

## ISTD Board Meeting Minutes 2012

October 5, Tblisi, Georgia

### Members present

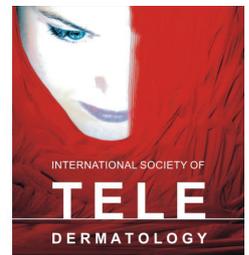
Dinesh Kumar, Parimalam Kumar, Jayakar Thomas – India  
GK Bedi – Ireland  
Saul Halpern – UK  
Karen McKoy – USA  
Magonia Olena, Olga Bogomolets, Bohdan Lytvynenko, Kuznetsov Mike – Ukraine  
Paola Pasquali – Spain  
Rainer Hofmann-Wellenhof – Austria  
Leonard Witkamp, Job Van der Heijden, Joep Hoevenaars – Netherlands  
Oleg Kvlividze - Georgia

### Topics

Welcome  
Affirmation of protocol of last general assembly  
Report of the treasurer  
Election of Board Members  
Membership fee  
Member Directory  
Strategy for 2012  
Future Meetings

### Report

1. **Welcome:** Dr. Leonard Witkamp welcomed all members to the Board meeting of the ISTD at the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Teledermatology.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous assembly of 2010 were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Leonard Witkamp presented the fiscal report for the ISTD in absence of Gerald Gabler. The Austrian based current account holds € 758. 60. We paid for the website last year 648.00 EUR and this year 324.00 EUR for the first 2 quarters. Total expenditures for the website and mailings were about 1000 Euros over the last 2 years. It is concluded that the treasurer is exculpated. The report was approved.
5. **Election of Board Members:** Dr. Witkamp reported that the current Board suggests that the members elect the following Board officers for the next 2 years: Jayakar Thomas as president, Leonard Witkamp as past-president (Peter Soyer leaves the Board), Dr. Saul Halpern as Vice President, and Dr. Paola Pasquali as Secretary (Karen McKoy will leave the Board), continuing with Gerald Gabler as Treasurer. This slate was approved by members present, to be in charge until the next Congress of the ISTD in 2014.  
Continental representatives were not changed. It was suggested that those who have been inactive be contacted by email to ask if they have a continuing interest in remaining as representatives.  
Drs. Olga Bogomolets for the Ukraine, GK Bedi for Ireland and Dinesh Kumar for India will join the international advisory board.



Liaisons for the AAD will remain as Karen McKoy; for the American Telemedicine Association as John Bocachica; Dr. Parimalam Kumar will serve for the Indian Teledermatology Society.

6. **Member fee:** Whether to introduce a membership fee for future meetings and operations support was discussed. Lively debate ensued with no universal agreement. The consensus opinion was to remain without a member fee for the present (although we will need funds for maintaining the website). If possible, a sponsor or corporate member fee will be established. Before setting a specific fee, the organization's financial needs and goals should be established by the Board. Another suggestion was to email all members on their thoughts regarding an annual fee.
7. **Strategy for 2012:** The following were discussed as goals:
  - a. *Website upgrade* with links to a member's online community such as LinkedIn or a password protected member's section. Gerald Gabler will work on this.
  - b. *Endorsement of guidelines or standards.* Dr. Witkamp is active in the ISO process and will work on this.
  - c. *Work on an educational program,* perhaps for a diploma in teledermatology. Dr. McKoy is involved in such an effort with the ATA and will talk with them about a collaborative effort with the ISTD. In addition, Paul Elmslie and Rainer Dr. Hofmann-Wellenhof are interested in collaboration.
  - d. *Corporate members.* The entire Board will work on this.
  - e. *Evidence base of prior research on teledermatology.* Gerald Gabler can address adding this to the website as a member resource. Karen McKoy noted there is a review of teledermatology research for 2011 by John Whited already available on the American Telemedicine Association website.

If any members wish to be involved with these goals, they should contact the Board.

## 8. Future Meetings

- a. *2014 Congress site:* Having the 2014 meeting in the US is an option, possibly in conjunction with an ATA or AAD meeting. Barcelona and London may also be options. Hopefully a decision may be reached by the end of 2012. Members from the Ukraine suggested that as a possible venue for 2016.

Dr. Thomas then took over the Chair as the new President and congratulated our Georgian hosts on running an excellent meeting. He adjourned the meeting at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen McKoy,  
Secretary