



Dear ISoP members,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well in this unprecedented time of the global COVID-19 crisis. Some of you are working at the front-line of clinical medicine; others within academic research, the pharmaceutical industry and medicines regulation sector, developing new medicines or vaccines for COVID-19; and a significant number are supporting others undertaking important duties at this difficult time. I want to offer the assistance of ISoP to any of you who needs it, in any way our professional society can help.

On 21 April, the ISoP Executive Committee (EC) and Advisory Board (AB) met for our mid-year meeting by video-conference. It was an engaging and constructive meeting, with lots of positive ideas and a high level of support for proposals put forward. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of key decisions which have now been made for the remainder of 2020.

ISoP Financial Report and Membership

The ISoP Treasurer confirmed that, due to recent successful conferences (including 2019 in Bogota) and growing membership numbers, ISoP is currently in a secure financial position. This will continue to be the case, if members renew their fees on time, so please do stay involved in our society at this crucial time.

Conferences and meetings for 2020

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, ISoP conferences during 2020 will be rescheduled as follows:

Meeting and location	Original Date	Plan for Rescheduling
Mid-year training in Moscow	April 2020	Postponed to Spring 2021
Eastern European Chapter meeting in Sofia	September 2020	Cancelled
Annual ISoP conference in Oman	October 2020	Postponed to October 2021
ISoP-UMC joint training in Beijing	November 2020	Rescheduled to early 2021
Annual Boston seminar/NASoP* meeting * North American chapter of ISoP	December 2020	Hope to proceed as planned

These plans will remain under review, in consultation with local organisers, as the year proceeds and we gain more information about travel restrictions worldwide. It may be possible to organise our Annual General Meeting (AGM) by video-conference in October, so please keep an eye on Twitter (@ISoPonline) & the ISoP website <https://isoponline.org/>

Key ISoP Activities in 2020

In addition to re-planning the above events, we will continue other important ISoP work during 2020, in conjunction with the ISoP Chapters and SIGs, as follows:

1. Pharmacovigilance of medicines used to treat and prevent COVID-19

ISoP colleagues in the North American chapter (NASoP) and the Italian Society of Pharmacology are working on proposals to monitor the safety of medicines and vaccines to treat and prevent COVID-

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19. We support these initiatives and intend to publish updates, with links to useful papers/websites on the ISoP website in due course.

2. *ISoP Infographics project*

A team including myself (ISoP President), Priya Bahri (Head of Risk Comms SIG), Angela Caro (Med Error SIG), Deirdre McCarthy (Head of ISoP Communications team) and Sophie Spence (ISoP Secretary) are currently undertaking a project to develop ISoP infographics. We have started work on an infographic for patients, about medicines used for COVID-19. Later this year, we hope to share ISoP infographic templates with Chapters and SIGs for adaptation and use in different regions of the world.

3. *ISoP Communications (COMMS) project*

ISoP now has a Communications Team, led by Deirdre McCarthy (ISoP Secretary General). Today the Advisory Board approved the strategy drafted by the COMMS team. This will include increased use of social media in addition to other more traditional methods of keeping ISoP members informed of ISoP activities. Please follow us on Twitter @ISoPonline and share your news with the COMMS team!

4. *ISoP Webinars*

In collaboration with Nitin Joshi, Editor of *Drug Safety* (ISoP's official journal), we are soon to resume a series of ISoP webinars for ISoP members. Please let us know the topics you would like to see covered in these online events (contact at administration@isoponline.org).

5. *ISoP Chapters and SIGs*

During this time of the global pandemic, the roles of the ISoP Chapters and SIGs will become increasingly important, offering ISoP members a chance to be involved in smaller groups with specific aims tailored to the needs of their regions and interests. If you are not already an active member of a regional ISoP Chapter or SIG, please consider becoming more involved during the next year.

6. *ISoP Fellowships*

These awards will be running again this year, for those who have been ISoP members for at least five years.. Please review the eligibility criteria online and submit your application by 31st May latest!

Pharmacovigilance never sleeps!

During 2020, ISoP will continue to provide support, education and networking opportunities for all ISoP members. Although we will meet less often in person, we are currently developing online meetings and there is much work we can continue, to improve pharmacovigilance worldwide. There is more need now than ever to protect patient safety! Please stay involved with ISoP and let us know your thoughts on any of the plans outlined in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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