

Introducing our newest DMDG fellow...

Suzanne Iverson Hemberg!

The DMDG are delighted to announce that Suzanne has been appointed as the DMDG's 5th fellow, and to mark the occasion we asked her a few questions...

DMDG: Tell us about yourself and your work?

Suzanne: I am a scientist and a leader of scientific organisations. I have quite deliberately carved out a career where I have developed both competencies at the same time, almost every step of the way. I view organisations of people with the same fascination and eagerness to understand as biological systems. My expertise in science is in biotransformation, biomarkers of toxicity, drug metabolism and distribution as well as the bioanalytical techniques desirable to study all of these. My expertise or uniqueness in management/leadership is seeing the individual whilst keeping a sharp focus on the needs and direction of the organisation.



DMDG: What does the DMDG mean to you?

Suzanne: The DMDG means community to me. It probably does for many of us. For an expat (Canada to Sweden) as well as being impacted by an R&D site closure and moving as a result, the DMDG meant that I could maintain some sort of continuity. It didn't hurt that I got to travel to **England** now and then and hear, see, and feel cultural references that I grew up with, speak English freely and buy a load of Marks and Spencer ginger snaps.

DMDG: Can you tell us how you've been involved with the DMDG over the years?

Suzanne: One of my PhD mentors was a clever bloke from Sheffield by the name of Iain Gardner! Several years later he reached out to invite the DMPK department at the Södertälje site to become members of the DMDG and he asked my managers to nominate me to become the site rep. I imagine everyone in the DMDG committee at the time thought I would be the perfect conduit to bring in the Scandinavians. The first few years after that, besides having my second child, I gave talks at two of the Open Meetings. In 2010 I joined the "Scientific Organising Committee", which then the DMDG committee in 2011. For the first two years on the committee I was the Training Course organiser followed by treasurer and finally Chair in 2016. I **also** chaired the scientific organising committees for the 2013 and 2014 Open Meetings (Robinson and Paris) and have chaired countless sessions. From 2017 onward, I have been involved in planning Joint Open Meetings between the DMDG and the Swedish Pharmaceutical Society, the latter of which I am a committee member with the PK-Metabolism section. The 2018 Joint Open Meeting was in Gothenburg, my home at the time. I was treasurer for both this and the 2022 Joint Open Meeting in Amsterdam. And then of course I have been involved in the activity that all of the other DMDG fellows have been involved in. I should have seen it coming.....I was in both the 2021 (on-line) and 2022 debate!

DMDG: Thanks Suzanne, and we look forward to many more years of your contribution (and debates?) in your new role.

