ISH continues to progress inexorably in the right direction. We enjoyed successful meetings (social and academic) at ESH in Milan where several new members joined the ISH and we received huge global support in conducting the May Measurement Month (MMM) campaign in over 100 countries.

Dedicated MMM staff and our volunteer statistician (Cono Ariti), ably assisted by several data handlers and data cleaners in London and around the world, are still in the process of preparing the MMM data for entry onto the database and for analysis. So - more of that and the results in my next report! Suffice it to say that we plan to repeat the exercise in 2018!

Join us for MMM18!
Please email us at mmminfo@ish-world.com and we'll make sure that you are kept up to date with the campaign.

The ISH President Election took place recently. Three outstanding candidates were nominated and agreed to stand, and I am delighted to confirm that Professor Alta Schutte has been declared the winner of the election. She will take up her Presidential term during the ISH Beijing Scientific Meeting (20-23 September 2018).

Plans for the next ISH Biennial Scientific Meeting to take place in Beijing (September 20-23 2018 - www.ish2018.org) are well underway and a meeting of the ISH subcommittee responsible for the Beijing meeting and the local organising committee took place in Shanghai on 21st September to thrash out key aspects of the programme.

Please put the 2018 meeting dates in your diary now!

We very much hope to produce a meeting which will appeal to a broad range of interests, from basic science through clinical medicine and epidemiology to public health strategy, and that non-clinicians and clinicians, whether medically qualified or not, will attend in large numbers. Given the reality that most hypertension exists in the developing world, it is hoped to incorporate a suitably large proportion of the programme to reflect that fact. Furthermore arrangements to enable, encourage and facilitate visitors from the developing world to attend the meeting are planned.

Between now and the end of the year I have plans to visit several cardiovascular and/or hypertension society meetings around the world on behalf of ISH, including the Hungarian Hypertension Society, the Asian-Pacific Congress in Hypertension (Singapore), the Latin American Society of Hypertension (Dominican Republic), the Japanese Society of Hypertension and the American Heart Association (AHA).

Hopefully these visits will help to foster continued and expanding interests in ISH and its activities, and to expand the societies’ membership.

- Neil Poulter