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NEWSLETTER



Message from the President

Dear IDSOG Members,

It is an honor to serve as the 2014-2016 IDSOG President. Over the next two years, my goal is to continue the momentum that has been built over the last few years. Specific goals we are working to achieve include improving the Society's website, 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, a focus will be made on expanding the reach of the Society. I am thrilled to share that all of these goals are becoming a reality. We have appointed a communications committee, chaired by Dr. Deborah Money, which is tasked with spearheading the website redesign and improving our communications. We are continuing our trainee scholarships for 2015 and have already recruited 5 members-in training. Our financial stability is strengthening through the efforts of our new development fund and annual meeting growth. And lastly, we are now partnering with the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* to expand the Society's reach. Detailed information regarding this partnership is below.



It is my pleasure to extend an invitation to attend the 2015 IDSOG Annual Meeting, being held August 6-8, 2015 at the Waterfront Marriott in Portland, Oregon. I am extremely pleased with the program development,

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Dues Reminder!



**Don't forget to pay
your 2015
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.



2015 Program Committee

Phil Heine, MD, Chair
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and would like to 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. Our Presidential Speaker this year is Dr. Denise Jamieson from the CDC. I know we will all enjoy Dr. Jamieson's presentation.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Beigi".

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 2015 IDSOG Annual Meeting, to be held August 6-8, 2015 at the Waterfront Marriott in Portland, Oregon. I am enthusiastic with the number and quality of abstract submissions received this year, which will prove to continue on the IDSOG tradition of presenting new and cutting edge science with an abundance of networking opportunities.



This year we will be having 3 invited guest lecturers for our plenary sessions, including Dr. Aaron Caughey from Oregon Health Science University School of Medicine, who serves as the Department Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Michael Gravett from the University of Washington School of Medicine will be discussing "Preventing Preterm Birth: A Framework to Harness Science and Address the Global Epidemic." Our final guest lecturer is Dr. Amanda Lewis from Washington University in St. Louis, who will be speaking on "Vaginal Microenvironment and its Interactions/Implications."

We welcome this year's trainee scholar awardees to the meeting with sincere appreciation to the ABOG-EF for awarding IDSOG this opportunity.

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
2015 Program Chair, IDSOG

2015 Annual Meeting

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 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!

Meeting Details

The 42nd IDSOG Annual Meeting will continue the Society's tradition of great scientific and social programming. This year's meeting will be held August 6-8 at the Portland Waterfront Marriott in Portland, Oregon.



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. **Fax** the [registration form](#) with your credit card information to (312) 235-4059, Attn: Tori Scatena, or
3. **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 1, 2015.

Housing

A block of rooms for the Annual Meeting has been reserved at the Portland Waterfront Marriott. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis at a special room rate of \$222 per night (plus state and local taxes) for single or double occupancy. This rate is guaranteed through **Wednesday, July 8**. To make your reservation, please contact



The 2016 Annual Meeting is being held August 11 - 13 at the Westin in Annapolis, Maryland.

reservations directly at (877) 901-6632 or [book online](#). Reference the "IDSOG Annual Meeting" to receive the special group rate. All housing cancellations need to be made 7 days 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 Portland Waterfront Marriott is located 9 miles from the Portland International Airport (PDX). Taxi fare to/from the hotel will cost approximately \$50 each way. Blue Star Transportation provides shuttle services to/from the airport for discounted fares. Visit their [website](#) for detailed information.

Rental cars are available at a discounted price through Hertz Rent-A-Car. These rates will extend from July 30 - August 15, 2015. Reservations may be placed through the Hertz Meeting Sales Desk at (800) 654-2240. Please reference CV# 022Q7524 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 Portland during August is typically warm during the day with average highs in the low-80s and comfortable at night with lows in the upper-50s. Stay updated on the current weather [online](#).

AJOG Partnership

IDSOG Now Affiliated with AJOG



We are pleased to announce a new affiliation with the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* (AJOG), published by Elsevier. IDSOG content will now be featured in AJOG, to include original research, reviews, and IDSOG conference abstracts. The publication reaches more than 43,000 readers.

"Issues related to infectious diseases cut across all of the formal subspecialties in Obstetrics and Gynecology, from management of genital Herpes Simplex virus during pregnancy to the role of bacteria in urinary disorders and the impact of pelvic inflammatory disease on fertility to optimal healing after surgery for gynecological cancers," commented Editor-in-Chief for Gynecology of the *American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology* Ingrid Nygaard, MD, MS, Professor of Obstetrics and

Gynecology at the University of Utah. "Research related to the human microbiome has the potential to change the way we think about causes of various diseases and their treatments. We are very excited to partner with IDSOG and will work to maximize the dissemination and impact of the important research conducted by members of this society."

"IDSOG is very excited to have the opportunity to partner with a high-quality scientific journal such as the *American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology*. We look forward to working together with AJOG to advance the knowledge base in the discipline of reproductive infectious diseases within the entire women's health field," stated IDSOG President Richard Beigi, MD, MSc.

Call for Volunteers - Get involved with IDSOG!

IDSOG has (2) opportunities for volunteer committee involvement:



The first opportunity is joining the Publications Committee. As outlined above, IDSOG has partnered with the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* to begin publishing a portion of the abstracts presented at the Annual Meeting and other scientific publications. Due to this new partnership, we are creating a Publications Committee, to be chaired by Dr. Jeffrey Peipert, tasked with the management of reviewing and editing the abstract publications as well as any additional research or commentary being published on behalf of IDSOG. We are looking for 3-4 individuals and the term of this committee will be three years.

The second opportunity is joining the Membership Committee. IDSOG approves member applications on a rolling bases throughout the calendar year. Applications are submitted and organized through the IDSOG staff for review by the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee then puts for its recommendation to the Council for final approval. We are looking for one individual and the term of this committee will be three years.

If you are interested in joining either committee, email Mandy Marnaris at idsog@idsog.org by **Monday, June 1** with your intent.