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ISAM's activities and the 21st ISAM Congress

ISAM's principal activities

The International Society for Aerosols in Medicine (ISAM) is an international organization, founded in 1970, that is focused on all areas of aerosol research including pulmonary drug delivery, new and evolving technologies and health effects of inhaled aerosols.

The Society meets every two years, in a congress, to engage with its membership and review the current state-of-the-art within aerosols in medicine. Between congresses, the society focuses on the advancement of the science of aerosols in medicine via publication, distribution and education. Much of its scientific publication is through the official journal of ISAM, the *Journal of Aerosol Medicine and Pulmonary Drug Delivery*.

In addition, scientific experts within ISAM have recently completed publication of *The ISAM Textbook of Aerosol Medicine*. The book, which contains 15 peer-reviewed sections and more than 1,500 pages, is published online for ISAM members.

ISAM congresses

ISAM holds a congress every two years that rotates between a US-based location and an international site. The ISAM congress brings together scientists from academia and industry, clinicians and members of regulatory agencies to discuss a wide range of topics related to aerosols in medicine and the respiratory tract.

The 19th Congress took place at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2013 and the 20th Congress was held in Munich, Germany in 2015. The 22nd Congress will take place in 2019 in Montreux, Switzerland.

The 2017 Congress

ISAM is pleased to announce that the 21st Congress will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, US, June 4-7, 2017. The congress website is www.isamcongress.com. The organizing committee includes Philip Kuehl, Matthew Reed, Andrew Martin, Sunalene Devadason, Jim Blanchard, William Bennett and Chantal Darquenne. This group is supported by the ISAM organization and Konsens.

ISAM 2017 will focus on the following topics: Asthma/COPD, Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia/Acute Lung Injury/Infectious Disease, Nasal Delivery, *In Vitro* Cell Models, Therapeutic/Diagnostic Gases, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, New and Emerging Aerosols, Electronic Cigarettes, and Dry Powders for Inhalation in Children. Sessions will utilize various formats and experts will engage in discussions with the audience.

Select oral presentations

The organizing committee is particularly focused on the presentation of current, unique and state-of-the-art data. While all accepted abstracts will be presented as posters, the committee will also be selecting abstracts for 15-minute oral presentations. All abstracts will be indexed in the *Journal of Aerosol Medicine and Pulmonary Drug Delivery* and published online for access after the congress. Abstract submission is via the congress website.

Pre-congress workshops

Preceding the congress, on June 3, interactive workshops will be held on the following topics: New Frontiers in Inhalation Technology (a joint ISAM/IPAC-RS workshop),

Concepts in Respiratory Drug Delivery (A Laboratory Practical) and Electronic Cigarettes. The workshops will provide attendees full-day immersion with experts in each scientific area.

Awards presentations

During the congress, several ISAM awards will be presented, including the Thomas T. Mercer Award, Career Achievement, Young Investigator, Student Research, Jurai Ferin, and Best Oral Presentation awards. Details about each award and their submission guidelines can be found on the congress website at <http://www.isamcongress.com/site/index/57>.

Exhibition and sponsorship

The ISAM congress offers companies a range of sponsorship and exhibition options and the opportunity to showcase new products and provide face-to-face training. Interested companies are invited to contact the organizing committee via the congress website.

Congress venue

The congress will be held at the Eldorado Hotel and Spa in historic Santa Fe, New Mexico, US, <http://www.eldoradohotel.com>. Santa Fe is the oldest capital city in the United States and is known for its historical and cultural attractions. Highlights include the Georgia O'Keefe Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts.

ISAM 2017 promises to be a dynamic international meeting. The congress organizing committee and the ISAM board encourage anyone interested in aerosols in medicine to consider attendance, submission of abstracts and sponsorship.