



The Secretary's Voice:

Maciej Tomaszewski

Dear Readers,

The summer holiday period has been busy for the ISH Executive Committee and the Council.

Collaboration with WHO & CDC

We have continued our close collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the HEARTS Technical Package that will support cardiovascular disease management in primary care. I am very grateful to the members of our ISH Science, Research and Education Committee who have provided a very thorough revision of the first draft of the protocols. The Committee has reviewed some of the core modules of the HEARTS Technical Package (evidence-based treatment, risk-based management) and WHO and CDC have been provided with the important feedback. The goal is to finalise and post the Technical Package on the WHO website in February 2018. Several countries including Barbados, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Nepal, The Philippines, Tajikistan, Thailand and Uganda are currently piloting the scheme.



Technical package for cardiovascular disease management in primary health care

Global Summit on Circulatory Health

I represented the Society and the President at the Global Summit on Circulatory Health in Singapore on 12-13 July 2017. One of the major conclusions from this meeting was a consensus that to reduce premature mortality from cardiovascular disorders by 25% by 2025 we will need to improve partnership across international, regional and national organisations involved in circulatory health. To this end, our partner, World Heart Federation, will lead on the Global Coalition for Circulatory Health that will bring together professional organisations involved in the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease.

ISH Events - APCH Congress, Singapore

Following the success of the networking initiatives at the European Society of Hypertension meeting in Milan in June 2017, Professor Fadi Charchar and his team from the Mentorship and Networking Committee are busy organising the mentoring event at the 13th Asian-Pacific Congress of Hypertension in Singapore on 6-8 October 2017. If you are attending this meeting and/or looking for a mentor, please get in touch with our Secretariat to secure a place at the Mentorship event.



Picture from left to right:

Fadi Charchar, Ruan Kruger, Mark Caulfield

Dr Ruan Kruger and his New Investigator Committee are working hard on the New Investigator Programme for the 13th Asian-Pacific Congress of Hypertension in Singapore on 6-8 October 2017. The session for new investigators has been integrated into the main programme of the conference and I am delighted to confirm that Professor Mark Caulfield will be the keynote speaker. Professor Caulfield has been a strong supporter of the New Investigator Committee from its inception and we are delighted to see him deliver the keynote address for young investigators.



Join us at the ISH

New Investigator Programme

(Symposium / Mentorship and Networking Event)

6 October 2017, Singapore

www.ish-world.com



ISH Beijing 2018 Scientific Meeting

The preparations for our bi-annual scientific meetings are underway. The Beijing 2018 Programme Committee joined the Organising Committee at a meeting in Shanghai in September. The ISH is committed to working closely with the Organising Committee with the goal of creating the finest and most intellectually stimulating programme possible for our forthcoming meeting.

Women in Hypertension Research Committee

Professor Rhian Touyz and her team at the Women in Hypertension Research Committee have completed an internet survey to solicit feedback on the framework of their activities over the next few years. A number of ISH members have responded with overwhelming support for Professor Touyz's initiatives. The results of the survey were discussed during the Executive call on 11th September 2017 and Professor Touyz has kindly agreed to share the results with the wider membership shortly.



ISH Appointments

I am delighted to confirm that Dr Dylan Burger has been appointed as Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Hypertension News. Many congratulations to Dylan and we wish him the best of luck in his new appointment. *See right for more information.*

Dr. Richard Wainford, a member of the ISH Scientific Council, has joined our Communications Committee. This appointment was ratified by the Council at the meeting in Milan in June 2017. Many congratulations to Richard on this appointment, we wish him all the best in his new role.



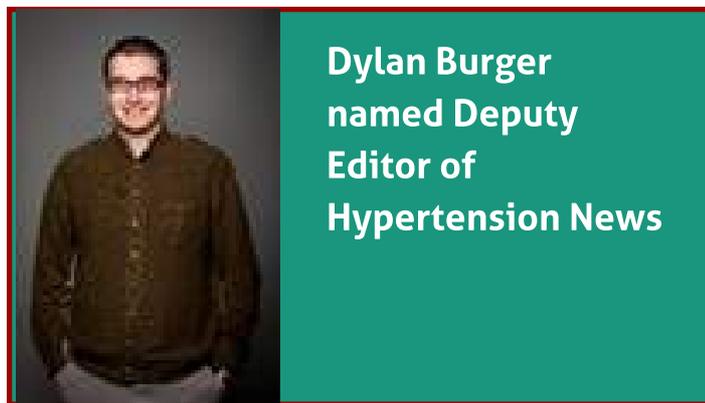
Last but not least I am thrilled to inform you that following the voting of ISH Council members, Professor

Alta Schutte, the current Vice-President, and Chair of the Membership Committee, is the new ISH President-Elect. *See more information on page 1 of the newsletter.*

Many congratulations to Alta, we wish her every success in continuing the mission of ISH during her Presidency in 2018-2020. Alta will take up the Presidential position at our bi-annual meeting in Beijing in 2018.

- Maciej Tomaszewski

Refer a colleague to join ISH
If you have a colleague who would like to become a member of ISH please ask them to send their CV to membership@ish-world.com.



Dr. Dylan Burger has been named deputy editor of Hypertension News. Dr. Burger is a Scientist and Assistant Professor at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, University of Ottawa in Canada. His appointment follows several years of working alongside the editorial board for Hypertension News, where he has contributed to the expansion of coverage for basic science and young investigators.

Dr. Burger has also spearheaded efforts to establish online identifiers for Hypertension News content including ISSN registration and CrossRef membership. He has been an active member of the ISH since 2010, having previously sat on the New Investigator Committee where he served as media working group lead until 2016. Dylan says that he is honoured to accept this position and is strongly committed to developing the already excellent already excellent content in the "Voice of the ISH". I am so glad to have him and his knowledge of basic science in hypertension.

- Lars H. Lindholm