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#### Message from the President Dr. Patrick Ramsey

Over the past several months the IDSOG Council has worked to put the finishing touches on the 2023-2027 IDSOG Strategic Plan which will be finalized in the coming weeks. The plan, which will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting in August, puts forth a roadmap for the organization's future to expand membership, membership benefits, financial strength, and impact of our Society. We continue to see growth in membership over the past year and look forward to continued growth moving forward.

In February, IDSOG along with 11 other women's health organizations, adjoined a Consensus Statement on Threats to Reproductive and Maternal Health Care. The statement encouraged health care professionals to speak out against attacks on maternal and reproductive health care and legislative and judicial interference in the exam room. More importantly than ever, the statement reinforces the need for the members of the health care community to advocate for our patients.

We continue to strengthen our collaboration with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention through continuation of our special sessions at the Annual IDSOG Meeting. We are also working with the CDC to develop a potential public health experience collaboration for trainees. More to come as the program planning continues. Last, as Spring marches on we are excited for our IDSOG Annual Meeting in Portland, OR on August 1-3, 2024.

Dr. Balkus and the Scientific Program Planning Committee have put together a rich scientific program for this year's attendees. With a record number of abstract and travel scholar submissions, this year's meeting is certain to be a huge success! Don't forget to register today. Look forward to seeing you all in Portland! I challenge each of you to bring a new member to join us as well!



Dr. Patrick Ramsey IDSOG President

#### Message from the Scientific Program Chair Dr. Jennifer Balkus

On behalf of the Program Committee, I want to thank you all for your submissions to the Annual Meeting this year. The Committee reviewed close to 100 submissions (!) and we were impressed by the quality and breath of the science.

In addition, we received a record number of travel scholars submissions. We are thrilled to see so many early career professionals interested in presenting their work at IDSOG. My sincere gratitude to all of the Program Committee members for investing their time and energy in providing thoughtful and rigorous abstract reviews. The accepted abstracts are a fantastic complement to the exciting program we have planned for this year.

We look forward to sharing more about our industry sponsored sessions and other meeting related events in the near future. Looking forward to an informative and fun meeting in Portland!



Dr. Jennifer Balkus Scientific Program Chair

**REGISTER NOW!** 

VIEW PROGRAM

#### Why IDSOG?

Join our video project!

Are you passionate about IDSOG? Do you want to participate in an initiative to bring more members into our society? Sign up to film a short video at the 2024 Annual Meeting! These videos will be filmed in 2-3 minutes, and invite you to share what IDSOG means to you. Sign up below.

SIGN UP HERE!

## Membership Committee Update Dr. Marcela Smid

IDSOG now has 135 active members! Last year, we welcomed 27 new members

into IDSOG (\*\*the crowd goes wild\*\*). Thank you to Drs. Catherine Chappell and Jennifer Thompson for their dedicated and successful service as Co-Chairs of the Membership Committee. Dr. Marcela Smid recently took over as Chair of Membership Committee and is excited to work with Drs. JoNell Potter and Kate Neuhoff to support our members.



Dr. Marcela Smid Membership Committee Chair

#### Have you Read it?

- Gardnerella Species and their Association with Bacterial Vaginosis
- Influenza in Pregnancy: Prevention and Treatment

Contributed to by IDSOG Members: Laura E. Riley, MD, FACOG; Neil S. Silverman, MD, FACOG; Geeta K. Swamy, MD, FACOG; and Jennifer L. Thompson, MD, FACOG

The 2024 IDSOG Annual Meeting will be another great place to learn about vaccination in pregnancy. Register now if you have not done so already!

**REGISTER NOW** 

# ACOG consensus statement on threats to reproductive and maternal health care

IDSOG has signed onto the ACOG consensus statement on threats to reproductive and maternal health care. This statement urges fellow health care professionals to speak out against attacks on maternal and reproductive health care, because legislative and judicial interference in one area of medicine threatens all practices across all specialties. Read the full statement below.

**READ MORE** 

#### **Upcoming Meetings of Interest**

ASRI- May 18-22, 2024; Houston,TX 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 IDWeek - Oct. 16-19, 2024; Los Angeles, CA

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