

GA-DB ISDE Zoom 11 December 2021 by Cathey Falvo

Present: Oral Ataniyazova, Ferdinando Laghi, Agostino Di Ciaula, Peter van den Hazel, Lilian Corra, Roberto Romizi, Hanns Moshhammer, Mahmood Khwaja

1.a/b) Minutes of last DG reviewed and approved, Cathey Falvo appointed note taker

c) President Ferdinando Laghi comments - many thanks to all for the continuing work despite the difficulty of meeting and organizing events, the economic/health of the world and individuals because of Covid and its close association with environment. Welcome Medecins du Monde and Fundacion Alborada to ISDE. Problems: member paying dues, lack of international attention to climate change. Proposal: ISDE Member Associations could put "ISDE - Member" in the name of the Association.

d) Peter van den Hazel will moderate rest of session. Remarks as incoming president: Difficult times but some benefits. UNFCCC COP 26 had the largest medical delegation ever at a COP as was noted by the conference. One of the major lessons learned is the difficulty of lobbying government delegates. We need to plan earlier and better among all NGO delegations for COP 27 in Egypt. Need to address the many toxic environmental issues as planetary health. ISDE needs to expand across the globe and coordinate the health voice

e) Lilian Corra, International secretary - ISDE is well recognized international organizations. Start using 'pollution' instead of 'environment' to emphasize human responsibility. Mercury/Minamata Convention needs to ban new mercury production rather than just reduce use. Problems keeping UNEP issues going since Covid has halted ease of meeting. Science to Policy is now on the agenda of UNEA as Science Policy Interface but both WHO and UNEP are weak on health. ISDE working to find more government champions for EH within both UNEP and WHO. WHO air pollution/energy has open leadership positions: comments: answers to power/pollution need to consider intermediate/long consequences of alternatives, especially nuclear. Need to bring up support for poorer countries when at international meetings. Consider papers be prepared for international/COP meetings.

f) Agostino Di Ciaula, scientific committee report: publications the numbers with ISDE affiliation is increasing but many ISDE members do not indicate their affiliation. Whenever possible ISDE affiliation should be mentioned along with all others on papers, books, etc. Citations of ISDE contributions to WHO/UNEP/European commission/etc. position/information papers should be encouraged. Must increase members use of ISDE affiliation on papers/talks/etc. All agree to work on issue and to increase sites of announcing publications.

Agree: further small group discussion on how to get the word out on looking at sources as well as results of toxic exposures for all countries.

g) Reports on regional activities – none made

2. All participants know to each other so no formal introductions were made

3. Acceptance of minutes from GA 2019

4. Finances/Hanns Moshammer - problems of money transfer from abroad and even within Europe. Need a way to have notification to Hanns so we can keep our books as having these funds. Financial spreadsheet attached. The Scientific office has no finances at the moment.

5. Confirmation: president elect: Peter van den Hazel; New members accepted: Medecins du Monde and Fundacion Alborada, Ireland ISDE may have reformulated-inquiries will be made, Scientific Office Committee President-Agostino Di Ciuala, President of the Scientific Office- Roberto Romezi.

New officers: President elect: Oral Ataniyazova, treasurers-Hanns Moshammer to continue, Vice presidents: Cathey Falvo for North America, Lilian Corra for South America, Agostino Di Ciuala for Europe, International secretary: Lilian Corra.

Communication: increase use of ISDE International Face book; add some blogging channel, add YouTube to post presentations-deeple for translation;

Next meetings: DB and the postponed 30th Anniversary- hopefully next year Italy will still host the meeting. When planning the time consider Ramazzini and UNFCCC in Egypt dates in October; need 1-3 smaller shorter meetings each year (virtual) to follow all our issues. Next GA in 2 years in Uzbekistan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 ET