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Sunny days in Barcelona!



It was a sunny day in **Barcelona**, June 3rd, nearly **130** attendees from diverse countries gathered at Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau, sharing a mix of curiosity, anticipation, and happiness. The beautiful venue opened its doors for receiving the ISoP community for the **Mid-Year Symposium**, where warm reunions and introductions marked the start amidst discussions on pharmacovigilance.

Felipe Villalobos and colleagues from **IDIAP Jordi Gol** kicked off the event with enthusiasm, fostering engaging discussions over two days on **"The value of real-world data for patient safety."** Emerging challenges such as data management, innovative analysis strategies, best practices, and patient perspectives were central to the discourse, and invite us to continue working in Medication Safety inside of **our Society**.

Constructive conversations broadened perspectives and shaped new Society initiatives, while young researchers highlighted advancements in various fields.

When the event concluded on June 4th at 5 pm, attendees departed with nostalgia and optimism, committed to advancing pharmacovigilance globally. Another successful event in our ISoP Family, more ideas, great memories, new friends. The last promise in every face **"We will be together again in Montreal"**, see you there.

Message from ISoP President Angela Caro-Rojas.



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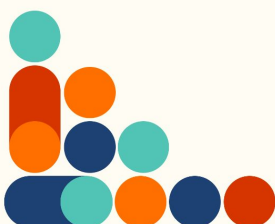
Global Perspectives on Pharmacovigilance in the Digital Age and Advanced Therapeutics

October 1-5, 2024

Montreal, Canada

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Reminder: Register for the ISoP 2024 Annual Meeting

Dates: 1-5 October

Location: Montreal, Canada

Theme: "Global Perspectives on Pharmacovigilance in the Digital Age and Advanced Therapeutics"

Don't miss out on this exciting event and join us this October in Montreal! Visit the Meeting Website to register and learn more here:-

Early Bird registration deadline:
Monday, 1 July 2024

[Register Now!](#)

You can view the scientific programme for ISoP 2024 on [this website](#), including eight pre-conference courses taught by international experts and held on 1 and 2 October 2024.

Annual Patient Safety Day - 12th - 13th September 2024

Each year, ISoP hosts the virtual Patient Safety Day event. As usual, we will align our event with the theme of the World Health Organization, "**Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety**". We hope you'll be able to join us. More information to follow.



ISoP Patient Safety Day 2024

Improving **diagnosis** for patient safety



Save the Date: ISoP 2024 General Assembly

The General Assembly will take place on Friday 4 October 2024 (17:30 – 19.00 UTC) during the [23rd Annual Meeting](#) in Montreal. If you are unable to attend the event in person, you will be able to join the General Assembly as an online meeting on Friday 4 October. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!



Africa Chapter Meeting and Election

ISoP Africa Chapter Meeting



Advancing
Pharmacovigilance
Practice in Africa:
Moving from Data
Collection to Data Driven
Decision Making

July 22-24, 2024
Kampala, Uganda

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isoponline.org/chapters/africa/



The **African Chapter** is currently organizing an **ISoP Africa Chapter Meeting in Kampala, Uganda**, from **July 22-24, 2024**. Embark on a journey of innovation and collaboration in pharmacovigilance. [Register here!](#)

Newly Elected Executive Committee

The elections for the **Executive Committee** of the [Africa Chapter](#) were successfully conducted this month. We extend our gratitude to all the candidates for their participation.

The elected **Executive Committee** members are:



President:
Comfort Ogar
United States Pharmacopeia,
USA



Vice-President:
Helen Byomire Ndagije
National Drug Authority,
Uganda



Treasurer:
Jayesh Pandit
Bayer, Kenya



Secretary-General:
George Sabblah
Food and Drugs Authority,
Ghana

Congratulations to the elected Executive Committee members!

You can view the election results [here](#).

Exciting news from ISoP



We are excited to announce that **Thamir Alshammari** and **Comfort Ogar** have been appointed to serve on the Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS), joining 13 other experts for the next three years.

Congratulations to both our elected ISoP members!

For more information [click here](#).

ISoP has strengthened its association with the **WHO Coalition of Interested Parties (CIP) Network**, a collaborative program aimed at improving global public health through partnerships in research, policy development, capacity building, data sharing, and co-organizing events by becoming a member of the CIP Network in the capacity of a participant for global engagement.

For more information [click here](#).

Angela Caro-Rojas, ISoP President along with other ISoP members have been selected to serve on the **WHO Advisory Committee on Safety of Medicinal Products (ACSoMP)**, providing expert advice, policy recommendations, and promoting international coordination in pharmacovigilance. This involvement highlights ISoP's commitment to enhancing drug safety worldwide through collaborative efforts with WHO and other stakeholders.

Full list of members [click here](#).

Upcoming Events:

- 8th ISoP IA Boston Seminar (5-6 December 2024)
- ISoP Mid-Year Symposium in Uppsala, Sweden (Tentative Date: 14-15 May 2025)
- ISoP 2025 Cairo Annual Meeting (3-6 November 2025)

[Join ISoP member-only webinars](#) organized by Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and ISoP chapters. Register now in the section reserved for members only to learn more about these special groups.

Fellowships:

ISoP Fellowships are awarded to ISoP members who have been active members of ISoP for at least five consecutive years, demonstrated significant achievement in pharmacovigilance and relevant disciplines, recognized by their peers, and have contributed substantially to the work of ISoP. Submit your application by **September 2, 2024**. Click [here](#) for more information.