

# PHARMACOVIGILANCE IN THE GLOBAL VILLAGE

**10th Annual Meeting of the International Society of  
Pharmacovigilance (ISoP 2010) in Accra, Ghana  
3rd to 7th November 2010**



**REPORT**

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The International Society of Pharmacovigilance (ISoP) held its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Accra, Ghana from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 under the theme “**Pharmacovigilance in the Global Village**”. The venue was at La Palm Royal Beach Hotel.

The aim of the International Society of Pharmacovigilance is to provide an international forum for all those with an interest in the clinical and scientific aspects of drug safety, - and not only full-time pharmacovigilance professionals.

The Society consists of members from industry, governmental agencies, research and academic bodies.

This Annual Meeting entitled "Pharmacovigilance in the global village" was aimed to examine pharmacovigilance practices across the globe with a view to sharing best practices, highlighting common challenges and developing broad principles for dealing with them.

The 10th ISoP Annual Meeting followed the 33rd Annual Meeting of National Centres participating in the WHO Programme for International Drug Monitoring (29th October – 3rd November 2010). A joint session was organised on the 3rd of November and represented a great opportunity to share worldwide experience on drug safety.

Presentations were given by foremost authorities in pharmacovigilance and clinical trials from the US Food and Drug Administration, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, the European Medicines Agency and the New Zealand Intensive Monitoring Program. Two hundred ninety six (296) delegates from forty six (46) countries (see annex attached) participated to that conference and most of them were from regulatory authorities around the world, academics, donors and pharmaceutical companies representatives. There were 30 speakers present and they took the participants through various scientific topics in plenary and parallel sessions.

There were also social events such as PV outreach, cultural night, a welcome reception and a gala dinner.

Five post conference courses run on Saturday and Sunday as listed below:

- Basic concepts in pharmacovigilance
- Clinical Trial safety
- Creating a safety culture
- Vaccine safety
- Principles of risk management

From the Roll Back Malaria perspective, a strong presence at the conferences and at a specifically designed RBM booth permitted to deliver key messages about the RBM secretariat work and the Pharmacovigilance task force objectives.

A research paper on safety reporting of ACTs was presented by Paul Lalvani, co-chair of this PV task force.

A media event was organized to promote the role of RBM in the malaria pharmacovigilance world and the Ghanaian national TV presented our work on their channel.