

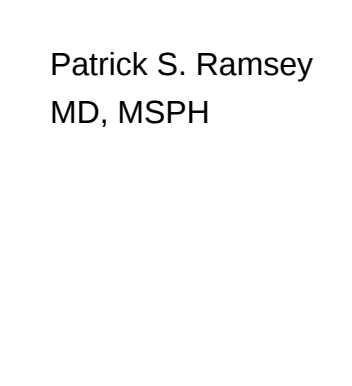
Message from IDSOG President, Dr. Patrick Ramsey

As we usher in 2024, we leave behind a generational pandemic and our celebration of our society's 50th year. Our society remains strong as we continue to increase membership, strengthen financials, and advance the society mission to promote to scientific exchange, education, and leadership in infectious diseases in women and other individuals assigned female sex at birth. We closed 2023 with 157 active members and continued legacy of bringing together researchers, health care professionals, educators, and industry to share insights related to infectious diseases in women.

To prepare our society for the next 50 years, we will need to continue to adapt and diversify our organization to adapt to changing membership demographics, continuing advancement of research, increasing influence/impact of social media, and changing needs for our members. As part of this effort, we will be having a Strategic Planning Session this winter to evaluate metrics from the prior 2020-2023 IDSOG Strategic Plan and to develop an updated Strategic Plan for 2024-2027. All members received a Membership Needs Assessment survey via email in early December. This assessment will serve as a critical tool for development of the new Strategic Plan to ensure we are focused on both society and membership needs. If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so to ensure we hear a robust voice from our members.

The Membership Needs Assessment can be accessed by clicking below. We welcome your thoughts or suggestions to improve our society!

Last, we are looking forward to another incredible IDSOG Annual Meeting in Portland, OR – August 3-5, 2024. Be sure to Save the Date and plan to bring a trainee and/or colleague! Be on the lookout for the call for abstracts, stump the professor cases, and travel scholar's applications coming soon! And be sure to renew your membership.



Patrick S. Ramsey
MD, MSPH

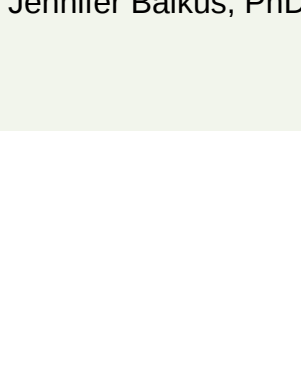
[TAKE THE SURVEY!](#)

Message from 2024 IDSOG Scientific Committee Chair

I am delighted to be serving as the program committee chair and am looking forward to all that is in store for IDSOG 2024 in Portland, OR. A central part of our program is the fantastic science shared through abstract presentation and posters. As you prepare your abstracts, I want to remind everyone that the submission deadline is March 31st, 2024.

In addition, in collaboration with Dr. Olivia Van Gerwen, chair of the DEI Committee, we will provide a "style guide" that includes guidance on language related to a number of identities, including gender, race and ethnicity, disability status and others.

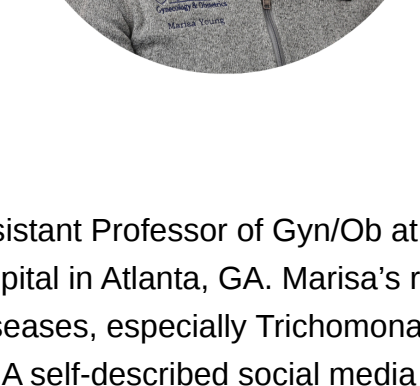
Presenting our science using clear and inclusive language that reflects the identities of those represented in our research is a critical part of sharing knowledge to improve the health of populations. We hope this guide will serve as a valuable resource in your abstract writing



Jennifer Balkus, PhD, MPH

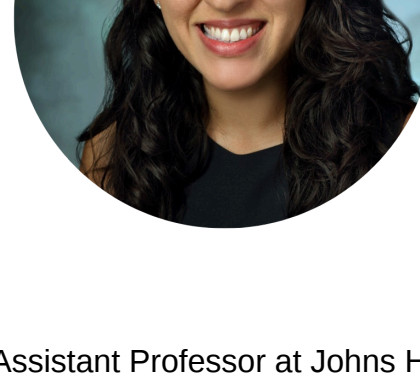
IDSOG Member Highlight Welcome New IDSOG Members!

Marisa Young, MD, PhD



Dr. Marisa Young is an Assistant Professor of Gyn/Ob at Emory University, practicing at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, GA. Marisa's research interests include reproductive infectious diseases, especially Trichomonas vaginalis, in pregnant and non-pregnant persons. A self-described social media neophyte, Marisa is your enthusiastic new IDSOG Twitter/X Officer. Please let her know if you have any abstracts, manuscripts, or other content you would like IDSOG to highlight on social media by emailing Marisa at: myoung31@emory.edu. Internet tips and explanations of TikTok are also welcomed. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Golsa Yazdy, MD



Dr. Golsa Yazdy is an Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. She co-leads a vaginitis specialty clinic and has an interest in both infectious and non-infectious causes of vaginitis symptoms. Her current research interests include recurrent vulvovaginal candidiasis, recurrent bacterial vaginosis, and sexually transmitted infections. She attended her first IDSOG meeting in 2023 and joined IDSOG soon thereafter. She is excited to become more involved in the organization!

Congratulations to IDSOG Member Jeanne Marrazzo, MD, MPH for assuming the role of NIAID director!



Dr. Marrazzo stepped in as the 6th NIAID Director in the Fall of 2023, where she oversees a \$6.3 billion dollar budget that supports research to advance the understanding, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious, immunologic, and allergic diseases. Dr. Marrazzo's research in discovery and implementation science has focused on the human microbiome, specifically as it relates to female reproductive tract infections and hormonal contraception; prevention of HIV infection using biomedical interventions, including preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and microbicides; and the pathogenesis and management of bacterial vaginosis (BV), sexually transmitted diseases in HIV-infected persons, and management of antibiotic resistance in gonorrhea. Prior to her position at NIAID, Dr. Marrazzo was Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

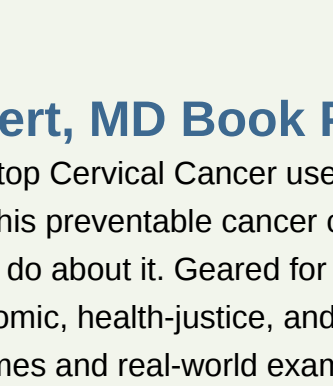
RSV for Ob/Gyns Check out these helpful resources.

Check out the follow power point presentation on counseling pregnant patients regarding RSV and Immunization by Drs. Naima Joseph and Brenna Hughes.

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Read SMFM's statement on clinical considerations for the prevention of RSV in infants below.

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Linda Eckert, MD Book Published:

Enough: Because We Can Stop Cervical Cancer uses the power of cervical cancer survivor's stories to ask why this preventable cancer continues to kill a woman every two minutes, and what we can do about it. Geared for the general population, Enough addresses the complex economic, health-justice, and political forces standing in the way, offering actionable outcomes and real-world examples of a path forward toward a cervical cancer free world. Check this book out at the link below.

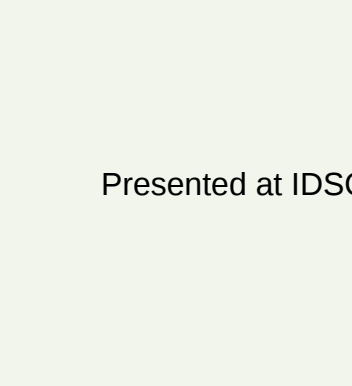
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Call for Committee Members! Join the IDSOG DEI Committee

The DEI committee is seeking new members! We are eager to welcome all members (including members-in-training) to join our efforts to enhance and diversify the representation of all backgrounds, identities, and fields of study within IDSOG. Especially for members-in-training and those early in their careers, committee membership is a great opportunity for professional development, earning more about organizational leadership, and networking.

Ongoing DEI committee initiatives include development of inclusive language guidance for scientific writing and presentation preparation, collaboration with the scientific program meeting committee to ensure representation of diverse topics and scientists in the agenda, and efforts to improve the diversity of general IDSOG membership and travel scholars. This committee typically meets quarterly.

If you have any interest or have a suggestion of a member who may be a good fit, please reach out via email to: oliviavangerwen@uabmc.edu



Dr. Olivia Van Gerwen
DEI Committee Chair

Have you Read it?

Presented at IDSOG! This is a great article about impact of flu vaccine on improving neonatal outcomes.

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SMFM's Updated Guidelines for Hepatitis B in Pregnancy were recently published

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Doxycycline Prophylaxis to Prevent Sexually Transmitted Infections in Women, with Editorial by Jeanne Marrazzo, MD, MPH

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Become involved in IDSOG and join one of our committees!

Contact the committee chairs below if you are interested.

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Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

Olivia Van Gerwen, MD, MPH
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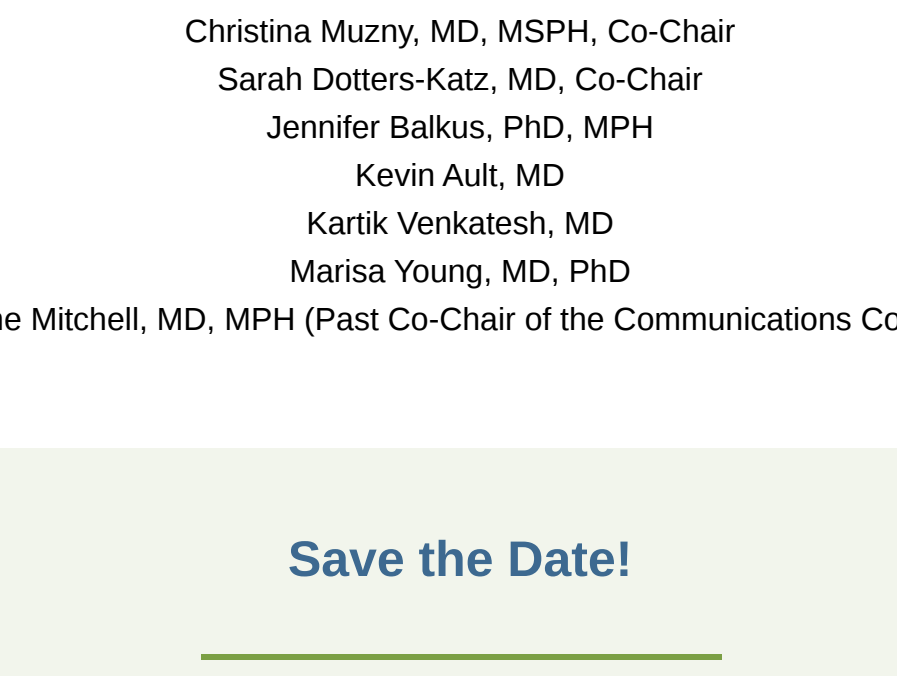
Membership Committee

Marcela Smid MD, MA, MS (Marcela.Smid@hsc.utah.edu)

Upcoming Meetings of Interest Check out these helpful resources.

- **SMFM** - February 9-13, 2024; National Harbor, MD
- **ACOG** – May 17-19, 2024; San Francisco, CA
- **IDSOG** – August 1-3, 2024, Portland, OR
- **CDC STI Prevention Conference** – September 16-19, 2024, Atlanta, GA
- **IUSTI** – September 17-20, 2024, Sydney, Australia

The IDSOG Newsletter is brought to you by the Communications Committee:



Pictured:

- Christina Muzny, MD, MSPH, Co-Chair
- Sarah Dotters-Katz, MD, Co-Chair
- Jennifer Balkus, PhD, MPH
- Kevin Ault, MD
- Kartik Venkatesh, MD
- Marisa Young, MD, PhD
- Caroline Mitchell, MD, MPH (Past Co-Chair of the Communications Committee)

Save the Date!



Let's connect!

Questions? We're here to help!
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