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Since our first meeting in Paris (October 2002), we have organized successfully our First (Los Angeles, November 2003) and Second (Santorini, September 2004) Scientific Meetings. We had initial plans for a meeting in Asia in the spring of 2005, but have instead opted to try to do a bigger event in 2006, in conjunction with a large European or North American group, possibly in conjunction with the American Society of Human Genetics.

At present, we are focusing on increasing [membership renewal for 2005](#).

Although there has been considerable progress in the scientific development of our society, as stated in the [first newsletter](#), there were several actions that required extensive follow-up. That is why we need the **active participation of the members in the Committees**.

The Journal ([The Pharmacogenomics Journal](#)) receives exciting articles in the field. Scientifically, the Society is successful because we have achieved a few of our original goals; however, some other goals remain to be developed.

In addition, a group headed by David Gurwitz has been working, following our discussion in Santorini, on Education. The recommendations of the Society for the Education in Pharmacogenomics are all set in an article ready to be published in The Pharmacogenomics Journal.

The ISP website is an important feature of the Society (www.pharmacogenomics.org.uk). We are currently renovating our website. We encourage members to have an active participation in order to improve the website. We welcome suggestions for content and format. The active participation of all of us is important. That is why we are looking for input from our members regarding the topics below:

1. Membership

We would like to announce that we are accepting membership renewals, as well as new memberships, at this time for the 2005 calendar year. Please visit the website at www.pharmacogenomics.org.uk to [register for membership](#). Emailed confirmation of registration and payment information will follow. A subscription to The Pharmacogenomics Journal for the calendar year of 2005 is included in membership.

2. Committees

1. We are calling for all members to let us know if they would like to be a member or a coordinator of any ISP Committees. The current Committees are as follows:

- By-laws/Administration
- Scientific Programs
- Development
- Annual Meeting
- Membership
- Website
- Journal

2. We are also interested in hearing any suggestions for new Committees that our members feel would be useful.

3. Public Resources

We would like to offer a request for useful links that could be included on the ISP website that would be informative for our members.

4. Educational Resources.

After the Santorini meeting, a group of members headed by David Gurwitz worked on ISP Recommendations for Deans of Education. A Consensus Article is ready and will appear in The Pharmacogenomics Journal under the title "Pharmacogenomics Education: International Society of Pharmacogenomics. Recommendations for Medical, Pharmaceutical, and Health Schools Deans of Education."

5. Job Opportunities

If anyone would like to submit requests for academic positions, i.e., postdocs, etc., we are currently accepting these openings to be posted on the website.

6. What's New

We would be interested in receiving anything considered of interest for our Society members, such as members affiliation changes, papers, scientific results, new drugs, regulatory aspects, ethical issues, clinical trials, pharmacovigilance, etc.

Please contact us by e-mail (isp@mednet.ucla.edu) directly for any information on membership.

We look forward to hearing from all of you.

Sincerely,

Julio Licinio