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Buenos Aires Conference Report

The 8th ISoP Annual Meeting took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 5-8 October 2008. It was attended by 270 delegates from all over the world.

Raquel Herrera and Luis Alesso from the Argentinian Society of Pharmacovigilance were warmly congratulated on organising such a smooth-running, stimulating and successful meeting.

Most of the presentations are now on the Society website. The password to allow access to them was sent by e-mail with your renewal membership notice.

During the General Assembly (AGM) in Buenos Aires, the President of ISoP Nicholas Moore announced the launch of the Mexican Chapter. In addition, he proposed the nomination of David Coulter and Joan-Ramon Laporte as honorary members, which the Assembly unanimously approved. The AGM minutes are available on the website www.isoponline.org/general-assembly.html

Buenos Aires Poster Prizes

178 abstracts were accepted as posters and oral presentations, and as always, an ISoP Poster Prize was given to the three best posters. A difficult selection for the Poster Committee!

John McEwen, chair of the Committee congratulated all authors and others who have presented their work which contributed to the high scientific success of this Annual Meeting.

The winners who received a one-year subscription to one Adis journal of their choice were:

- ★ **1st prize:** Cachin N; Kreft-Jais C. 'From an identified risk to regulatory measures: Implementation of HLA-B*5701 screening before Abacavir treatment' (P. 41)
- ★ **2nd prize:** Pariente A et al. 'Antipsychotic use and myocardial infarction in demented patients treated with cholinesterase uinhibitors' (P. 126)
- ★ **3rd prize:** Keller GA et al. 'Pharmacovigilance Unit of the Second Chair of Pharmacology: Review and analysis of 700 notifications received' (P. 100)

Training Courses in Verona

ISoP courses will take place on 26 & 27 March 2009 at the University of Verona, Italy. In parallel:

- ★ Risk Management (co-ordinator: D McCarthy)
- ★ Ecopharmacovigilance (co-ordinator: G Velo)

- ★ Basic concepts of pharmacovigilance (co-ordinator: K Hartigan-Go).

Courses organized together with the ISoP Italian Chapter. Full details from ISoP Administration, or visit www.isoponline.org/Training

ISoP 2009 Annual Meeting, Reims

From Pharmacovigilance to Risk Management

The 9th ISoP Annual Meeting is hosted by the Centre Regional de Pharmacovigilance Reims Champagne-Ardenne, France, from 6 to 9 October at the Centre des Congres, in Reims centre (45 minutes from Paris and 30 minutes from Roissy Airport with High Speed Train). Marie Lindquist (the UMC) chairs the Scientific Committee with Thierry Trenque as co-chair and chair of the local organizing committee.

The conference has received sponsorship from the Association Française des Centres Regionaux de Pharmacovigilance.

Scientific programme topics proposed include:

New data sources and methods for signal detection and verification, Prediction and prevention of ADRs Economic impact of drug development, Drugs and suicidality, Pharmacovigilance in clinical trials, Counterfeit drugs, Pharmacovigilance in developed and developing countries, Regulatory update, Pharmacovigilance for vaccines, Pharmacovigilance regional centres in France/Sweden/Spain, etc... an exportable model? Hot topics, Free topics.

Closing date for submission of oral and poster abstracts is 15 June 2009.

Further information on ISoP 2009 will be available on the conference website www.isop2009.org (live end December) or the secretariat: isop2009@chu-reims.fr



Reims cathedral

Season's Greetings to all ISoP members!

ISoP 2010 Annual Meeting

Accra, the colourful capital of Ghana (West Africa) will play host to the Annual Meeting in October 2010 (dates to be confirmed). Local organizers are Delese Darko from the Food and Drugs Board (FDB) and Alex Dodoo from the Centre for Tropical Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics (CTCPT) of the University of Ghana Medical School. The FDB, which covers the National Centre for PV, will host the meeting in collaboration with the CTCPT, the Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana and Ministry of Health. ISoP 2010 will follow the Annual Meeting of the WHO Programme.

Call for Annual Meetings bids

If you would like your country to host the 2011 Annual Meeting, please contact the Administration Office and ask for guidelines for your bid (which should be received by 15 March 2009).

2009 Membership renewal

Renewal forms have been sent out by electronic and post mail. Only members who are paid-up will have access to incentives and elections. This year the membership fees have been frozen and students, retired and emerging countries are able to subscribe online to the journal *Drug Safety* for 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.

Executive Elections in 2009

On a proposal of the Executive Committee, the General Assembly in Buenos Aires has elected the 2009 Nominations committee: G Velo (Chair), R Stather and L Wilton.

The elections will take place this spring and the vote will take place on-line via the ISoP website. There are 11 vacancies, and paid-up members with appropriate skills and experience who would like to put themselves forward as a candidate for the ISoP Executive Committee are invited to contact directly the Nominations Committee by the **15th February 2009**.

Please contact gvelo@sfm.univr.it with any queries.

Drug Safety journal

From January, those members who have provided us with an active e-mail address will receive an e-toc (table of contents) for *Drug Safety* as each issue is published. These e-tocs are brought to you with the compliments of ISoP.

As a member you can subscribe to *Drug Safety* at a



The ISoP Executive in Buenos Aires in relaxed mode

substantially discounted rate. If you already receive the journal via ISoP, please make sure that you renew and pay for your ISoP membership as soon as possible in January to avoid interruption in the delivery of print copies of the journal (please note that your online access will continue).

ISoP Bursaries

This year bursaries were offered to 7 young researchers in pharmacovigilance from Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cuba and Venezuela to attend the training courses in Bangkok and the Annual Meeting in Buenos Aires. More information on bursaries for 2009 on www.isoonline.org

Have you moved?

If you have changed your address, do let us know as soon as possible. Some members don't receive accurate information through not providing an e-mail address. Electronic mail is the quickest and cheaper way of sending certain types of information (and in particular for the 2009 elections). Please e-mail your correct details to us, we will be able to update our address lists. Thank you!

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