

ISDE GA 2017
Geneva, Saturday, Sept 23, 2017

Present:

Mahmood Khwaja, SDPI
Cathey Falvo, PSR
Peter Orris, PSR (only during the morning session)
Wolfgang Stück, ÖAB
Ingrid Stück, ÖAB
Erik Petersen, ÖAB
Roberto Romizi, ISDE Italy
Agostino di Ciaula, ISDE Italy
Peter Kälin, ÄfU
Eric Lainey, ÄfU
Lilian Corra, AAMMA
Hanns Moshhammer, ÄGU

Excused: Peter van den Hazel

The President Mahmood Khwaja opens the meeting but asks Cathey Falvo to chair the meeting in the morning since he has other obligations and meetings in preparation of the Minamata Convention COP1. Hanns Moshhammer takes notes as long as Cathey Falvo chairs the meeting. In the afternoon Mahmood Khawaja will take over as chair of the meeting before he can hand over the task to the new president. Cathey Falvo then will take the notes.

The president's report is attached (att_1)

The report from the International Secretary highlights the involvement of ISDE in the following issues to encourage National and Regional ISDE organizations to get involved at local level or to improve participation in the international arenas according to their capacity, experience and interest: Ionizing and non-ionizing radiation, Green Freight, Air Pollution, Pharmaceuticals in the Environment, Environmental Burden of Pollution, Chemicals and Health (including the Three Conventions and the new one: Minamata), CEH.

The report from the Scientific Office is attached (att_2)

- note: after and during the reports from the IS and the SO discussion focusses on the question how we could get more active people on board, how to keep them on board, and especially how to attract younger people. In the afternoon, this discussion will be continued. The survey among members conducted by Agostino Di Ciaula is discussed briefly. It was meant to gain an inside look into the interests and needs of members. But feedback was rather low.

The reports from the Regions and from individual member organizations / countries: att_3 – att_6

The treasurer's report: att_9 reports the balance for the 2 years 2015-2017. Peter Kaelin reports that he has sent invoices to member organizations but did only receive a membership fee once (from Ireland). He is invited to send invoices again and if he sends the invoice to the treasurer or director of the member organization to also CC the mail to the representing DB member. The accounts shall be merged into one to make management easier. There is still enough money in the accounts to carry on for the next 2 years in the same way, i.e. spending some money on travel costs for persons representing ISDE at international conferences, notably the International Secretary and the President. It is well noted that the president did not need any of these funds for his travels in the last 2 years. He is granted support for his stay in to participate in ISDE GA and COP1 Minamata Convention in Geneva.

Matilda van den Bosch was elected as president elect at the GA in 2015. At the DB meeting in 2016 (held in February 2017) she resigned from that post because of private reasons. Therefore, the Nominating Committee was forced not only to seek a new president elect but also a

replacement for the old president elect to be elected president elect at the GA 2017 and afterwards to be confirmed as president. The Nomination Committee proposed Lilian Corra as president elect to become president for 2017-2019. Her election was done unanimously before the lunch break so that after the break the confirmations and elections could proceed as planned. Lilian Corra accepted the election and asked the board members for their help and support in the years to come.

Lunch break and change of note taker.

The meeting resumed at 1:30PM

Presiding: Lilian Corra after unanimous confirmation as president for 2017-2019.

Minutes: Cathey Falvo

Nominating Committee:

1. Proposal for next president elect a) Ferdinando Laghi, ISDE Italy (he is Director of Medicine in S. Italy, works in sustainable management/products related to health care); b) ISDE Sweden did not confirm their earlier nomination of Sofia Lindegren. Dr. Laghi was elected unanimously.
2. The nominating committee for the 2019-2021 elections will be Mahmood Khwaja, (Chair), Peter Kaelin, Wolfgang Struck, Hanns Moshammer, and Agostino di Cuiala.
3. Vice presidents - ISDE-NA Cathey Falvo, ISDE-Europe Agostino Di Cuiala, ISDE-Asia Mahmood Khwaja, ISDE-LA Marisa Gaioli
4. Treasurer - Peter Kaelin
5. Scientific Office - Agostino di Cuiala
6. VP representative to the executive Board/DB - Cathey Falvo
7. Lilian Corra – International Secretary. Lilian Corra will sustain the double role representing ISDE as President and continue with her role as International Secretary for the next period 2017-2019.

Expanding communication/coordination with members

1. Reconnect with Australia for status – Cathey Falvo
2. EH research and teaching in Pacific region – Mahmood Khwaja
3. Nano which has been an ongoing issue for ISDE is faltering. Lilian Corra and Mahmood Khwaja will renew the contacts to improve ISDE active participation in the field as this is one of the “new and emerging issues” under SAICM process. To contact and include Vyvyan Howard and explore availability of Erik Petersen as Focal Point for this issue are also mentioned.

Wolfgang Stück, Ingrid Stück and Erik Petersen introduce the importance that ISDE get involved in another new and emerging issue that is still pending of analysis under the possible health impacts: Biological Synthesis. Taking into account the short notice that exist on this issue, current development and possible health effects, Wolfgang Stück, Ingrid Stück and Erik Petersen are requested to prepare and present a short abstract reflecting the current situation to inform the DB and explore the possibility to redact a position paper or declaration and fix ISDE position and possible actions in the near future. Lilian Corra, as ISDE president, will explore the possibilities to introduce this issue in the political international discussion.

4. ISDE Italy presents a proposal to increase ISDE's presence in Brussels/EU for lobbying and advocacy, fundraising, interaction and cooperation with other governmental and non-governmental organizations, cooperation and recognition of ISDE as a resource for expertise with compatible groups. ISDE Italy is developing a proposal to support a member based in Brussels to increase fundraising possibilities, raise ISDE profile by actively partici-

pating in advocacy activities and strengthen administration and programs. ISDE Italy will clarify their proposal and email it to the DB for further consideration.

5. At this point the discussion is also open related to the representation of ISDE at the CC process. CC Conferences are taking place every November and strengthening ISDE participation and collaboration with WHO can be important at this level of the process. Cathey Falvo may help in the process as PSR is involved in this process. Contacts with ISDE members that have been involved in this international process is encouraged.
6. As “communication strategy”, ISDE Europe and ISDE Italy present a “media campaign” as a proposal to keep actively connected ISDE National/Regional organizations and members as well as to disseminate information on the main issues where ISDE is involved, ISDE's activities in the different National organizations and at the Regional level, and to expand ISDE by reaching younger doctors by using a universal media of communication. There is consensus that to strength ISDE presence in social media, by example developing an ISDE International Facebook Page (currently attached to ISDE Italy FB page) can provide to reach this goal. Agostino Di Ciaula will develop this ISDE International FB page and link it with all national organization FB pages. ISDE National organizations are encourage to develop a FB page as well as to link to ISDE FB International, as well to link to other groups including Collegium Ramazzini, WHO EH, WHO EEH cooperating centers, SAICM, ECOSOC, UNEP Chemicals and Health, Commission on Children's Human Rights, others. ISDE National organizations are also encourage to publish articles and activities of interest produced at local or regional level as FB is a much active communication tool than the web-sites.
Lilian Corra explains that as part of the International Secretary activities and as a WHO Collaborating organization, two Facebook pages were developed (in English and in Spanish) as well as two Instagram sites (in both languages) oriented to disseminate WHO messages and information on CEH.
Cathey Falvo, also comments that PSR developed a new Pediatric Environmental Toolkit and is available in internet and the importance to connect this information as well as deliver it to the audience in internet.
7. Need to explore renewing official consultative status with UNEP - Cathey Falvo. WHO Official Relationship were already renewed last month.

Next meeting:

- ISDE GA: Buenos Aires 2019;
- ISDE-DB: Italy in October 2018 (before the last weekend as can be combined with Collegium Ramazzini Days).

ISDE Italy is proposing to held the ISDE DB back to back with a Conference that ISDE Italy is organizing on CC+Health (focused on sentinel diseases and emerging symptoms, sentinel doctors as focal points to detect population at risk). At the same time, ISDE Italy hosts next October 2018 an expert meeting in collaboration with WHO to renew, update and advance the educational strategy on medical education.

ISDE Argentina is proposing to organize an activity, possible one day Training Workshop presenting the new and emerging information on CEH in collaboration with the Pediatricians in Buenos Aires, back to back with the ISDEGA planned on 2019.

The meeting ended at 4:30PM

Annexes:

att_1.doc: President's Report

att_2.pdf: Report from SO

att_3.doc: Report from North America

att_4.pdf: ISDE Italy Report

att_5.pdf: ÖÄB Report

att_6.doc: ÄGU Report

att_7.xls: Balance 2015-17