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Dear colleagues and fellow members of IPVS,

It seems as though it was last week that I last wrote a newsletter, but it has been 3 months and I would like to update you on the activities of the Society since then.

The membership subscription and fees process has been revised, hopefully making membership renewal easier for existing members, and making the process transparent and simple for new members. Perhaps the most important and, I hope, welcome change, is that the subscription fees are reduced, particularly for graduate students and younger faculty.

So please <u>renew the membership</u> if it is sitting in the "to do" tray and encourage colleagues and students involved in our field to join the Society and be part of the papillomavirus community. The Society is the membership, and the more of us, the greater the energy and vibrance we can bring to the mission of preventing and controlling HPV infection and disease.

Our journal, Papillomavirus Research, has some new Editors joining the Editorial Board. **Anna Giuliano** and **Jack Cuzick** stepped down at the end of their 3-year tenure and **Patti Gravitt** and **Marc Arbyn** were elected as Editors for Epidemiology and Screening (respectively) in their place. The Editor in Chief, Xavier Bosch, who has steered the journal with great skill from its start to its **Subscribe** 

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and a warm welcome to Lawrence, Patti and Marc.

IPVC Barcelona 23-27 March 2020 promises to be an outstanding meeting. 1006 abstracts from investigators across the globe covering all HPV topics from basic science to clinical management have been received. The submissions are under review currently by members of the International Scientific Committee and the allocations to the various sessions will be made (based on the reviewers assessments) by the Programme committee in late November.

**The Maurice Hilleman reward** will be presented at **IPVC 2020 in Barcelona**. This award is given to an investigator in recognition of outstanding contribution to development, implementation and advocacy of HPV vaccines. Maurice Hillemann PhD was a microbiologist who headed the department of Virus and Cell biology at Merck and Co from 1956 -1984, during which he developed 8 of the 14 vaccines routinely given to infants and children. He was a giant of 20th Century Vaccinology and these vaccines have saved the lives of millions of children world-wide. 2019 marked the centenary of Hilleman's birth, so the award in Barcelona is very special. For more information about Maurice Hilleman click <u>Here</u>

Warm wishes to you all,

Margaret Stanley.



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