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# News from IPVS



## Some news from IPVS

Dear IPVS members,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It gives me great pleasure to get back to you after months of intense but quiet work on the upcoming IPVS meeting and other IPVS matters. With amazing support from Karen Canfell, the Conference Executive Committee and the Asia-Oceania Research Organisation in Genital Infection and Neoplasia (AOGIN) representatives regular meetings have been held to develop the Programme for IPVC 2018 in Sydney.

Prevention of HPV related diseases and cancers through universal vaccination and screening opens a door of hope comparable to the first medical achievements in the early days of vaccine discovery. Complexity is inherent when the beneficial effects of the vaccine takes years to be quantified and realized. Complexity is added when searching for solutions in poor-resource settings. Nevertheless, an enormous driving force in many stakeholders is helping to overcome these difficulties. The United Nations, together with several Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) including the participation of several Ministries of Health are prioritizing the elimination of HPV related diseases and in particular cervical cancer in low and middle income countries in a

new programme directed to the elimination of cervical cancer worldwide:

<http://www.who.int/ncds/un-task-force>.

IPVS membership has a uniquely qualified and experienced group of scientists and clinicians. Over the years, many members and delegates have used our meetings to communicate the most innovative research encompassing all aspects of papillomavirus science and public health measures. But, advocacy had never really been a priority until the IPVS leadership and board made the strategic decision to increase our focus on the transfer of HPV scientific knowledge towards the prevention of HPV associated diseases. This includes communicating with the general public on HPV knowledge and the benefits of evidence-based interventions. IPVS is investing our resources of people, time and capital to provide the necessary expertise to understand and solve implementation difficulties, cultural diversity and political agendas that can affect development and uptake of prevention, screening and management of HPV diseases and cancers. This is why we have committed to making the 4<sup>th</sup> of March International HPV Awareness Day, an activity that is led by our own Professor Joel Palefsky. Our first year strategy is to build a strong coalition of partners to help us raise awareness and commitment to addressing HPV and HPV associated diseases. To our great satisfaction, our outreach to scientific societies, NGOs and other stakeholders has been met with exceptional enthusiasm, generosity and a willingness to be part of an international team facilitating a wide range of amazing projects. We look forward to sharing updates on campaign progress and themes in the weeks and months ahead.

Please read the newsletter. You will find interesting updates and news items relevant to IPVS' members. I encourage you to send us your relevant personal accomplishments, awards and other HPV news. We will try to include them in our upcoming newsletters. In addition, I suggest reading HPV world and the PVR journal to keep up-to-date on our science!

I look forward to seeing you in Sidney, if not sooner.

With warm regards,



Silvia de Sanjosé  
IPVS President



IPVS attends the **Symposium: 'Building Trust, Managing Risk: Vaccine Confidence and Human Papillomavirus Vaccination'**.

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**Latin American Human Papillomavirus Symposium**  
Buenos Aires, Argentina on 26-27 April 2018

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PATH organized 3 **webinars** this month on **Cervical Cancer Prevention**.

+ [Access webinars here](#)



IPVS endorses **DNA Tumor Virus Meeting** and offers Sponsorship Prize and Best Oral Presentation Prize in Birmingham, UK.

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IPVS endorses **EUROGIN 2017** in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

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The Cancer Registry of Norway developed **Fight HPV**, a free educational game to raise awareness on HPV.

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IPVS attended "**Latvia meets Monaco**" obstetrics and gynecology meeting in Monaco, on 25-27 April 2017.

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Congratulations to **Dr. Douglas R. Lowy and John T. Schiller** on receiving the 2017 **Lasker Award!**

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Make sure to **save the date** for the upcoming **IPVC 2018 in Sydney**, 2-6 October 2018!

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