

From the ISH President (2016-2018) - Neil Poulter



Another busy 3 months for ISH brings my first year as President to an end.

We have closed the May Measurement Month (MMM) database (as of November 26th) so that final data cleaning should allow key analyses to be completed before Christmas. That will be followed by an investigator meeting in mid-January, when results will be presented to investigators from all over the world and the campaign for MMM 2018 will be fine-tuned.

Since my last report, Professor Alta Schutte was appointed as President-Elect (many congratulations) and meetings and arrangements for the 2018 ISH meeting in Beijing are progressing well under the leadership of Professor Thomas Unger.

The Society is closely involved in the development of a series of BP treatment algorithms which will be incorporated into the Global Hearts Initiative – led by World Heart Federation (WHF), World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The same algorithms will also be used in the RESOLVE programme¹- which is targeting improved BP control as one of the three targets designed to save 100 million lives! The Society has also joined the Global Coalition for Circulatory Health which is coordinated by WHF and WHO.

In March 2017, the Council, plus other officers of the Society, met in Dubai to replace the 'usual' Council meeting - which normally takes place during the summer at the annual ESH meeting. Such was the success of our March 2017 meeting in Dubai, that we plan to regroup in Dorking (England) from

February 16th-18th to review ISH activities in the previous year and plan those for the following year.

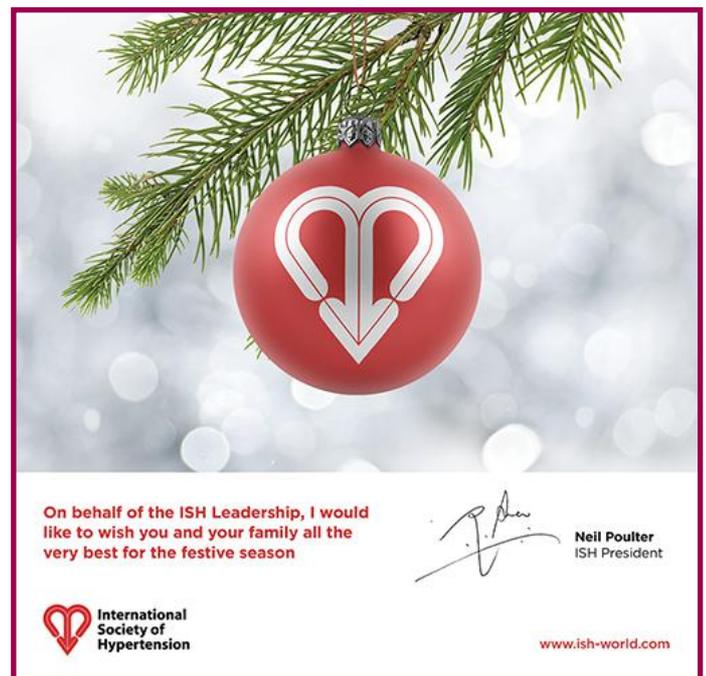
From a scientific viewpoint, I am delighted to report that the 'CREOLE' trial which is running in 6 sub-Saharan countries and is designed to evaluate the optimal 2-drug combination of antihypertensive agents in terms of BP-lowering in black patients, has almost completed recruitment. This trial should be ready to report in time for the Beijing meeting and will generate unique data as to which combination of 2-drugs (A+C or A+D or C+D) lowers 24 hour BP levels most effectively in black hypertensive patients.

From an administration viewpoint, we are in the process of re-arranging the five ISH Regional Advisory Groups (RAGs) to hopefully generate more equitable distribution of ISH activity around the world.

We will update you on this matter once the revised RAGs have been ratified by the council.

May I remind current members to renew their ISH memberships for 2018 in response to the renewal notices that many will receive in the next few weeks.

Finally, on behalf of the Executive Committee of ISH, may I wish all members of ISH and readers of Hypertension News a very Happy Christmas.



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