



**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETIES
HELD ON TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER 2006 AT THE RODOS PALACE HOTEL,
RHODES, GREECE**

PRESENT

Robin Marks, MBBS, **President**
Ana Kaminsky, MD, PhD **Treasurer**

Ricardo Galimberti, MD
Adrián-Martin Pierini, MD
Marcia Ramos-e-Silva, MD, PhD
Jean-Hilaire Saurat, MD
Takeji Nishikawa, MD
Kristian Thestrup-Pedersen, MD, PhD
Jean Revuz, MD, PhD
Francisco Camacho-Martinez, MD, PhD

Benvenuto Giannotti, MD
Mary E Maloney, MD
Roderick J Hay, DM
David I McLean, MD

Eve Arnold, **ILDS Administrative Officer**

APOLOGIES

Georg Stingl, MD, **Secretary-General**
Stephen I Katz, MD, PhD
Wolfram Sterry, MD
Jean Paul Ortonne, MD
Andreas D Katsambas, MD

1. WELCOME

Professor Marks called the meeting to order at 8:35 am and welcomed Directors to the ILDS Board Meeting. He introduced Eve Arnold, the new ILDS Administrator, who is based in the new administrative headquarters in Fitzroy Square, London.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Board meeting held on 10th October 2005 were approved and signed by Professor Marks.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Professor Marks read the Action Sheet enclosed with the Agenda and commented on some matters which would be raised later.

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Professor Marks presented his Report, to be discussed in more detail later in the meeting and indicated his pleasure at working with the Board over the last four years. He is looking forward to the momentum continuing until the end of the term.

Special thanks were expressed to Rebecca Joss, on behalf of the Board, for her commitment and efficiency during her term with the ILDS.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Professor Kaminsky presented The Treasurer's Report which states that the amended budget requires no further adjustment at this time. There were no questions from the floor.

Professor Marks reported that there will a lower reserve than originally anticipated and that this was due to the expenses incurred in the relocation of the ILDS Administrative Office to London.

The largest unanticipated costs were the legal costs in London, but the value obtained far outweighed the cost. The President reported that the legal advice received was exemplary. There will be further cost implications in relation to the World Congress Contract.

Professor Marks had had no response to his Memo on travel expenses which he took as assent that the previous decision on Business Class fares for very long flights and accommodation would not be implemented in this term. He suggested that this matter be discussed again and budgeting put in place for the next term.

Professor Marks had asked Professor Kaminsky to seek the advice of an independent tax accountant in Buenos Aires on the most advantageous method of transfer of the WCD surplus from Argentina to the ILDS. An Agreement between the ILDS and Funderma has been developed, which is similar to the Contract for future bidders to the WCD.

Professor Pierini moved to accept Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Professor Thestrup Pedersen and passed by the Board.

Professor Marks thanked the Treasurer for her invaluable help in the complex financial requirements.

6. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

6.1 WCD Contract.

It was reported that this Contract is now nearing completion. Professor Marks requested that, after discussion and comments on various amendments, that the Board permits him to finalise the document with the legal adviser, Mr William Morton after the meeting.

Professor Saurat moved that Professor Marks be permitted to do complete the Contract and this was seconded by Professor Hay. The motion was passed.

Professor Marks thanked Professor Thestrup Pedersen for his input and support in compiling this document.

6.2 Fund Raising – the ILDS and the IFD

Professor Hay advised that this topic is normally raised at the International Foundation for Dermatology meeting, but his report would also be of benefit to the ILDS in this case.

After presentation of the Report and discussion on various forms of fund-raising, it was suggested that, if everybody agreed with the further development of any of the points, a sub-Committee should be formed in order to take this matter further.

The discussion document was positively received and, as a result, a sub-Committee comprising Professors Hay, Saurat, Maloney, McLean and Kaminsky was formed.

7. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

7.1 Defining Dermatology Pamphlet

Professor Marks explained the rationale behind the production of this pamphlet. He explained that the pamphlet is for members of the public, not dermatologists. A mock-up of a version which can be adapted to go onto the website was presented. It will be printed in English to start with. It is intended that a package of these will be sent to each of the Societies for presentation to their Boards. Professor McLean suggested PDF format for the general public and in modifiable format for the Societies.

Professors Marks and Sterry were congratulated on the outcome of the pamphlet.

8. HEALTH MODERNIZATION (HEALTHCARE REFORM)

8.1 Professor Hay presented his report and it was agreed that, initially, Societies would be asked for their views on the subject. The outcome of the discussion following the report indicated that the next step could be to compile a questionnaire to be sent out to the Societies to obtain the information required. The aid of the Administrator will be enlisted in this project.

9. AWARDS COMMITTEE

In Professor Katsambas' absence, Professor McLean presented the full list of nominees for both award-winning categories.

Young Dermatologist International Achievement Awards

There were 18 eligible nominations for this Award of which there are six from Korea. It was decided that one candidate from Korea should be considered for an Award and that the President will write to the President of the Korean Dermatological Association asking that Society to choose one candidate for the Award.

The following nominees were also chosen to receive awards:

- Dr Graham Ogg (UK)
- Dr Marta VanBeek (USA)
- Dr Paulo Ricardo Criado (Brazil)
- Dr Li-Chuen Wong (Australia)
- Dr. Hyun Jeong Park (Korea)

Certificate of Appreciation Awards

There were 17 eligible nominations for this Award and the following eight nominees were chosen to receive awards:

- Professor Eleasar J Feuerman (Israel)
- Professor Won Houh (Korea)
- Dr. Marshall L Blankenship (USA)
- Dr Pierre Bobin (France)
- Dr. Yahya Dowlati (Iran)
- Professor Eleanor Joy Schulz (South Africa)
- Professor Jean-Marie Lachapelle (Belgium)
- Dr Ben Naafs (Netherlands)

It was agreed that, in future, all nominations which emanate from sources other than the Society to which that nominee belongs, will be copied to the Society and the Society's comments sought as to the suitability of the nomination.

The President thanked Dr McLean for presenting Professor Katsambas' report.

10. 21st WORLD CONGRESS OF DERMATOLOGY

10.1 World Congress Dermatology

Professor Pierini reported that the exhibition area is already 96.8% reserved and listed the names of the sponsors thus far. Professor Marks congratulated Professor Pierini and Professor Galimberti on the success of the project.

The first Assembly of Delegates meeting will take place on Tuesday, 2nd October to decide the new Regional Directors and the site of the next World Congress of Dermatology. The new Memorandum and Articles of Association state that the change in the voting process requires that the regions decide who is going to be on the regional voting list. The Articles also state that the ILDS Board will choose the voting list for the new International Board members based on who was elected at the first Assembly of Delegates. This will be based on who was elected from the Regions, and who is the Ex-officio member, being the President of the next World Congress.

Motion presented by David McLean seconded by Rod Hay that the vote for the World Congress site will take place at the first Assembly of Delegates meeting, as previously, on Tuesday 2 October. The motion was passed.

12. 30 Adjournment for Lunch

1.00pm meeting reconvened.

The President welcomed the members of the IFD Advisory Board to the meeting. Professor Marks advised that Professor Ryan couldn't attend. He also advised that as the constitution of the ILDS had changed, the IFD is now no longer a separately constituted body, it is part of the ILDS. It has its own Advisory Committee consisting of the Board of the ILDS, plus other members whom the Chairman of the IFD can invite onto the Board at any stage.

The IFD is an integral part of the activities of the ILDS, which is why the IFD discussion is placed in the middle of the ILDS Agenda.

11. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The President reported on which Societies had been approved and had paid their subscriptions, those which had been approved but had not yet paid, as well as two formal applications received.

Members approved and paid:

- Asian Dermatological Association
- Iranian Society of Dermatology
- Czech Dermatovenereology Society

Members approved but not yet paid:

- Cosmetology Society, India

Formal Applications received from:

- Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL)
- Mongolian Dermatological Society

The applications from the Mongolian Dermatological Society and Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists were approved as new National Member Societies.

There was discussion about the level of membership fees to be charged. It was agreed that there would be further planning on whether and how to reduce the fee in the future

There then followed a discussion on the **Definition of an International Society**

A Motion was proposed by Professor McLean and seconded by Professor Revuz that the following criteria be accepted for classification as an International Society

- Members from at least five countries
- At least 50 members
- All members can hold offices (President, etc)
- No restrictions or discrimination of any kind on membership in creed, colour, religion or gender according to the WHO Charter of Human Rights
- Show existence for at least four years.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. NEW MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

13.1 Election Processes

Professor Marks stressed the complexity of the new Elections under the new Memorandum and Articles of Association. It was carried out with the aim of making them more democratic. He also congratulated Professor Revuz who made huge efforts to ensure that they were what was needed. The fact that they were voted in in London last year with virtually no dissent, was a credit to the Committee and everyone who worked on them.

14. COUNTRY NAME AND THE ILDS

Professor McLean presented his motion that countries of ILDS Member Societies be classified according to the UN Classification. Professor Marks iterated that Societies are not being asked to change their names and that it is merely a classification of where Societies are registered. For example, Macedonia would come under the country heading of Greece, Taiwan and Hong Kong will come under China.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

15. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE ILDS

15.1 The official language of the ILDS is English and the other languages have now been deleted from the Application for Membership Form.

15.2 The language for the Assembly of Delegates meeting was not discussed at this meeting.

16. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

The form is now renamed as “Declaration Of Other Interest By a Director”.

The Administrator will email copies of this form to all Board Members for whom there is no record of a completed form on file.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Foundation Rene Touraine

After discussion, it was agreed that Professor Marks will write and say the Board couldn't see any current way of the ILDS participating directly, but there may be members of the Board who could assist.

17.2 EDF White Book

Professor Marks offered to write on behalf of the Board explaining that while the ILDS is supportive of the work that has been done, and believes the material in the book is of value, it suggests that rather than approaching an umbrella body such as the ILDS, they approach the individual members countries of the EDF for their support.

18. DATE OF NEXT ILDS BOARD MEETING

It was agreed that the ILDS would have its next Board Meeting in Vienna at the EADV meeting. It has been be scheduled for Wednesday, 16th May, 2007 and the ILDS symposium will be on a date to be announced

The meeting closed at 4.45pm

PRESIDENT

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