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President's Message

Omar Aimer

(ISoP President 2025-2028)

Dear ISoP Community,

This December, I'm reflecting on an extraordinary year and looking ahead with renewed purpose. Together, **we brought 500 pharmacovigilance professionals to Cairo, published 382 research abstracts, and expanded our community to 1,455 members across 13 active chapters.** Most importantly, we strengthened the foundations of our global network by advancing science, deepening trust, and empowering members through meaningful collaboration.

As we enter the next era of ISoP, guided by our strategic priorities of **scientific excellence, innovation, and a truly member-centric approach**, 2026 promises even more. From our first European AI Seminar in Basel to our 25th Global Meeting in Costa Rica, we are not just observing the future of pharmacovigilance, we are shaping it together.

Thank you for being the heart of ISoP.

Dr. Omar Aimer
President, ISoP

ISoP 2025 Cairo: A Celebration of Global Excellence



The Numbers Behind an Unforgettable Meeting

Our 24th Annual Meeting at the InterContinental Cairo Semiramis Hotel (October 24-27, 2025) brought together the global pharmacovigilance community under the theme **"Pharmacovigilance: Back to the Future"**. Here's what made it remarkable.

500

attendees

84

speakers & chairpersons

230

participants attended pre-conference courses across 5 specialized tracks

402

abstracts submitted (382 accepted) now published in Drug Safety Volume 48

5

plenaries

25

parallel sessions

228

new ISoP members

Non-members who registered at the Cairo Annual Meeting and paid full registration fees become ISoP members until 24th October 2026. **A very warm welcome to these newcomers!**

Hadir Rostom and her Team from the Local Organising Committee was warmly congratulated on organising such a smooth running, stimulating and successful meeting.



This year marks a remarkable milestone.

25 years of advancing the science and practice of pharmacovigilance worldwide.

From its beginnings in 2000 to a truly global network today, ISoP continues to shape safer healthcare through collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and innovation.

We celebrate our members, partners, and volunteers whose dedication makes this mission possible. Watch the video on the [website](#).

Accessing Cairo Content Anytime

Can't get enough? Dive deeper into the Cairo experience:

- **Presentations:** Most slides are now available in the members-only section of the ISoP website
- **Abstracts:** All published in Drug Safety (Volume 48, October 16, 2025) - free access for all ISoP members

Celebrating Excellence: 2025 Award Winners

Cairo Poster Prize Committee

Selected under the leadership of Jimmy Jose (University of Nizwa, Oman), an ISoP poster prize was given to the 3 best posters and the Sten Olsson Award.

Our heartfelt thanks to Jimmy Jose and the Poster Committee for selecting the prizes.

Each winner receives a free 1-year online subscription to any Adis Premier journal.

- **First Place:** Sarah Banholzer (Abstract #191)



- **Second Place:** Michele Fusaroli (Abstract #313)



- **Third Place:** David Ryan (Abstract #130)



- **Sten Olsson Award:** Lucila Isabelle Castro Pastrana (Abstract #374)



Congratulations to all recipients for this well-deserved recognition, and thanks to everyone who took time to submit their work to the poster sessions.

Welcome to Our 2025 ISoP Fellows

Each year, ISoP recognizes members who have made outstanding contributions through research, publications, professional achievements, and dedicated service to the Society. This year's Fellows exemplify the highest standards of pharmacovigilance excellence.

2025 ISoP Fellows (alphabetical order):



Felix Arellano



Jürgen Beckmann



Linda Härmark



Jayesh Pandit



Hadir Rostom



Francesco Salvo

Congratulations to all recipients for this well-deserved recognition!

Honorary Membership:



Jürgen Beckmann

We are honored to recognize Dr. Jürgen Beckmann with ISoP Honorary Membership for **his exceptional contributions spanning over 25 years.** His distinguished career includes:

- Head of Pharmacovigilance at BfArM
- EU representation on the Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products (CPMP/CHMP)
- Architect of the WHO-ISoP Pharmacovigilance Curriculum – a cornerstone of PV education worldwide.
- ISoP Vice President (2000-2003)
- Active engagement in continuous curriculum development and mentorship.

*Dr. Beckmann's lifelong commitment to our field embodies the highest ideals of scientific excellence, leadership and service. **His legacy continues to shape pharmacovigilance professionals around the world.***

ISoP Leadership & Governance Updates

2025 General Assembly Highlights

The ISoP General Assembly convened on October 26, 2025, with approximately 300 in-person participants and 30 online attendees. President Angela Caro-Rojas and Secretary General Mónica Tarapués led discussions covering:

- **Strategic achievements:** Financial stability, membership growth to 1,455 members, and enhanced global engagement
- **Governance updates:** Revised by-laws, expanded Advisory Board roles, and formalized Communities
- **Special Interest Groups:** Expanded from 12 to 16 SIGs, including the new Special Interest Group (SIG) dedicated to Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMP) and Radiopharmaceuticals (RP)
- **Regional presence:** 13 active chapters coordinated by 12 regional leads worldwide, ensuring ISoP’s presence and impact across all continents.
- **Communities:** The launch of the ISoP Industry Community. This initiative aims to create a collaborative platform for cross-industry discussion and best practice sharing, bringing together experts from diverse fields and different countries around the world.

For more information please visit the [website](#). **Full minutes available on the ISoP website [here](#).**

Advisory Board Elections 2025

Congratulations to **Dr. Omar Aimer** on his election as ISoP President (2025-2028)!

The newly elected Advisory Board members are:

- Omar Aimer
- Francesco Salvo
- Felipe Villalobos
- Comfort Ogar
- Salvatore Crisafulli
- Brian Edwards
- Tarek Hammad
- Katarina Ilic
- Hadir Rostom
- Maribel Salas

Executive Committee



Omar Aimer
President



Francesco Salvo
Vice President



Felipe Villalobos
Secretary General



Comfort Ogar
Treasurer

*Chapters coordination will be covered by the EC

Advisory Board Members



Salvatore Crisafulli
Communication & Students
Coordinator



Brian Edwards
Communities & Mentorship
Coordinator



Tarek Hammad
Strategy and Innovation
Coordinator



Katarina Ilic
Special Interest Groups
Coordinator



Hadir Rostom
Membership
Coordinator



Maribel Salas
Academic
Coordinator

Global Chapter Highlights

ISoP's 13 active chapters span the globe:

2025 Chapter Achievements including:

- **Latin America:** 7th Symposium in Mérida last August brought together 150+ professionals for workshops and networking. The election of the new executive committee of the chapter is ongoing.
- **South Asia:** Joint meeting last September with DIA to strengthen PV presence in South Asia.
- **Western Pacific:** Webinar in October the series featuring "From Signals to Clinical Evidence"
- **North America:** The well-attended NASoP Annual Meeting was held back-to-back with the ISoP IA Seminar in Boston this December. During the meeting, they also announced their new interim president, Dr. Marina Malikova.

ISoP 2025 Cairo Featured in Uppsala Reports

ISOP 2025 CAIRO: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE EVOLUTION AND FUTURE OF PHARMACOVIGILANCE

10 DECEMBER 2025



Over 500 attendees from 80+ countries met in Cairo at ISoP 2025, reflecting on pharmacovigilance progress and shaping strategies for its future.

“ISoP 2025 Cairo: A Global Perspective on the Evolution and Future of Pharmacovigilance”

This article highlights the evolution of pharmacovigilance and shares insights on what the 24th ISoP Conference in Cairo will bring to the global drug safety community.

Co-authored by Christina Saad, Amira Kamel, and Mohamed A. Elhawary, it reflects the conference’s commitment to fostering innovation, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing in medication safety worldwide.



Brian Edwards, chair of the Scientific Committee.

“The future of pharmacovigilance is about anticipating risks and turning data into foresight. As AI and real-world evidence grow, challenges will rise, but so will the opportunity to elevate patient safety for generations to come.”

Brian Edwards, Chair of the Scientific Committee

A warm thank you to our partners at Uppsala Monitoring Centre for this coverage and for their continued collaboration with the ISoP community.

Read the article [here](#)

Innovation & Technology: Shaping the Future

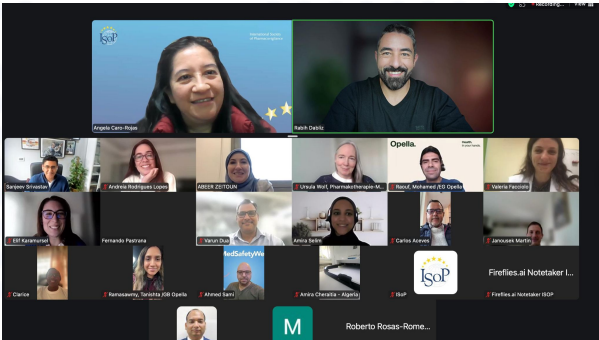
ISoP Intelligent Automation Seminar - Boston

The 9th ISoP Seminar on Intelligent Automation in Pharmacovigilance, held on 4–5 December 2025 at Takeda Cambridge and online, gathered global experts to explore how AI is evolving from innovation to trustworthy, scalable practice. Sessions highlighted governance, the public release of the CIOMS WG XIV report, real-world use cases, validation and audit expectations, and operational strategies for responsible implementation. Oral abstracts and the ISoP Medication Errors Hackathon showcased emerging solutions and multidisciplinary creativity. Across the two days, a clear theme emerged: transparency, interpretability, and patient-centered impact are essential as AI becomes integral to pharmacovigilance. The seminar’s success was due to the contributions of a diverse and highly engaged community.

Next year’s seminar is set for December 2026 — We hope to see you there!



Medication Error Prevention Hackathon 2025



The ISoP Medication Errors Prevention Hackathon brought together talented professionals worldwide to tackle medication safety challenges with creativity and innovation. The results were outstanding!

Winning Teams: The winning teams presented their solutions at the Boston Intelligent Automation Seminar in December 2025.

🏆 **Team 2:** MediObserve: AI Driven Medication Errors Detection and Prevention
Team Lead: Varun Dua | Members: Tanishta Ramasawmy, Mohamed Raouf, Shraddha Oberoi, Sandesh Singhal, Javin Goyal, Sanjeev Srivastav

🏆 **Team 4:** Medication errors analysis/Signal detection (Oracle)
Team Lead: Valeria Facciolo | Members: Andreia Lopes, Fernando Pastrana, João Paulo Fernandes, Lobna Kilany, Martin Janoušek, Shikha Goel, Wessam Elkasseem, Andres Marentes, Luis Felipe Herrera

🏆 **Team 3:** Application of Human Factors to Design a Standardised Label for IV infusions
Team Lead: Abeer Zeitoun (Lebanon) | Members: Rabih Dabliz, Aya Ibrahim, Mina Sodad, Meriem Kerrar, Diallo Mamadou Madio, Uzu Maki

Community Engagement & Global Impact

World Patient Safety Day 2025

The sixth World Patient Safety Day (September 18-19, 2025) focused on "Safe care for every newborn and every child." ISoP contributed significantly with:

7 sessions

26
speakers &
chairpersons

750
registrants

14
hours of streaming

Relive ISoP Patient
Safety Day 2025:
Recordings now available!



Participants can now access
all session recordings for **FREE**

Watch on **YouTube**
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View all presentations on our [YouTube Channel](#) | **See you next September!**

Medication Safety Week 2025

Medication Safety Week (November 3-9, 2025) marked the 10th anniversary of this vital campaign. This year's theme, **"We can all help make medicines safer"**, encouraged public participation in reporting suspected side effects.



ISoP Position Statement on Vaccines and Autism

ISoP reaffirms there is no evidence that vaccines cause autism.

Read the full statement [here](#).

Looking Ahead: Your 2026 ISoP Calendar

Event	Location	Date
1st ISoP European AI Seminar	Basel, Switzerland	16–17 February 2026
Africa Regional Event	Namibia	18-20 May 2026
ISoP Mid-Year Symposium	Hatfield, UK	9-10 June 2026
25th ISoP Global Meeting	San José, Costa Rica	22–25 September 2026
10th ISoP European AI Seminar	Boston	3-4 December 2026



Basel Awaits!

We’re excited to welcome the ISoP community to Basel for two days dedicated to the future of AI in pharmacovigilance

Register [here](#)



25th GLOBAL MEETING
San José, Costa Rica 2026

Ecosystems of trust:
Pharmacovigilance for
a healthier world

22-25th September 2026



#ISoP2026CostaRica



Enjoy a **20% discount** if you
register before December 31, 2025.

PROMOCODES:
Cairo2CostaRica
LATAM20

Register [here](#)



Member Benefits and Good News

Membership Fees Frozen for 2026!

In appreciation of our valued members, ISoP membership fees will remain unchanged for 2026. Continue enjoying all membership benefits with no increase!

Your membership includes:

Free access to Drug Safety journal - all current and archive content

Members-only webinar library with on-demand educational content

Exclusive access to global meeting presentations and abstracts

Reduced registration fees for all ISoP events and conferences

Networking opportunities with 1,455+ global pharmacovigilance professionals

Participation in Special Interest Groups and Regional Chapters connections

Priority access to research collaborations and publications

Your membership is an investment in yourself and the future of safer medicines.



Follow us and stay tuned

We encourage you to follow ISO P on Facebook and Instagram: **@ISO POnline**, or LinkedIn and X: **International Society of Pharmacovigilance (ISO P)**.

Our website, **www.isoonline.org**, is updated regularly. The Members-Only section provides access to the *Drug Safety* journal, presentations from annual meetings, the webinar library, and allows you to update your personal information.

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