



International Society of Pharmacovigilance

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President's message - December 2021

This year has been demanding, both professionally and personally, for many ISO P members, but I am proud of how our society has risen to the ongoing challenges of performing our pharmacovigilance work during the ever-changing environment of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although most of us have not been able to meet in person, this has been one of the busiest and most productive years ISO P has ever known.

In addition to our mid-year Eurasian meeting in June and the ISO P 2021 annual conference organised by our Middle East colleagues in November, there have been a number of regional and specialist webinars organised by ISO P members around the world. We have seen increased activity in ISO P chapters and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and this is a credit to the hard-working chapter and SIG heads who donate so much of their time and energy to ISO P. New chapters and SIGs are currently being formed and will get under way in 2022. This is an exciting time for ISO P, as we extend across more regions of the world. I am delighted there has been a significant increase in ISO P membership this year and we warmly welcome all new members into our society. Please become engaged with the activities offered to ISO P members and you are sure to enjoy meeting fellow pharmacovigilantes from across the globe!

Leadership of ISO P continues to be a privilege I take seriously. At the end of my second year, in addition to being the first female president of our society, I may now claim to be the first pandemic president. The COVID-19 outbreak has presented many unexpected challenges, but ISO P has responded with determination and creativity and we have emerged a stronger and more successful organisation. I believe that diversity and dedication in the ISO P leadership team has contributed to our success: I would like to thank my Executive Committee colleagues, Rebecca Chandler (Vice-President) Jean-Christophe Delumeau (Treasurer) and Deirdre McCarthy (Secretary General) and all Advisory Board members for their exceptional work and unfailing support.

It was wonderful to read comments posted by ISO P members at the end of our General Assembly in November, saying ISO P is an example of a truly global professional society, in which we are inclusive, supportive and respectful of each other. I couldn't agree more. We have missed seeing each other in person this year, but we have remained in touch in other ways and I know this will continue into 2022 and beyond.

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I wish you and your families, friends and loved ones all the very best for the holiday season and the new year ahead.

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