



International League of Dermatological Societies

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

**HELD ON SATURDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER, 2007 AT 0830HRS
RIO DE LA PLATA, SHERATON HOTEL, BUENOS AIRES**

PRESENT:

Professor Robin Marks, President
Professor Georg Stingl, Secretary-General
Professor Ana Kaminsky, Treasurer
Professor Francisco Camacho-Martinez
Professor Ricardo L. Galimberti
Professor Benvenuto Giannotti
Professor Roderick J. Hay
Professor Andreas D. Katsambas
Professor Stephen I. Katz
Professor Wolfram Sterry

Professor Mary E. Maloney
Professor David I. McLean
Professor Takeji Nishikawa
Professor Jean-Paul Ortonne
Professor Adrian-Martin Pierini
Professor Marcia Ramos-e-Silva
Professor Jean Revuz
Professor Jean-Hilaire Saurat
Professor Wolfram Sterry
Professor Kristian Thestrup-Pedersen

Eve Arnold, Administrative Officer

1. WELCOME

Professor Marks warmly welcomed everyone to what will be the last full board meeting of his term as President. Professor Marks congratulated and thanked the hosts of the XX1st World Congress of Dermatology, Professors Galimberti and Pierini.

The minutes of the previous board meeting held on 16th May, 2007 were accepted and signed.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Professor Marks thanked everyone for their input and support during his tenure as President and expressed his great pleasure at working with the members of the Board. He reiterated his personal view that the League's area of special need is to ensure that people in developing countries get access to good quality dermatological care. During his term, he has tried to promote the view that much of the work that the Board has been doing has been to put in place the structure to allow the League to support that work in the long term, and this is the major reason for the existence of the world body of the ILDS. He wished everyone great success in the future.

3. SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

Professor Stingl agreed with Professor Mark's view that it is work in the third world countries which is the *raison d'être* of the ILDS and in this regard it been successful. Professor Stingl also wished the ILDS Board best wishes for the future.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Professor Kaminsky informed the board that not only would this be her last Board Meeting as Treasurer but also her last meeting as part of the Board of the ILDS, having served on the Board for 15 years.

As there were no questions regarding to the Annual Report and Accounts covering 2006 prepared by the League's auditors, Ashby's, these were accepted.

The Treasurer presented comparison sheets showing changes in annual membership and per capita fees for the World Congress of Dermatology. Professor Kaminsky recommended that it was not necessary to change the current fee of US\$1.50 per year, as this is currently acceptable to all the Societies, and that retaining the status quo would be advisable. The matter of increasing the per capita fee for the WCD will be a much simpler exercise, as this Agreement is between two parties only: the ILDS and the organisers of the World Congress. Professor Katz thanked Professor Kaminsky for the clarity of her presentation of the figures and agreed with Professor Kaminsky on her recommendations, which include an increase in the per capita fee for future Congresses.

Professor Saurat asked for clarification of the current regulations concerning the point at which the per capita fee might be increased and who has the responsibility for doing so. Professor Marks responded that this is a Board decision.

Professor Sterry commented that it would be unfair to impose any increase on the bidders for the next WCD. Professor Katz suggested that any increase be reconsidered for Congresses post 2011. Professor McLean agreed with the proposal and encouraged support for an increase. Professor Saurat suggested that this decision be left open for the next Board to take during the first part of its term. This was agreed by the Board.

The motion that the membership fee for the Societies remains at US\$1.50 was passed unanimously. Professor McLean proposed that the membership fee for the international societies be US\$100 per year. Currently it is US\$80 per year. This vote was passed unanimously.

Professor Marks informed the Board that any change to the membership fees relies on the success of the vote to amend the Articles of Association. This Special Resolution will be presented to the delegates at the Assembly of Delegates meeting. Should the vote be successful, it will not be necessary to obtain the approval of the Assembly of Delegates in future.

The President asked for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report and received unanimous support. Professor Marks thanked Professor Kaminsky for all she has accomplished during her tenure as Treasurer.

5. BOARD DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

A list of the final candidates had been distributed previously to the Board. Professor Marks reminded the Board that the Regions nominate candidates in a preliminary vote and the winners go into the final list to be voted on at the Assembly of Delegates meeting. Professor Marks advised the meeting that, in the North American region, one of the two candidates had withdrawn, and, as a result, Professor Marks welcomed Professor Maloney to the Board.

6. ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES MEETING

Professor Marks explained that there will be two parts to this meeting. In addition to the AoD Meeting, there will be an integrated Extraordinary General Meeting to put forward the Special Resolution for the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association dealing with the procedures for any future increases in membership fees.

Professor Marks asked for volunteers from the Board to count votes for the running order of the bidding for the next WCD, and two groups of three individuals were appointed.

After much discussion on the topic of the receptions and lunches hosted by the bidding countries, Professor Marks explained that there are currently no rules covering the timing of these, and that perhaps the future Board may wish to consider putting regulations in place. This was agreed by the Board.

7. FINANCE COMMITTEE AND FUND RAISING

Professor Hay reported that a fund raising meeting was held immediately after the previous board meeting in Vienna, and issues explored included how funds are expended. Professor Hay explained that funds are required for maintenance of the office, contributions to Board members' travel and other items such as the web update, the Dermlink programme and a substantial amount to the IFD. Sources of income include membership subscriptions, contributions from the WCD and donations from dermatological societies and, occasionally, the pharmaceutical industry.

8. WCD CONTRACT

It was agreed that the ILDS should appoint an international well-known accountancy firm to oversee the process and the bidding group should suggest two or three accountancy names. The Board will appoint the independent auditor. Financial regulations are now tighter and tighter and apply to most countries now. Professor Marks thanked Professor Thestrup Pederson for his hard work in putting together the Contract and Guidelines for the World Congress.

9. COMMUNICATION AND WEBSITE

Professor Sterry reported on the record of hits to the website. This report is available for viewing on request. Professors Marks and Maloney suggested that there should be

proper links between the IFD and the ILDS websites, as well as links to patient guidelines, which could be translated into other languages. It was concluded that revisions to both sites should be a priority, as they are in need of updating.

Professor Marks thanked Professor Sterry for his presentation.

10. WORLD CONGRESS OF DERMATOLOGY

Professor Pierini stated that the success of the Congress is due mainly to the support of all the Societies, and he would like to express particular appreciation to the EADV and the Brazilian Society of Dermatology for re-scheduling their meetings, which are traditionally held around the time of the WCD.

Professor Pierini reported that registration was closed on 1st September with over 10,000 physicians, and it is hoped that this Congress will surpass the attendance figures in Paris when registration figures are finally concluded.

11. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Cosmetology Society of India responded to various requests for information during the time when new members were not permitted to join the ILDS; therefore, this Society will become a full national member in 2008 when membership fees are paid.

ISPLAD – this Society will be accepted as a national member of the ILDS as of 1st January, 2008, subject to the receipt of membership fees.

IAMS – further information is required on this group
Chinese Dermatology Society. This Society was approved by the Board for membership as of 1st January, 2008, subject to the receipt of membership fees.

Philippine Academy of Clinical and Cosmetic Dermatology. An application has been received by this Society. As the Society has not yet been in existence for four years, its application will be re-considered at the next Board meeting.

12. AWARDS

Professor Katsambas presented his Committee's report on Certificate of Appreciation Awards. This year there were 27 applications coming from 21 National and International Societies and candidates from 19 countries.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to: Dr. Lawrence Parish, Professor Enno Christophers, Dr. Jacinto Convit, Dr. Gunter Burg, Dr. Yasumasa Ishibashi, Dr. Maria Teresa Hojyo Tomoka, Professor Hugh Zachariae, Dr. Michael Waugh, Dr. Roy S Rogers III and Dr. Sidney N Klaus.

Professor Marks congratulated Professor Katsambas on the energy his Committee has applied in producing their recommendations.

13. MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Professor Marks reiterated that the delegates are being asked to consider and vote on a major change. He stated that he would explain to the delegates that, as the Articles of Association stand, whenever a change in the membership fees were to be proposed, an

Extraordinary General Meeting would have to be held. The Special Resolution on the table will do away with this necessity.

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14. WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

Professor Saurat reported that, at present, the definition of the relationship between WHO and the ILDS had become unclear, and a great deal of effort had gone into making contact with a relevant representative who could give some guidance. The outcome of Professor Saurat's conversation was that the Board should identify where it might be most helpful and nominate a group of people to participate in providing WHO with what is required

Professor Henning Grossmann, Professor Donald Lookingbill, Professor Neil Prose and Professor Terence Ryan joined the meeting.

18. INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION OF DERMATOLOGY

a) Welcome

Professor Hay welcomed the members of the IFD . and announced that, later in the meeting, he would like to propose some thoughts on new structures in the relationship between the ILDS and the IFD.

b) Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Professor Hay recapped on the minutes of the last meeting. In particular, he reported that the return on the endowment fund is currently yielding around \$42,500 and this is expected to increase during the next year. This will be reported to the Herzog Foundation in January, and it has been agreed that Professor Hay will regularly send updates.

c) Chairman's Report and Update

Professor Hay has been tentatively looking at other collaborating institutions, and he has approached the CDC . This is at a preliminary level at the moment.

Professor Prose advised that there are a number of places which offer degrees in tropical medicine, which may also see this as a good connection. Tulane is one of these and he would be happy to 'do the rounds', as he has a local connection.

Professor Hay invited Professor Grossmann to present his report on the RDTC. As this will be Professor Grossmann's last Board meeting after nearly 20 years, he took this opportunity to thank the IFD and ILDS Board for their enormous support over the last few years, stating that the RDTC is profoundly grateful for all the intellectual and financial assistance and encouragement that both have given them over the last few years.

d. Professor Henning Grossmann's Report

Professor Grossmann gave an update of the RDTC Physical Facilities. He advised that they have managed to raise their own funds for an RDTC extension building accommodating offices, a secretarial pool, computer rooms for the students and a

mycology lab into which they have already moved. The main project, a dermatology ward has been made possible by a generous donation of US\$300,000 from Stiefel, and special thanks to Professor McLean were expressed for facilitating this donation.

Professor Grossmann expressed deep gratitude to Professor Ryan for facilitating the continuous support from the St Francis Leprosy Guild.

Professor Grossmann reported that Dr John Masenga has now taken over responsibility of the RDTC and Dr Masenga has asked Professor Grossmann to continue to help him for as long as he would wish. He also requested that the ILDS/IFD continue to support the RDTC as they have in the past.

Professor Hay thanked Professor Grossmann for this, his final, report and, on behalf of the whole Board, showed recognition of the enormous personal contribution which Professor Grossmann has made to this project over the years. Professor Hay assured Professor Grossmann that John Masenga will receive the Board's continued support.

e. Professor Terence Ryan's Report

Professor Hay then invited Professor Terence Ryan to present his report on a recent visit to Malawi as a consultant for LEPR.

f. Budgets

Professor Hay reported that the budgets had been approved earlier in the day. He explained that the majority of the funding is still going to the RDTC, with a small amount going to Mexico and a fundraising programme between the ILDS and the IFD will be developed to raise the additional funding.

g. Dermlink

Professor Hay was pleased to report that this will be reactivated as of 2008. This programme is designed to support education or supply pieces of equipment needed in under-resourced dermatology departments. An addition to the programme is finance, up to \$3000, for pilot studies that help support public health initiatives in dermatology.

h. New Structures and Arrangements

Professor Hay advised that the name, IFD, will remain and that the IFD is an intrinsic part of the ILDS, having its own objectives delivered against a programme presented to, and approved by, the Board but the administrative and clinical support of the organisation currently is very sparse. This should be considered in the near future.

After much discussion and explanation by Professors Hay and Prose, Professor Sterry proposed that, for the next Board meeting, Professor Hay develops a plan suggesting the way forward which could be circulated before the board meeting at which time further suggestions can be made.

Professor Stingl asked whether it would make more sense rather than have the whole ILDS Board on the Board of the IFD but have three or five members of the ILDS on the IFD Board, assemble other specialists and file a report to the full Board. Professor

Hay agreed that this is what he is looking for and that the remit is specifically to identify not only individuals but also how they could contribute.

19. AOB

Professor Marks (as one of the longest-serving members on the Board) expressed deep gratitude to all past and present members of the Board and stated that he had the utmost admiration for both the work it has done, for the incredible perseverance and for its dedication, often in the face of enormous obstacles. He stressed that it had been a great pleasure working with everyone over the years.

The meeting closed at 1550hrs.

Signed as approved: Wednesday, 17th September, 2008
Jean-Hilaire Saurat
President of the ILDS

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