



# The ISoP Star

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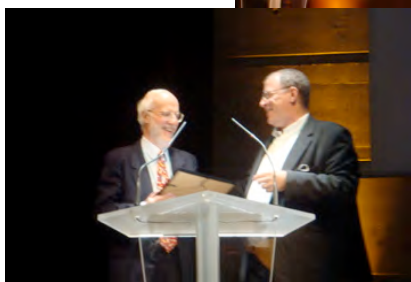
## From Reims to Accra via Hong Kong

### Reims Conference report

The 9th ISoP Annual Meeting took place in Reims, France from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009. It was attended by over 320 delegates from all over the world and included many stimulating presentations and discussions.

The local organizer, Dr. Thierry Trenque, Director of the Centre Regional de Pharmacovigilance Reims Champagne-Ardenne, and his team were warmly congratulated on organising such a successful meeting. In announcing the results of the elections to the Executive Committee (see over) at the General Assembly (AGM), Prof. Nicholas Moore (*photo*) thanked serving members of the Committee

who have stepped down or retired, and on behalf of the Executive committee, he



proposed the nomination of Dr. Dominique Salliere and Prof. Giampaolo Velo (*photo*) as honorary members which

the Assembly unanimously approved.

We are also happy to announce that both the Swiss chapter of ISoP (coordinator: Jan-Willem van der Velden) and Latin American chapter of ISoP (coordinator: Luis Alesso) were officially launched during the Annual Meeting. Easy to read and download, the AGM minutes are now available on the website <http://www.isoonline.org/general-assembly.html>

Some of the presentations and winning posters will be posted on the Society website. The password to

allow access to them will be sent with the confirmation of your renewal membership.

Non-members who registered at the Reims Annual Meeting and paid full registration fees will become ISoP members from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010: a warm welcome to these new members!

### Reims Poster Prizes

270 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!

Dr. Kenneth Hartigan-Go, chair of the Committee congratulated all authors and others who have presented their work which contributed to the scientific interest and success of this Annual Meeting. The winners who received a one-year electronic subscription to the journal *Drugs* were as follows:

- \* **First prize:** Preventability of ADRs leading to hospital admissions assessment of inter rater variability, S Schmiendl et al- Germany (Poster 263)
- \* **Second prize:** Prevention model for serious ADR, K Thianhanthikun and S Kaewwichit - Thailand (Poster 91)



- \* **Third prize:** Critical Analysis of risk benefit ratio of first line antibiotics included in guidelines for the treatment of community acquired pneumonia, S Carbonnelle et al - Belgium (Poster 214)

**Season's Greetings to ISoP members!**

## Training courses in Hong Kong and Serbia

Organized in collaboration with the Chinese University of Hong Kong and HK SAR Department of Health, a PV training course will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Two other important training courses are being developed in Belgrade, Serbia (in parallel, 27<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010). More details will become available from the ISoP Administration office or visit regularly our website [www.isoponline.org/Training](http://www.isoponline.org/Training)



Left to right: K Hartigan-Go, M Petronijevic, R Soulaymani, D Krnić, M Miljkovic, and V Macolić Šarinić in Rabat

## ISoP 2010 Ghana

*'Pharmacovigilance in the global village'*

[www.isoponline.org/isop2010-annual-meeting](http://www.isoponline.org/isop2010-annual-meeting)

The 10<sup>th</sup> ISoP Annual Meeting is hosted by the Food and Drugs Board from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2010. The venue is the La-Palm Royal Beach hotel, in Accra. Dr. Brian Edwards from NDA Regulatory Science Ltd (UK) is chairing the Scientific Committee.

**Scientific programme topics proposed include:**

- ★ Risk management Plans
- ★ Signal detection
- ★ Periodic Safety Update Reports
- ★ Vaccine pharmacovigilance
- ★ Pharmacovigilance systems for HIV/Malaria/Tuberculosis
- ★ Pharmacovigilance in low-resource settings
- ★ Pharmacovigilance in public health programmes
- ★ Cost-effectiveness of pharmacovigilance systems
- ★ Models for predicting drug safety

- ★ Medication errors reporting schemes
- ★ Communication in drug safety



Three training courses will precede the ISoP Annual meeting and an overlapping session with the WHO Annual National Centres Meeting will be held on the afternoon of the first day.

Closing date for submission of oral and poster abstracts is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010.

Further information on ISoP 2010 will be available on the conference website (live January 2010) or from the secretariat: [mimidarko66@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mimidarko66@yahoo.co.uk)

## ISoP 2011 Turkey

Istanbul will play host in 2011. More details in due course.

### 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 by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010).

## Worldpharma 2010

On the Thursday 22 July (12.45-14.15), Prof. Giampaolo Velo and Dr. Alexander Dodoo will chair a special ISoP workshop at the Worldpharma 2010 conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, entitled "The good, the bad and the ugly: when medicines cure most, harm some and confuse many". WorldPharma2010 program, registration, call for abstracts (deadline for submission of abstracts is 15th January), Young Investigator Award Competition, satellite meetings, information on touring Copenhagen, and more...

[www.iuphar.org/pdf/Pharmacology International 2009 December.pdf](http://www.iuphar.org/pdf/Pharmacology%20International%202009%20December.pdf)

## Membership renewal for 2010

Renewal forms have been sent out by electronic mail. Only members who are paid-up will have

***A Happy new year to all members!***

access to benefits. As ISoP did last year, we have frozen the membership fees for another year and students, retired individuals, and emerging countries are able to subscribe to the journal *Drug Safety* for the price of 90 EUR (online subscription). 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.

## Drug Safety journal

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

## Executive Committee

Following this year's elections, the Executive Committee is: Dr. Alexander Dodoo (President), Dr. Marie Lindquist (Vice-President), Dr. Eugène van Puijenbroek (Secretary General), Ms. Deirdre McCarthy (Treasurer), Dr. Mira Harrison-Woolrich (Vice-Secretary General/Treasurer), Dr. Luis Alesso, Dr. Elliot Brown, Dr. Ulrich Hagemann, Dr. Hervé LeLouet, Dr. Ugo Moretti, Dr. Yola Moride, Prof. Nicholas Moore (Past President).



*The new ISoP Executive Committee (2009-2012)*

## Benefits for members

20% discount on Wiley-Blackwell Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Medicine books for all ISoP members. Fast, simple and secure ordering! You can order books online at [www.wiley.com](http://www.wiley.com) (this

offer is not available through bookstores). The promotion code to allow access to the 20% discount will be sent with your renewal membership notice.

## ENCePP

(European Network of Centres for Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance) ENCePP promoted by the EMEA was launched in 2007 aiming at bringing together existing EU resources in the field of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance to strengthen the post-authorisation monitoring of the safety of medicinal products and to improve the EU pharmacovigilance system.

ISoP is part of the ENCePP Advisory Group and Prof. Nicholas Moore is currently the ISoP representative in the ENCePP Steering group.

## Bursaries

This year the society offered 9 bursaries to young researchers in pharmacovigilance members of ISoP to attend the training courses in Verona and the Annual Meeting in Reims. More information on bursaries for 2010 on [www.isoonline.org](http://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 because of not providing their e-mail address. We would like to keep members informed of Society news, and electronic mail is the quickest and cheaper way of sending certain types of information. Please e-mail your correct details to us, we will be able to update our address lists. Thank you!

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