

IDS executive board meeting

March 18, 2012

Grand Hyatt - San Diego

Participants:	Harald Kittler	Rainer Hofmann-Wellenhof
Allan Halpern	Harold Rabinovitz	Wellenhof
Ashfaq Marghoob	Horacio Cabo	Ralph Braun
Elvira Moscarella	Iris Zalaudek	Susana Puig
Giovanni Pellacani	Josep Malvehy	Wilhelm Stolz
Giuseppe Argenziano	Peter Soyer	

Minutes

1) Election of main representatives

The executive board (EB) discussed the rules for the election of the main representatives of the IDS and agreed: a) to propose Geppi Argenziano, Iris Zalaudek and Rainer Hofmann-Wellenhof continuing in their roles of president, general secretary and treasurer, respectively; b) to give to **Peter Soyer** the task of signing a letter that will be sent to all board members (by Iris) containing the proposal and a call for candidates. If there will be additional candidates from the board members, then a voting system will be set forth; c) to ratify the election of the new president during a **general assembly** to be organized in Brisbane during the next IDS conference.

2) Studies of the IDS

The EB accepted the proposal by **Andreas Blum** for a collaborative study on collision tumors and agreed to work more actively for the proposal of new studies involving the members of the IDS. **Susana Puig** will send a study proposal in due course.

3) To improve membership, Allan Halpern proposed the idea to offer to companies dealing with dermoscopy devices a **business card** (included in the device package) promoting the educational activities of the IDS. Geppi will speak with 3gen, **Rainer** with Derma-medical, and **Willi Stolz** with Fotofinder.

4) Next congress in 2015

Following the report by Ash Marghoob concerning the difficulties in organizing the congress in New York, the EB agreed to accept the kind offer by Harald Kittler to organize the conference in Vienna. The EB agreed also with the following guidelines for the next congresses: a) the meeting organized once in Europe and once abroad, every three years; b) the next conference announced during the previous one; c) the proposals for conference hosting should be evaluated by the EB in the meetings following the last conference.

5) Research Award 2011: The commission chaired by Iris Zalaudek nominated **Pedro Zaballos** as the winner of the competition and the price will be formally given during the congress in Brisbane. Further research grants funding research projects in the field of dermoscopy will be assigned every 3 years during each IDS conference.

6) The EB agreed to accept the applications of Drs **Karaarslan, Gkalpakiotis and Arenbergerova** to join the board of the IDS. Iris will collect their portraits and full affiliations to be published on the IDS website.

7) European study center proposed by Harald Kittler. The EB agreed to give to **Harald the task to explore and submit a protocol** for the establishment of an infrastructure helping IDS researchers in applying for grants and performing clinical studies.

8) The EB disagreed to accept the proposal of Paul Elmslie sponsoring on line lectures using webinar. The **EB members agreed to put effort in searching alternative sponsors for this educational activity.**

9) The EB agreed trying to get more space for dermoscopy at EADV congresses, but especially to shift one of the paid dermoscopy courses to a free session. **Geppi** will write an email to Zambruno, **Iris** to Arenberger, and **Willi** to German EADV officers to achieve this aim.

10) **Joseph Malveyh** took the task to start negotiations with companies involved in topical treatments of skin cancer to gain sponsorship for study grants and educational activities.

11) An archiving system of the forum cases will be discussed at the next EB meeting.

