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Introduction from the ISH Secretary



ISH is very proud of its successful ISH2022 congress in Kyoto! Despite the issues with the pandemic and the visa restrictions in Japan, which were removed on the day before the ISH congress started, those who attended enjoyed an excellent scientific program with outstanding sessions, special social events reflecting the Japanese culture, and of course the wonderful city of Kyoto. At last, we had a 'physical' ISH meeting and a wonderful opportunity for all of us to meet again and exchange views on our mutual interests!

An important moment in the meeting was the announcement of the 2022 ISH awards! ISH is very proud of its list of awards for senior researchers, young investigators, women, fellows, developing world, etc. It has been a tough task for the ISH awards committee this year to select among many candidates with outstanding careers from all around the world. See the 2022 winners at <https://ish-world.com/ish-2022-award-winners/> including Suzanne Oparil, Anna Dominiczak, Eoin O'Brien, Andre-Pascal Kengne, Daniela Carnevale, Sverre Kjeldsen, Heddwen Brooks, Ibtisam Ahmed Ali Babiker, Yook-Chin Chia, Stephanie Watts, Meena Madhur, Dean Picone, Chia-Te Liao, and Yoko Inagaki.

Highlighted at the end of the meeting, was the announcement of the "Hypertension Zero Declaration" signed by the Chair of the meeting Hiroshi Itoh and the ISH 2020-2022 President Maciej Tomaszewski. ISH is grateful to Hiroshi Itoh and the local organising committee for setting up such a successful and memorable ISH congress in these challenging circumstances! The next ISH congress will take place in Cartagena, Colombia in September 2024. Cartagena is a gorgeous historic city on the Caribbean coast and a top tourist destination in the area. We have started work with the local organising committee and look forward to another outstanding ISH congress.

The end of the Kyoto meeting came with a change in ISH leadership. The 2020-2022 ISH President Maciej Tomaszewski and his council members executed several actions which were important for reshaping and modernising the ISH, and also introduced new initiatives with global impact. This is a great basis for the new ISH President, Bryan Williams, to start new activities aiming at improving science and education and thereby hypertension management at a global level. During the Kyoto meeting we were delighted to announce three new council members: Tazeen Jafar, Kazuomi Kario and Cesar Romero, elected among several outstanding candidates. With Bryan in charge, we are looking forward to a super active two-year term and further increase of the global impact of the ISH.

See below in our e-Bulletin further details about these ISH achievements, news from the ISH New Investigator Committee, the ISH Mentorship and Training Committee, the ISH Women in Hypertension Research Committee, and much more.

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