

News LETTER



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Message from the President

Dear members, dear colleagues,
Fall brings good memories of the past summer and the reaching out for long walks in splendid colorful nature. It is also the time that many activities start again in both the private and in the professional setting.

Many pharmaceutical associations have their educational programs on full speed, working groups continue their work with new energy and congresses are organized in different fields of the pharmaceutical world. ISOPP is no exception to that, a lot has happened and a lot is still progressing to achieve the desired outcome.

First of all, ISOPP made it's appearance at the FIP congress (international federation of pharmacists) held beginning of September in Hyderabad – India. FIP is a world organization of pharmacists working in all of the most diverse fields of pharmacy, from industry to veterinary pharmacy, from military and disaster pharmacy to education and pharmacy schools and universities. One section within the FIP is the hospital section. It was a good opportunity to meet the president of the hospital section and to discuss our common goals and aspirations. At the same time during the hospital section's reception there was plenty of opportunity to network with colleagues from over the globe and specially also representatives of people who work or have worked for the WHO.

Our input was to highlight the quality



Speakers at the ISOPP/FIP meeting

and safety of cancer treatment for both patients and manipulators and to put our ISOPP standards in the spotlight. The possible health care problems were brought to the forefront by Jill Kolesar in a clear and excellent overview. FIP was the originator of the Basel Statement for hospital pharmacists, the interaction between the Basel Statement and our own ISOPP standard was presented by myself. Robbie McLauchlan spoke specifically about the ISOPP standards. Harbans Dhillon and Abdul Latif Sheikh completed the session with practical issues and where to start to as examples from Pakistan and Malaysia. You can find the presentations on the website.

Speaking about congresses:

The ISOPP congress 2012 in Melbourne – Australia is only 6 months away.

A preliminary program is decided by the Education Committee and controlled, on the budget side, by the organizing committee. In the next coming weeks this program will be finalized. The brochure with all relevant information about registration, accommodation,

program and Melbourne as host city is on line and can be found on the ISOPP website. Important date to remember is the early bird registration (= before January 31). As “down under” is for many of us a long way to travel, make sure you make your travel arrangements in time.

This is almost the time for the renewal of your membership which starts in November. Do not wait until the last minute to renew as early bird registration is only possible for members who have paid their 2012 membership fee.

As there was some negative feedback about using the country band for

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continued*

the basis of the fee structure, the secretariat is investigating this right now. ISOPP will remain with the country bands but possible changes to that structure will be incorporated. By the time the membership renewal message goes out, this will have come to a decision and possible changes will be communicated through the website and/or blast e-mail.

The secretariat is still evaluating the different RFP's for management services. As this will have implications for the working of the Secretariat and ISOPP in general, the Secretariat needs to carefully consider all pro's and con's before making their final decision. As soon as this process is finished we will communicate the result through our website.

Last but not least. Since last year we are in a position of holding yearly elections for half of the Secretariat. This means that in 2012 the position of president elect, treasurer and 2 secretariat members become vacant. The election procedure will start in November but right now I

would like to take the opportunity to call for nominations. ISOPP as an organisation needs people who are willing to spare time and effort and to take responsibility for the benefit of the organisation and its members. There is no other requirement or background or experience needed. If you feel that you meet these criteria, (and I am convinced you do) I would encourage you to answer in positive way the 'call for nomination' posted on the website.

There is at this stage, no guarantee for a seat on the Secretariat That depends on the number of candidates nominating and the actual election results, but submitting your candidature is the first step,

I sincerely hope to welcome many candidates to serve ISOPP for the next 2 years. ISOPP can offer you in return the appreciation of the membership, the friendship among the Secretariat members, as well as the attendance of our 2 yearly congress besides an exciting personal learning curve.

Warm regards

Johan

I am writing to inform you that between 1st and 31st October 2011, all Sage Journals Online content, including Journal of Oncology Pharmacy Practice, will be FREE to view online.

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Warm regards,
Charlotte Jardine

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Notice of Upcoming Call for Nominations

FROM: John T. Wiernikowski,
PharmD, FISOPP
President Elect, Chair Nominations
Committee
TO: ISOPP Membership
RE: 2012 Election, Call for
Nominations

This is a first notice that the Call for Nominations for the next ISOPP Election will be officially launched in a few weeks. The next election will take place in February 2012 (to allow new members to join/existing members to renew their membership). The upcoming election will be for 4 positions. President-Elect, Treasurer and 2 General Secretariat Members. Descriptions of the duties and responsibilities of these positions are

available on the ISOPP website with this notice.

After the last ISOPP meeting in Prague, the Secretariat established a Nominations Committee and greatly simplified the nomination process, eliminating the need for multiple signatures from members in order to be eligible.

If you know of a colleague that would be suited to one of these positions, please encourage them to submit their nomination.

If you are personally interested in running, please submit your nomination.

ISOPP can only continue to grow and succeed through the continuing involvement and participation of it's members.

The conference website for ISOPP XIII is now live and early bird registration commences on 1 October 2011. The URL is www.isoppxiii.org

To make a submission to the Newsletter, contact editor Jill Davis via email jillian.davis@austin.org.au

MASCC 2011 Athens Report

– International Symposium Supportive Care in Cancer

This year's 2011 International MASCC/ISOO symposium was held in Athens, Greece from 23 – 25 June. We had the opportunity to participate in a range of symposia, lectures and study groups that gave me a multidisciplinary view of supportive care in cancer therapy. Other ISOPP members who have attended the conference includes Jude Lees (Australia) and Carlo DeAngelis (Canada).

The conference kick-started with a welcome address by Professor Dorothy Keefe, the President of MASCC (2010 – 2012). This was followed by a keynote lecture on "Supportive Care: Including the Excluded", which very appropriately set the tone for the meeting – that every patient deserves excellent supportive care in the treatment of cancer, regardless of the stage of their disease.

On the second day, parallel sessions were held on a range of topics such as spirituality and psychological issues, oral complications of cancer therapy as well as other complications such as infections and bone metastases. In the afternoon, parallel discussion sessions were conducted within individual study groups to discuss updates and future endeavors. I had the opportunity to participate in the infection-myelosuppression study group. It was interesting and exciting to

Joen Chiang, Lita Chew and Alex Chan
National Cancer Centre Singapore and National University of Singapore



Meeting participants from Singapore

see international, multidisciplinary representatives from various institutions come together to improve the management of neutropenia in cancer. The Young Investigators Education Session held in the evening was especially enlightening and enriching as experienced editor Dr. Fred Ashbury and renowned researchers such as Dr. Ian Olver and Dr. PJ Hesketh shared tips on ways to

improve scientific writing.

The third day began with parallel sessions on survivorship, nausea and vomiting and the future of supportive care. It was interesting to hear about the future trends in research in the area of supportive care as well as possible obstacles researchers might face. As more high quality research is conducted in this area, the overall quality of cancer care would be enhanced as well.

This meeting was truly an eye-opener for us. It broadened our perspectives on the scope of supportive care and the impact that it can have on cancer patients and survivors. We also had the opportunity to share my research with fellow healthcare professionals through the poster display session. To end our trip, we have also gone on an island hopping cruise and enjoyed the beautiful sceneries of Greece.

The next MASCC/ISOO meeting will be held in New York City, June 28 – 30, 2012. See you there for another excellent and enriching meeting!



ISOPP members at the MASCC conference

ISOPP Australasian Symposium 2011

On a cold, wintery morning in Melbourne, approximately 90 delegates attended the ISOPP Australasian Symposium hosted at St Vincent's Hospital. The early morning start required a few pre-meeting coffees but most of the delegates arrived into the lecture theatre on time to be updated on the new Australian Febrile Neutropenia Guidelines and also be illuminated on the evolving field of Epigenetics. The creation of the Australian Febrile Neutropenia Guidelines was the basis of a PhD for pharmacist Senthil Lingaratnam. Starting off with the idea and a small research grant, this project became a major collaborative effort with all the appropriate Australian groups (eg medical oncology groups) taking part in the decision making algorithms and thus increasing the uptake of the final guidelines. Epigenetics was a fascinating talk given by Dr Kate Burbury on reversible changes in gene expression through Histone acetylation and DNA methylation. This talk went a small way to explaining the 'nature versus nurture' debate. However interesting the concepts and the possibilities raised by this presentation, the expense of integrating these ideas into every day practice make it unlikely to every occur. (Editor's note: the notes for all talks can be found on the ISOPP website).

After morning tea, the talks resumed with Dr Damien Kee with an update on Melanoma, with particular focus on Vemurafenib and Ipilimumab, and their improved outcomes for patients. The afternoon saw the delegates breaking out into three specialist areas: Medical Oncology, Haematology and Research. Dr Shane White gave a good talk on the side effects of hormonal therapies for Breast Cancer with a particular emphasis on the patient experience, and Dr Gillian Mitchell followed that up an update on Triple Negative Breast Cancer in the Medical Oncology breakout. Haematology featured Prof



Miles Prince giving an update of the Current Management of Myeloma, followed by A/Prof Stephen Opat with a case study for Relapsed Indolent NHL. The Research session focused on tips and tools that can be used to enable research to be undertaken by pharmacists. Michael Dooley shared with us his experience of presenting a poster for the first time at an ASCO meeting where he was querying another author's work only to find that same author had a poster only a few steps away! Instead of this turning into a daunting prospect, Michael was pleased to find that the author was very receptive to his questioning mind and investigations. The outcome has been that the first author now sends students each year to work with Michael's group. What a great outcome!

A brief Virtual Tour of the new Cancer Centre at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne, along with a new system of tracking work flow (from bedside and back) was also shown, and then the opportunity to present their own

work was given to some of our very experienced practitioners in the form of practice pearls.

A cocktail function was held later in the evening for delegates to have the chance to catch up with friends old and new. It was an experience to catch the free City Circle tram for the 5 minute journey around to the venue opposite iconic Flinders St Station.

The Symposium was very helpful according to the feedback we have received from delegates and was an excellent day of continuing education. Some positive excerpts from the evaluation forms: very interesting,



inspirational, excellent networking, great clinical updates, a great format, good networking opportunities, great speakers, great topics thanks! small group session were great as topics are relevant and helpful to practice. Some areas where we could have improved: Just needs to be longer, please make notes available prior to the symposium. Lastly, a lucky draw prize of a free registration to attend ISOPP XIII in Melbourne was won by Emily Hay. Congratulations!

Shaun O'Connor,
Organising Committee Member



South African Oncology Pharmacists blowing their trumpets

We stood on the bridge waiting... people from all around the world glancing at each other nervously not knowing what to expect next. Suddenly smoke blew out from the elephants trunks and the trumpeting was deafening while the bridge swayed under our feet. Everybody broke out in laughter and cameras flashed away... having a conference at Sun City in Pilanesberg, South Africa surely is unique.

The 15th National Congress of the Societies of Clinical and Radiation Oncology (SASCRO) and Medical Oncology (SASMO) was held on the 24th-27th August 2011. International guests included world leaders in their respective fields such as Prof Larry Einhorn, Prof Tony Mok, Prof Mark Peeters and Prof Oliver Sartor.

For the first time, the South African Society of Oncology Pharmacists was invited to join as part of the multidisciplinary team. On Friday 26th, four parallel sessions were held as part of this program. We were very privileged to have Mr. Johan Vandenbroucke, president of ISOPP as one of our speakers. He introduced ISOPP to our members and spoke about international standards.



Some of the Oncology Pharmacist at the conference: from the left Charles Keyser, Johan Vandenbrouck, Janette Passerini, Ruan Botha, Carien vd Merwe, Karin Robinson.

The other speakers were Dr Etienne Kok, a sexologist, who had an eye-opening lecture about sexual dysfunction in cancer patients. Mrs. Hilary Colvin spoke about bereavement and Ms. Andrea Brummer about emergency situations in the treatment room. Mr. Michael Conidaris also spoke about the Society.

The South African Society of Oncology Pharmacists was formed in 2001, but since 2008 it has really taken form

with a more active committee and website. There are about 25 Oncology Pharmacist in South Africa. As there is no formal training in South Africa, our Society's aim is education and setting standards for South African Oncology Pharmacists.

A note of thanks to Dr Adam Nosworthy and our sponsors for helping in making this day a success.

Carien van der Merwe, South Africa

ISOPP Abstracts: Instructions for Authors

All investigators and practitioners in the field of oncology pharmacy who intend to participate in the upcoming ISOPP XIII symposium in Melbourne, Australia are now invited to submit their abstracts. Abstracts should be submitted online via the ISOPP website www.isopp.org prior to assigned deadline. Abstracts are invited from the following categories:

- Original Research
- Oncology Pharmacy Practice Research
- Medication Safety
- Practice Innovations/ Patient Education
- Technology/ Informatics
- Case Reports (Note: Case reports must be unique and of significant clinical relevance or impact to be considered.)
- Encore
- Student/Resident/Fellow

All accepted abstracts will be presented as posters (unless chosen for an oral platform presentation) during the designated poster session at the symposium. The highest scoring abstracts may be assigned to an oral platform presentation. Oral platform presentation details will be sent those abstracts that are selected. If an abstract is accepted, **at least one author must be present at the ISOPP symposium to present the poster to be eligible for poster awards.**

All abstracts that have been accepted for the ISOPP symposium will be published in both the final program and the Journal of Oncology Pharmacy Practice (JOPP) conference issue.

Authors are advised to ensure that the abstract meets all of the stated guidelines. Please take a few moments to review the guidelines and sample abstract below.

Required Abstract Structure

- ☐ **Title:** Should be informative and succinct and not misleading.
- ☐ **Introduction/ Study Objective:** A brief background or rationale for the study. The objective should clearly address a question or problem.
- ☐ **Study Design/ Methods:** A brief and concise description of the study design. Primary endpoints and statistical methods should be included, if applicable.
- ☐ **Results:** A brief and precise description of the study data. Figures and tables can not be included.
- ☐ **Conclusions:** Should be consistent with the study objective, primary endpoints, and reported results.

What are the Components of a Good Abstract?

General Considerations

- ☐ The abstract follows the required format and **does not exceed** the word limit (250 words).
- ☐ The study is innovative and of current interest to oncology pharmacists.
- ☐ The study methods are reproducible, and the outcomes are measurable.
- ☐ The abstract is written in proper English and free of spelling and grammatical errors.
- ☐ The abstract has an impartial tone and conclusions are supported by the data presented.
- ☐ Data are free of any commercial bias.
- ☐ All drugs are referred by their generic names.
- ☐ All abbreviations are defined in the abstract text.
- ☐ For studies involving human subjects, approval by an institutional review board or other

appropriate ethics committee, in addition to informed consent from all subjects, should be obtained. This should be stated in the abstract.

- ☐ If part of the information from the abstract was previously published or presented at another meeting or is currently under consideration for publication, then this should be stated as part of the abstract submission process. (Note: Encore presentations are not eligible for poster awards.) In addition, any potential conflicts of interest should be noted as part of the abstract submission process.

For examples of an abstract and a poster layout, visit the ISOPP website at www.isopp.org

The Journal of Oncology Pharmacy Practice (JOPP), ISOPP's official publication, is accepting applications for an Associate Editor, Australasian Region. The Associate Editor is responsible for arranging for reviews for manuscripts submitted from that region, soliciting article submissions, and advising the Editorial Board and the Publisher on issues pertaining to the journal. The ideal candidate will have experience publishing and reviewing research and clinical practice articles and serving on an editorial board for a scientific journal.

If you wish to be considered for this position, please forward a brief statement of your qualifications and your curriculum vitae to: bgoldspiel@nih.gov.

Barry R. Goldspiel, PharmD, FISOPP
Editor, Journal of Oncology Pharmacy Practice

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INVITATION

ISOPP symposia are prestigious biennial educational events that bring together oncology pharmacy practitioners, and other interested personnel, from all over the world. The program for ISOPP XIII is designed to stimulate debate and discussion, increasing delegates' knowledge to both improve an individual's cancer care journey and the safe working conditions of people preparing cytotoxic treatments. An important part of any ISOPP symposium is the opportunity for delegates to network and exchange information during the breaks and at the social functions and this symposium will be no different.

In addition to medical oncologists and haematologists, invited speakers and attendees will include local and international pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who provide clinical pharmacy and/or cytotoxic preparation services or who are interested in entering these fields. Delegates come from a variety of work environments including specialist cancer centres, public and private hospitals, academic institutions, research institutions and the pharmaceutical industry.

We look forward to welcoming you in Melbourne in 2012.



Johan Vandenbroucke Pharm.D.

President, ISOPP

ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE,
ISOPP XIII

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Opens on 01 October 2011 and closes Tuesday 31 January 2012

REGISTRATION

Delegates are encouraged to register for the Conference online at www.isoppxiii.org. Online registration will be open from 01 October 2011.

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Type	Early bird Fee	Standard Fee
	(Before 31 January 2012)	(After 31 January 2012)
ISOPP Member Full Registration	AUD \$695	AUD \$845
Non-member Full Registration	AUD \$845	AUD \$990
Student Full Registration	AUD \$260	AUD \$320

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***Students:** To qualify for the student rate, evidence of full-time student status must be provided.

REGISTRATION INCLUSIONS

Registration Type	Sessions (including breakfast sessions)	Industry Exhibition	Conference Handbook & Materials	Lunches, Morning & Afternoon Teas	Welcome Reception	Gala Dinner
Full Registration	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

SOCIAL PROGRAM AND ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

Visit www.isoppxiii.org regularly for updated information regarding social functions and additional meetings.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS CLOSING DATE: 14 December 2011

Submit your abstract online at www.isoppxiii.org



HOST CITY

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

With regular medal-winning appearances in the Economist's Most Liveable Cities list (taking the top award three times since 2002), Melbourne has a right to be boastful. But despite its temperate climate, safe streets, cosmopolitan lifestyle and beautiful setting, locals remain low-key about their city.

There is no shortage of things to do in Melbourne's city centre. You can wander through art galleries, tour historic sites along the 'Golden Mile Heritage Trail', experience the living Australian Forest and indigenous display at the Melbourne Museum or maybe take a leisurely cruise along the Yarra River past Southgate, the Docklands and the Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre.

Melbourne is recognised as the 'food capital' of Australia, and also renowned for its fabulous shopping. Melbourne attractions include designer stores in the city; the exclusive boutiques of Chapel Street; and bargain-hunting in the buzzing atmosphere of the Queen Victoria Market. And when wandering in the city, peer down almost any laneway and catch a glimpse of the 'secret Melbourne' – a place of edgy art, hidden bars and cutting-edge design.

Melbourne has a reputation for its changeable weather. A tip for any visitor is to be prepared for anything – take an umbrella and wear layers that can be worn or removed as needed. May is autumn (fall) and sees temperatures falling to around 20°C, and with less chance of hot weather this period is often considered the nicest in Melbourne.

ACCOMMODATION

Attractive rates have been negotiated for ISOPP XIII delegates at a number of hotels and apartments, all within easy walking distance of the conference venue. Please visit the conference website for more information and room rates.

INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

A dedicated industry exhibition will be held in the Exhibition Halls. For a copy of the sponsorship and exhibition prospectus please refer to www.isoppxiii.org or contact Tricia Hopkins, ISOPP XIII Sponsorship & Conference Manager on 02 6281 6624 or email tricia@conlog.com.au

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PROGRAM

DAY 1 (WEDNESDAY 09 MAY 2012)

0830 – 1000	Opening Ceremony Plenary 1
1000 – 1030	Morning Tea
1030 – 1200	Plenary 2
1200 – 1330	Lunch (sponsored presentation)
1330 – 1445	Concurrent Sessions (contributed papers)
1445 – 1515	Afternoon Tea
1515 – 1645	Clinical Workshop
1700 – 1900	Welcome Reception and Poster Viewing

DAY 2 (THURSDAY 10 MAY 2012)

0700 – 0815	Breakfast Event
0830 – 0930	Plenary 3
0930 – 1045	Plenary 4
1045 – 1115	Morning Tea
1115 – 1200	ISOPP General Assembly
1200 – 1330	Lunch (includes sponsored presentation)
1330 – 1445	Concurrent Sessions (contributed papers)
1445 – 1515	Afternoon Tea
1515 – 1656	Concurrent Sessions (contributed papers)

DAY 3 (FRIDAY 11 MAY 2012)

0700 – 0815	Breakfast Event
0830 – 1000	Concurrent Sessions
1000 – 1030	Morning Tea
1030 – 1200	Concurrent Sessions
1200 – 1330	Lunch
1330 – 1430	Plenary 5
1430 – 1530	Closing Ceremony (includes awards, and launch of ISOPP XIV)