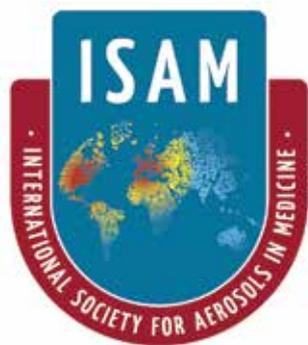


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## ISAM: 2021 highlights and a preview of 2022 activities

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The International Society of Aerosols in Medicine (ISAM) promotes and advances aerosol science internationally, and focuses on health effects of inhaled aerosols including inhaled drug delivery for prevention and treatment of human disease. It presents international scientific congresses and symposia, and builds a research network to foster international cooperation, education and dissemination of new research results in its journal (<https://home.liebertpub.com/publications/journal-of-aerosol-medicine-and-pulmonary-drug-delivery/24>) and through webinars, and cooperates worldwide with many partner societies.

### ISAM Board

The new ISAM board was initiated during the biannual ISAM Congress 2021 in Boise, Idaho, US (<https://isam.org/page/AboutUs>). The Boise conference was held in a hybrid format and most attendees from outside the US joined virtually because there were still too many travel restrictions due to COVID-19. This also meant the new board could not gather in person at its first meeting and instead started activities

via Zoom calls. Since there are board members from all over the world, (e.g., from San Diego to Boston to Munich to Sydney), it has been difficult to find an optimal time for all members. In fact, some of us join the meeting with an early morning coffee while others are already enjoying an after-work beer!

### ISAM website

ISAM has updated its website, which can now be found at <https://isam.org>. With this upgrade, ISAM has succeeded in building a website that promotes the scientific society and establishes a strong connection to its members, partner companies and sponsors. The website team and the board have worked extremely hard to create a modern, clean and uncluttered website with improved functionality, clear navigation links and an excellent new member area that offers many different ways to interact. A special thanks goes to board member Bernhard Müllinger, who spent many days creating a clear website design and transferring content from the old website.

The website includes a completely new interactive platform that allows members to connect and communicate with other members in network groups, and to receive and exchange the latest news and data in aerosol medicine and science. In addition, a new publication platform is available to all members to share publications, congress presentations, posters and webinars-on-demand via the ISAM publication subpage. Any-

one who wishes to join ISAM and take advantage of membership opportunities can find membership information at <https://isam.org/page/JoinUs>.

### Personnel changes at JAMPDD

The Journal of Aerosol Medicine and Pulmonary Drug Delivery delivers innovative, authoritative coverage of the health effects of inhaled aerosols and delivery of drugs through the pulmonary system. The peer-reviewed journal offers a forum for leading experts, addressing novel topics such as aerosolized chemotherapy, aerosolized vaccines, methods to determine toxicities and delivery of aerosolized drugs in the intubated patient.

The ISAM board welcomes Thomas G. O'Riordan, Vice President, US Medical and Therapy Head for Respiratory at GSK as the new Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Aerosol Medicine and Pulmonary Drug Delivery.

The board would also like to recognize the critical contributions and accomplishments of Gerald Smaldone, who has served as Editor of the Journal of Aerosol Medicine and Pulmonary Drug Delivery since its founding more than 30 years ago. During all of those years, Gerald was an ex-officio member of the board, assisting with all historic and other information. We also thank Timothy E. Corcoran for his important contributions as Associate Editor and ex-officio member for many years and we welcome Carsten

Ehrhardt, Professor in Pharmaceutics and Biopharmaceutics at the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Trinity College Dublin, to this position.

## **Webinars**

An important ISAM activity is the organization of webinars, with the aim of connecting members and non-members. The board is continuously screening publications and presentations to present state-of-the-art content in its webinars. We also encourage early career/young researchers and clinicians in the field of aerosol medicine to contribute. The ISAM Webinars are facilitated by Jessica Oakes, Carsten Ehrhardt and ISAM board members, and the recorded talks are made available in the member's area of the website.

## **Other activities**

Looking ahead in 2022, ISAM remains in contact with other societies to identify opportunities for collaboration and coordination of joint activities. The Society financially supported the 7th Pulmonary Drug Delivery Workshop, organized by Carsten Ehrhardt which took place in Dublin in April.

In addition, under the leadership of Claus-Michael Lehr, the organizers have begun to develop the program for the 24th ISAM Congress to be held in August 2023 in Saarbrücken, Germany. ISAM looks forward to seeing everyone there in person.

To stay in touch with ISAM, become a member or learn more about the Society, please visit the ISAM website: <https://isam.org> or contact The International Society for Aerosols in Medicine, GS Bio-Inhalation GmbH, Wohraer Strasse 37, D-35825 Gemunden, Germany, Tel.: +49 6453 5853036, [office@isam.org](mailto:office@isam.org).