

International Society of Teledermatology (ISTD) Assembly Minutes October 30, 2010, 11:45 AM - 1 PM Amsterdam, Netherlands

Members present

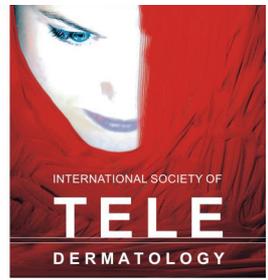
16 members of the ISTD were present for the formal meeting of members, including officers Drs. Witkamp and McKoy and Mr. Gabler.

Topics

1. Welcome
2. Affirmation of protocol of last general assembly
3. Report of the treasurer
4. Election of Board Members
5. Membership fee
6. Member Directory
7. Strategy for 2011 & 2012
8. Future Meetings
 - 2012 Congress Site
 - EADV meeting in 2011

Report

1. **Welcome:** Dr. Leonard Witkamp welcomed all members; he announced that 113 people are attending the Third Congress this week and that one pharmaceutical company, Astela, sponsored the meeting with a contribution of € 2500. In addition, there has been support from KSYOS.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous assembly of 2008 were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Gerald Gabler presented the fiscal report for the ISTD. The Austrian based current account holds € 2582.89. Approximately € 600 were spent over the last 2 years on web hosting and mass mailing expenses. There are currently 598 members registered.
4. **Election of Board Members:** Dr. Witkamp reported that the current Board suggests that the members re-elect the current Board officers for the next 2 years and proposed the Board approved new slate of officers, headed by Jayakar Thomas as president, for 2012. This would include Dr. Witkamp as past-president, Dr. Saul Halpern as vice-president, and Dr. Itay Klaz as Secretary, continuing with Gerald Gabler as Treasurer. The members voted to continue with the present Board until the next Congress of the ISTD in 2012.



5. **Member fee:** Whether to introduce a membership fee for future meetings and operations support was discussed. The membership agreed that this was needed, although there were requests that members from developing nations be spared a member fee. It was agreed that membership fees would be introduced for the next Congress in 2012, with fees for non-member attendance for the Congress being higher than for members. If possible, a corporate member fee will also be established. Before setting a specific fee, one member stated that the organization's financial needs and goals should be established by the Board.
6. **Member Directory:** Having an email directory of the membership for use of ISTD members was discussed. It was felt that inclusion in any such directory would be voluntary and only available on a password-protected site. An alternative to an ISTD directory is formation of an online community, such as through Linked In, and members who wish can self-subscribe to this community. It was suggested that a link to this community can be provided on the ISTD website rather than have our own password protected site.
7. **Strategy for 2011-12:** 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.* Paul Elmslie suggested that having this would be a resource for members. Gerald Gabler can address adding this to the website as a member resource.If any members wish to be involved with these goals, they should contact the Board.

8. Future Meetings

- a. *2012 Congress site:* Dr. Witkamp discussed the Board is considering Georgia or Seville as the next meeting site. Input from members to the Board is requested before this decision in the next month. Having the 2014 meeting in the US is an option, possibly in conjunction with an ATA or AAD meeting
- b. *EADV meeting in 2011:* A meeting of the Society will be planned also during the 2011 EADV meeting in Lisbon.

Dr. Witkamp adjourned the meeting at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen McKoy
Secretary