Message from the IPVS President

Prof. Suzanne Garland

Dear members,

First of all, I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year!

2021 was a successful year for the International Papillomavirus Society with a record number of members, an engaging conference offering an excellent scientific program (IPVC 2021), highly satisfactory educational webinars, an impactful International HPV awareness campaign, the launch of our own Education Center and much more. Congratulations to Margaret Stanley for her leadership which has helped the IPVS to grow from strength to strength and evolve to where it is today.

In 2022, we will continue with the popular activities and develop new initiatives as well. The society will strive to contribute to the goal set by WHO of aiming for cervical cancer elimination, with a global approach embracing Asia-Pacific and African countries, while balancing with the extra challenges COVID19 brings.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Board members (Lala Alemany), Affiliate Board members (Andrela Albuquerque, Kimon Chatzistamatiou and Malene Skorstengaard) and to congratulate the new Officers for their appointment: Anna R. Giuliano as IPVS President-Elect and Armée R. Kreimer as IPVS Secretary.

If you have not done so yet, I encourage you to renew your membership for 2022 here.
IPVC 2021
Don’t miss the most important news and dates around the conference

The IPVC 2021 Virtual Conference was a completely different experience. The Committee and the organisers strived to embrace the virtual format to offer an enriching and interactive event. The Committee is pleased with the feedback received on the scientific program and the engagement in the session chats. IPVC 2021 was attended by participants from all over the world, from 90 countries, who have learnt from the experiences of others and made new connections.

We hope that you also enjoyed the new features we implemented including closed captioning during live sessions, enhanced on-demand functionalities, daily recaps posted on social media, the poster walks etc.

It is not too late to watch the recorded sessions as the virtual platform is available until February 19th. After this date, the content will be transferred to the IPVS Education Center.

Congratulations to the IPVC 2021 Co-Chairs, Dr Ann Burchell and Prof Margaret Stanley, and the Organising and Scientific Committees.

Congratulations!

DR. XAVIER BOSCH
2021 Hilleman Award Recipient
Discover the inspiring story of how HPV was proven to cause cervical cancer, as told by Dr Xavier Bosch:

**Read WRITTEN interview of Dr Xavier Bosch >>**

IPVS President, Suzanne Garland also interviewed the 2021 Hilleman award recipient.
Watch this video interview to find out more about Xavier Bosch’s work.

**Watch VIDEO interview of Dr Xavier Bosch >>**

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**IPVS Education**
Make sure you don’t miss our upcoming webinars and our new initiatives

**FREE & LIVE WEBINAR**

**HPV vaccine schedules and Sub-Saharan Africa**

**WHEN?**
Monday, 24 January 2022
18:00-19:30 CET (Geneva)

**MODERATOR:**
Margaret Stanley, Professor, University of Cambridge

**SPEAKERS:**
- Deborah Watson-Jones, Professor, Mwanza Intervention Trials (and, National Institute for Medical Research)
- Nelly Mugo, Associate Research Professor, Department of Global Health, University of Washington and the Center for Clinical Research, Kenya Medical Research Institute
- Ruanne Barnabas, Professor, University of Washington, USA
- Helen Rees, Professor, AIDS, Wits and at the University of Witswatersrand

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**REGISTER NOW!**

For the first webinar of 2022, the Education Committee is pleased to invite you to join a live and free webinar on “HPV vaccine schedules and Sub-Saharan Africa” on 24th January. Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) has a very high burden of cervical cancer. HPV vaccines are being introduced in many countries in the region but there are many challenges in the implementation for the adolescent population. Two recent studies have recently reported at medical conferences (IPVC 34 Toronto) the interim results of trials with a 1 dose regimen of the bivalent vaccine Cervarix and the 9 valent vaccine Gardasil 9 to young girls and women.

In this webinar, the principal investigators of these trials, Drs Ruanne Barnabas, Nelly Mugo, and Deborah Watson Jones will present their results and discuss the implications with respect to vaccine implementation and effectiveness in the SSA setting. SSA also has a high incidence of HIV infection and a frequently asked question concerns the potential impact of HIV infection on HPV vaccine effectiveness in SSA and this will be discussed by Dr Helen Rees.

**Register to the webinar >>**
We have launched the **IPVS Education Center** on 15th November. The vision is to provide an online education center, to IPVS members, in the field of HPV and its related diseases that offers enduring resources and telementoring opportunities to support members’ education about PV and career development in PV-related research.

**IPVS Education Center**

Our year-round platform for online educational resources on HPV and its related diseases.

- Conference (IPVC) materials
- Webinar recordings
- Post-webinar forum (Q&A)
- IPVS ECHO® - a telementoring program for members
- News and Updates
- ...and more!

**IPVS ECHO® Hub**

The IPVS ECHO Committee is preparing for its first IPVS ECHO meeting. **Do you have a clinical scenario you need help in resolving?** IPVS ECHO® Hub provides guidance to IPVS members through regular virtual meetings with international experts in HPV-related diseases.

If you are interested in presenting a patient case at this coming 1-hour meeting, fill up the online form through the button below by **January 7th**.

Find out more about Project ECHO®’s concept by watching the video Dr Sanjeev Arora, Founder and Director of Project ECHO® recorded for IPVS members.

**Register your interest & submit your case here >>**

**Members only**
New operating partners for IHAD Campaign 2022
IPVS is pleased to announce that three new organizations have recently officially joined the 100+ global network of operating partners implementing the IHAD Campaign. We welcome the Senegalese Society of Colposcopy and Papillomavirus Pathology, our first operating partner in Senegal! In Japan, the HPV Vaccination Promotion Municipal Assembly Member’s Federation representing 100 small towns in the country has joined the campaign. Our influence in the US is set to grow stronger as the HPV Cancers Alliance joins forces with IPVS for IHAD 2022.

IHAD Campaign presence at IPVC 2021
The importance of raising public awareness about HPV was emphasized at IPVC 2021. Dr. Joel Palefsky gave a presentation about the direction of the campaign, and several official IHAD Campaign Partners had a booth at the Exhibition Hall to engage with visitors and talk about their work. A highlight has been the video report on HPV Awareness Day Activities in China from 2018-2021, well worth seeing.

IHAD Campaign 2022 One Less Worry
Recent weeks have seen a flurry of discussion at the four regional consultation meetings held to gather partner impressions and feedback about the One Less Worry theme and materials being created for IHAD Campaign 2022. Partners have reacted enthusiastically and are anxious to get access to the toolkit as soon as possible to co-brand and tailor materials for effective use locally. It seems we can expect another great campaign in 2022!