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## News from IPVS - January 2017

Barcelona, January 25th, 2017

Dear IPVS Members,

We are nearing the start of the 31<sup>st</sup> IPV Conference in Cape Town, HPV2017. We eagerly anticipate this event and nearly everything is set for the meeting. Please visit our [Conference Website](#) for the latest news and program updates.

The program is intense with sessions running in parallel that include- Basic Science, Clinical Research and Public Health. We have scheduled Plenary lectures that will be a meeting point for all of us with updates on the most relevant topics in the three arenas of PV research. You will also want to check the 15 satellite sessions that have been proposed and organized by delegates, and approved by the organizing committee. There is probably more than one session that matches your interests and you should be aware that there are also Industry-Based Symposia. In addition, we have just received over 40 "late breaking" abstracts with new updates on several topics. These are currently under review.

I am pleased to let you know that in addition to the ICGEB, GSK and NFR support for travel grants we have now been notified that NIH is also going to provide additional support for travel grants.

I think the Cape Town Conference will provide a unique opportunity to learn about the introduction of preventative strategies in low and middle income countries and in particular in the African Region. Several NGOs and International foundations will be present in Cape Town. It is important that they learn from us, what the first-hand issues are that relate to screening technologies, their success and failures and how best they can be widely implemented. Also, they need to know about vaccine development, or on number doses needed using existing vaccines, or on the feasibility of gender neutral scenarios among many other relevant topics. Decision making analysis will be one key to understand the impact of these potential interventions.

Advocacy groups will also be present at the conference reminding us of the need to

alleviate the suffering of many affected by HPV infection and HPV induced diseases.

Wishing you safe travels to Cape Town!



Silvia de Sanjosé, MD, PhD

IPVS President

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**Meet us in Cape Town: Only one month to go before HPV2017!**



IPVS is pleased to share with you the latest version of the programme

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### **IPVS Founders travel award**

The International Papillomavirus Society (IPVS) is pleased to announce the creation of the "IPVS Founders Travel Award". This meritorious award will fund two travel grants for young investigators who submitted an abstract to the HPV2017 Conference taking place in Cape Town, 28 February – 4 March 2017. The scholarships will cover the cost of hotel (5 nights up to USD \$150 per night), economy air transportation (up to USD \$1000) and registration fees.

The IPVS Founders Travel Awards 2017 will be given in memoriam of Xavier

Castellsagué and Sholom Wacholder, who sadly passed away in June 2016 and October 2015.



**Sholom Wacholder** (1955 – 2015) was a senior investigator and biostatistician at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) at NIH for 3 decades. He received his PhD in Biomathematics from the Univ of Wash in Seattle and was recruited to McGill University before joining the NCI. He was a major figure in the development of epidemiologic methods bringing to bear his deep understanding of the problems at hand with Talmudic insights and discourse. He was the lead statistician on multiple successful NCI HPV-related research projects and taught us how to think about the role of HPV in cancer. He leaves behind a wife and 2 sons and the many colleagues who cherished his warm, insight and brilliance.

Watch Dr. Wacholder talking about his role and activities related to HPV vaccine trials:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itLFDNWRHTI>

**Xavier Castellsagué** (1959 - 2016) was a senior epidemiologist and Section Chief at the Cancer Epidemiology Research Program at the Institut Català d'Oncologia (ICO) in Barcelona (Catalonia)

Since 1987, Dr. Castellsagué's research interests focused on the descriptive and etiological epidemiology of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) in ano-genital, esophageal, and oropharyngeal cancers. He was involved in many national and international epidemiologic studies on HPV and cancer.

HPV2017 also received support from [GSK](#), [ICGEB](#), [NRF](#) and [NIH](#) allowing more than 80 young researchers and students to benefit from travel and accommodation support and free registration to the Conference. The recipients were selected through a ranking of abstracts and their country of origin, in order to support as many students from lower middle economies as possible. IPVS is very grateful for such generosity and is looking forward to congratulating the scholarship recipients, in person, in Cape Town!



### INTRODUCING HPV WORLD

Dear Colleagues

It has become clear in our field that the HPV technologies and HPV-based preventive strategies are dramatically reshaping our understanding of cervical cancer prevention in both developed and developing countries. This interest translates into some 3500 new scientific publications per year, multiple reviews, guidelines and recommendations that include not minor inconsistencies in the messaging. Modern forms of independent and simplified communication need to be in place to facilitate dissemination of the progress in the field.

We are now entering a down- to- earth period in which decisions are being made and where the state of opinion of the medical and health professionals is critical. This includes practical and implementation issues, such as the introduction of HPV testing or the support to the vaccination programs, but also the challenging research areas such as the implication of HPV in head and neck or skin cancers. At the end of the day, it is the status of the medical opinion that forces public health recommendations and shapes the change.

For the last 15 years the newsletter HPV TODAY has enjoyed a significant success as a reader-friendly and quality-assured source of information for clinicians. This project is now terminated, giving way to a novel project, HPV WORLD, a publication that will be devoted to generate synthesis of the results of complex research areas in a reader-friendly manner, with ample dissemination in the professional networks and interactive features.

HPV WORLD will include a new technical editor and a new team in graphics design/

technology that will allow free e-circulation of the materials as well as allowing the production of high quality printed version for targeted distribution at relevant events and meetings. The operational mode will be largely based on invitations to consolidated teams of authors to produce topic-specific compact summaries of the scientific evidence with special interest in the implications in clinical practice. HPV WORLD will preserve its editorial independence in terms of authorship invitations and selection of contents that makes it particularly attractive to medical audiences.

We have an exciting period ahead of us and these academic vehicles of communication are likely to become precious links between science and clinical practice. Building on over 15 years of the HPV TODAY experience, HPV WORLD is geared at being one of these vehicles, perhaps the more consistent and valued in the HPV field.

Looking forward to a sustained collaboration with many of you

Best regards and a healthy 2017

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### **Aseemkala and GIAHC Present the Voices of Patients in a Dance-Medicine Narrative**



The [Aseemkala Initiative](#) aims to preserve diversity and promote intersectionality between indigenous communities hoping to heal from historic trauma and cultural loss, Aseemkala meaning “Without Borders”.

It is about reconnecting the dancer-doctor, showing that despite many traditional languages of dance and the many manifestations of illness and medicine, the human body and experience is shared and celebrated.

The [Global Initiative Against HPV and Cervical Cancer \(GIAHC\)](#) is currently a program of the [American Sexual Health Association \(ASHA\)](#) and is in the process of becoming an independent voluntary non-profit organization.

In honor of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, Aseemkala and GIAHC joined forces to present the voices of patients in a Dance-Medicine Narrative. If you can't see the video below, [Click here](#) to watch on YouTube.



**Papillomavirus Research  
The Journal of HPV  
and other small DNA tumor virus**



**Papillomavirus Research Journal**

**News from the HPV Prevention and Control Board**



The HPV Prevention and Control Board held its second meeting in Copenhagen (Denmark), on 17-18 November 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss 'Prevention and control of HPV and HPV-related cancers in Denmark: lessons learnt and the way forward'.

Specific objectives of the meeting focussed on:

- 1) The health care system and vaccination program of the country;
- 2) The epidemiological situation of HPV infection and related diseases;
- 3) Current prevention and control measures on HPV;
- 4) Challenges and progress achieved in HPV prevention;
- 5) Possible implementation of new prevention strategies, control measures and monitoring systems and
- 6) Successes, issues and barriers to overcome, and the way forward.

At the meeting, the HPV Prevention and Control Board met with local experts in the field of HPV vaccination and screening to gain insight and to discuss these matters. The country successfully launched a national HPV vaccination campaign for adolescent girls in 2008, but has experienced significant decline in vaccine take up since 2014.

The meeting presentations and discussions covered the health care system, HPV and other vaccination programs, the epidemiological situation of HPV infection and related diseases, current prevention and control measures on HPV, challenges and the progress achieved in HPV prevention, implementation of new prevention strategies, control measures and monitoring systems and successes, issues and barriers to overcome.

Finally, participants debated the way forward in the country and what other countries could learn from Denmark. The [meeting conclusions](#) summarize the highlights of the presentations and discussions.

More information on the HPV Prevention and Control Board and presentations of the meeting are available at the website of the Board: [www.hpvboard.org](http://www.hpvboard.org).

### **Renew your 2017 membership now !**

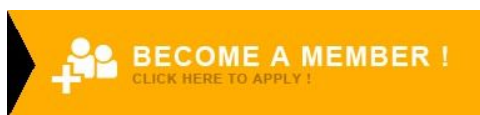
Since its foundation, the mission of IPVS has been to facilitate research on human and animal papillomaviruses and their associated diseases, and to promote the translation of research results into new clinical applications and public health

policies.

Your membership -time, energy, creativity and financial support- is critical to help IPVS achieve its mission!

**Join IPVS and enjoy the many benefits that membership brings:**

- [Special discounted HPV Conference registration rate for members](#)
- Special deeply-discounted registration rate for 1 student/trainee member when accompanied by an active IPVS member
- Publication of articles by IPVS members in the new open-access official journal of IPVS, the Journal of Papillomavirus Research
- Eligibility to participate in IPVS governance
- Eligibility to run IPVS-sponsored regional meetings
- Eligibility for IPVS scholarships/awards
- Access to IPVS members and conference attendees directory
- Free postings on and access to IPVS jobs board
- Eligibility to participate on IPVS committees (Policy, bylaws, etc)
- Provision of membership certificate



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