



The ISoP Star

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Bournemouth Conference Report

The 7th ISoP Annual Meeting took place in Bournemouth, England from 21-24 October 2007.

It was attended by over 250 delegates from all over the world and included many stimulating presentations and discussions. Prof Saad Shakir and his team from the Drug Safety Research Unit were warmly congratulated on organising a smooth-running meeting.

We are also happy to announce that the Western-Pacific chapter of ISoP was officially launched during the Annual Meeting.

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



Marie Lindquist of the Poster Prize Committee with Geraldine Moses

The General Assembly in Bournemouth approved unanimously the amendment to Article 17 of the constitution regarding the liquidation of assets. Prof Nicholas Moore and the Executive Committee proposed the nomination of Prof Ralph Edwards as an honorary member which the Assembly unanimously approved.

The AGM minutes are now available on the website www.isoponline.org/general-assembly.html

ISoP 2007 Poster Prizes

It was almost impossible for the judges to decide which posters were best among almost 180 posters, as all were interesting and valuable! The winners who received a one-year electronic subscription to the journal *Drugs* were:

- ★ FIRST PRIZE: C Guy et al. 'Azathioprine and Pharmacogenetic Testing: Implication in clinical Practice" (P. 110)
- ★ SECOND PRIZE: F Salvo et al. 'Providing Reliable Pharmacovigilance Information via the Web: the Experience of an Italian Website' (P. 112)
- ★ THIRD PRIZE: S Reid et al. 'Evaluation of an Adverse Reaction (AR) Reporting Educational Program (curriculum) Developed for Undergraduate/Graduate Students Studying a Health Profession' (P. 163)

The judges also highly commended two posters for importance and originality:

- G Moses for 'Sleep-Driving, Sleep-Eating and Sleep-Smoking Associated with Zolpidem: Consumers Demonstrating Their Valuable Role in Pharmacovigilance' (P. 167), and
- J Yothapitak for 'ADRs Prevention in Patient Undergoing Myelogram: A Multidisciplinary Approach' (P. 015).

Thanks and congratulations to all authors and others who have presented their work which contributed to the high scientific success of this Annual Meeting.

Pharmacogenetics and drug safety

This ISoP training course will take place on 17 & 18 March 2008 in Chaophya Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand (co-ordinator: N Moore). In parallel a course in the basic concepts of pharmacovigilance will be offered (co ordinator: K Hartigan-Go).

Courses are co-sponsored by Thai FDA and PReMA.

Full details from ISoP Administration office or visit our website www.isoponline.org/Training



Season's Greetings to ISoP members!

2008 Annual Meeting, Buenos Aires

Strategies for developing pharmacovigilance
(www.isop2008.org)

There is no better time to come visit this amazing metropolis, and all are welcome to the 8th ISoP Annual Meeting hosted by the Argentinean Society of Pharmacovigilance from 5th to 8th October 2008 at the Sheraton Retiro.



E van Puijenbroek will chair the Scientific Committee with T Trenque and L Alesso as co-chairs.

Two training courses will precede the conference.

Scientific programme topics proposed include:

- ★ Developments in Pharmacovigilance
- ★ Communication in Pharmacovigilance
- ★ Risk Management Plans and Risk Minimization
- ★ Pharmacovigilance of Special Drug Categories
- ★ Pharmacovigilance in Special User Groups
- ★ Performance and Results of Intensive Pharmacovigilance Programmes
- ★ Glitazones
- ★ Counterfeit medicines
- ★ Pharmacogenetics, Drug Interactions and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring in Pharmacovigilance
- ★ Harmonization in regulatory aspects of Pharmacovigilance

Closing date for submission of oral and poster abstracts is 31st May 2008.

Further information will be available on the conference website:

www.isop2008.org

or from the secretariat:

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... to Reims in 2009

Reims, France (45 minutes north from Paris) will play host to the ISoP Annual Meeting from 6th to 9th October 2009.

The local organiser is Thierry Trenque, director of the Centre Régional de Pharmacovigilance Reims Champagne-Ardenne. More details in due course on the conference website www.isop2009.org (available end of 2008).

Call for Annual Meetings bids

If you would like your country to host the 2010 Annual Meeting, please contact the Administration Office and ask for guidelines for your bid (which should be received by 1st March 2008).

Membership renewal for 2008

Renewal forms are on their way to you, if not already received! Only members who are paid-up will have access to ISoP incentives. This year membership fees have been frozen and students, retired and emerging countries will be able to subscribe online to the journal *Drug Safety* for the price of 90 EUR.

A limited number of reduced-fee memberships are available to potential members from emerging countries (as defined by the World Bank List) working directly in pharmacovigilance. Those who may be eligible should apply to the Applications committee c/o ISoP Administration before 30th April 2008.

www.isoponline.org

Do visit our brand new website regularly to get informed about ISoP and its activities! We are exploring the possibility to have 'Pages for members only' and a 'Wikipedia' approach for members to comment on proposed pharmacovigilance definitions (in collaboration with the journal *Drug Safety*).

Bursaries

This year the society offered 3 bursaries to young researchers in pharmacovigilance from Indonesia, India and Uruguay to attend the Annual Meeting in Bournemouth and the training course in Budapest. *More information: www.isoponline.org/annual-meeting*

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A happy new year to all members!