New Executive Director for ISCT

Queenie Jang, BSc (Pharmacy), MBA, has been selected as the new ISCT Executive Director. Queenie was hired in April, 2011, as part of the Society’s succession plan, to serve as Deputy Director. In November, she became Interim Executive Director when Jane Arthurs, ISCT’s executive director, left for maternity leave.

Since joining the ISCT team, Queenie has focused on integrating regional and key stakeholder operational plans, to align with the Society’s strategic plan. In addition, Queenie has concentrated on demonstrating the Society’s value proposition and raising the Society’s international profile through global branding of ISCT’s three pillars (academia, regulatory and commercialization).

Queenie’s motto is to “pick three to five things and do them better than anyone else,” and this is exemplified by her focus on strategic initiatives that will bring the Society the highest visibility and organizational sustainability.

Queenie has extensive business leadership and management experience in the biomedical/pharmaceutical industry in both private and public companies. She was an Officer and VP of Corporate Development at Conjuchem Biotechnologies Inc., and VP, Corporate Development with Angiochem. In the pharmaceutical industry, her roles included senior management positions as VP, Strategy and Marketing with Sanofi and Director, Marketing and Business Development with Dupont. Ms. Jang holds a B.Sc.(Pharmacy) from the University of British Columbia and an MBA from Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario.

Jane Arthurs, ISCT Executive Director since 2007, has accepted a position as an international marketing manager at Stem Cell Technologies. Jane will assume her new position when she returns from maternity leave – she had a baby girl in January! While Executive Director, Jane worked closely with the Executive Committee to strengthen ISCT’s organizational infrastructure and financial sustainability – and raise the profile of industry within ISCT with the establishment of the Industry Community, highlighting one of the three pillars of the Society (commercialization).

…and the Rest of the ISCT Management Team

Associate Director, Regulatory and Business Affairs
Audrey Le, BSc

In the role of Associate Director, Regulatory and Business Affairs, Audrey is the key contact for ISCT’s regulatory committees and initiatives such as the Cell Therapy Liaison Meetings with the FDA and the Global Regulatory Perspectives Workshop series, both flagship programs driven by the Society. Through cross-promotional activities and strategic partnerships with other key organizations, Audrey will work to strengthen the Society’s global profile and reach to those working within the cell therapy and related fields.
Audrey brings particular strength in the areas of project management, event management and fundraising. Since joining ISCT 5 years ago, she has played a key role in managing three of the most financially successful meetings in the Society’s history. Audrey holds a BSc in Cell Biology and Genetics from the University of British Columbia and completed the Health Care Management Program at the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

Manager, Scientific and Industry Relations
Brian Poole, BSc
Brian is responsible for connecting key stakeholders across ISCT in his new role as Manager, Scientific and Industry Relations. Working closely with the Commercialization Committee and all Scientific Committees, focus will be placed on collaborative efforts and deliverables for the Society. The recent MSC Survey (a joint collaboration between the Commercialization Committee and MSC Scientific Committee) is an example of such collaboration.

Brian will be the project lead and primary contact for the ISCT Annual Meeting. Working closely with Industry stakeholders, Brian is also the main Sponsorship and Exhibit contact for the Meeting.

Member Services Administrator
Rony Ganon, BA
Rony recently joined ISCT as the Member Services Administrator. As the main member services contact, she will provide overall support to ISCT members regarding general inquiries and membership services, renewals and benefits. In addition to providing excellent customer service to all members, Rony will provide administrative support for the Annual Meeting, Educational Webinars, Telegraft and other Society-related communications.

Conference Director
Farzad Bayati
Farzad has been responsible for the logistics of the ISCT conferences since 2007. He brings over 15 years of experience in the hotel industry, and his partnerships with international hotel chains and inside knowledge of the hotel industry allow for successful and effective negotiations that provide ISCT with significant cost savings for meetings and conferences.

Member Database Director
Paul Kool, BSc, Dip. AIT
Paul has worked with ISCT since 2005 and is responsible for ISCT’s membership database. He brings more than 15 years of experience in administrative, management and customer-service roles.

Accountant
Ivan Ng, BASc, CGA
Ivan is a designated accountant and is responsible for keeping fullest accounting records and financial reports for ISCT.