



# The ISoP Star

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## ISoP went to Minsk



Two parallel ISoP training courses ‘Reporting, Causality Assessment, Risk factors & Mechanisms of ADRs and ‘Risk Management and Regulatory inspections’ were organized in the city of Minsk, Belarus on the 26 & 27 May 2011 in collaboration with the Centre for Examinations and Testing in Health Service of the Republic of Belarus.

Our partners in Belarus were warmly congratulated on organizing such stimulating and well attended training courses.

More information about both these courses can be found at <http://www.isoponline.org/index.php?page=training>



U Hagemann, ISoP speaker at the course “Reporting, Causality Assessment, Risk factors & Mechanisms of ADRs”

## Training courses

Next ISoP training courses will take place in March 2012 with a basic Pharmacovigilance course to be held back-to-back with an advanced course as on previous occasions. Venue and details about next year’s training courses will be provided in due course.

Our mid-year Training courses are very popular so please visit [www.isoponline.org/training](http://www.isoponline.org/training) and register soon to avoid any disappointment!

## ISoP 2012 Mexico

Cancun is the venue for next year’s Annual Meeting (30 October-2 November 2012) with pre conference courses on the agenda. This is a milestone in the history of ISoP because this is the first time that such a meeting will be undertaken in Mexico, an important crossroad between North and South America. The local organizer is the Mexican Pharmacovigilance Association. Dr Luis Alesso (Argentina) will chair the scientific committee.



“Risk Management and Regulatory inspections” course attendees



Cancun panoramic view

### Call for Annual Meeting bids

If you (or colleagues) would like your country to host the 2014 ISoP Annual Meeting, please contact the Administration Office and ask for the guidelines for bids (proposals should be received before February 2012).

## More News from ISoP

★ **Dr Alexander Dodoo** participated in the Pharmacovigilance Summit India 2011 - Hilton Mumbai International Airport, Mumbai, India from 27 – 29 June, 2011

★ **Italy** is the provisional venue for the 2013 Annual Meeting

★ **In planning for next year's Annual Meeting**, are there any current issues or scientific topics/symposia you feel they 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 members' wishes.

★ **Under ISoP patronage**, a workshop "Drugs in the Environment – Ecopharmacovigilance for better health" Royal Society of Medicine, London (UK), on 31 October 2011 – The organizers are: Giampaolo Velo (Italy) and Giovanni Leonardi (UK). For more information, E-mail: [gpvelo@sfm.univr.it](mailto:gpvelo@sfm.univr.it)

<http://www.rsm.ac.uk/academ/epc01.php>

★ **Most of the presentations** from the ISoP Annual Meeting held in Accra, Ghana last November are posted on the website of the Society. To view them, please log-on to <http://www.isoponline.org/index.php?page=members-section>. To access to the presentations, you will have to register in the Members Section and kindly follow instructions on screen.

★ **2010 ISoP General Assembly**, during the 10th Annual Meeting, Accra – Ghana: minutes are posted on the ISoP website

# Programme ISoP 2011

## Pre conference courses

<http://www.isoponline.org/general-assembly.html> ★ **2011 ISoP General**

**Assembly** will be held during the 11th ISoP Annual Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey from 25-28 October 2011. The ISoP General Assembly will take place from 13.45 to 14.30 on Thursday 27 October 2011, at the Harbiye Military Museum and Cultural Centre ★ **Statutes and by-laws** of the Society are posted on the ISoP website

<http://www.isoponline.org/statutes.html>

★ **Chapters:** After the African chapter, we look forward to the launch of the UK and Ireland Chapter during the 11th Annual Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, in October.

★ **June 2011 issue of "Pharmacology International**

[www.iuphar.org/pdf/Pharmacology\\_International\\_2011\\_June.pdf](http://www.iuphar.org/pdf/Pharmacology_International_2011_June.pdf). In this issue of "Pharmacology International", IUPHAR is pleased to make you aware of "The Guide to Pharmacology", a free, on-line pharmacology portal to be launched in Autumn 2011.

## ISoP 2011 Turkey

11th Annual Meeting – Istanbul, ISoP 2011 on 25-28 October, 2011 (Istanbul, Turkey, Harbiye Military Museum) ' *Next stop: Istanbul - bridging the continents!* ' [www.isop2011.org](http://www.isop2011.org)



The scientific programme is ready with 4 pre-conference courses on the agenda, and an exciting social programme included in the registration fee offering an affordable occasion for ISoP members to come to Istanbul.

**Registration** (discount for ISoP members).  
ISoP 2011 Conference Secretariat:  
E-mail: [isop2011@serenas.com.tr](mailto:isop2011@serenas.com.tr)  
Please check the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website for updated information and information on which passport holders may require a visa <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>.

### **Tuesday 25 October (08.30-17.30)**

#### Registration

- Basic Concepts /Full Day  
(Chairs: Hakan Ergün, Deirdre McCarthy)
- Causality Assessment /Half-Day morning  
(Chairs: Ian Boyd, Juergen Beckmann)
- Crisis Management – Expecting the worst /Half-Day afternoon  
(Chair: Ulrich Hagemann)
- Good Pharmacovigilance Practice - Inspection and audits /Half-Day afternoon  
(Chairs: Elliot Brown, Sarah Daniels)

Welcome reception

### **Wednesday 26 October (8.30-17.30)**

#### Registration

Welcome and opening ceremony

Plenary session ‘Ethics in clinical research and ethics in pharmacovigilance’ (Chairs: Semra Sardas, Turkey and Alex Dodoo, Ghana – ISoP President)

*Panel discussion* ‘Globalization in pharmacovigilance’

Coffee-break / Poster

#### Parallel sessions

*Session A:* Epidemiology (Şule Oktay, Turkey)

CIOMS VIII: Signal detection in vaccines databases

*Session B:* Register (Ian Boyd, Australia and Raquel Herrera Comoglio, Argentina)

Lunch

#### Parallel sessions

*Session C:* Medication errors and preventability (Brian Edwards, UK and Ian Boyd, Australia)

*Session D:* Concepts in measuring the effect of pharmacovigilance actions (Chair: Nicholas Moore, France)

Coffee-break / Poster

*Session E:* What is ‘off label-use’? an overview (Luis Alesso, Argentina and Ulrich Hagemann, Germany)

*Session F:* Perception of risk (Chairs: Bruce

Hugman, Thailand, Elliot Brown, UK)  
*The debate:* Promoting drugs and ‘direct to consumers information’: Pro’s and con’s

### **Thursday 27 October (9.30-17.45)**

#### Parallel sessions

*Session G:* U-turns in treatment concepts? Consequences for benefit-to-harm assessments and pharmacovigilance (Chairs: Ugo Moretti, Italy and Hervé Le Louet, France)

*Session H:* Pharmacogenomics and monoclonals (Chairs: Semra Sardas, Turkey and Jean-Michel Doigné, Belgium)

Coffee-break / Poster

*Session I:* Paediatric pharmacovigilance (Chair : Raquel Herrera Comoglio, Argentina)

*Session J:* Pharmacovigilance of women’s medicines (Chairs: Mira Harrison-Woolrych, New Zealand and Brian Edwards, UK)

Lunch

ISoP General Assembly (13.45-14.30)

#### Parallel sessions

*Session K:* Vaccines pharmacovigilance (Chair: Jerry Labadie)

*Session L:* Education and Training (Chairs: Marie Lindquist, Sweden and Deirdre McCarthy, Ireland)

Coffee-break / Poster

*Session M:* The human factor (Chairs: Eugene van Puijenbroek, Netherlands and Sevgi Öksüz, Turkey)

*Session N:* Weighing benefit and harm, chance and risk

*‘Happy Hour’ panel discussion:* Politicization of pharmacovigilance

Gala dinner

### **Friday 28 October (09.00- 13.00)**

Plenary lecture (Chairs: Alex Dodoo, Ghana and Nicholas Moore, France)

Bengt-Erik Wiholm Lecture (John McEwen, Australia)

Poster Prize Awards and short communications from the winners.

Coffee-break / Poster

Panel discussion: Pharmacovigilance 2020: new horizons

Presentation for ISoP 2012 and Closing Ceremony of ISoP 2011



## Prof. David W Clark

New Zealand and the world of international pharmacovigilance have recently lost a beloved colleague and friend - Associate Professor David Clark passed away suddenly this month, after a long illness. David came to work in pharmacovigilance from a career as a pharmacist and then as a lecturer in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Otago. He worked in the NZ Intensive Medicines Monitoring Programme (IMMP) for several years and also spent time at the Drug Safety Research Unit (DSRU) in the UK. David had such enthusiasm for the work done by both these units and he was a very supportive colleague and friend to many people.



David's work in pharmacovigilance was very broad, from teaching undergraduate students & supervising post-graduates, to working as a consultant for the WHO and Drug Safety in later years. Despite a debilitating illness he never gave up and he was still working on the day he died.

David was a keen participant in early ISO<sub>P</sub> meetings and he very much understood the

importance of working globally in the field of medicines safety. He recognised that we can achieve much more if we all work together and he always encouraged others to collaborate - both within NZ and with colleagues around the world. David will be sadly missed, but he has instilled in many of us a passion for our work. This - and his many other contributions to international pharmacovigilance - will be his legacy.

## isoponline

isoponline has a new look! Please check it out and give us your

comments! <http://www.isoponline.org>

The website with its new layout has a Members section page which will allow you to facilitate the exchange of information between members only. You will also be able to use it for surveys and elections and it will give you access to the ISO<sub>P</sub> online archive of materials used for the various ISO<sub>P</sub> conferences and presentations and because ISO<sub>P</sub> is on LinkedIn you will enjoy a forum for discussion of pharmacovigilance related issues, and keep in touch with ISO<sub>P</sub> colleagues.

## LinkedIn ISO<sub>P</sub> group

ISO<sub>P</sub> recently set up its own LinkedIn networking group for members. This facilitates networking and sharing of ideas and provides an opportunity to give feedback to the ISO<sub>P</sub> Executive Committee and Chapters on how you, the members, want our Society to function.

Members of the LinkedIn ISO<sub>P</sub> Group can post questions to the membership – for example, asking how others have handled a particular safety concern, or interpreted safety data or regulations. Make suggestions for research projects, training courses, put questions to the Executive Committee, make known to ISO<sub>P</sub> members your views on topical issues. You can also post job vacancies and tell members when and where you are travelling in order to meet up with friends and colleagues in different parts of the world. In the wider context, LinkedIn allows you to publicise your *curriculum vitae*, to make and receive recommendations for work performed and to create and grow your personal network of acquaintances and colleagues.

So, if you have not already joined, do so today! Just visit <http://www.linkedin.com> and sign up for a free LinkedIn account. Then, when you have joined LinkedIn,

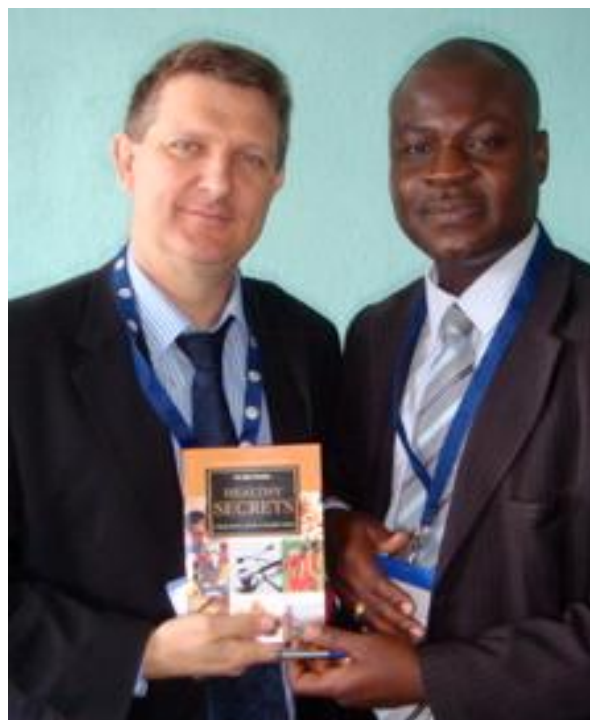
1. Visit the ISoP Online members' section and generate your password at <http://www.isoonline.org/index.php?page=members-section>
2. To generate your new password simply click the link which says "New Users / If you have forgotten your password (or don't have one) click here".
3. Follow the simple instructions which will come up on screen (If you have any problems please contact our webmaster at [simon@seofoundry.co.uk](mailto:simon@seofoundry.co.uk))

When you log in to [isoonline.org](http://isoonline.org) Members section the link to the LinkedIn group will be present. Simply follow that link, submit a request to join and we will welcome you to our group within a day or two and then you are part of our very special interest group!

## Healthy Secrets

### Healthy Secrets – a layman's guide to health issues

The book is a compilation of the writings of Dr Alex Dodoo, President of ISoP. 50 stories on health issues, previously published in the Weekly Spectator in Ghana illustrate health issues. Each article starts with an individual anecdote recounted in a no-nonsense manner, before exploring the subject in hand. Articles include: shyness, snoring, athlete's foot, among many other everyday personal health issues. ISBN: [9988143702](https://www.isbn-international.org/product/9988143702)



A Dodoo with H Le Louet (ETP)

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*In particular for members who have paid for the journal Drug Safety: any claims about Drug Safety journals must be received within the claim period, which is up to 6 months after the original issue was dispatched, at which time only one replacement copy will be dispatched.*

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 addresses.

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