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20th ISoP Annual Meeting

“Integrated pharmacovigilance for safer patients”

The 20th ISoP Annual Meeting will take place from 8 to 10 November 2021, in virtual form.

Parallel on-site activities in Muscat, Oman, are currently under consideration, and more information will be published after 30 June on the conference website.

Training courses will be organized as satellite sessions one or two weeks before or after the conference (exact dates to be confirmed).

Key dates

Call for abstract submissions for the ISoP 2021 is now open, with a deadline of 21 June 2021. The scientific committee invites colleagues to submit abstracts related to pharmacovigilance and drug safety for either oral or poster presentation. Abstract acceptance notifications will be sent out on 5 August.

Conference registration opened on 31 May, with an Early Bird deadline of 1 September. Please visit www.isop2021oman.org for all information about registration.

2021 Symposium & Training

The upcoming ISoP Symposium and Training "The societal importance of pharmacovigilance in Eurasia" is the first of its kind organised by the ISoP for healthcare professionals in this region. The training course aims to reach all those involved in ensuring the safe use of medicines in the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and other countries of the Eurasian area.

This on-line symposium using the 90-minute session format will be conducted from 4- 5 June 2021 and from 18 to 19 June 2021. The 4-day meeting will be conducted virtually. The programme is available at <https://isoponline.org/training/symposium-and-training-eurasia/>

Register now via the ISoP website!

New ISoP membership fees

Following a successful pilot in Latin America, ISoP intends to roll out worldwide the new lower fee of 35 euros for not-for-profit organisation employees from all low- and middle-income countries, and 75 euros for not-for-profit organisations from all high-income countries, effective immediately.

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**All memberships include on-line access to the full content of Drug Safety, the journal of the International Society of Pharmacovigilance.*

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REDUCED MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS

***Student rate:** Full time graduate, post-graduate, or undergraduate (to qualify as student member, please provide proof of status/registration to be sent with the application form)

***Reduced Income / Special Circumstances:** This membership category is reserved for applicants who are: On long-term sickness, unemployed, on unpaid maternity leave or other unpaid career break, on unpaid study leave or Retired for a period of more than 6 months.

***Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs):** Reduced fee memberships are available to potential members from LMIC countries working directly in pharmacovigilance. *According to World Bank classification 2020.*

***Not-for-profit organisations:** National Health Authorities, National Pharmacovigilance centres, Academic institutions, Non-Governmental Organisations involved in Public Health, Public hospitals and Medical Institutions contributing to the Public Health System.

***Commercial organisations:** Pharmaceutical industry, CROs, Private hospitals, and other commercial organisations.

These adjusted membership fees are being made available because of the financial pressures brought during the time of COVID-19 pandemic and will remain in place until further notice.

Current members eligible for the lower fees (from not-for-profit organisations) can contact ISoP Administration (administration@isoponline.org) to request these are applied to their memberships.

Please encourage your colleagues to join ISoP! New applicants can apply for membership at <https://isoponline.org/members/how-to-join-fees/>.

Scoping Group proposal

At the 2020 ISoP AGM, ISoP President Mira Harrison-Woolrych announced the establishment of a Scoping Group to consider ideas from the Advisory Board regarding ISoP's future development.

The Group is co-chaired by Jean-Christophe Delumeau and Jan Petracek, with Board members Mónica Tarapués, Manal Younus, and Li Zhang.

To improve recognition of the ISoP as a scientific society with a strong focus on pharmacovigilance education, and to enhance its position as a global professional organization, the Scoping Group has recommended:

- ★ Creation of a multidisciplinary scientific board
- ★ Establishment of a global professional certification programme for pharmacovigilance professionals.

These two synergistic initiatives would bring significant changes to the functioning of ISoP.

Later this year, a paper from the Scoping Group will be circulated to the entire ISoP membership during a one-month consultation period, ahead of the 2021 annual General Assembly. Please be ready to read and comment on these important new developments for our society.

Drug Safety articles 2021

ISoP members have continued to contribute to the following publications in the front pages of our affiliated journal Drug Safety:

- ★ ISoP Fellowships: Recognising and Promoting Leaders in Pharmacovigilance (March)
- ★ An Update of the North American Chapter of the International Society of Pharmacovigilance (NASoP) (April)
- ★ The International Society of Pharmacovigilance (ISoP) Pharmacogenomic Special Interest Group: Pharmacogenomics in Pharmacovigilance (May).

2021 Fellowships – final call

★ Deadline 31st May 2021 ★

ISoP fellowships are awarded to individuals who have been ISoP members for at least five consecutive years, have demonstrated significant achievement in pharmacovigilance and relevant disciplines, are recognized by their peers, and have contributed substantially to the work of ISoP. We welcome applications from any ISoP members who meet these criteria. More information is available at the ISoP website.

Applications will be accepted by 31 May.

Chapters update

A new era for the ISoP Latin American Chapter! In March this year, elections took place for positions on the Executive Committee of the new ISoP Latin American Chapter. We would like to thank all candidates for participating and congratulate the elected members.



Clockwise from top left: President: Helaine Carneiro Capucho, Universidade de Brasilia (Brazil), Vice-President: Patricia Zuluaga, Colombian Association of Pharmacovigilance (Colombia), Secretary: Rosa María Papale, Argentine Association of Pharmacovigilance (Argentina), and Treasurer: Liliana Vargas Neri, The Children Hospital of Mexico Federico Gómez (Mexico).

Collaboration for vaccine vigilance webinars

The ISoP Latin America Chapter #ISoPonline, in collaboration with the Vaccines SIG and the Israel

Chapter, offered webinars in February and March on COVID-19 vaccine vigilance. If you have missed these presentations, the first webinar series recordings are available to everyone on the ISoP YouTube channel, while the March videos are posted with other webinar videos on the Member-only section of the ISoP website.

Reactivation of the South Asia Chapter is underway. More information soon but do get in touch if you are interested in getting involved!

SIGs update

An ISoP Special Interest Group (SIG) is a group of ISoP members collaborating on a specific and relevant topic, which is within the scope and aims of ISoP. There will be a session at the Oman meeting in November about SIGs.

The ISoP Special Interest Group on Pharmacovigilance Professional Qualification Framework has sent out a survey invitation to members about career framework. Thank you to everyone who responded, if you have any questions or comments regarding this survey, you can contact survey@pharmacovigilance.institute.

A representative from the Women's Medicines SIG has been invited to participate in the next quarterly meeting of the UK Safer Medicines in Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Consortium, in the coming months, convened by the MHRA.

Any member of ISoP is welcome to join a SIG by contacting administration@isoponline.org.

Webinars for ISoP members

If you have missed our latest webinars, check our webinars section on ISoP website <https://isoponline.org/members/webinars/>

PV Journal Club

There have been several interesting online journal clubs attended by ISoP members this year. Martin Kulldorff's recent webinar discussing his publication in Drug Safety "Determining Which of Several Simultaneously Administered Vaccines Increase Risk of an Adverse Event" is now available on the Members section of the [ISoP website](#).

Committed to safer use of medicines worldwide

Communications team

The ISoP Comms team, led by Katarina Ilic, are continuing to be busy with several new initiatives this year.

In 2020 ISoP developed infographics on medicines' utilization and safety issues aimed at patients and caregivers. These infographics can be downloaded for printing from <https://isoponline.org/resources-3/infographics/> and can be displayed in hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, and public spaces where it is appropriate. These infographics have also been translated into different languages.

This year, the Vaccines SIG have collaborated with the Comms team to produce an infographic on the safe use of COVID-19 vaccines (see image).

The Comms team has also consolidated ISoP's social media presence. Social media growth over the year has been strong: across all ISoP platforms there are now 5,571 followers.



Upcoming webinars

★ [Post-marketing surveillance of vaccines against COVID-19: where do we stand?](#)

Under the auspices of the International Society of Pharmacovigilance (ISoP) and the Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA), this free webinar, scheduled on 28 May 2021, is organized by the Italian Society of Pharmacovigilance and will include some presentations in English.

★ [The 9th Bordeaux PharmacoEpi Festival](#) will be back from 25 May to 1 June 1, 2021, as a hybrid event! World-class experts will talk about the topic of their choice in 2 hours sessions. More information at the link above.

★ [#UKPGx2021](#)

The UK Pharmacogenetics & Stratified Medicine Network is pleased to announce details of the 8th Annual Open Meeting, which will take place on 20 October 2021 at the Royal College of Physicians, London (UK). The meeting will be chaired by Professor Sir Munir Pirmohamed.

Patient Safety Day 2021

[World Patient Safety Day 2021](#) will take place on 17 September, for which campaigning will start at the end of August. ISoP's free events will be conducted virtually, with two webinars per region. See the ISoP website for updates!

In Memoriam

Remembering dedicated colleagues and members who have passed away – they will be sadly missed in our pharmacovigilance community:

Dr. Anthony Wong,

paediatrician and toxicologist from Brazil

Dr. Gouri Shankar Bhattacharyya,

medical oncologist and haematologist from India.

Follow us and keep in touch

Follow ISoP on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for news and information on safe use of medicines!
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Our website <https://isoponline.org/> is updated regularly, and the members-only section is where you will find access to the journal *Drug Safety*, presentations from the annual meetings, and have the chance to update your personal information.

Please send your letters, comments, ideas and contributions for ISoP Star to:

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