

ISDE DB online, 2024-06-18

Participants: Oral, Hanns (note taker), Peter, Cathey, Roberto

Excused: Lilian

According to suggestion of DB members following topics will be discussed at the DB meeting Today, 18 June, 2024, time – 14.00-16.00 (CET).

1. Membership to ISDE (individual and organizations) – condition and policy, extension, fee payment, how to reach them, etc; New members joining recently: Norway, Haiti. (Hanns will make sure they are on the DB list). If a person cannot attend, (s)he should give a proxy to another representative of his/her organization. Oral proposes individual membership. Force membership fee (from organizations) or else kick them out immediately.

2. Involving new and younger members onto the DB (how, when, way...) Oral will draft proposal for international policy and how to attract young scientists. Support students' exchange and mobility in international projects and processes. Oral proposes "summer camp on environmental health" (plan in advance, find sponsors, ...)

3. Information of the International Secretary on pollution and health: Lilian has sent several reports on international activities. Decision: accept report, thank Lilian and Roberto for their valuable work. But: What to do with the reports? Press releases, communication?

4. ISDE Financial situation (ISDE accounts: see next line!)

31.03.2024: CHF 12,603.75 EUR 17,068.58 USD 1,383.03

(and in addition financial contributions of member organizations for domain name, website, etc.)

Hanns will remind members that membership payment is a must. Waiver possible.

5. Organizing International workshop (topic?, when, where) Peter organizes a meeting in Cyprus on Children's exposure in school (hybrid meeting), needs co-organizers. ISDE to co-sponsor that meeting? Vienna workshop in May (Vienna-Nukus) was a success. Need to be advertised (report on website?). Lessons learned for next meeting: also present ISDE as an organization next time. 2025: anniversary meeting? Combine with summer camp? What would be the best time? We must discuss it as soon as possible! October? Special event for young people.

6. Contribution to next COP29 (Baku): Oral: we need to prepare. We must be present and present our concepts. Need a team / steering committee. Oral will lead the steering committee. She will send out an invitation for volunteers to join the committee. Cathey will clarify as soon as possible how many people can represent ISDE at COP directly. Supposedly not so many. But there is still room for participation in side events. Side events must be sponsored by more than 1 organization.

7. ISDE goal, Action Plan (current + new fields, outreach activities...) ISDE is rather a network, not a coherent and effective organization. We have to improve our vision and status. Oral asks for suggestions for a vision. ISDE policies, collaborate on text books, ... Cathey: good ideas, but we lack the personnel to do it.

8. Approval of the new membership application – no new applications. (Norway, Haiti, were already discussed. Oral will send a welcome letter) Oral will write invitation letter to possible new members and will try to contact "old" members (if she manages to find contacts).