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Symposium 2026

Collaboration in Pharmacovigilance in an evolving information environment

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MEETING VENUE: Weston Auditorium

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Day 1- Tuesday, June 9th

Session	Collaborative and strategic PV	
08.30-09.00	Registration	
09.00-09.30	Welcome and introduction to the symposium Omar Aimer (ISoP President), Sam Salek (University of Hertfordshire, UK), Deborah Layton (University of Hertfordshire, UK), and Anthony Woodman (Vice Chancellor, University of Hertfordshire, UK)	
Session 1 09.30-11.00	Global collaboration of safety standards – evolving approaches and joint efforts to streamline post approval safety reporting and risk management plans Chair: Deborah Layton (University of Hertfordshire, UK)	
1A 09.30-09.55	Standard and guidelines. How CIOMS helps Pharmacovigilance evolution	Stella Blackburn (CIOMS, Switzerland)

1B 09.55-10.20	Implementation: Challenges and Opportunities	Tom Nichols (Pharmaceutical Information & Pharmacovigilance Association/PIPA, UK)
1C 10.20-10.45	Shaping Pharmacovigilance for the future	Alison Cave (MHRA, UK)
10.45-11.00	Questions & Answers	
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee Break and networking- Poster viewing</i>	
Session 2 11.30-12.30	Building capacity for global PV Chair: Pav Rishiraj (Celltrion Healthcare, UK)	
2A 11.30-11.55	Enhancing multidisciplinary education, global reach, and research	Sam Salek (University of Hertfordshire, UK) and Francesco Salvo (ISoP Vice President, University of Bordeaux, France)
2B 11.55-12.20	Inclusive Knowledge Exchange in Pharmacovigilance: Effective Communities of Practice	Ryan Walker (University of Birmingham, UK)
12.20-12.30	Questions & Answers	
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
Session 3 13.30-15.00	From Disconnect to Collaboration: Aligning Patient and Provider Perspectives on Benefit–Risk Chair: Michael Forstner (MedGenie AG, Switzerland)	
3A 13.30-13.55	Patient Perspective in Benefit–Risk: Why, How, When	Miranda Davies (Drug Safety Research Unit, UK)
3B 13.55-14.20	Putting patients at the heart of pharmacovigilance	Harriet Scorer (WMUK, UK)
3C 14.20-14.30	Abstract Oral presentation: #O1 From Pharmacovigilance Signals to Clinical Risk Management in Adeno-Associated Virus-Mediated Gene Therapy for Paediatric Neuromuscular Diseases	Masayoshi Nakakuni (National Center for Child Health and Development, Japan)
3D 14.30-14.40	Abstract Oral presentation: #O2 Fatal concerns following the use of antihistamines in the UK	Eman Mshari (King's College London, UK)

14.40-15.00	Questions & Answers	
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break and networking - Poster viewing	
Session 4 15.30-17.00	Panel discussion: Beyond Boundaries – risk management lessons from other industries Chair: Linda Härmark (Drug Safety Research Unit, UK)	
15.30-15.40	Panel discussion objective	
	Lightening perspective on risk management- lessons learnt:	
4A 15.40-15.50	Insurance Risk Engineering Assessments in the Energy Sector	Sylvie Layton (Sompo Int., Canada)
4B 15.50-16.00	Examples from property risk management	Uwe Riek (Swiss Re, Switzerland)
4C 16.00-16.10	Assessing risks of climate change to food crops in Egypt	Bruce Fitt (University of Hertfordshire, UK)
16.10-16.40	Moderated panel discussion	
16.40-17.00	Audience Interaction and take-home synthesis	
	Wrap-up Day 1	
18.00-20.00	Networking Reception at the Comet Hotel (Optional)	
End of Day 1		

Day 2- Wednesday, June 10th		
Session	Data-Driven and Operational Innovation in PV	
08.15-09.00	ISoP European and UK-IRL joint Chapter session	
	Welcome back and housekeeping	
Session 5 09.00-10.30	Pregnancy Research in Collaborative PV Chair: Omar Aimer (ISoP President, InnoVigilance, Canada)	
5A 09.00-09.30	Harmonised pregnancy studies to enhance external validity of drug safety studies evaluating real-world evidence	Anne Broe Lambourne (IQVIA, UK)
5B 09.30-10.00	Pregnancy Intensive monitoring – enhancing regulatory acceptance	Eileen Dareng (AstraZeneca, UK)
5C 10.00-10.10	Abstract Oral presentation:	Michele Fusaroli (Uppsala Monitoring Centre, Sweden)

	#O4 Automatic Detection of Potential Indication-Related Biases to Support Routinary Expert Triage of Signals	
10.10-10.30	Questions & Answers	
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee Break and networking - Poster viewing</i>	
Session 6 11.00-12.30	Collaborating for Quality: Safer medicines through stronger systems Chair: Sam Salek (University of Hertfordshire, UK)	
6A 11.00-11.25	Quality Management Systems for Secondary Data Real World Evidence: Implications for Pharmacovigilance	Deborah Layton (University of Hertfordshire, UK)
6B 11.25-11.50	Medicines quality: research and tools to influence policy and collaboration	Celine Caillet (University of Oxford, UK)
6C 11.50-12.00	Abstract Oral presentation: #O5 Are Companies Really Building the PV Workforce We Need? Rethinking Training, Skills and Knowledge for Tomorrow	Stephanie Martin (SMPV, UK)
6D 12.00-12.10	Abstract Oral presentation: #O6 The effect of a peer-support collaboration among local pharmaceutical manufacturers in Uganda to enhance pharmacovigilance systems: a qualitative study	Henry Zakumumpa (Makerere University, Uganda)
12.10-12.30	Questions & Answers	
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
Session 7 13.30-15.00	Engineering safety- from data silos to shared insights Chair: Vijay Kara (GSK, UK)	
7A 13.30-13.55	How Data Engineering Supports Collaborative Drug Safety	Sarah Seager (EPAM, UK)
7B 13.55-14.20	Data networks as a way of breaking silos through collaboration: DARWIN EU®	Andrej Segec (European Medicines Agency, Netherlands)
7C 14.20-14.30	Abstract Oral presentation: #O7 From PDF to Computable Safety Data: Characterising the EU Product Information Corpus and Mapping Pharmacovigilance Capabilities to EMA ePI Levels	Lucie Gattepaille (ePI Digital Solutions, Sweden)

7D 14.30-14.40	Abstract Oral presentation: #O8 Strengthening Signal Detection by Proactive Case Identification in Electronic Health Records	Gabriëlla von Kreijfelt (Pharmacovigilance Centre LAREB, Netherlands)
14.40-15.00	Questions & Answers	
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break and networking - Poster viewing	
Session 8 15.30-17.00	RWE in safety decision making (integration of RWE into PV workflows, cross functional and cross border collaboration to harmonise) Chair: Felipe Villalobos (ISoP Secretary General, IDIAP Jordi Gol, Spain)	
15.30-15.40	Panel discussion objective: To identify practical enablers that allow RWE to be trusted and acted upon in PV decision making across borders.	
	Lightening perspective – biggest barriers to consistent use of RWE in safety decision making	
8A 15.40-15.50	Methodologist specialist perspective	Nivantha Naidoo (Oracle Health and Life Sciences, France)
8B 15.50-16.00	Data network/infrastructure specialist perspective	Ben Bray (LCP, UK)
8C 16.00-16.10	Industry PV specialist perspective	Pav Rishiraj (Celltrion Healthcare, UK)
16.10-16.40	Moderated panel discussion	
16.40-17.00	Audience Interaction and take-home synthesis	
17.00-17.15	Poster Prize and Closing remarks	
	Poster Prize Committee, chaired by Linda Härmark (Drug Safety Research Unit, UK). All accepted posters are eligible for the poster prize, which will be awarded to the best poster (Poster Prize from Drug Safety Research Unit with one complimentary registration to one of their courses).	
End of the Symposium		