2019 President’s Corner

The 2019 ISV Annual Congress is rapidly approaching! Our conference chairs, Ted Ross and Linda Klavinskis, together with local conference chair Xavier Saelens and local organizer Pierre Van Damme, have developed an exceptional congress. The venue for the 2019 Congress meeting is simply outstanding. Please join us October 27-29 in glorious Ghent, Belgium; registration may be completed at the Congress website: www.isvcongress.org. Ghent is a lovely city full of history, art, culture and fine dining. Many lovely hotels are available, and the city has a charming smaller footprint which encourages exploration.

We have an exceptional group of speakers for this year’s meeting. Heading the list is this year’s keynote address to be given by Dr. Luc Debruyne of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and former President of GSK vaccines. Dr. Debruyne will be joined by multiple leaders in the field presenting on high impact topics helping to shape the future of the vaccine field. In addition to the invited keynote speakers, a sizable number of outstanding speakers have been selected from the large number of submitted abstracts. We also have an outstanding selection of poster presentations culled from the best of these abstract submissions.

ISV has organized several activities of interest to the vaccine community. In addition to having our highly successful Career Development Panel, our banquet, our poster sessions, and our Annual General Meeting, EpiVax will be hosting its annual ISV Computational Vaccinology Pre-Conference Workshop on Saturday, October 26, from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Students and researchers who are interested in working with computational vaccinology are invited. Full details are available at the Congress website.

In an effort to share important issues in the vaccine community to provide them more visibility, and to reach a larger audience, ISV is increasing our activity on social media platforms; accordingly, links to our Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages are found on this homepage. Please check them out and offer your feedback. All of you are an important part of our community.

Your active participation in ISV activities is greatly encouraged. It’s time to consider renewing your ISV membership if you already belong, and if not, now is the perfect time to join as a new member. Full membership terms are 1, 3 or 5 years; postdoc or graduate student terms are for one year at a reduced rate.

Member benefits include a registration discount of US$100 for the 2019 ISV Annual Congress, and the opportunity to participate in the many social activities and networking events that we have to offer at the meeting. The ISV Annual General Meeting is held as part of the Annual Congress to determine key ISV policies and elect members of the ISV Board. Participation in ISV is an excellent way to increase your scientific network and visibility. This year, elections are of particular importance as we will be covering a range of major topics for ISV. Keep in mind one must be a member to have voting rights, so please remember to join as soon as possible.

You may reach our administrative office via email: info@isv-online.org.

See you all in Ghent!

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