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NEWSLETTER



Message from the President

Dear IDSOG Members,

It is an honor to serve in my final year as the IDSOG President. Over the past few years, we have continued the momentum and have made significant strides to solidify the status of the society, both strategically and financially. Specific goals we have continued to work on include improving the Society's [website](#) (new version went live on March 1, 2016) and increasing member communications, expanding on the junior level talent to not only attend the meeting but also join the society as a member-in-training, continuing to focus on growing the financial reserves of the Society to become more financially sound, and lastly, on expanding the reach of the Society. I am thrilled to share that all of these goals are becoming a reality. I am particularly thrilled with the communications committees' work, chaired by Dr. Deborah Money, in finalizing and launching the new website and in doing so has undoubtedly improved our outward facing image and communications. We are continuing our trainee scholarships for 2016 and due to improved financial standing are in a position to fund these internally via our societal reserves. Such success will be continued and will enable continued growth and reach of our important society. Lastly, we have now formalized our partnership with the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, having published last years' meeting abstracts, working on ID-focused review articles, and have enjoyed regular IDSOG advertisements in the AJOG. Dr. Jeff Peipert's efforts have been instrumental in this expanding collaboration and we recognize his leadership in this important area for the society.



It is my pleasure to extend an invitation to attend the 2016 IDSOG [Annual Meeting](#), being held August 11-13, 2016 in Annapolis, Maryland. I am extremely pleased with the program development, and would like to again pay special thanks to this year's Program Chair, Dr. Phil Heine, and the rest of the Program Committee for all of their efforts. The meeting will once again prove to be an informative and educational success. The clinical relevance, attention to treatment aspects of infectious diseases and their impact on our patients, and mentorship for young investigators will lead to a great program. We will have special speakers from both the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Carolyn Deal from NIAID's DMID will be our Presidential Speaker for this meeting and will talk about Antimicrobial Resistance and the NIH's

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2016 Lifetime Achievement Award



This year we will be giving the lifetime achievement award to Dr. David Soper in recognition for his contributions to the field of reproductive infectious disease in the areas of investigation, clinical expertise, service, and leadership. Please all join me in congratulating Dr. Soper on this achievement and we hope you will all be in attendance to celebrate this award.

- Richard Beigi, MD, MSc

Dues Reminder!



Don't forget to pay your 2016 membership dues!

Submit payment by one of the following options:

Log-in online to submit payment. Contact idsog@idsog.org with any issues relating to online renewal.

Phone Tori Scatena at (312) 676-3928.

Email payment information to idsog@idsog.org.

Mail a check to IDSOG Headquarters, Attn: Tori Scatena, 230 W. Monroe St., Suite 710, Chicago, IL 60606.



approach to this problem. I am confident we will all enjoy these special presentations.

As always, the beautiful venue of this meeting encourages us to share good times with our families, friends, and colleagues. Visit the Annual Meeting section of this newsletter below for more information on registration, housing, and logistics.

I look forward to seeing you all in August!

Best regards,

Richard Beigi, MD, MSc
President, IDSOG

Message from the Program Chair

With the help of the Program Committee, I am thrilled with the plans for the 2016 IDSOG Annual Meeting, to be held August 11th-13th, 2016 at the Westin Annapolis in Annapolis, Maryland. We received a record number of high quality abstracts this year which will continue the IDSOG tradition of presenting new and cutting edge science while also providing our members and guests significant networking opportunities.



This year we have 3 exceptional guest lecturers for our plenary sessions. Dr. Cathy Spong, Interim Director of the NICHD, will present a talk focusing on both the current status and the future of NIH funding. Dr. Dana Meaney-Delman from the CDC will give a very important and timely update on Zika virus infection and its impact on pregnancy and Dr. Rodney Edwards from the University of Oklahoma will address the modern approach to antibiotic prophylaxis on labor and delivery.

We welcome and congratulate this year's trainee scholar awardees and hope to see many of our past awardees at the meeting this year. Your presence has added a palpable new energy to our organization.

On behalf of the Program Committee, I look forward to celebrating IDSOG's tradition of scientific excellence, leadership, and camaraderie with you this summer.

Sincerely,

R. Phillips Heine, MD
2016 Program Chair, IDSOG

2016 Annual Meeting

Meeting Details

The 43rd IDSOG Annual Meeting will continue the Society's tradition of great scientific and social programming. This year's meeting will be held August 11-13 at The Westin Annapolis in Annapolis, Maryland.

2016 Program Committee

Phil Heine, MD, Chair
Jennifer Ballard, MD, FACOG
Jill Davies, MD
Gwen Lazenby, MD, MSCR
Lisa Noguchi, CNM, PhD
Jen Thompson, MD



New IDSOG Website

We are please to announce the launch of our brand new, and improved website! Our goal is to ensure our visitors are provided an easier way to learn about our Society's mission, continuing education, online resources, and commitment to its membership. Please visit idsog.org today!



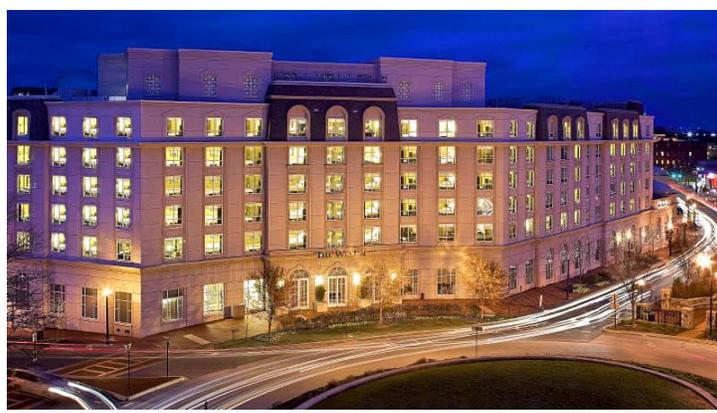
IDSOG Mission Statement

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



About IDSOG

Activities of the Society are conducted for the advancement and promulgation of knowledge in infectious diseases, for



A [preliminary schedule of events](#) is available; however, the full schedule of events will be made available after the abstract confirmations have been received. Please continue to check the website for updates on the programming for this conference.

Registration

You may complete your registration in one of three ways:

1. **Register online** using a credit card and receive immediate confirmation via email. (If you are a visitor and not a registered user, i.e. nonmember, please use the New Visitor Registration link. **Note: all members are registered users**) or,
2. **Email** the [registration form](#) to Tori Scatena at idsog@idsog.org or,
3. **Fax** the [registration form](#) with your credit card information to (312) 235-4059, Attn: Tori Scatena, or
4. **Mail** the [registration form](#) with your credit card information or make a check payable to the Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology to the address listed on the form.

Registration fees increase after July 6, 2016.

Housing

A block of rooms for the Annual Meeting has been reserved at The Westin Annapolis. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis at a special room rate of \$169 per night (plus state and local taxes) for single or double occupancy. This rate is guaranteed through **Tuesday, July 12**. To make your reservation, please contact reservations directly at (888) 627-8994 or [book online](#). Reference the "IDSOG Annual Meeting" to receive the special group rate. All housing cancellations need to be made 48 hours prior to arrival, or the one night's room and tax deposit will be forfeited.

Travel

Air Travel: IDSOG's official travel agent is Gant Travel Management, available toll-free at (800) 621-1083 ((630) 227-3873, outside US/Canada). Gant is available 8:00am - 5:00pm CT, Monday through Friday. A \$25 service fee is issued per airline ticket.

Ground Transportation: The Westin Annapolis is located near two major airports. Below is a listing of the closest airports and transportation information to the Westin from each airport.

Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI): 25 miles. Taxis are located in the airport terminal's lower roadway on the baggage claim and departure level. Approximate one-way taxi fare to/from the hotel to/from BWI is \$75.

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA): 36 miles. Taxis are located in the airport terminal's lower roadway on the baggage claim and departure level. Approximate one-way taxi fare to/from the hotel to/from DCA is \$107.

SuperShuttle provides shuttle services to/from the airport. Visit their [website](#) for detailed information.

improvements in women's health care, and for the facilitation of personal and collaborative relationships among investigators in infectious diseases related to women's health care.

Save the Date!



The 2017 Annual Meeting will be held August 3 - 5 at the Chateaux Deer Valley in Park City, Utah.



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Rental cars are available at a discounted price through Hertz Rent-A-Car. These rates will extend from August 3-20, 2016. Reservations may be placed through the Hertz Meeting Sales Desk at (800) 654-2240. Please reference CV# 40AS0032 when making your reservations to guarantee the group discount. (Subject to availability). Driving directions to/from the hotel are available on the [hotel website](#).

Weather

The weather in Annapolis during August is typically warm during the day with average highs in the upper-80s and comfortable at night with lows in the low-70s. Stay updated on the current weather [online](#).



IDSOG Board Nominations Open

The Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology (IDSOG) is asking its membership to put forth their name for consideration to join the 2016-2018 IDSOG Council. Serving in a volunteer leader capacity is a rewarding experience and excellent opportunity to support our profession. Nominations will be open now through **Friday, July 1, at 12:00 p.m. CT.**



IDSOG is seeking nominations for four (4) vacancies on the IDSOG Council:

- **Treasurer**
- **Secretary**
- **Member-at-large (2 vacancies)**

This year we had an impromptu vacancy in the position of Treasurer. When this vacancy became understood, the leadership internally appointed Dr. Jill Davies, current IDSOG Council Member-at-Large, to fill this position immediately and provide continuity, consistent with the society's bylaws. We are very grateful to Dr. Davies for graciously stepping up to fill this role in the interim as her experience and service on the council has proven very valuable.

As a result of this interim appointment and vacancy in the position of upcoming secretary, we will be including this position for election, along with the three (3) other positions listed above. Given that the position of secretary is primarily charged with the planning of the scientific program for the annual meeting, the IDSOG leadership believes experience is highly vital to the success of this position, and in turn, the society.

If you are interested in serving, please notify IDSOG staff no later than 12:00 p.m. CT on Friday, July 1 by sending an email, stating your intent to be included on the nominations slate, to jennifer.ocampo@idsog.org.

The slate will be presented to the membership on **Friday, July 8**. Members with voting rights will be sent a link to review the slate and will cast their vote online. Voting shall remain open for **two weeks**. The nominee must receive a majority of all votes cast to be elected to office. The results of the vote will be presented to the membership at the annual business meeting, held in conjunction with our Annual Meeting in Maryland.