



The ISoP Star

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From Agra to Liverpool via Bangkok

Agra conference report and AGM



This year, the 16th ISoP Annual Meeting was held in Agra, a city in India in the Southeast of Delhi.

The conference was organized in cooperation with the Society of Pharmacovigilance India (SOPI) and took place from 16th to 19th October 2016. As India is a large country with a huge population, great economic influence in the region and many pharmaceutical companies, ISoP followed with the request of SOPI to have the Annual Meeting 2016 in this country.

'Pharmacovigilance for a safer 'tomorrow'' was the overall motto of the conference. The Scientific Committee (SC) was chaired by Kenneth Hartigan-Go (ISoP) and Professor K.C. Singhal (SOPI).

It was attended by 190 delegates from all over the world.

The scientific programme offered a broad spectrum of relevant and inspiring plenary lectures and sessions considering the interests and needs in the region. 'Evidence based pharmacovigilance', 'Pharmacovigilance methodologies', 'Medication errors', 'Pharmacovigilance in public health programmes' and 'Financial burden of pharmacovigilance' were among titles of main sessions. ISoP continued the more specific work in its Special Interest Groups by providing sessions on 'Risk communication' and 'Medicines for women' respectively. Young scientists had an extra forum to present and discuss opportunities for a career in pharmacovigilance.

The programme was enriched by a session on traditional Indian medicines and medicinal products and by a roundtable discussion on the impact of PRAC decisions as well as by plenary lectures on more general and global aspects in pharmacovigilance like 'The future in pharmacovigilance' (Beje Wiholm lecture), 'Pharmacovigilance concerns around the globe', 'Biomedical research' (CIOMS lecture) 'Pharmacovigilance and artificial intelligence' (keynote lecture by P. Pitts, USA) and 'Big data, smart data, fast data' (keynote lecture by A. Bate, UK).

The conference started on Sunday, 16th October, with two well attended training courses in parallel on 'Essential elements in risk management and communication' and 'Signal detection'. Both courses consisted of short presentations, workshops and open discussion. By this and by the whole conference, ISoP continued its training activities in India, and this conference should be seen in connection with the previous joint ISoP-UMC training course in this country.

Season's Greetings to ISoP members!

Most of the ISoP 2016 presentations can be seen on the ISoP website in the members section (access to members only).

Non-members who registered at the ISoP Agra Annual Meeting and paid full registration fees will become ISoP members from January 1st to 31st December 2017. A very warm welcome to these newcomers!



ISoP 2016 Participants in Agra

At the General Assembly (AGM), Prof. Hervé Le Louët paid tribute to Professor René-Jean Royer who passed away in July (Founding President of ISoP) – see below. Assembly observed one minute of silence to honour and remember Prof Royer. Then H Le Louët explained that the leadership arrangements for ISoP has changed with the coming in force of new ISoP Statutes that aim to make the running of the society more efficient. What used to be the Executive Committee has changed into the ISoP Advisory Board (the Board). H Le Louët presented the results of the elections to the new Board and its President Sten Olsson (see below).

ISoP is also happy to announce that the new ISoP chapter of China with Lynn Zhou, Xue Tang and Li Zhang as coordinators was officially launched during the General Assembly.

*The AGM minutes are available at <http://isoponline.org/about-isop/general-assembly-reports/> (General Assembly reports web page).

*The new statutes are available at <http://isoponline.org/statutes-and-by-laws/> (By-Laws are to be finalized by the new Board)



S Olsson (R), new President of ISoP with H Le Louët (L), who becomes Past President

Agra Poster Prizes

109 abstracts were accepted as posters (84) or oral presentations (25), and as always, an ISoP Poster Prize was given to the three best posters. Shanthi Pal, Chair of the poster prize committee congratulated all authors who have presented their work. The winners are:

* First prize:

P004 Comparing the adverse drug reactions of conventional vs newer antiepileptic drugs: an observational study (A Subash, CR Jayanthi)

* Second prize:

P024 Impact of integrating pharmacovigilance in Moroccan tuberculosis control programme (D Soussi Tanani, S Serragui, L Ait Moussa, R Soulaymani, A Soulaymani, Y Cherrah)

* Third prize:

P042 Knowledge, attitude and practice towards

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pharmacovigilance and adverse drug reaction reporting among postgraduate medical students (K Vishnu, KR Mamatha, CR Jayanthi)

This year, the prize winners receive a one-year online-only subscription to an Adis journal of choice – with compliments of Adis/Springer.

ISoP course in Bangkok



ISoP is organizing its mid-year training course in Bangkok, Thailand from 25th to 26th May 2016.

“Developing risk management capability: Maximising opportunities from global Pharmacovigilance experience to ensure the safe and appropriate use of medicinal products”

Coordinator: Phil Tregunno

This two day-course leverages the Pharmacovigilance expertise of ISoP and has been designed to help interdisciplinary groups to learn and work together in contributing to patient safety when medicines are used.

Day one will take the form of lectures with opportunity for discussion through questions and answers and panel discussion, while day two will focus on hands-on interactive tasks.

The programme will cover topics such as:

- Current landscape and regulatory frameworks
- ADR Collection and Signal Detection
- Risk Management and early access schemes
- Risk Management Plan Preparation
- Benefit-Risk Assessment

Register now!

More details about programme and registrations are available from the ISoP Administration office (administration@isoponline.org), or visit <http://isoponline.org/training/midyear-training-bangkok-25-26-may-2017/>

ISoP UMC Training

ISoP and UMC will go to Latin America again in 2017!

After Lima training, ISoP and the Uppsala Monitoring Centre (UMC) continue their collaboration in the field of teaching pharmacovigilance.



ISoP and UMC had started two years ago to hold joint training courses in Asia, and both partners put in writing a basic arrangement and a strategic framework for organizing joint training courses in Latin America and the Caribbean. The new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aims to offer a set of training courses or symposia over the next years (starting with a successful training in Lima – Peru- last September) and to build capacity in pharmacovigilance in countries of this continent and in Asia.

Visit regularly our website for more information about future ISoP-UMC Training courses (available soon).

ISoP 2017 Liverpool

Pharmacovigilance in the 21st Century

15th - 18th October 2017

isop2017liverpool.org



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The 17th ISoP Annual Meeting is hosted by the University of Liverpool and the chairman of the Local Organizing Committee is Prof. Sir Munir Pirmohamed and Prof. Hervé Le Louët (France) is chairing the Scientific Committee.

This meeting will be dedicated to innovations in many domains and how they can drive patient safety. These are exciting times for the science of pharmacovigilance.

Spontaneous reporting systems remain the cornerstone of pharmacovigilance, however innovations are occurring in many domains to improve reporting including patient reports, and the development of apps as well as a growth in the use of social media and social networks. These innovations allow further opportunities to capture drug safety information in real-time directly from patients – this will lead to many challenges for healthcare professionals, industry and regulators, and will need to be accompanied by the development of analytical platforms for big data, including innovative data mining algorithms, underpinned by developments in regulation.

Tentative main topics in the agenda are:

- ❖ Use of social media
- ❖ Signal detection strategies
- ❖ Patient involvement in pharmacovigilance
- ❖ Linking pharmacovigilance to health informatics and genomic sciences
- ❖ Big data approaches to improving drug safety
- ❖ Education and training



Back-to-back training courses will be held on 15th October.

The organisers look forward to welcome you to the ISoP 2017 Annual Meeting in Liverpool!

(L → R) M Tuccori (ETP), M Pirmohamed (ISoP 2017 LOC), H Le Louët (ISoP 2017 SC) in Agra

Call for abstracts

Opening date for registration and submission of oral and poster abstracts will be in January 2017.

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 2017 will be available soon on the conference website or from the secretariat where you can register your interest:

isop2017@conferencepartners.com

Website: www.isop2017liverpool.org

Call for Annual Meetings bids

If you would like your country to host the 2018 - 2019 Annual Meetings, please do contact the Administration Office and ask for guidelines for your bid.

A new Special Interest Group (SIG)

A new SIG on safety of herbal and traditional medicines will be set up with Dr Joanne Barnes as lead person. ISoP members are invited to join this new SIG which will fit in nicely with our ambition to work and develop activities on this specific topic through our chapters.

Three SIGs, i.e. 'Women's Medicines', 'Risk Communication (ISoP CommSIG)' and 'Risk minimization methods for Asian countries' have been already established.

The new ISoP Board with Deirdre McCarthy as coordinator will be very supportive with the creation of SIGs. If members want to create resp. establish a SIG, please contact the ISoP administrative secretariat.

Chapters

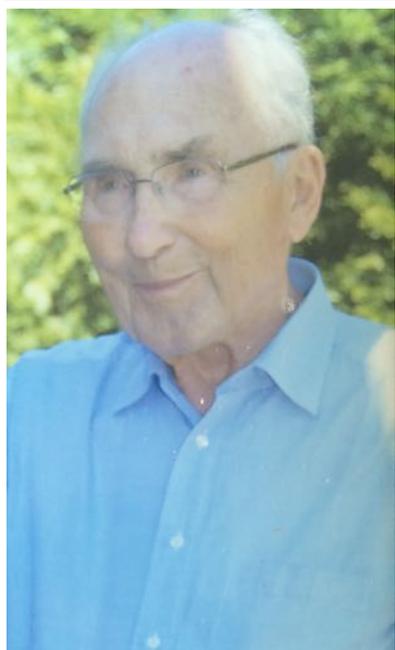
The International Society of Pharmacovigilance is proud of the rapidly growing number of regional chapters. Currently, ten chapters are active in ISoP: Italy, Western Pacific Region, Mexico, Latin America, Switzerland/Austria, Africa, South Eastern European, North America, Israel, Middle

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East chapters. We welcome the new chapter from China and look forward to the creation of other chapters.

The chapters can communicate with the ISoP website (www.isoonline.org under *Chapters*) and Brian Edwards the new Chapters coordinator in ISoP.

Prof. René-Jean Royer



René-Jean Royer left us last July at the age of 85.

He was fundamental to Pharmacovigilance and to our society, having founded the European Society of Pharmacovigilance ESOP, in 1992, chaired it as president, and led the change to ISoP,

the International Society of Pharmacovigilance, in 2000, of which he was the first (founding) president. He presided the French national Pharmacovigilance Commission and the Pharmacovigilance Working party of CHMP, the predecessor to the current PRAC.

Also, he was often seen more as a politician of Pharmacovigilance. Discussions with him were always insightful; he was a well respected scientist, having published a huge number of papers on pharmacovigilance and clinical pharmacology.

Our thoughts are with Prof. Royer's family and friends.

ISoP Board elections

Elections of the new ISoP Advisory Board (the Board) took place last September.

Total ballots returned = 178

Total number of eligible voters = 456

Percent of ballot return = 39.03%

ISoP Board elections results:

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Hilda Ampadu (Ghana), Jean-Christophe Delumeau (Singapore), Brian Edwards (UK), Mira Harrison-Woolrych (New-Zealand), Deirdre McCarthy (USA) Sten Olsson (Sweden), Jan Petracek (Czech Republic) Phil Tregunno (UK), Marco Tuccori (Italy), Ian Wong (UK).

As soon as elected, the Board elected its President from amongst the Board members by online ballot. Sten Olsson was elected President with a large majority. The new President (Executive Committee*) and Board members had its first meeting in Agra last October.



Past Executive Committee and new Board members in Agra, 18th October 2016, during AGM.

Board Members (2016-2019)

Following this year's elections, members of the Board and Executive Committee are: Mr. Sten Olsson (President), Prof. Ian Wong (Vice-President), Dr. Mira Harrison-Woolrych (Secretary), Dr. Jean-Christophe Delumeau (Treasurer), Ms. Hilda Ampadu, Dr. Brian Edwards, Ms. Deirdre McCarthy, Dr. Jan Petracek, Mr. Phil Tregunno, Dr. Marco Tuccori, and Prof. Hervé Le Louët (Past President).

Biographies and Declaration of Interests of the Board members are posted on the website at <http://isoonline.org/about-isop/advisory-board-2016-2019/>

Message from the new President at <http://isoonline.org/about-isop/a-message-from-the-president-of-isop/>

ISoP on Twitter



We have just set up an ISoP account on Twitter with the name @ISOponline, intending to advertise all activities of ISoP and its chapters and SIGs but also cover other significant news in global pharmacovigilance and patient safety for the benefit of the PV community. Please assist in spreading information about the ISoP account and sharing news that we could refer to in our flow!

ISoP Monograph



We are very pleased to inform you that the e-book 'Pharmacovigilance: Critique and Ways Forward' has been published and it is available on <http://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-319-40400-4>.

Members receive a 25% discount 'token' when entered at during the purchase process through MySpringer: the token is **ISoPBookDiscount2016**.

2017 Membership renewal

Renewal forms have been sent out by electronic mail. Only members who are paid-up will have access to incentives, Chapters/SIGs.

This year the membership fees have been frozen again and students, retired and emerging countries will still be able to subscribe to the journal *Drug Safety* for the price of 95 EUR (online subscription).

IMPORTANT: If there is a mistake in our database, or you have changed your e-mail address, do let us know as soon as possible!

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

<http://www.isoonline.org/index.php?page=membership>

Drug Safety Journal

As part of their membership, all ISoP members will receive electronic access to the journal *Drug Safety*, and therefore the printed version of the *Drug Safety* journal is not anymore available to members.

The link to the journal *Drug Safety* must be clicked from within **the ISoP Members' Area on the ISoP website** in order to obtain online access (and not from the Springer/Drug Safety website). Only members who are paid-up will have access to membership benefits.

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CIOMS

Following elections at the 83rd CIOMS Executive Committee and XXII General Assembly meeting on **29 November 2016**, ISoP is pleased to announce the nomination of Prof Hervé Le Louët - past president of ISoP- as new CIOMS President. Congratulations to the new President and its new Executive Committee!

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