

Dear ISGEO members and others interested in ophthalmic epidemiology,

19th ISGEO Congress in Sao Paulo, Feb 2006

As you know, we had a very successful congress in Sao Paulo in February of this year. A copy of the abstracts from the congress are listed on the KCCO website (www.kcco.net) on the ISGEO page.

ISGEO Start up Research Grant

At the ISGEO Congress in Sao Paulo ISGEO awarded an "ISGEO start up research grant" to Dr. Joseph Oye for a study he is undertaking in Cameroon.

ISGEO will offer a start up research grant (US\$1,000) for 2007. Please write Dr. Paul Courtright (pcourtright@kcco.net) for details, if you are interested. Applications should be received by June 30, 2007.

Change of leadership

Two ISGEO officers have asked to step down and two individuals have been identified to replace them.

Dr. Jim Ganley, after 25 years serving as Treasurer of ISGEO will be handing over the reins to Dr. Emily West Gower of the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. During the transition period we would like to request that all questions regarding ISGEO membership and Ophthalmic Epidemiology journal subscription be sent to both Dr. . Ganley (drganley@comcast.net) and Dr. Gower at (ewest@jhsph.edu).

Dr. Paul Courtright, after 12 years serving as Secretary of ISGEO will be handing over his reins to Dr. GVS Murthy, currently based at ICEH in the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. For other issues, please address both Dr. Courtright (pcourtright@kcco.net) and Dr. Murthy (gvsurthy2000@yahoo.com) as we manage the transition.

Membership to ISGEO & subscription to Ophthalmic Epidemiology

Dr. Ganley has sent around membership/subscription forms to those of you who were signed up as members and received Ophthalmic Epidemiology in 2006 for you to renew both membership and subscription for 2007.

Membership and subscription remains at US\$100 per year. We encourage all of you interested in ophthalmic epidemiology and prevention of blindness to consider joining ISGEO and receiving the journal. A copy of the

membership/subscription form is found on the ISGEO website (www.kcco.net/isgeo).

In mid-2006 Dr. Ganley handed over editorship of Ophthalmic Epidemiology to Dr. Sheila West, of the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. We anticipate that the journal will continue to grow under Dr. West's leadership.

20 th ISGEO Congress in India in 2008
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The 20th ISGEO Congress will be held in India in 2008. The venue will be Bangalore in conjunction with the All India Ophthalmological Congress and it will be under the leadership of Dr. Ravi Thomas, the ISGEO President. The dates have not been finalized but they are expected to be at the end of January, or first of February. We anticipate an excellent turn out to the first ISGEO Congress in India.