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Liège Conference Report

The 6th ISO P Annual Meeting took place in Liège, Belgium from 11-13 October 2006. It was attended by over 300 delegates and included many stimulating presentations and discussions. There were participants and speakers from all five continents, and everyone enjoyed both the scientific and social sides of the meeting.

Xavier Kurz, and Thierry Roisin from the Belgium Centre for Pharmacovigilance were congratulated on organising a smooth-running meeting, especially as they also organised the 29th Annual Meeting of the WHO Programme for International Drug Monitoring, before the ISO P meeting.

In announcing the results of the Executive Committee elections (see over) at the General Assembly, Prof G Velo thanked serving members of the Committee who have stepped down or retired. The Executive committee proposed the nomination of the following honorary members: Prof Rene-Jean Royer and Prof Michel Ollagnier which the Assembly unanimously approved. For more information, the minutes of the General Assembly are now available on the website www.isoponline.org (under 'News')

Liège Poster Prizes

It was almost impossible for the judges to decide which posters were best among almost 140 posters, as all were interesting and valuable. After long discussions, they upgraded the number of prizes from 3 to 5: two 3rd, two 2nd and one 1st prize!

★The two 3rd prize winners were based on studies of drug prescription data as a source of information: Poster 126 by Dr Sequeira and co-workers (Bahrein), about the dangerous prescribing of topical corticosteroids to children, and (coincidentally) poster 127 by Dr M Alacqua and colleagues (Messina and Caserta, Sicily), concerning the changes in prescribing in osteoarthritis after the sudden withdrawal of rofecoxib.

★The two 2nd prizes went to posters devoted to the prevention of ADRs. In poster 24 Dr L Alj and co-workers (Morocco) studied the preventability of adverse reactions, and Dr R Leone and his colleagues (Verona) of the multi-regional GIF database, presented in poster 62 the prevailing causes of fatal adverse reactions in Italy.

★1st prize was awarded to Dr J Jose and the team from the Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (India), poster 116, for their intensive hospital study of the adverse reactions to fluoroquinolone derivatives.

In recent years hospital and regional pharmacovigilance centres have become powerful sources of real-life drug safety information and all three judges were equally pleased with this well-organised, comprehensive and long-lasting study. Once again, we thank and congratulate authors and all others who presented great work, which contributed to the scientific success of our meeting!

Most of the presentations and winning posters are now on the Society website. The password to allow access to them is sent with your renewal membership letter.

ISO P 2007 Meeting, Bournemouth

The 7th ISO P Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Drug Safety Research Unit (DSRU) in Bournemouth, England from 21st to 24th October, 2007.

Giampaolo Velo will chair the Scientific Committee; Saad Shakir and his colleagues at the DSRU will form the Local Organising Committee. Conference topics

will include: Biotechnology products, The biological basis of hypersensitivity reactions, pharmacovigilance regulation, Evidence for safety of medicines, Risk Management - what has been achieved and where are we moving to?, Safety of products used in healthy people (vaccines, contraceptives...),

The role of the

Qualified Person in pharmacovigilance in the EU, Signal generation - past, present and the future, Quantitative risk/benefit assessment, Psychiatric drugs, Herbal medicines - what is new?

Further Information on ISO P 2007, including abstracts submissions will be available on the

The Bournemouth Town Crier announces the 2007 Meeting



conference website www.isop2007.org or from the Secretariat: Hampton Medical Conferences Ltd, Tel: +44 (0)20 8979 8300 Fax: +44 (0)20 8979 6700

.... to Argentina in 2008

Buenos Aires will play host in 2008 (5-8 October, Sheraton Retiro). Local organiser is the Argentinean Society of Pharmacovigilance. More details to follow.

Call for Annual Meetings bids

If you would like your country to host the 2009 Annual Meeting, please contact the Administration Office and ask for guidelines for your bid (which should be received by 1st March 2007).

ISoP training course in Hungary

The next training course 'Immunopharmacology & drug safety' will take place on 22nd & 23rd March 2007 in Semmelweis University, Budapest.

This high level two-day seminar will be dedicated to training specialists about a major field into which pharmacovigilance is providing new and very relevant insights. In parallel, a training course in the basic concepts of pharmacovigilance will be offered. Full details from ISoP Administration office or visit our website www.isoponline.org (under 'Training')

ISoP workshop at ISPE Lisbon

On 25th August 2006, Nicholas Moore chaired a special joint workshop at the ISPE meeting in Lisbon entitled 'Trust and transparency: how much is needed?'. The workshop was very well attended, with four speakers from different backgrounds who discussed challenges, successes and consequences of transparency. For details, go to www.isoponline.org

Drug Safety journal: Call for papers

Submit now! The official journal of ISoP, Drug Safety, welcomes original research. Studies should focus on the clinical implications of drug treatment safety issues. Submitted reviews, leading articles, and current opinion papers will also be considered for publication and 'Letters to the Editor' are encouraged. For more information visit their home page: <http://drugsafety.adisonline.com>

ISoP membership fees for 2007

As approved at the General Assembly, membership fees have increased in line with inflation, as follows:

*ISoP membership for 2007 (*all without 'Drug Safety'*)

Industry (190 euros)

Academics, Universities, Regulators (130 euros)

Student/Retired/Emerging countries: 55 euros

*ISoP membership with 'Drug Safety' subscription, 2007 edition (Print & electronic)

Industry (290 euros)

Academics, Universities, Regulators (230 euros)

Emerging countries (90 euros), electronic only.

A limited number of reduced fee memberships are available to potential members from emerging countries working directly in pharmacovigilance.

Those who may be eligible should apply to the Applications committee c/o ISoP Administration before 15th April 2007.

2007 Membership renewal

Renewal forms are on their way to you, if not already received! Only members who are paid-up will have access to incentives and special offers.

New constitution

The Society has finalized the revision of its constitution with the goal to register as a charity in Switzerland, which is a more appropriate status for an international society. As announced at the ISoP General Assembly in Liège, an extraordinary assembly has been convened on Wednesday 20 December at Green College in Oxford, England (notification letter with changes of the Statutes was sent to all members in November). The new structure will be set up in January.

If at any time a member would like a copy of the current, modified Statutes, please contact ISoP administration office.

Executive Committee

Following this year's elections, the Executive Committee is: Nicholas Moore (*President*), Kenneth Hartigan-Go (*Vice-President*), Corinne Pierfritte (*Secretary General*), Brian Edwards (*Treasurer*), Deirdre McCarthy (*Vice-Secretary General/Treasurer*), Jo Barnes, Alex Dodoo, Marie Lindquist, John McEwen, Thierry Trenque, Eugene van Puijenbroek, Giampaolo Velo (*Past President*).

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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

Season's Greetings to ISoP members!