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Membership Dues



Don't forget to pay your 2015 membership dues!

[Log-in online](#) to pay.

If you have not previously logged into the system, your username is your email address and password is Password1. You will be required to change your password upon logging in.

After you have logged in, click on "My Transactions" from the left navigation. Select "My Memberships" from the top navigation and you will find an open order for your 2015 dues invoice of \$200.

Contact idsog@idsog.org with any questions.

2014 - 2016 Council

Message from the President

Dear IDSOG Members,

I am looking forward to continuing to serve you as the IDSOG President in my second year. It remains my goal as President to continue increasing the IDSOG membership, and to encourage new membership and to expand our new junior membership category. This will help ensure the fiscal health and viability of our society. My other goals as President include increasing member communications and redesigning our website (which is well underway), increasing the organization's financial stability, and to focusing on continued expansion of the reach of the Society. To help achieve these goals, I continue to welcome your assistance through volunteer leadership.



It was a real pleasure to see many of you at the 2015 IDSOG Annual Meeting in Portland in August. I would like to acknowledge and thank the program chair, Dr. Phillip Heine, for organizing such an insightful and educational program in conjunction with his Program Committee, which resulted in record breaking attendance! I am grateful to all of the speakers for their engaging and informative presentations. For those who were unable to join us, the meeting materials are available for download. This includes the PowerPoint presentations from the invited guest lecturers and this year's Program Book, which houses all of the abstract details from the conference. You may [download](#) the materials, but please note



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IDSOG Mission Statement

The Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology (IDSOG) is committed to scientific exchange, education and leadership in infectious diseases in women.

2015 Travel Scholars



that the hyperlink will deactivate on **Friday, December 4, 2015.**

Note: Once the link is open, click "Download" and save materials to your computer. The hyperlink will deactivate on **December 4, 2015 Only slides from the plenary speakers are included.**

We look forward to our 2016 meeting, to be held August 8-11th in Annapolis, Maryland. It is a gorgeous area of the country, and I hope all of you will plan to attend. I have no doubt it will be another outstanding meeting, and a great time to network and enjoy the company of colleagues and friends.

Regards,

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Congratulations to our 2015 abstract award winners!

Best Abstract:

Sujatha Srinivasan, PhD

Metabolic Signatures of Bacterial Vaginosis

Young Investigator Award:

Lauren Sayres, BA

Development of a dual-chamber gestational membrane explant system to investigate inflammatory response to bacterial presence

Best Poster Award:

Brenna Hughes, MD

Longitudinal cohort study of association of HIV infectivity with pregnancy

2015 ABOG Travel Scholarship

In early 2013, the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) awarded IDSOG with a grant from the ABOG Educational Foundation to support attraction, recruitment, mentorship, and development of the next generation of academically-trained reproductive infectious disease clinicians, educators, and investigators. With funding from this grant, IDSOG was pleased to offer attendance scholarships to 16 trainees from the United States and Canada to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting.

The 2015 scholars included:

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The scholars attended roundtable seminars with the IDSOG leadership to discuss wound infection prevention/wound care, maternal immunization for neonatal benefit, update on current management of chronic hepatitis C infection and an update on HSV vaccines. In addition to attendance for the scientific sessions, the scholars attended a 2 hour dedicated trainee luncheon session delivered by the IDSOG Council Members. This luncheon consisted of discussion regarding professional development, the future of academic medicine, mentorship, local academic advancement and grant funding as well as an open forum for discussion on topics requested by the awardees.

IDSOG is pleased to offer the trainee scholarships for the 2016 Annual Meeting. Details regarding the application process will be finalized in Winter 2015.

Member Campaign

Join the 100% Member Campaign

IDSOG has incorporated a development fund program into the society. The financial standing of the organization is strong and we aim to use this momentum to enhance our society's current and future standing. To that end, the purpose of the development fund is to further enable sustainability for our unique and critically important subspecialty amidst changing paradigms in health care. The following goals have been defined as priorities for the development program:



- Enable IDSOG to thrive well into the future by cultivation and expansion of the membership
- Expand the breadth of our activities and the provision of excellent services to the membership
- Provide educational resources to members and stakeholders that will further the practice of reproductive infectious diseases

- Advocate on behalf of the specialty and its members

IDSOG seeks the support of all its members - the very people who serve as the driving force behind major preventative and treatment improvements that positively impact the lives of women facing reproductive infectious diseases, as well as their loved ones. Collectively, our support will make a bold statement that we are united and invested in our specialty.

We hope you are as excited about the future of the organization as we are, and ask you to strongly consider being a part of the 100 Percent Campaign. [Donate here](#) to help IDSOG continue to thrive and provide the resources essential in supporting our mission.

IDSOG is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, and donations may be tax deductible in accordance with provisions of the Internal Revenue Service.

Save the Date! 2016 Annual Meeting



The 2016 Annual Meeting will be held August 11-13, 2016 at the . The call for scientific abstracts will be distributed in Winter 2015, with a submission deadline in early April. Finalized information will be emailed to the membership and posted to the IDSOG web site. All members are encouraged to share the information with colleagues.

Registration and housing will open in February 2016, at which time detailed logistics will be distributed; however, feel free to contact Kelsey Kamykowski (kelsey.kamykowski@idsog.org) with any questions regarding the meeting.