ISoP Fellowships: Recognising and Promoting Leaders in Pharmacovigilance

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In 2019, ISoP introduced a new membership award: Fellowship of the International Society of Pharmacovigilance (FISoP) for those with at least 5 years' membership of the Society. The FISoP award is aimed at those who have demonstrated significant achievement and distinction in the discipline of pharmacovigilance, including publications or similar outputs, and service to ISoP, for example, by involvement in ISoP conferences and/or by leadership of ISoP Chapters and Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

Additional information on the FISoP Award is available in an article previously published in *Drug Safety* on this topic [1].

1 Criteria for FISoP Award

Fellowship applicants will be required to demonstrate:

1. At least 5 consecutive years as a full member of the Society, with current ISoP membership fully paid at the date of Fellowship application.
2. Contribution to pharmacovigilance, as demonstrated by their career progression and publication record in peer-reviewed international scientific journals. When evidence of academic publications is not available (for example, those in the pharmaceutical industry, regulatory or voluntary organizations), similar outputs for example, unpublished reports, committee papers and/or involvement in significant working parties/committees, will also be considered.
3. Contribution to ISoP, demonstrated by Executive Committee (EC) or Advisory Board (AB) membership, leadership of ISoP Chapters or SIGs; and/or contribution to

ISoP conferences (e.g., Scientific Committee membership, chairing sessions, membership of posters committee, abstract reviewer)

4. Applications must be supported by two senior members of ISoP (preferably those already awarded FISoP, or EC/AB members, or a SIG or Chapter Head)

2 FISoP Awards Presented at ISoP 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

In 2020, the second set of FISoP Awards were presented by Mira Harrison-Woolrych (ISoP President) at the ISoP AGM held virtually in October of that month. The following 12 ISoP members were successful in obtaining Fellowship (in alphabetical order):

Title	First name	Surname	Organization	Country
Dr.	Joanne	Barnes	School of Pharmacy	New Zealand
Dr.	Jean-Christophe	Delumeau	Bayer/ISoP	Singapore
Dr.	Brian	Edwards	NDA Regulatory Science Limited	UK
Prof. Dr.	Joerg	Hasford	IBE	Germany
Dr.	Véronique	Kugener	Takeda Pharmaceuticals International	USA
Mr	Sten	Olsson	ISoP	Sweden
Dr	Jan	Petracek	Independent consultant/ISoP	Czech Republic
Dr.	Victoria	Rollason	Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève	Switzerland

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Dr.	Santiago	Schiaffino	Boehringer Ingelheim	Argentina
Dr.	Saad	Shakir	Drug Safety Research Unit	UK
Dr.	Marco	Tuccori	University of Pisa	Italy
Prof.	Li	Zhang	Dongfang Hospital/ ISoP	China

3 Benefits and Duties of ISoP Fellows

Fellows of ISoP are entitled to:

- Add in public statements, and to their CV and other personal statements, the letters FISoP (Fellow of the International Society of Pharmacovigilance) to their name for as long as they remain ISoP members
- Receive a certificate confirming ISoP Fellowship at the ISoP AGM
- Have their contributions and profile published in the AGM minutes and website
- ISoP Fellows are also expected to contribute at a high level to our professional society. These duties may include:
- Undertaking leadership roles within ISoP, as agreed by the ISoP EC, including developing scientific and regional projects in pharmacovigilance worldwide
- Promoting collegiality, inclusivity, and support of all ISoP members
- Supporting the ISoP EC and AB by providing expert advice when necessary
- Promoting international ISoP work (including training and conferences) encouraging networking and supporting other members of the international pharmacovigilance community. This training and mentoring role has become increasingly important as we adjust to a new world that has been deeply impacted by a global pandemic.

4 FISoP Applications Invited for 2021 (Deadline 31 May, 2021)

Applications are now invited for this year's FISoP awards. We encourage ISoP members with at least 5 years of membership to consider applying, especially those who have made significant contributions to the society, for example, by involvement in Chapters and SIGs. This year, the Fellowship

Nominations Sub-Committee is again chaired by Deirdre McCarthy (ISoP Secretary General) and will include Sten Olsson (ISoP Immediate Past-President) and Brian Edwards (previous ISoP AB member).

Application forms and additional details are available at the ISoP website at www.isoponline.org/members/fellowship. In summary, applicants should send the following documents to ISoP (administration@isoponline.org) before 31 May, 2021:

- Application form with a full CV summarizing the applicant's career path
- Statement outlining how the above criteria for Fellowship were met
- Recommendation letters from two senior members of ISoP (preferably ISoP Fellows)

4.1 Please Submit Applications by 31 May, 2021!

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application before 31 August, 2021. Successful applications will be announced at the General Assembly during the 2021 ISoP Annual Meeting (www.isop2021.org). For further information, please contact Deirdre McCarthy, Chair of the Fellowship Nominations Sub-Committee by e-mailing administration@isoponline.org.

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