



Message from Dr. Patrick Ramsey IDSOG President



As we settle in after an incredible in-person IDSOG meeting in Denver, we look forward to another year ahead for our society. Over the past several years, our society has seen a steady increase in membership, increased visibility of our society and increased investment for future infectious disease investigators. As your president, during the next year we will take steps to ensure continued growth, impact and diversity of the society. As part of these efforts, over several months we will plan to better understand the needs of our members and will plan to use these insights to our organizational strategic plan to continue growth and impact of our society. We welcome your thoughts or suggestions to improve our society! In the interim, be sure to save the date for the 2024 IDSOG Annual Meeting in Portland, OR – August 1-3, 2024. Be sure to plan to bring a trainee and/or colleague!

Highlights from the 50th IDSOG Meeting



The 50th anniversary IDSOG meeting in Denver, CO was a smashing success this summer! With views of the Rocky Mountains from the venue, attendees were treated to fantastic science and incredibly interesting plenary sessions. Headlining the meeting were talks from Dr. David Aronoff about septic abortion, Dr. Lisa Rahangdale about breastfeeding in patients with HIV, and anal cancer screening from local expert, Dr. Christine Conageski. 163 total attendees were riveted and educated at the same time.

The poster sessions were robust, with 48 total posters from 25 institutions. This meeting was also extra special because it was our 50th! Thus, many members recorded videos where they discussed their favorite memories, how IDSOG has shaped them through the years, and even some advice for up-and-coming professionals. Additionally, many of the former presidents were honored at the banquet, with many being present and speaking about what IDSOG meant to them.

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Congratulations to the Awardees of the 50th IDSOG Annual Meeting!

- Best Abstract Award**
Pregnancy Characteristics and Birth Outcomes in People with Mpx Infections During Pregnancy - Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Pregnant People and Infants Network
Varsha Neelam, MBBS, MPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Young Investigator Award**
Bacterial Cell Wall Reduces Herpesvirus Infection
Amanda Adams, PhD, Harvard School of Public Health
- Best Poster Award**
Human Immunodeficiency Virus Diagnosis During Pregnancy and Missed Opportunities for Pre-conception Diagnosis
Alyssa Kretz, BA, John Hopkins School of Medicine

Welcome to our new 2022-2023 IDSOG Members!

IDSOG is so proud to be a growing society! We wanted to extend a warm welcome to our newest members of IDSOG:

- Dr. Mona Prasad, DO, MPH
- Dr. Angela Rodriguez Boyd, MD, PhD
- Dr. Yasaswi Kislovskiy, MD
- Dr. Gilbert Donders, MD, PhD
- Dr. Anna Maya Powell, MD, MSCR
- Dr. Dana Marie Meaney-Delman, MD
- Dr. Rebecca Hope Jessel
- Dr. Candace Bahareh Haghighi
- Dr. Subhjit Sekhon, MD, MS
- Dr. Amanda Craig, MD
- Dr. Katherine Hsu, MD, MPH
- Dr. Jodian Amor Pinkney, MD
- Dr. Kiran Perkins, MD, MPH
- Dr. Douglas Kwon, MD, PhD
- Dr. Claire S. Danby, MD
- Dr. Andrea Atkinson, MBBS
- Dr. Claudia Nieuwoudt, MD
- Dr. Frank B. Williams, MD
- Dr. Verena Kuret, MD
- Dr. Brian Druyan, MD
- Dr. Eva Hoffmann, MD
- Dr. Louis Martin Gomez, MD, MScE
- Dr. Ofri Bar, PhD
- Emerald Bell, BSN, RN, CNOR
- Alyssa Kretz, BA
- Dr. Caleb Smith, MD
- Dr. Michelle Catherine Sabo, MD, PhD
- Laurie Lyon
- Dr. R. Scott McClelland, MD, MPH
- Dr. Mary Tate, MD, MPH
- Dr. Jennifer Monacelli Cate, MD

Have You Read it Yet?

Check out some of the newest research in reproductive infectious diseases below!

Read the latest recommendations on the diagnosis and treatment of vaginitis from the International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease 2023

[Read Here](#)

Read the latest recommendations about the management of UTIs in pregnancy

[Read Here](#)

Decrease your bias when you are teaching learners (or just for yourself!)

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Ask The Expert



Each quarter, the IDSOG Newsletter will feature a NEW episode of Ask the Expert! These videos dig deeper into new research and answer questions that viewers may have. Check out our first new episode below on the topic of septic abortion. Looking for more? Checkout all past episodes on our YouTube channel.

[Watch Now!](#)

DEI Corner

Check out this message from the DEI committee chair, Olivia Van Gerwen, MD, MPH!



I am very excited to lead IDSOG's efforts of promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion as the new Chair of the DEI committee. The committee's primary focus currently is to work with the programming committee to ensure that the annual meeting's program represents a wide array of backgrounds, subject matter, and identities. Over the next year, we will be developing best practices for inclusivity in writing abstracts and generating presentations and posters. We also aim to promote the selection of people from underrepresented groups or experiences for travel scholar awards. The DEI committee would love to hear about your ideas! Please reach out if you are interested in joining our team.

Upcoming events of interest:

- [ACOG 2024](#) is in San Francisco on May 14-17th, 2024. (Abstract deadline September 18, 2023)
- [PROGRESS Course](#) (applications due in June 2024)
- [IDSOG 2024](#) is in Portland, OR, August 1-3, 2024
- [25th International Union for Sexually Transmitted Infections \(IUSTI\)](#) World Congress is in Sydney, Australia on September 17-20, 2024 (abstract deadline March 3, 2024).

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- Christina Muzny, MD, MSPH
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- Jennifer Balkus, PhD
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Become involved in IDSOG and join one of our committees!

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