INTERNATIONAL DERMOSCOPY SOCIETY

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Minutes

INTERNATIONAL DERMOSCOPY SOCIETY (IDS) - GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Sunday, February 20, 2005, at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel, Room Mardi Gras FSH (5:30 to 7:30 pm)

In attendance:

1. Argenyi Z
2. Argenziano G
3. Azenha A
4. Bianchi L
5. Braun R
6. Cabo H
7. Carlos B
8. Chesnutt S
9. Citarella S
10. Cognetta A
11. Grichnik J
12. Grin C
13. Halpern A
14. Joho R
15. Katz B
16. Kopf AW
17. Malvehy J
18. Marghoob A
19. Marulli GC
20. Mazzucchetti G
21. Menzies S
22. Nathansohn N
23. Oliviero M
24. Ozdemir F
25. Pacifico A
26. Peris K
27. Puig S
28. Rabinovitz H
29. Rahaman I
30. Rao B
31. Rozeira J
32. Rudnicka L
33. Surrenti T
34. Soyer HP
35. Spencer P
36. Stolz W
37. Swanson D
38. Van Stoecker W
39. Wang SQ
40. Zalaudek

Company representatives present at the meeting:

- Mole Safe/Mole Map (Bowling A)
- DigitalDerm, Inc (Lefkowitz M)
- Derma Medical Systems (Wenkart T, Covaci D, Keser-Halper S)

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AGENDA

Report by the President (H.P. Soyer)

- Following a short overview on the activities of the Society during its first year the assembly agreed that the new representatives of the IDS will be elected during the next general assembly to be held in San Francisco (AAD meeting, March 2006).

- Board members
  - Rights and obligations: the assembly agreed that the IDS board members should participate to at least 3 of the 10 activities listed in a document written by A. Marghoob and accepted by the assembly as a referral list of criteria. G. Argenziano will send the list to all board members who are required to reply within 4 weeks. If a given board member will not reply it will be assumed that he/she is not interested anymore as serving as a board member.
  - New board members: the assembly agreed to welcome the following 5 new board members: Angelo Azenha (a.azenha@sapo.pt), Jadran Bandic (jadran@uds.org.yu), Jorge Rozeira (dermaconsulting@netcabo.pt), Lidia Rudnicka (lidiarudnicka@yahoo.com), Mustafa Turhan Sahin (mustafaturhan@superonline.com).

- The assembly agreed that the possibility to link national dermoscopy societies to the IDS in the quality of sister societies of the IDS will be discussed in the near future.

- Journal: the assembly agreed to give R. Johr the task to contact the editor of the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology. R. Johr will ask for an official space for the IDS in the journal. If the JAAD will not be interested, the assembly agreed to accept a one-year collaboration with “Dermatology” offered by Prof. JH Saurat. In the latter case an assistant editor will be nominated (R. Braun and G. Argenziano have been proposed). One or two times per year a special issue of Dermatology will be devoted to dermoscopy articles edited by the IDS representative or to abstracts (e.g. the abstracts presented at the First Congress of the IDS, Naples 2006).

Report by the Treasurer (R. Hofmann-Wellenhof)

- The economy balance was presented by the H.P. Soyer on behalf of R. Hofmann-Wellenhof. The auditors checked and agreed.

Report by the Secretary (G. Argenziano)

- The Secretary presented the strategy for future didactic and scientific activities of the IDS, as well as the meetings to be held by the IDS. Further input will be given to the scientific activity of the society (see proposal for new studies below). Concerning future meetings, the aim is to get an official space for the IDS during the annual meetings of the AAD and EADV, as well as an official participation at the World Congress of Dermatology (Argentina 2007). Finally, advertisements and calls for abstract for the First Congress of the IDS in Naples 2006 will start in April 2005.
On going studies

- Amelanotic melanoma and nodular melanoma (S. Menzies): the preliminary results presented by S. Menzies are encouraging but there is still a lack of cases of amelanotic melanoma. All board members were asked to send further cases and an email will be sent by G. Argenziano to all board and regular members of the IDS to ask for participation. S. Menzies stated that just one case of truly amelanotic melanoma will be sufficient to be included in the study.

- Dermoscopy report (J. Malvehy): the preliminary version of the paper was presented. Comments by the board members are expected to be received by J. Malvehy ([malvehy@clinic.ub.es]) not later than March 30, 2005.

- Acral lesions (R. Braun): Study closed. The preliminary results of the study were presented by R. Braun.

Proposal for new studies

- Dermoscopy confidence (A. Marghoob): The study outline was presented by A. Marghoob. In due course this internet study will be starting and it will be open for participation to all board and regular members of the IDS.

- Dermoscopy key-points (J. Bowling, R. Braun): The concept of providing a list of dermoscopy key-points was presented by R. Braun. As soon as J. Bowling and R. Braun will be ready with a preliminary version of the document all board members will be asked to send their comments and suggestions.

- Scalp pigmented tumors (I. Stanganelli, R. Bono, I. Zalaudek): Call for cases of scalp pigmented tumors was made by I. Zalaudek. All board and regular members of the IDS will receive soon an email with the study proposal.

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