From the President's Desk

From the President:
Dear colleagues,

As ISV has grown as a society, the Executive Board has been exploring ways to provide additional benefits to our members. Of course the knowledge gained and the scientific interactions and collaborations enabled by the Annual ISV Congress lie at the heart of what ISV represents. Mentoring and facilitating career development of trainees is an expanding effort, and we would like to increase the opportunities for members to interact with senior vaccinologists including the ISV Fellows and Executive Board members. Thus for the first time, at this year’s ISV Congress in Paris, ISV will host meetings over breakfasts where ISV members can specifically have the opportunity to meet these internationally-renowned vaccinologists. So make sure you are a current ISV member! Remember that membership is essentially “free” if you sign up before you register as ISV members are entitled to the lower member registration rate.

Now that ISV has a management company assisting the board in its activities, ISV will be launching a new membership drive in order to expand our activities and benefits to more vaccinologists world-wide. So consider encouraging your colleagues to join to even further strengthen our society and expand the benefits.

Meanwhile, look for the article providing an update on the 2017 Congress, or register at the website: www.ISVCongress.org.

With “warm” regards, to all, even if you are not located so as to “enjoy” the heat in the Northern Hemisphere summer,
Margaret Liu

The abstract submission deadline for the ISV Congress: July 21, 2017.

History of vaccines
Jean Laigret (17 August 1893 – 11 March 1966) was a French biologist who served as head of the laboratory at the Pasteur Institute in Tunis. During the early 1930’s, Jean developed the first yellow fever vaccine which was administered as a combined smallpox–yellow fever vaccine.

Research Highlights

Update on the 2017 ISV Annual Congress

By Denise Doolan, Congress co-chair

The 2017 ISV Annual Congress is just over 3 months away: 5–7th October at the Institut Pasteur in Paris. Call for abstracts and registrations are now open at www.ISVCongress.org. And remember that ISV members get a $100 discount on the Congress registration.

The invited speakers have been announced, with high caliber speakers from industry, academia and philanthropy covering a wide spectrum of topics. We anticipate that our exciting program will include sessions on: Novel Vaccine Concepts and Emerging Technologies; Cancer Vaccines and Immunotherapy; Viral Vaccines; Emerging Infectious Diseases; Neglected Diseases; One Health; Maternal and Neonate Immunization; Vaccines for the Elderly; Mucosal Vaccination; Structural Vaccinology; Systems Vaccinology and Immunoprofiling; Vaccines as Solutions to Anti-Microbial Resistance Threats; Innovative Clinical Trial Designs and Human Challenge Models to Accelerate Efficacy Testing; Vaccine Access and Innovation; And Bringing Vaccinology to the World.

There are many opportunities for oral presentations, which will be selected from submitted abstracts by the Scientific Committee. We are also planning to have breakfast events that will be available for ISV members only, during which members can meet with ISV fellows (either one-on-one, or as a group). The social program includes a superb dinner cruise on the River Seine aboard “Le Paris.”

Preferential low rates have been negotiated with a number of hotels throughout Paris, many in close proximity to the Congress venue. Information on the accommodation options is available at http://www.isvcongress.conferences-pasteur.org/. Please contact hotels directly by phone or email and give the reference "Rate Institut Pasteur" when you reserve your room. Rooms are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are also a large number of AirBnB rentals in Paris, for participants who would prefer that option.

As described in the last newsletter, a number of awards have been organized to support travel to the Congress, and for scientific presentations. Detailed information can be found at: https://www.isvcongress.org/conference/isv-awards.

We extend our thanks to our sponsors for their support in making this a memorable event.

We look forward to welcoming you to the world’s largest scientific conference in the field of vaccines, to hear about the latest advances in the field, discuss challenges and opportunities, and network. See you there!

Vaccines in the news

The Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS) has published proceedings from its 36th meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, on vaccine safety. Details of this report can be found at: Meeting of the Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety, 7-8 June 2017

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released a guidance document by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for clinicians and other health care providers that summarizes the best practices for immunization to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases that occur in infants, children, adolescents, or adults. Details of the ACIP guidance can be found at: General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published the results of its annual survey of vaccination coverage among adults (WW Williams, et. al. MMWR Surveill Summ. 2017 May 5; 66(11):1–28). The report highlights that most adults do not receive all of the recommended immunizations. Details of this report can be found at: Surveillance of Vaccination Coverage Among Adult Populations — United States, 2015

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We would like your ideas for future newsletter articles. Is there an article you’d like to submit to the newsletter? What are the most pressing issues in vaccine research? Please send us your thoughts.

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