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ISoP in Budapest

Two parallel ISoP winter training courses 'Immunopharmacology and drug safety' and 'Basic concepts in pharmacovigilance' took place at the Semmelweis University, in Budapest, from 22-23 March, 2007.

With 41 participants and a large group of international speakers, these were very valuable meetings. Both were structured to allow attendees to exchange views in discussions following individual presentations. Nicholas Moore with Adam Vas were the co-ordinators of the advanced course on Immunopharmacology and Ken Hartigan-Go and Brian Edwards were the co-ordinators for the basic course. More information at www.isoponline.org

Pharmacogenomics & patient safety

This is the theme of our training course to be held on 17-18 March, 2008 in Bangkok (Thailand). Please look out for this first dedicated international training course in South-East Asia with a basic PV course back to back. More details available in due course!

Education Training Programme (ETP)

Ken Hartigan-Go, who was given a presidential award from Philippine College of Physicians for his work on Pharmacovigilance advocacy for Filipino internists, has succeeded Paula Marquez as chair of the ETP committee. Already a joint training project with the *Uppsala Monitoring Centre* has been agreed. Ventures in Africa, Turkey and elsewhere are under discussion.

7th Annual Meeting – Bournemouth

21-24 October, 2007 (Bournemouth Centre, England)

The scientific programme is almost ready with 2 pre conference courses, and a pleasant social programme.

- ★ ISoP may offer financial assistance to full-time students and young researchers from emerging countries. Delegates who may be eligible should apply to the ISoP Grants Sub Committee by e-mailing administration@isoponline.org before 30 June 2007. *ISoP Administration will inform applicants of the outcome of their application by mid-July.*

Sunday 21 October

Registration & One-Day Pre-Conference Workshops (in parallel):

1. Back to Basics – a basic course in Pharmacovigilance
2. How to write a Safety Specification and Risk Management Plan

Monday 22 October

Registration

Opening Lecture, *Prof Kent Woods, UK*

Keynote Lecture, The link between the laboratory and the clinic in asthma - *Prof Stephen Holgate, UK*

Drug hypersensitivity, How do we find useful signals?

Vision for pharmacovigilance in Europe, Eco-Pharmacology, Monitoring safety of vaccines

Tuesday 23 October

Pharmacovigilance in emerging countries, Paediatrics, Herbal medicines, Bayesian statistics and pharmacovigilance

The polypill: moving from concept to reality, *Prof Nicholas Wald, UK*

Writing a proper adverse event report for publication

Wednesday 24 October

Clinical trials – what they can do and what they can't!! Challenges of PEM and future directions, Risk management in pharmacovigilance, Systems of pharmacovigilance in the western pacific Closing plenary session, The contribution of pharmacoepidemiology to pharmacovigilance, *Prof Joan-Ramon Laporte, Spain*

Poster prize awards and closing ceremony.

Information on abstracts, registrations, scientific and social programmes from www.isop2007.org (*Abstracts deadline has been extended to 15 June 2007.*)



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News and Reports from ISoP

...Argentina in 2008

Buenos Aires will be the venue for the 2008 ISoP Annual Meeting from 6 to 8 October (in the spring, locally). Local organiser is the Argentinean Society of Pharmacovigilance, chairperson of the scientific committee Eugene van Puijenbroek, with Thierry Trenque as co-chair.

and France in 2009

The Reims bid has been accepted by the Executive Committee and the city will host the 2009 ISoP Annual Meeting.

Call for Annual Meetings bids

If you (or colleagues) would like your country to host the 2010 Annual Meeting, please contact the Administration Office and ask for the bid guidelines (proposals should be received before March 2008).

ADR publication guidelines

The recommendations of a joint ISoP-ISPE group on the guidelines for the submission and publication of adverse drug reaction reports have been published simultaneously in *Drug Safety*, ISoP's official journal, and *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety*, ISPE's journal (document e-mailed to ISoP members). If ever you submit an adverse drug reaction report to a journal, please respect these recommendations, and cite this paper (the content of this paper represents ISoP's position, and not only its authors').

More meetings news

- ★ Most of the presentations from the Annual Meeting in Liège, Belgium last October are on the Society website. To view them, please log-on to www.isoponline.org / Annual Meeting / Liege Presentations buttons. The password ami06 will allow access to the presentations.
- ★ Most of the presentations from the 2 training courses held in Budapest, Hungary last March are posted on the website under training section (available only for participants to the courses).
- ★ Joint sessions are planned with other scientific societies - ISPE (Quebec, August 2007), EACPT (Amsterdam, 29 August-1 September, 2007), and IUPHAR Clinical Division for CPT 2008 in Canada.
- ★ The 'Pharmacovigilance future perspectives' meeting in Erice (Sicily) last June, produced a document about global reform of the safety of medicines for patients - 'The Erice Manifesto'. You can find it, already published in *Drug Safety*, in the News section of isoponline.org.

For further information on past or future ISoP training courses and courses of interest to members please visit www.isoponline.org

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

Communication skills ideas

Bruce Hugman, the UMC's communications consultant, has been commissioned by Pharmaceutical Press for a book on communications knowledge and skills for healthcare professionals, for publication early in 2009. "Ideas and suggestions from ISoP members would be wonderful," Bruce says. "Particularly useful would be examples of actual situations in healthcare where communications are challenging or unusual - with patients or colleagues in academic institutions, hospitals, clinics or pharmacies. Horror stories, model examples, challenging relationships or clinical situations will be very welcome." Bruce will respond to anyone who is kind enough to offer suggestions or support (by the end of August, if possible), and there will be a proper acknowledgement of contributions in the book. You can contact him at: mail@brucehugman.net

New constitution

After the extraordinary General Assembly in Oxford last December, we are pleased to confirm that the transfer of the Society from the Trade Register in Strasbourg to Trade Register in Geneva has now almost been completed. An UK-based company called 'ISoP Secretariat Ltd' has been created. This UK subsidiary will undertake ISoP's secretarial activities and employ staff on behalf of ISoP. This will be based on a contract between the parent body, ISoP and ISoP Secretariat Ltd. In addition ISoP Secretariat will be registered as a charity in due course. **Please note below our new address!**

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Send letters, comments and contributions for ISoP Star to: ISoP Secretariat Ltd, 140 Emmanuel Road, London, SW12 0HS, UK * new address

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See you in Bournemouth in October!