



# The ISoP Star

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## ISoP in Bangkok

First ISoP training courses in South East Asia!

Two parallel training courses 'Pharmacogenetics and drug safety' and 'Basic concepts in pharmacovigilance' took place at the Chaophya Park Hotel, in Bangkok, on 17-18 March, 2008. With around 100 participants and a group of international speakers, these were very successful meetings. Thank you to the Thai FDA and PReMA our co-sponsors for helping us to bring together all those in the region who are interested in pharmacovigilance. More information about both these courses can be found at [www.isoponline.org](http://www.isoponline.org)

## Training courses in Italy

The next course will take place in early 2009 in Italy with a basic pharmacovigilance course held back-to-back with an advanced course. More details will be provided in due course.

## .....France in 2009

Reims is the venue for next year's Annual Meeting (6 to 9 October). The local organiser is Thierry Trenque, director of the Centre Regional Pharmacovigilance Reims, Champagne Ardenne, and chairperson of the Scientific Committee is Marie Lindquist from the UMC.

## .....and Ghana in 2010

The bid from Ghana has been accepted by the Executive Committee and Accra, capital of Ghana will host the ISoP Annual Meeting in 2010 (October).

### Call for Annual Meetings bids

If you would like your country to host the 2011 ISoP Annual Meeting, please contact the Administration Office and ask for the guidelines for bids (proposals should be received before March 2009).

## CIOMS

The Society is now an international member of CIOMS. Corinne Pierfitte will take the lead on the working group and we look forward to collaborating with this prestigious organization.

## More News from ISoP

★ Most of the presentations from the ISoP Annual Meeting held in Bournemouth, England last October are posted on the website of the society. To view them, please log-on to [www.isoponline.org](http://www.isoponline.org) / Annual Meeting / Past Annual Meetings / Bournemouth Presentations button. Login: ISoP2007 - Password: 60Rn3m0U7h

★ Most of the presentations from the 2 training courses held in Bangkok, Thailand last March are now posted on the website under training section (available only for course participants).



Participants at the Bangkok courses

★ National Chapters: we look forward to the launch of the Mexican Chapter and the North American Chapter during the 8th Annual Meeting in October in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

★ ENCePP (European Network of Centres for Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance) Project conducted by the EMEA. ISoP has been asked to participate in the ENCePP Working Groups. If you would like to represent ISoP in a Working Group, please contact ISoP Administration

★ EEA Qualified Person for Pharmacovigilance (QPPV) There are plans to establish an association dedicated to the EEA Qualified Person for Pharmacovigilance (QPPV). Work on this is ongoing and more details will be available in due course. ISoP will keep you informed of developments of this important initiative

★ Cases Journal : new journal with former BMJ editor R Smith on clinical cases « Cases Journal » will publish any case report that is authentic, understandable and ethical. It will be indexed on 'medline'. The aim is to create a valuable new clinical resource by compiling thousands of case reports and incorporating them into an easily searchable free-to-access database. <http://casesjournal.com/> E-mail: [editorial@casesjournal.com](mailto:editorial@casesjournal.com)

★ Call for IUPHAR Executive Committee Nominations. For information on the nominations procedure please consult the IUPHAR homepage at <http://www.iuphar.org/>

*For further information on past or future ISoP training courses or other courses of interest to members, please visit [www.isoponline.org](http://www.isoponline.org) regularly.*

## 8th Annual Meeting – Buenos Aires

5-8 October, 2008 Buenos Aires, Argentina:  
Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel & Convention Center

'Strategies for developing pharmacovigilance' - [www.isop2008.org](http://www.isop2008.org)

The challenging scientific programme is almost ready with two pre-conference courses and an exciting social programme offering an affordable occasion for ISoP members to come to Argentina and actively stimulate development of pharmacovigilance in that part of the world.

★ Bursaries

ISoP can offer some financial assistance to young researchers in pharmacovigilance from emerging countries (maximum age 40 years, from universities or research institutions) and also to full-time students (maximum age 30 years) who wish to attend the 8th

ISoP Annual Meeting in Buenos Aires. More information is available on the conference website.

Delegates who may be eligible should apply to the ISoP Grants Sub Committee by e-mailing [administration@isoponline.org](mailto:administration@isoponline.org) before **30 June 2008**. ISoP Administration will inform applicants of the outcome of their application by the beginning of August.

### Pre-programme ISoP 2008:

**Sunday 5 October:** Pre-Conference Workshops (in parallel):

1. Pharmacovigilance, from fundamental basis to practice
2. Drug-related Risk Management

### Monday 6 October:

Registration - Opening Lecture, Sir Michael Rawlins, NICE, UK

Early Licensing versus Greater Safety? Where's the Balance?

Parallel sessions: Pharmacovigilance in Hospitals, Counterfeit Medicines and Illegitimate Drugs (Lunch and posters)

Parallel sessions: Pharmacogenetics and Drug Interactions in Pharmacovigilance, Education and Training Projects in Pharmacovigilance

Performance and Results of Intensive Pharmacovigilance Programmes, Reports of Lack of Effectiveness

### Tuesday 7 October :

Parallel sessions: Vaccine Pharmacovigilance, Estimating AE/ADR seriousness, causality and frequency as the basis of risk assessment

Round table discussion: Customising Risk Management: Global or Local?

(Chairman: Joan-Ramon Laporte, Spain)  
(Lunch and posters)



San Martín Plaza Buenos Aires



ISoP General Assembly

Plenary session: Monitoring adverse events in an off-label use setting, Gerald Dal Pan, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), USA

Parallel sessions: Developments in Global Pharmacovigilance and Implementation in a Regional Setting, Methodology in Pharmacovigilance

Workshop (in Spanish): Pharmacovigilance in Latin-America

Workshop (in English): Herbal Medicines

### **Wednesday 8 October:**

Parallel sessions: Pharmacovigilance of Biologicals and Advanced Therapies, Pharmacovigilance in Paediatrics, Pharmacovigilance in Pregnancy and Reproductive Health, Safety Issues in Clinical Trials (Lunch and posters)

Parallel sessions: Communication in Pharmacovigilance, Harmonization in Regulatory Aspects of Pharmacovigilance: How do you do it?

Closing plenary session (Bengt-Erik Wiholm Lecture, Ralph Edwards, Sweden):

Poster prize awards and closing ceremony.

### **Call for abstracts**

**Closing date** for submission of oral and poster abstracts has been extended to **29 June 2008**.

Abstracts and registrations should be submitted from the conference website at [www.isop2008.org](http://www.isop2008.org), which also has up-to-date information on scientific and social programmes.

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### **Have you visited the ISoP website?**

It contains updated information about Society activities and you can also download a membership application and pay your fees online (safe and secure) at <http://www.isoponline.org/membership-renew.html>

We are also exploring the possibility of having 'Pages for members only'; Coming soon...

### **Drug Safety survey, please respond!**

A short survey is being conducted to assess how many ISoP members have access to Drug Safety. This is important information and, as a valued member of ISoP, we would very much appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey (e-mail sent on 07 May). As a thank you, we have two 1-year online subscriptions to the journal *Pharmaceutical Medicine* to give away to respondents who fully complete the survey.

You can access the survey via the isoponline website: <http://www.isoponline.org/drug-safety.html#DSSurvey>  
The survey will close on July 30th 2008.

### **Have you moved?**

If there is a mistake in our database, or you have changed your address, do let us know as soon as possible.

And also please let us have your e-mail address! Some members don't receive up-to-date information because they have not provided their e-mail address.

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