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International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) Names Al Weigel New Chief Operating Officer

BRIARCLIFF MANOR, NY, April 30, 2013 — The Board of Trustees of the International Society for Medical Publication Professionals (ISMPP) have appointed Al Weigel as the organization's first Chief Operating Officer. In this role he will be responsible for implementing the strategic goals and vision of the Society, while ensuring the Society meets established milestones for ongoing development, growth, and success.

"I am pleased to announce that, starting in October, Al Weigel will begin leading the Society as our first full-time COO," said Russell Traynor, Chair of the ISMPP Board of Trustees. "Al is a seasoned and trusted leader with the ability to implement our strategy. He is uniquely qualified to build strategic partnerships and alliances, which are key to our continued growth strategy."

Al Weigel has played key roles in the development of ISMPP to date. He served for three years on the Board (2008-2010), including one year as President. He has also served as Chair of the Ethics Committee, served on various Nominating Committees, participated in the development of the Certification Program, and has been a presenter at multiple ISMPP Annual Meetings. He is currently the Senior Director of Global Scientific Communications for Celgene Corporation in Summit, NJ. Prior to this, Al Weigel's career included similar roles at Boehringer-Ingelheim and sanofi-aventis.

Weigel believes ISMPP is in a unique position to build on past accomplishments. "I am excited to lead ISMPP and our 1,200 members," he says. "Based on the strong educational platform and best practices already in place, we are in a great position to take the organization to the next level in becoming the recognized and respected authority for the medical publication professional."

About ISMPP

The International Society for Medical Publication Professionals is an independent, nonprofit, professional association with members from the pharmaceutical, medical device, and biotechnology industries; publication planning and medical communication companies; academia; and medical journal staff, including editors and publishers. Its goals are to support the educational needs of publication professionals and to develop best practices that ensure the rigorous maintenance of all ethical standards for reporting results of medical research. Additional information about ISMPP is available online at www.ismpp.org.