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President's Message

Dear colleagues and fellow members of IPVS.

It is a pleasure and privilege to write this newsletter welcoming all old and new members of our Society in my first communication to you since taking over as President of IPVS. I know that everyone will join me in thanking Silvia de Sanjosé for her commitment and outstanding stewardship of IPVS during her three years as President. She will be a hard act to follow – thank you Silvia for all the time, effort and vision that you brought to us.

2018 saw some major events and IPVS initiatives culminating in the 32nd IPV Conference in Sydney Australia with the theme “Towards global control of HPV disease”. This conference held in conjunction with AOGIN was a great success attracting more than 1300 delegates and almost 1000 abstracts. The 2nd-6th October saw exciting science and inspirational talks from leaders in all the themes of the conference. It was particularly encouraging to see the engagement of early career researchers at the early morning events designed

be the location for the 33rd IPVC in March 2020.

March 4th 2018 saw the launch of HPV Awareness Day, the flagship action for the society's efforts for advocacy for the delivery of global prevention and control of HPV infection and disease. HPV awareness day was successful in engaging and motivating society members and other partners across the world in our mission to inform and communicate HPV facts and counteracting the fictions and myths. The launch of this advocacy initiative in 2018 was particularly appropriate since in May of this year the Director General of WHO Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus issued a call for action for the "elimination of cervical cancer" making 2019 a global focus for this HPV caused disease.

HPV Awareness Day March 4th 2019 will be a central activity for IPVS building and learning from 2018, partnering with other societies and agencies both national and international to build awareness of HPV, its disease burden and the opportunities for prevention and control.

As a society whose members include the leading experts in all aspects of papillomavirus research and development from the laboratory to the clinic we are in pole position to educate and inform and one of our key objectives for 2019 is to start to develop an educational platform for the membership and the wider community. Involving early career scientists in this activity with their enthusiasm and perspective is certainly one of my aims during my tenure as President.

Thank you to everyone involved in and with IPVS in making 2018 a success. I send my very best wishes for a happy and restful festive season and a successful 2019.

Yours sincerely,



Margaret Stanley, MB., PhD,

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IPVC 2018

IPVC2018 was held at the new Sydney International Convention Centre from October 2-6th, and we were delighted to welcome over 1,300 delegates from 79 countries to the meeting. The theme was “**Global Control of HPV Disease**” and a major focus was the recent World Health Organisation’s call-to-action for cervical cancer elimination...

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IPVS CAMPAIGN

As we reach the close of the year, the **IPVS Advocacy Committee**, chaired by Joel Palefsky, is finalising the 2019 campaign and toolkit ready for independent message testing with stakeholders prior to an anticipated launch on **World Cancer Day, February 4th...**

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IPVC 2020

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee and Board of the International Papillomavirus Society (IPVS), we are very pleased to invite you to participate in the 33rd International Papillomavirus Conference & Clinical and Public Health Workshops, **Barcelona, Spain March 23rd to 27th in 2020...**

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