isoponline.org

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