



The ISoP Star

Elections in June 2006

The election to the Executive committee of ISoP will take place this June. The whole Executive Committee will be renewed and eleven Executive Committee members will be elected by the members of the society, so get ready to vote and don't miss the deadline!

Biographies of the candidates will be posted on the website isoponline, protected by a password. A letter explaining more with an application form and envelope will be sent to members.

Only paid up members will be eligible to vote and your membership payment must reach us by the 31 May.

Affiliation

ISoP has been accepted as affiliate member of IUPHAR. The application to WHO to become a NGO is still ongoing as more time is needed for the procedure.

ISoP went to Seville

The course 'Assessment and Management of Drug Liver Toxicity And Copying with Audits and Inspections' took place at the Hospital Virgen del Rocío, in Seville, on 2-3 February, 2006. With 40 participants and international speakers it was a very valuable meeting. The course was structured to provide the attendees the opportunity to attend either or both days with several and different parties. Paula Marquez with Giampaolo Velo, Corinne Pierfitte and Amer Alghabban were the co-ordinators for this well-run and challenging event. More information on the course at www.isoponline.org



The ISoP Executive Committee in Seville

Safety of immunotherapy in drug development and patient care

This is the theme of our next winter training course to be held on the 22-23 March, 2007 in Budapest (Hungary). More details in due course!

UK in 2007

Bournemouth (south coast) is the venue for the ISoP Annual Meeting in 2007 from 21 to 24 October. The local organiser is the Drug Safety Research Unit.

Argentina in 2008

Buenos Aires will host the ISoP Annual Meeting in 2008 (provisional dates 8-11 October).

★ If you would like your country to host the 2009 Annual Meeting, please contact the Administration Office and ask for the guidelines for bids (*which should be received by 20 September 2006*).

'Joining forces for managing risks'



10 and 11 October Pre-Conference Workshops

1. Risk management plans (1½ days)
2. Introduction to Pharmacovigilance (½ day)

Wednesday 11 October (pm)

Registration - Opening
Joint ISoP/WHO Symposium
(Welcome cocktail)

Thursday 12 October (9.00 - 17.45)

Parallel sessions: Hospital pharmacovigilance, Safety of old and new antipsychotics, Contribution of spontaneous reporting to drug safety, Vaccine risk assessment

(Lunch and posters)

Parallel sessions: Paediatric pharmacovigilance, Metabolic aspects of drug safety, Independence of post-marketing surveillance, Pharmacovigilance of biologicals (ISoP General Assembly)

Friday 13 October (9.00 – 17.00)

Parallel sessions: Pharmacogenomics, gene therapy and genetic resistance, Epidemiological aspects of drug safety, Risk perception and risk management, Hepatotoxicity

(Lunch and posters)

Parallel session: Hot topics in drug safety

Plenary sessions:

1. Pharmacovigilance: past, present and future (R Mann, UK)
2. Benefit-risk assessment in a public health perspective (L Abenheim, UK)

★ **Call for abstracts** ★

Abstracts for both oral and poster presentations are invited. Closing date for submission is 30 June 2006. Abstracts should be submitted from the conference website at www.isop2006.org. This also has up-to-date information on registrations, scientific and social programmes of the conference.

For further information: info@isop2006.org

New constitution

The society is moving towards a revision of its constitution so as to register as a charity, which is a more appropriate status for an international society. It is likely that the new structure will be set up within few months and an announcement will be made during the ISoP General Assembly in Liège.

The national chapters

ISoP members in one country are able to form groups to facilitate the organisation of meetings, training courses, or other activities related to the missions of ISoP. A national chapter has been already developed in Italy. For further information, please contact administration@isoponline.org

More meetings news

★ Some of the presentations from the Annual Meeting held in Manila, Philippines last October are posted on our website. To view them, please log-on to www.isoponline.org / Annual Meeting / Manila Presentations buttons. (The password is ma05co).

★ Joint sessions with other scientific societies like ISPE (Lisbon, August 2006) and EACPT (Amsterdam, 29 August – 1 September, 2007), and some meetings in partnership, a training course in Argentina organised by ANMAT (*National Administration for*

Drugs, Food and Medical Technology) and Córdoba National University in August 2006, workshops 'Ecopharmacology' in Verona, Italy, 9-10 June, 2006, 'Pharmacovigilance: future perspectives' Erice, Italy, 28 June-2 July 2006 at the Ettore Majorana Centre (both by invitation only), and a possible course in Turkey.

★ The society will work also on a joint session with IUPHAR Clinical Division for CPT 2008 in Canada and we would be pleased to receive your suggestions for topics for symposia and plenary lectures to be passed to the Canadian organisers.

Book news

Feeling Better Doctor? The autobiography of Professor Bill Inman. His is a story of triumph over adversity, courage to take stands against medical practices and the power of truth and love.

Feeling Better Doctor? is published by Highland Park Productions, South Croft House, Winchester Road, Botley, Southampton SO32 2BX. Order direct by sending £9.99 plus £2 postage and packing, or through Amazon.co.uk.

Job adverts

The Society has a great service on its website where organisations may publish details of vacancies for jobs in drug safety. Do not hesitate to use this service for your recruitment, free for members!

Have you moved?

If you have changed your address, do let us know as soon as possible. And also please let us have your e-mail! Some members don't receive accurate information because of not providing their e-mail address. We would like to keep members informed of Society news, and electronic mail is the quickest (and cheapest) way of sending certain types of information. Please e-mail your correct address to us, we will be able to update our address lists. Thank you!

Information brochure

The new ISoP information brochure is out. If you'd like colleagues to receive it, please let us know their details.

You can send comments and contributions for ISoP Star to: ISoP Administration, PO Box 32974, London, SW19 8YG, UK. Phone / fax: +44 (0)20 8286 1888

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The ISoP website contains information about Society activities, courses, the Annual Meeting & you can renew subscriptions on-line
www.isoponline.org

See you in Liège in October!