



# The ISoP Star

NEWS AND REPORTS FROM ISoP – No 18. May 2009

## ISoP in Verona

Two parallel ISoP training courses 'Keeping the lights green; your risk management road map' and 'Basic concepts in pharmacovigilance' and one workshop on Ecopharmacovigilance took place at the University of Verona, Italy on 26-27 March, 2009). With around 100 participants and a group of international speakers, these were very successful meetings. Thank you to the Italian ISoP chapter for helping us to bring together those who are interested in Pharmacovigilance.

More information about these courses can be found at <http://www.isoonline.org/training.html>



ISoP Executive in Verona

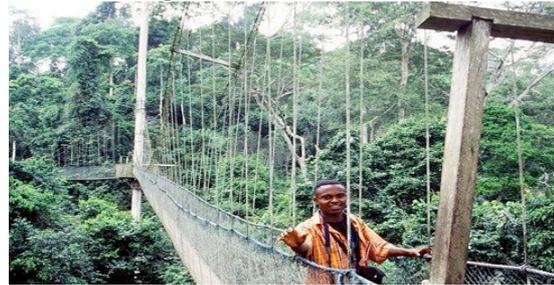
## Training courses

The next ISoP training courses will take place in Asia (March 2010) and South East Europe with a basic Pharmacovigilance course to be held back-to-back with an advanced course as on previous occasions. More details will be provided in due course. ★

## ISoP 2010 Ghana

Accra is the venue for next year's Annual Meeting (3-5 November 2010). The local organizers are the Food and Drugs Board and Alex Doodoo from the Centre for Tropical Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics of the University of Ghana Medical School and chairperson of the Scientific

Committee is Brian Edwards from NDA Regulatory Science Limited. The 10<sup>th</sup> ISoP Annual Meeting (ISoP 2010) will follow the Annual Meeting of the WHO Programme and training courses will precede ISoP 2010. ★



Ghana Tourist board

## .....and Turkey in 2011

The bid from Turkey has been accepted by the Executive Committee and Istanbul, the vibrant city of Turkey will host the ISoP Annual Meeting in 2011 (October).

## Call for Annual Meetings bids

If you (or colleagues) would like your country to host the 2012 ISoP Annual Meeting, please contact the Administration Office and ask for the guidelines for bids (proposals should be received before February/March 2010).

## Executive Elections

Get ready! Full information on the web voting procedure will be e-mailed to all paid-up ISoP members **on the 1st June**. The personal statements of all 22 candidates will be posted on the website [isoonline](http://www.isoonline.org) (password protected). To view the candidate biographies and to vote online, you will log-on to <http://www.isoonline.org> election pages using a personal 'username' and 'password' which will be e-mailed to you with the vote instructions on the 1st June. This web voting procedure will ensure confidentiality (live from the 1st June until 10th July). We strongly encourage you to participate in this election process and to submit your ballot online. Your vote is important in selecting the new Executive Committee members for the future leadership of the Society.

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Please note that if your e-mail address is not correct you will not be able to receive election procedures and therefore you will not be able to participate in this election. ★

## More News from ISoP

★ Information session on the relation between the use of pharmaceuticals and their occurrence in drinking water, and its consequences for public health, future generations and the environment, « Ecopharmacovigilance and public health » 27 May, The Centre, Brussels.

★ ISoP has set up a working group looking at how to apply teamwork and other techniques to manage the Human Factor to improve compliance and better deliver Safety. If you would like to know more contact ISoP Administration.

★ In planning for next year's Annual Meeting, are there any current issues or scientific topics/symposia you feel should be included in the forthcoming scientific programme? It would help us if you could provide us with your suggestions to [administration@isoponline.org](mailto:administration@isoponline.org) as we would like the content of our Annual Meeting to reflect our member's wishes.

★ Most of the presentations from the ISoP Annual Meeting held in Buenos Aires, Argentina last October are posted on the website of the society.

To view them, please log-on

<http://www.isoponline.org/isop2008-annual-meeting.html>. Login: ISoP2008 - Password:

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★ 2008 ISoP General Assembly, during the 8th Annual Meeting, 7 October 2008 (13.15/14.00), Buenos Aires, Argentina. Minutes are posted on the ISoP website

★ National Chapter: After Mexico, we look forward to the launch of the Switzerland Chapter during the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Reims in October, France.

## Extraordinary General Assemblies, 2009

To prepare for the amendment to Article 1.2 & Article 1.5 of the constitution, an extraordinary General Assembly of ISoP took place on Friday 27 March 2009, during the ISoP Training courses in Verona, Italy (University of Verona). Quorum was not reached, a second meeting took place on

Monday 27 April 2009 at the Karolinska University Hospital, Solna (during the ISPE meeting) where a vote was taken and the assembled members voted unanimously in favor of the proposed change of statutes. The changes were noted as follows:

*Art 1.2, the registered address of ISoP shall be in Geneva, Switzerland*

*Art 1.5, the Executive Committee shall decide upon the administrative address and registered address of ISoP.*

EGA Minutes are available at

<http://www.isoponline.org/general-assembly.html>

## ISoP 2009 Annual Meeting



6-9 October, 2009 (Reims, France, Centre des Congres) 'From pharmacovigilance to risk management' <http://www.isop2009.org>

The scientific programme is almost ready with 4 pre-conference courses on the agenda, and an exciting social programme offering an affordable occasion for ISoP members to come to France and participate in one of the most important annual international pharmacovigilance meetings to be held in France this year (Reims is 45 minutes from Paris by TGV).

\* **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 are members of ISoP, and wish to attend the 9th ISoP Annual Meeting. More information about procedure is available on the conference website and/or

<http://www.isoponline.org/isop2009-annual-meeting.html>.

Delegates who may be eligible should apply to the ISoP Grants by e-mailing [administration@isoponline.org](mailto:administration@isoponline.org) before 27 July 2009. ISoP Administration will inform applicants of the outcome of their application by the beginning of August. ★

## Pre-programme ISoP 2009:

**Tuesday 6 October:** 4 Pre-Conference courses (in parallel): Basic concepts in Pharmacovigilance. Risk Management, Qualified Person for Pharmacovigilance (1/2 day- morning), Communication (1/2 day- afternoon)

**Wednesday 7 October (09.00-17.45):** Registration, Welcome opening, Opening Lecture, "From pharmacovigilance to Risk Management"  
Coffee-break / Poster

Parallel sessions: Pharmacovigilance challenges around the globe, Organ specific toxicity liver (Lunch) ISoP General Assembly

Parallel sessions: Risk communication, New data sources and methods for signal detection and verification. Coffee-break / Poster

Pharmacovigilance and clinical trials, Improving the efficiency of pharmacovigilance systems  
Welcome reception

**Thursday 8 October (09.00-18.00):**

Plenary session: Regulatory initiatives with a global impact. Coffee-break / Poster

Plenary session: Prediction and prevention of ADRs

(Lunch) Poster sessions

Parallel sessions: Undesirable psychiatric and behavioural effects of medications, Pharmacovigilance for vaccines.

Coffee-break / Poster

Parallel sessions: Hot topics (Safety of Biological products), Counterfeit medicines

Gala dinner

**Friday 9 October: (09.00-15.30)**

Lecture and round table discussion: Ethical consideration in pharmacovigilance

Coffee-break / Poster

Plenary session: Implication of personalized medicine, Bengt-Erik Wiholm Lecture

(Lunch)

Poster Prize Awards, presentation for ISoP 2010 and closing ceremony.

## ★ Important deadlines:

**Call for abstracts:** Closing date for submission of oral and poster abstracts is **15 June 2009**

**Registrations:** Early bird registration until 31 July 2009. Save money and register now!

Abstracts and registrations should be submitted from the conference website at <http://www.isop2009.org/?page=register> which also has up-to-date information on scientific and social programmes.

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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>

For further information on past or future ISoP training courses please visit our homepage News / Courses of interest to members: Please visit [www.isoponline.org](http://www.isoponline.org) regularly! We are also exploring the possibility of having 'Pages for members only' with Pharmacovigilance regulatory information. ★

### 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 of they have not provided their e-mail address.

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