



The ISoP Star

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From Cancun to Pisa via Singapore

Cancun conference report and AGM

The 12th ISoP Annual Meeting took place in Cancun, Mexico from 31st October to 2nd November 2012. It was attended by over 280 delegates from all over the world and provided many stimulating presentations and discussions plus 3 joint ISoP sessions together with officials from ISPE, FIP and CIOMS.



(L → R) M Lindquist, A Doodoo and R Meyboom in Cancun



H Le Louet, new President of ISoP with Y Moride, Vice-President

The local organizer, Mr. Everardo Vazquez, Past President of the Mexican Pharmacovigilance

Society and his team were warmly congratulated on organising this successful meeting despite some cancellations due to the hurricane 'Sandy' which affected a lot of flights via/from US.

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

Dr. Alexander Doodoo presented at the General Assembly (AGM) the results of the elections to the new Executive Committee (EC; see below), and thanked the serving members of the Committee who have stepped down or retired. On behalf of the Executive Committee, he proposed the nomination of Dr. Lynda Wilton and Dr. Ronald Meyboom as honorary members which the Assembly unanimously approved.

ISoP and the EC are also happy to announce that the South Eastern European Chapter (SEEC) of ISoP (coordinator: Dr. Katarina Ilic, Serbia) was officially launched during the Annual Meeting. The AGM minutes are now available on the website

<http://www.isoonline.org/index.php?page=general-assembly-reports> as well as the ISoP Strategic Development Plan report and the Members Survey report (in Members section) to which a substantial number of ISoP members have contributed.

The reports were presented during the General Assembly by Dr. Marie Lindquist and Dr. Eugene van Puijenbroek (both past EC members). Easy to read and download!

Non-members who registered at the Cancun Annual Meeting and paid full registration fees, will become ISoP members from 1st January to 31st December 2013: a very warm welcome to these newcomers!

Season's Greetings to ISoP members!

Cancun Poster Prizes

191 abstracts were accepted as posters or oral presentations, and as always, an ISoP Poster Prize was given to the three best posters. Dr. Luis Felipe Cortes, member of the poster prize committee congratulated all authors who have presented their work contributing by this to the scientific discussion and the success of the 2012 Annual Meeting. The winners are:

* *First prize: Causality methods in Cosmetovigilance: comparison of Colipa and PLM versus Global introspection* Petra Zweers et al.; Netherlands (abstract no. P027)

* *Second prize: Monitoring of Drug usage as a tool to predict institutionalization in the elderly population,* Sarah-Gabrielle Béland et al.; Canada (abstract no. P033)

* *Third prize: Safety profile of etifoxine: a French pharmacovigilance survey,* T Vial et al.; France (abstract no. P180)

Congratulations to the winners who will receive a one-year electronic subscription to the journal *Drugs*.

ISoP-Asia 2013 Symposium- Singapore



ISoP is organizing in collaboration with the WHO-UMC, a symposium on 19th March and subsequently a training course on 20th March to 21st March 2013 in Singapore.

This three day-event will be dedicated to serve the development and harmonisation of activities and concepts in pharmacovigilance in Asia by creating a forum for the exchange of ideas with opinion leaders in pharmacovigilance from across Asia,

Australia and New Zealand. This symposium is aimed to engage all interested pharmacovigilance professionals including those with responsibilities in pharmacovigilance centres, in South East Asia national health authorities, industry or academia.

More details are available from the ISoP Administration office or visit regularly our website <http://www.isoonline.org/index.php?page=traini ng>.

ISoP 2013 Pisa

'The Renaissance of Pharmacovigilance'
isop2013pisa.org

The 13th ISoP Annual Meeting is hosted by Prof. Corrado Blandizzi and Dr. Marco Tuccori from the University of Pisa. It takes place from 1st to 4th October 2013. Dr. Hervé Le Louet from the Henri Mondor Hospital, Paris (France), is chairing the Scientific Committee.

This meeting will be dedicated to an integrated approach to risk management with a particular focus on clinical aspects related to adverse drug reactions. An extra forum for open discussions will be held for young healthcare professionals and scientists.

A new type of presentation, "flash presentation", will be introduced to allow a greater number of speakers to present their own data in a short format.

Tentative main topics in the agenda are:

- ❖ Organ- and tissue-specific drug injuries (focus on skin, liver, gastrointestinal tract, cardiovascular system)
- ❖ Pharmacovigilance in special population (focus on women, elderly, children)
- ❖ Pharmacovigilance of new therapeutic agents (focus on antidiabetes, antiplatelets, anticoagulants and antineoplastics)
- ❖ Quality defects of medicinal products
- ❖ Pharmacovigilance of biologics and biosimilars
- ❖ Signal detection analysis (Joint session with ISPE)
- ❖ Miscellanea (young scientists' forum)
- ❖ Surveillance on vaccines
- ❖ Pharmacovigilance in emergency care

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- ❖ Communication in pharmacovigilance: Social media and information search
- ❖ Surveillance on complementary medicines

Back-to-back four training courses will be held on 1st October.

The organisers look forward to welcome you to the ISoP 2013 Annual Meeting!



Call for abstracts:

Note - This year the deadline for abstract submission is earlier: **Closing date for submission of oral and poster abstracts is 20th May 2013.** When submitting an abstract, presenters must register to attend the meeting and before an abstract (oral or poster) can be accepted by the Scientific Committee. Abstracts must be submitted in ENGLISH.

More information on ISoP 2013 will be available soon on the conference website or from the secretariat: isop2013@planning.it

Website: <http://isop2013pisa.org/>

Call for Annual Meetings bids:

If you would like your country to host the 2014 or 2015 Annual Meeting, please do contact the Administration Office and ask for guidelines for your bid.

EMA Medication Errors workshop

Dr. Brian Edwards is in the programme committee on behalf of ISoP.

The workshop is organised by the European Union regulatory network and is aimed at raising awareness of this important public-health issue, discussing the new legal requirements for reporting medication errors and developing best practice among stakeholders. Preregistration is needed and places are limited (28th February-1st March 2013, London-UK).

Contact: medicationerrors2013@ema.europa.eu

2013 Membership renewal

Renewal forms have now been sent out by electronic mail. Only members who are paid-up will have access to benefits. We have frozen the membership fees for another year and students, retired individuals, and low-income economies and emerging countries are able to subscribe to the journal *Drug Safety*.

A limited number of reduced-fee memberships are available to potential members from low-income economies and emerging countries (as defined by the World Bank List) working directly in pharmacovigilance (list of eligible countries posted on [isoponline](http://isoponline.org) / under Membership).

Drug Safety Journal

As an ISoP 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 2013 to avoid interruption in the delivery of print copies of the journal.

Theme Edition of *Drug Safety* on risk communication

Last year during the ISoP Annual Meeting in Istanbul the session on Risk Communication resulted in a collaboration with the Society's journal *Drug Safety*, and we are delighted to announce that a theme edition of "*Drug Safety*" on risk communication is out now!

We hope this theme edition of "*Drug Safety*" (Issue 11) will interest everyone involved in the topic of how we communicate risk in pharmacovigilance. Please do have a look at it. We promise you an

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interesting read! We also hope that the challenges and new ideas for improving risk communication presented in this theme edition will be further discussed in other future ISoP meetings.

Please kindly note that, because it is a regular issue, all current ISoP subscribers to the journal will receive a copy (print and/or electronic). Non-subscribers, however, would have to go online to <http://adisonline.com/drugsafety/> and buy individual articles. There, you will also find the editorial, which can be accessed by everybody for free.

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

More discounts for books at

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Chapters

The International Society of Pharmacovigilance is proud of the rapidly growing number of regional chapters. According to ISoP's chapter guidelines, the ISoP Executive Committee biannually reviews the chapters' activities to ensure that the quality and integrity of chapters is acceptably high around the world. In this year's questionnaire we asked all six chapters about their current activities. Currently, six regional chapters are active in ISoP: Italy, Western Pacific Region, Mexico, Latin America, Switzerland and Africa.

We welcome the new chapter from South Eastern European (SEEC) and look forward to the new US/Canada chapter.

The chapters can communicate with the ISoP website (www.isoonline.org under *Chapters*) and also directly via the LinkedIn ISoP group (follow: www.linkedin.com)

* The Swiss ISoP chapter will hold its annual meeting on

14 March 2013 in Zurich- Information at: isop-chat@intranets.ch

New Executive Committee (2012-2015)

Following this year's elections, members of the Executive Committee are: Dr. Hervé Le Louet (President), Dr. Yola Moride (Vice-President), Dr. Ulrich Hagemann (Secretary General), Dr. Brian Edwards (Treasurer), Prof. Ian CK Wong (Vice-Secretary General/Treasurer), Dr. Luis Alesso, Dr. Andrew Bate, Dr. Ian Boyd, Dr. Kenneth Hartigan-Go, Dr. Marco Tuccori, Dr. Gunilla Sjolinforsberg, Dr. Alexander Dodoo (Past President).



Past and new Executive Committee members in Cancun, 31st October 2012

Bursaries

This year the society offered 6 bursaries to young scientists in pharmacovigilance and members of ISoP to attend the training courses in Berlin and the ISoP 2012 Annual Meeting in Cancun. Here are some extracts of one report about ISoP 2012:

...“All sessions of the main conference attended by me were highly relevant to the contemporary issues in pharmacovigilance wherein erudite presentations were made by some reputed stalwarts in this field that provided me with a great opportunity to expose and update myself to the latest advancements and recent trends in drug safety and efficacy management.”... “Conference helped me to a great extent in deciding my future research goals and in propagating the renewed knowledge and experiences gained to my students,

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scholars and colleagues back in my own University. I look forward with keen interest to apply the methodologies and concepts shared through poster presentations of the conference back in my own local settings in days to come. It was a content-full and substantially enriched conference for me that will positively and considerably impact upon my regular teaching and research work back home. "...

Dr. Geer M Ishaq

Dept. of Pharm. Sciences, University of Kashmir, India



... "Due to Hurricane Sandy, there were a lot of canceled flights and delays, mainly in North America, but fortunately my connecting flight was in Germany. On November 29th, I arrived in Cancun. The first day of the congress I attended a pre-conference course "Vaccines: Pharmacovigilance of Adverse Events Following Immunization" with Dr. Corinne Jouquelet-Royer as a chairperson. It was a very useful training program focused not only on the basics of vaccines but also on some specific methods concerning vaccine pharmacovigilance. It was clear from all the presentations that there is still a lot of work to be done when it comes to vaccines safety.

..." The poster sessions were very interesting and well attended. During the breaks there was a chance to ask questions which led to discussions with other scientists. This is the main reason I enjoy so much attending an ISoP conference – the opportunity to exchanges ideas and the inspiration of the contact with colleagues. I want to thank ISoP for giving me the chance to attend one of its meeting and present my work."

Ms Hristina Lebanova

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