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Letter from the President



Having just taken up office as President of the Society I wanted to write and let you know about some of the exciting plans we have for the next few months. In September we are co-hosting a meeting in China on the challenges in infection and its control. Together with ESCMID, the Lancet Infectious Diseases and the China Medical Association we anticipate that an audience of 300 from all over the country will meet for two days in Beijing to discuss current problems of infectious diseases in China. I hope this will help us develop a stronger presence in China, an area of huge significance and importance for the ISID. Later in September the Executive Committee will be getting together during the ICAAC meeting in Washington to have a detailed discussion of future strategy for the Society. This is the first time this has happened for more than a decade and we are keen to hear your thoughts on the strategic priorities for the next few years. Our grants and Fellowship program is one of the key ways in which we engage with the membership and I am delighted to report that we will shortly be able to announce a major new grant programme on adult immunization in collaboration with Pfizer's Independent Grants for Learning & Change (IGL&C) program. Full details will be available on our website. IMED, the Society's meeting on Emerging Infectious Diseases will be held once again in Vienna, in late October and the programme is taking shape under the expert guidance of Larry Madoff. Following the great success of the Cape Town meeting we are now getting started on the plans for the 17th ICID which will be held in Hyderabad, India. I am delighted to announce that Prof. Ramanan Laxminarayan has agreed to Chair the National Committee for the meeting. Ramanan is Vice-President for Research and Policy at the Public Health Foundation of India. He works extensively with the World Health Organization (WHO), World Bank and other international organisations and his research has a particular focus on the problem of antimicrobial resistance. These and all the other programmes and activities of the ISID are now in the very capable hands of Britta Lassmann, our new Program Director whom we welcome to the team. Further updates and news will follow over the following months

With all good wishes,
Jon Cohen
President, ISID

IMED 2014 - Vienna, Austria - Oct.31-Nov.3

**International Meeting on
Emerging Diseases and
Surveillance**

Carla Odio
(Treasurer) Costa Rica

Norman R. Stein
(Executive Director)

Britta Lassmann
(Program Director)

Amy Galblum
(Program Coordinator)

Larry Madoff
(Editor, ProMED-mail)

Now established as a fixture for those whose work deals with threats from infectious agents, IMED 2014 will once again bring leading scientists, clinicians and policy makers to Vienna to present new knowledge and breakthroughs and discuss how to discover, detect, understand, prevent and respond to outbreaks of emerging pathogens.

For more information please see [IMED 2014](#).



News from ProMED

Internet-a-thon

Whether covering the spread of MERS-CoV, polio outbreaks in Syria, canine Parvovirus in California, or an Australian outbreak of



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banana freckle disease, ProMED provides up-to-date and reliable news about threats to human, animal, and food plant health around the world, seven days a week. With insightful analysis and commentary provided by a global network of infectious disease experts, ProMED is the world's largest network for emerging infectious disease surveillance. If you are not currently a subscriber, [please register for ProMED-mail](#)

To ensure the widest possible audience for ProMED-mail, subscriptions are free of charge and available in Portuguese, Spanish, Russian and French with local networks in Anglophone Africa, in the Mekong Basin. ISID is committed to making sure that everyone who needs ProMED can receive it without restrictions.

Providing this level and quality of service is expensive, however. Fully a third of ProMED's annual budget must be covered through the generosity of its readers. If you are among those who are able to afford to support ProMED, please help by contributing to the Spring 2014 fund raising initiative. If you believe that communication and community among the world's infectious disease experts is important, [please donate to ProMED today](#).

7 New ProMED Moderators

In anticipation of the launch of two new regional ProMED networks in the Middle East and in South Asia, ProMED welcomes seven new moderators. The development of both networks is supported by funding from the Skoll Global Threats Fund.

For ProMED-SoAs -the South Asia network:
Salman Muhammad (Pakistan)
Sharifa Nasreen (Bangladesh/USA)
Uzma Aamir (Pakistan)

ProMED-SoAs is a regional surveillance initiative focusing on emerging diseases in South Asia.

For ProMED-MENA -the Middle East/North Africa network:
Abdelali Benkirane (Morocco)
Mubarak Mustafa (Sudan)
Najwa Khuri (Jordan)
Sameeh Abutarbush (UAE)

ProMED-MENA will be a regional diseases reporting network focusing

on emerging diseases in countries of the Middle East and North Africa.

One Health Meeting in Kathmandu

ISID along with the Skoll Global Threats Fund, CORDS and EcoHealth Alliance held a One Health Meeting last month in Kathmandu, Nepal. They brought together experts and key officials from the South Asia region engaging them in emerging infectious disease initiatives in South Asia as well as increasing inter-governmental and inter-organizational collaboration around One Health initiatives.

16th ICID Cape Town: Recap

Cape Town, South Africa proved to be a perfect city to host the 16th International Congress on Infectious Diseases this past April. Though far from many places, Cape Town is a key focus of expertise in the area of infectious diseases. As a measure of the importance of infectious diseases in Africa and globally, 1800 people from >100 countries representing all parts of the world



Keith Klugman, Jayapragasam Madhumathi (ISID New Investigator Awardee), Eric Summers

came together for the meeting to learn from one another about current issues in infectious diseases. ISID in collaboration with the Federation of Infectious Disease Societies of Southern Africa (FIDSSA) organized an agenda including >200 speakers and several hundred poster presenters. Across the spectrum, attendees expressed enthusiasm about the range and quality of presentations.

The first day of the 16th ICID was kicked off by the Emerging African Investigators Symposium featuring twenty young investigators from countries all over Africa. The talks were exciting and inspiring. The presenting investigators were supported by a travel grant made possible by The Clinical Infectious Diseases Research Initiative and the Wellcome Trust. Soon following, the opening ceremony featured gracious welcoming remarks from then ISID President Keith Klugman and from Marc Mendelson, President of FIDSSA and Chair of the Local Organizing Committee.

The Congress included a full range and variety of presentations covering cutting edge topics in infectious diseases. The six plenary speakers met all expectations. Salim Abdool Karim, an expert in HIV and resident of South Africa, advocated approaches towards preventing HIV infections. Uche Amazigo from Nigeria recounted work done by her and many others to develop and implement empowering community directed treatment of neglected tropical diseases in Africa. Peter Piot from the UK vividly described the global threats posed by emerging infectious diseases. ISID Executive Committee member and now ISID president-elect, Ron Dagan from Israel provided a fresh perspective on the selective use of antibiotics in the treatment otitis media. Jonathan McCullers from the US discussed current research bearing on our understanding of influenza pathogenesis. Finally, Ziad Memish, unable to make it to Cape Town in person, bravely joined the Congress remotely to educate the audience on the concerning emergence of MERS-CoV. These plenary talks are a few of the many excellent talks given during the three full days of the Congress. ISID thanks all of the speakers and participants who joined the meeting. ISID also thanks our sponsors and collaborators for making the 16th ICID possible.

Posters from the 16th ICID are now posted online. Keeping the work presented at the ICID visible long after the meeting has ended maximizes the return on the time, effort and money invested in creating each presentation and makes it available to those who attended and to those who did not. [Link to posters](#)

ISID Research Grant Reports

Tsira Chakhaia

Contact investigation for tuberculosis in Georgia, Tblisi (Pilot Project). [Final Report: CHAKHAIA](#)

Phuc Hong Le

An economic evaluation of the introduction of Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine In Vietnam, including its impact on high-risk HIV-infected children.

[Final Report: LE](#)

Techalew Shimelis

Performance evaluation of three rapid diagnostic tests for detection of Cryptosporidium antigen in stool specimen from patients with HIV/AIDS. [Final Report: SHIMELIS](#)

Botond Lakatos

Report on SSI/ISID Fellowship in Bern, Switzerland, February 2013 - January 2014. [Final Report: LAKATOS](#)

Welcome - New Faces at ISID

New ISID Program Director:

Britta Lassmann, MD

joins ISID as the new Program Director. She is a clinician scientist with a longstanding interest in Infectious Diseases and Global Health. A graduate of the University of Vienna Medical School, Austria, Britta completed her Internal Medicine residency at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN and her Infectious Diseases fellowship at Yale University, New Haven CT. Her international work brought her to the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Gabon, to Thailand and to Costa Rica. Prior to moving to Boston, she was a faculty member of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of California, Los Angeles. As ISID's new Program Director she will play a key role in the management and development of the Society's current and future programs. Dr. Lassmann is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases.



Welcome ISID Executive/Council Members

ISID is pleased to welcome the following individuals to the ISID Executive Committee and our International Council.

New Executive Committee Members:

Prof. Alison Holmes, is a Professor of Infectious Diseases and Director of Infection Prevention and Control (DIPC) for Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust. She is also Co-Director of the UKCRC funded National Centre for Infection Prevention and Management.





Prof. Ramanan Laxminarayan, is Vice-President for Research and Policy at the Public Health Foundation of India; director and senior fellow at the Centre for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy in Washington DC; and Research Scholar and Lecturer at Princeton University. His research deals with economics and epidemiology of infectious diseases, with a focus on drug resistance. Prof. Laxminarayan will be the Congress Host for the 17th ICID to be held in Hyderabad, India.

New International Council Members:

Papa Salif Sow - Senegal
Laith Jamal Abu-Raddad - Qatar
Ramy Aziz - Egypt
Mohannad Al-Nsour - Jordan
Patricia Schlegelhauf - Switzerland
Sasisopin Kiertiburanakul - Thailand
SS Lee - Hong Kong
Lim Poh Lian - Singapore

Announcing the 17th ICID

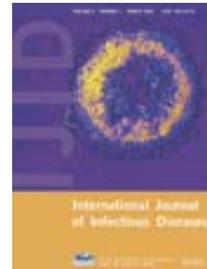
Hyderabad, India

ISID is pleased to announce that the 17th International Congress on Infectious Diseases will be held in Hyderabad, India on March 2-5, 2016. Further information and announcements will be forthcoming.

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IJID - Open Access

The *International Journal of Infectious Diseases* is an Open Access journal as of the 1st January 2014. Open Access means that the papers published can be accessed by everyone all over the world without any fee and no subscription fee. The cost of publishing is covered by a fee paid by authors after their paper is accepted, but before publication. Papers from low income countries can have the publication fee waved and the *IJID* follows the guidelines in the "Research4Life" program which has been developed to promote science in low-income countries. The change has gone well with receipt of the same number of manuscripts as before.



The *IJID* publishes on almost all aspects of infectious diseases in humans with a strong focus on clinical management of infectious diseases, in addition to basic science and animal studies when there is a clear link to infections in humans and some papers on the epidemiology of infectious diseases and vaccines. All kinds of papers are published: reviews, original studies, case reports (must really be exceptional and contain new methods for diagnosis and management), letters to the editor and imaging.

A recent paper is an editorial on the MERS CoV in the Middle East providing a concise up to date on the present knowledge and future perspective:

Memish ZA, Al-Tawfiq J, Drosten C, Assiri A, Alhakeem R, Albarrak A, Yezli S, Almasri M, Zumla A, Petersen E. Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Corona virus, MERS-CoV. Conclusions from the 2nd Scientific Advisory Board Meeting of the WHO Collaborating Center for Mass Gathering Medicine, Riyadh. *Int J Infect Dis.* 2014 May 10. pii: S1201-

To access the *IJID* and sign up for regular updates go to:
<http://www.ijidonline.com>

New Grant Opportunity

Clinical Area - Adult Vaccines

ISID and Pfizer Independent Grants for Learning & Change (IGL&C) are collaborating to offer a new grant opportunity in the area of adult vaccination. ISID and Pfizer's goal is to decrease health disparities by supporting projects increasing access to or use of vaccinations by adults either individually or by population in low- and middle-income countries.

Pfizer's IGL&C provides independent grant support to individuals and organizations to accelerate the adoption of evidence-based innovations.

Both organizations will issue a request for proposals. ISID will oversee the grant application and evaluation process and the proposal review committee that will make funding decisions. Individual grants requesting up to \$300,000 will be considered. A total of \$1 million is available.

Grant proposals may be submitted from anywhere in the world, including the United States and Europe, but the proposals should have a focus on the geographic areas representing low- and middle- income countries, as described in the World Bank list of economies.

Letter of Intent due date: July 18, 2014

For more information, please visit our website at:
http://www.isid.org/grants/grant_immunization.shtml

Calendar

ISID maintains a list of upcoming Infectious Diseases meetings worldwide on our website. Please see: [Calendar](#)

If you wish to modify your membership status at ISID please contact the Society at membership@isid.org
