

Editorial

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Founding of the International Society for the Study of Pleura and Peritoneum (ISSPP)

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The International Society for the Study of Pleura and Peritoneum (ISSPP) has been founded on Saturday, September 2018 at the Institut de France, Fondation Dosne-Thiers in the 9th arrondissement in Paris.

The clinical demand for knowledge and improved management of patients with peritoneal diseases, in particular cancer, has never been greater. However, results from recent randomized studies have shown that therapy-focused research based on the trial and error principle carries a high risk of failure. We need to apply evidence and rigor to the treatment of these patients.

ISSPP is created to address this challenge. ISSPP (www.isspp.org) is a non-profit international scientific organization aimed at relieving human suffering caused by pleural or peritoneal as well as other serosal disorders by improving research, innovation, education, training and patient care, as well as fostering interprofessional exchange.

ISSPP is the first scientific organization focusing on the organs pleura, peritoneum, pericardium and other serosal surfaces in health and disease. ISSPP wants to encourage not only clinical research, but also basic research on these organs, including embryology, anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, biophysics and other fundamental disciplines. Diseases covered by ISSPP include both



benign and malignant pathologies and include gastrointestinal, gynaecological and cardiothoracic locations.

ISSP is committed to scientific honesty and will observe the principles of good scientific practice, which the society considers essential in all scientific work which seeks to expand our knowledge, in order to earn credibility and respect. Against this framework, ISSP's aim is to offer a high-level exchange platform for basic scientists, clinical researchers and physicians – an unmet need so far. The society is open both to individual or corporate members, including not only physicians and scientists, but also non-profit organizations such as patients advocate groups and industry players developing medical devices or drugs for treating serosal diseases. The 75 founding members from all over the world elected unanimously Prof. Marc Pocard from University Paris 7 as the first president of ISSPP.

The administrative office of the ISSPP will be first located in Tübingen, Germany, where the National

Center for Pleura and Peritoneum (NCCPP) will support the newborn society with its professional services. ISSPP is funded for its first 3 years of existence with a generous unrestricted educational grant. The society is to be registered with the Administrative Court Tübingen, Germany and, as a non-profit organization, ISSPP books will be subject to regular audits by the German tax authorities ensuring full financial transparency and compliance with legal and financial standards.

As the Editor-in-Chief of "Pleura and Peritoneum", I am proud that our Journal has been chosen as the official journal of ISSPP and I am looking forward for a fruitful collaboration in the future. My very best wishes of success accompany ISSPP in its future endeavours!

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