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**An:** Raul Harari; ISDE DB

**Cc:** Vera Hogan; uwe Hild; patrick o sullivan; Michael McKeon; Michael McKeon; Liz Cullen; Feargal Duff; Elizabeth Cullen; Con Colbert IDEA; Juliet Duff

**Betreff:** [isde-db] ISDE GA: Draft Minutes

Dear All,

Please see below draft minutes of GA. Please notify any significant amendments/omissions/clarifications as soon as possible ( within one week!?). Inevitably there is an element of editing due to either perceived relevance or poor hearing! Apologies for this. List of abbreviations on the last page.

I take the liberty of adding a few comments I had intended to make at the meeting but did not due to time constraints.

Firstly I am honoured to have been selected as European VP and I thank you for it.

I wish to congratulate Lilian on her presidency on behalf of IDEA, and now also on behalf of ISDE Europe, and to thank her for all the great work she has done, and no doubt will continue to do, as International Secretary. I wish to welcome Vyvyan to the Presidency and look forward to working with him closely over the next 2 years.

Also to congratulate ISDE Italy for their Resolutions on Diagnostic Imaging and on Incineration. We should all work hard to publicise these in our own countries.

I agree strongly that we should liaise/co-operate closely with similar NGOs and official bodies:

In particular with HCWH, HEAL, IPEN, PAN, EEB & WHO

I would point out that WHO is in some disagreement with us (or we with them!?) in relation to DDT, EMR (?) and nuclear energy (agreement with IAEA). I append a draft letter to the IAEA (as suggested by Lilian some time ago) for comment.

In relation to EMR I would draw your attention to the Benevento Resolution of Feb 2006, signed by 31 scientists/researchers (including Michael Kundi, co-host and speaker at this conference). Info at <[www.icems.eu](http://www.icems.eu)>

Global Warming/CC is undoubtedly the major problem facing us. I believe we need to set the example by due consideration of our life styles, travel etc. We should minimise air travel and use ground based public transport where possible. Perhaps a good reason to have next years DB meeting in Germany? I agree with David Shearman's suggestions that we should select a "figure of standing" in the Northern Hemisphere and lobby them. Any suggestions of who? Finally I note that HEAL are developing a briefing for doctors (GPs) on REACH. I believe we should all support this and give it maximum publicity.

Kind Regards

Philip Michael

PS Wolfgang Stuck has requested that the DB be held in Germany. I agreed but it requires Vyvyan's sanction. Also I have suggested that a Europe ISDE meeting be held in Brussels back-to-back with HEAL's AGM which is scheduled for Tues & Wed 2nd and 3rd Oct. It looks like it should be Mon or Thurs. Please notify preference urgently. I hope to confirm with Genon Jensen within two weeks.

Minutes of ISDE GA - First Draft

Vienna 9th June 2007

Morning and afternoon (0900 - 1800)

Location: Inst. of Hygiene 1095 Vienna,

Organiser: Hanns Moshhammer

Present: Argentina Lilian Corra [LC]

Austria Hanns Moshhammer [HM]

Peter Wallner [PW]

Ecuador Raul Harari [RH]

Germany Erik Petersen [EP]

Wolfgang Stuck [WS]

Ireland Philip Michael [PM]

Italy Roberto Romizi [RR]

Hungary Peter Rudnia [PR]

Malta Jason Bonnici [JB]

Mauritius Hemsing Hurrinag [HH]

UK Vyvyan Howard [VH]

Ukraine Lew Gerbilsky [LG]

Special Delegate/Advisor: Sylvia Altamira [SA]

HM Meeting opened and delegates welcomed.

Housekeeping noted.

LC (Presidents Report)

Thanked Hanns Moshammer and nominated :

Time keeper PK

Co-Ordinator HM

Notetaking PM

Mentioned possibility of 2 new members -

Pakistan (Mahmood A. Khwaja SDPI)

Turkey I don't remember what Lilian said. But Turkey is already a member!

Recommended PSR Buletin - monthly - contact Cathy Falvo.

Europe - proposed a meeting in Brussels in the Autumn.

Resignation of Christian Martineus, Vice President Europe - a personal matter.

Africa - main current work was campaigning on DDT issue (report on web site).

Objectives Raise visibility

Regional activities

Regional interaction e.g. in Europe the proposed Brussels meeting,

Secretariat activities

Fundraising

Sylvia Altamira was congratulated on her work during the year and it was pointed out that she was attending the GA on a voluntary basis to explore how she might be able to assist our cause over the next two years.

Topics were: 1. GW

2. CEH

3. ?

Associations with Official Organizations

WHO/PAHO

WONCA

National Paed Assoc (Argentina ?)

ISDE had members on various Working Groups (WGs). Also paediatric contacts outside LA were strong.

Actions undertaken with:

WHO/PAHO

ISEF

PBC

IAES

Colloquium Ramazzinni (Italy)

Coming Events:

Mexico Sept. '07 - ISEE

Oct '07 - PBC for IAES

Active Members of

INCHES

IPEN (On Bio-monitoring, dioxins and pesticide WGs)

HCWH US and Europe - Networks and local

ISDE is working with:

(a) IFCS - represents science NGOs, along with Chemical Industry and IPEN representatives.

Main current topic is heavy metals.

(b) SAICM Focal Point (Health NGOs)

- part of IFCS

- through IPEN

- the only one to fundraise?

- "Quick Start Program" - can propose twice/year. Financial support available. Project approved in May.

(c) Hg and Pb/Cd WGs for UNEP

(d) POPs treaty (Stockholm Convention)

- to determine BAP/BET

Declarations Agreed: Asbestos

Nuclear power

Waste Incineration

Ionising Radiation (XRays)

ISDE Webpage - funded via LC

linked to all national organisations

Bulletins in English, Spanish, from Scientific Office.

ISDE Latin America Region - on posters (on website)

ISDE Inter-regional co-operative projects in Americas 2006 - 2008

-measuring impact of CEH in southern cone

- POPs - pesticide effects on workers and the environment

- identification of obsolete pesticide stockpiles.

IPEN - National Implementation Plans (NIPs)

- to be pushed by national orgs.

Fundraising: The EU was identified as the most likely source of major funding. There were numerous opportunities but there was a requirement for major organisational improvements in order to avail of them.

VH - suggested we could investigate HCWH

PM - suggested HEAL for advice

Funding Checklist (Sylvia Altamira)

In order to do any serious fundraising in Europe and Internationally in 2008 we must prepare the following list as soon as possible.

Original documents to be attached to EU applications

1. yearly work plans (the 2008 work plan should be started now)
- 2 Longer-term work plan to ensure continuity from presidency to presidency
- 3 Year end activity reports (with achievements, setbacks, outcomes etc)
- 4 Examples of ISDE's work .. publications, tools, conference announcements declarations, etc...
- 5 Current complete contact list of member organizations
- 6 CVs of legal representatives or main staff members who will coordinate projects (varies depending on specific projects applied for.)
- 7 A list of the members of the administration or executive board
- 8 Official NGO statutes
- 9 Copy of certificate of legal registration
- 10 The profit and loss account and the balance sheet of the last two financial years for which the accounts have been closed.
- 11 External audit reports on the accounts of the applicant for the last two financial years available.

Additional documents:

Clear international budget information

- . ISDE flyer-general flyer introducing the organization, its mission, etc..
- . Copies of national publications, posters, reports, project outcomes, housed at the fundraising headquarters etc.

Scientific Report (RR)

ISDE Italy (with WHO, Tuscany region and SIASS) organised a 3 day international conference in Florence in Nov. '06 (20th anniversary of the Ottawa Charter) "The Ottawa and Bangkok Charters - from principles to action".

SIASS - Founded in early 2005

- progressing strongly.

Waste management - declaration on Incineration of MSW

Also Declaration on Ionising Radiation (diagnostic XRays)

Newsletter sent to 3000 addresses twice/week (email)

International workshop for GPs/Family doctors on 'Environmental History Taking' organised

Italian 'Medical Code of Conduct' (2006) officially acknowledges that 75% of morbidity/mortality is caused by environmental effects.

Financial Report (PK - Honorary Treasurer)

June Balance on a/c = 4192 euro

Noted that only 3 national organisations paid subscriptions in 2005 and 6 in 2006

LC Able to continue to travel on behalf of ISDE

VH Nominated LC to the new post of "International Secretary". Unanimous agreement on vote.

LC Outcomes are/will be on the ISDE website

Requested representative(s) from national organisations accompany her

when she visits the different countries.

Members should state membership of ISDE at every opportunity.

Viewing of Posters and 'tea break'

Workplans for the next 2 years.

No reports received in writing but posters serve instead

SA Posters very good

Should be converted to standard format with bullet points etc.

Templates to be put on ISDE website for 2 year and 4 year workplans.

These can be utilised when seeking funding

ISDE descriptive flyer to be put on website

- can be copied and used at meetings anywhere.

list of members on website with contact details.

JB Emphasised that if funding is to be secured any projects promised must be completed in full.

International projects more likely to get EU funding.

National groups should do more work in order to get funding.

-a requirement for legally valid chain of command

LC - to be: President (VH)

President elect (HM)

Immediate past president (LC)

Treasurer (PK)

- template for national workplan also

- to have European meeting in Oct.

- suggestions for European workplan by early September

- ISDE International - report for 2006 - 2007?

LC National (Argentina?) report in English for 2006 - 2007

Legal registration documents - send to SA

National audited a/c for 2 yrs send to PK

ISDE International will then apply to EU on behalf of national Orgs.

Declaration on Waste Incineration (ISDE Italy)

- Adopted

- VH to edit and send around for publication/publicity.

Afternoon Chair PVDH

LG Noted the formation of the International Society of Men's Health. He is on its DB and there is a 'Congress on Men's Health' scheduled for 23 Sept. in Vienna.

LC HCWH - to hold meeting in Prague on Clean Environment (non-toxic water, food, & energy in Hospitals

- potential for co-operation with ISDE Europe

Other groups/projects - potential for co-operation

EWILE and Environmental Medicine Curriculum (Europe)

- both European Academy of Environmental Medicine (Peter Ohnsorge ) - projects.

European Master of Environmental Health in Vienna and Rome

PEFLA, PHEDUNET

Funding possibilities ? HCWH charge for advice

- paperwork, legal status, office - present problems in obtaining funds from EU
- the more countries the better
- including INCO (countries outside Europe)
- select a lead country to make the submission.

Brainstorming - Ideas, risks/effects, what to do?, who?

HH developing world in greater need, particularly Africa and LA.

Resources, skills etc reduced

PVDH Ideas first, then check to see if there is an appropriate EU funding program.

RH All options and ideas should be considered.

Keep communication lines open

Be 'big and strong' creative

Publications

LC POPs - 5 new ones projected

heavy metals

Asbestos

- all require highlighting

VH Cancer - age of onset decreasing - index required

- difficult to get accurate incidence rates
- mortality rates readily available
- now 1 : 3 chance of getting cancer
- child cancer incidence increasing

Numbers are small, therefore difficult to prove statistically.

WS Mercury - poorly regulated

GM foods

RH Education, prevention should be priorities

VH Antibiotics - some are persisting in the environment e.g. in Sweden

- comparative hazard assessment
- substitution / REACH

LC A global problem - needs to be pushed to the top of the agenda

RH Mercury, benzene, smoking

VH Depleted uranium - for weapons

- thousands of tons being used
- notably in mid East - being brought back to UK ? on contaminated equipment/ personnel

GENERAL INTERNAL and EXTERNAL POLICY ISSUES

VH Individuals should be permitted to join

- they may then be encouraged to develop a local/national org.
- ? mechanism for joining

- ? cost

PR Statutes allow for single members

RH Seminar in Ecuador

2/3 countries should combine to effect change in a specific country.

PVDH ? How to start an environment/health org.

SA Guy Magnus, Belgium - should be invited back onto DB

Draft a letter for the medical press looking for assistance e.g.  
retired doctors for a specific project.

Future meetings:

China Oct 2007

WONCA Dec. 2007 - try for training GPs

DB ISDE 2008 ? Ireland/Germany

IFCS 2008 ? in Europe

ISDE GA 2009 ? in assoc with Ministerial Meeting

Profile of ISDE - a flyer that can be translated for use at all meetings should be  
provided.

Governments provide funds for education, dissemination of information.

Contact POPs Focal Point in each country for information

LC ? Hire SA for another year

- a European NGO problem

JB A 'management program' is required

?EEB funding

PR Noted ' Central European Journal of Environmental Medicine'

- circulate by e-mail

- looking for papers/articles

LC to chair nominating committee

DB returned in total

Continental Vice Presidents -Raul Harari Latin America

Michael Wong - Asia

David Shearman Australia

Cathy Falvo - North America

Philip Michael - Europe

JB co-opted to DB

PVDH Had email from President of Swedish ISDE stating intention to attend.

P.M. to contact

Address of Incoming President (VH)

Prof of Bioimaging at University of Ulster - recently moved from Liverpool

- a foetal toxicologist

- married to Gesa and new daughter Hanna

- busy ++ therefore not heavily involved in past couple of years.

Strengths 1. Experimental science

2. Committed to public involvement

3. Good at creating 'Paper Tigers'

environmental involvement started 20 years ago in relation to a local incinerator issue.

4. Experience of 'rescuing financially indigent organisations before e.g. Royal Microscopical Society.

Weaknesses 1. Very busy

2. Languages

- conversational French

- little German

Ideas Cancer index - prostate ca incidence increased

- getting at a younger age.

Press release regularly

e.g. cancer

EDC

POPs

Depleted uranium - an alpha emitter - radiation is escaping in nano particles.

Funding - from EU

- contact HCWH - ? how they did it

PM Preface from a book bought fortuitously in Vienna the previous day. Author is a nuclear physicist born in Poland and working in Australia (Ron Nielsen - "The Little Green Handbook" Picador ISBN 0-312-42581-3)

"Not all is yet lost. We have expertise and technology and we can create a better future for our children. We have many companies offering environmentally friendly goods and services. We have many organisations and scientists working on solving both environmental and social problems. We need to work with all these groups and individuals and give them our full support. Never before was there a greater need to understand such critical issues. Never before have we faced dangers of such a magnitude, and never before was there a need for such a combined effort in steering away from danger."

I believe that the key lies, as stated in the Italian Federation of Colleges of Physicians of ISDE Italy, document 'Right to Health and Healthy Environment' in co-operation and co-ordination between all sectors in society locally, nationally and internationally.

BAT Best Available Technology

BET Best Environmental Technology

DB Directing Board

EEB European Environmental Bureau

EDC Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals

EMR Electromagnetic Radiation

EWILE European Early Warning System for Illness Linked to the Environment

GA General Assembly

GP General Practitioners [Family Doctor]

GW Global Warming

HCWH Health Care Without Harm

HEAL Health and Environment Alliance

IAEA International Atomic Energy Authority

IAES " Academy of Environmental Sciences

IFCS " Forum on Chemical Safety  
INCHES " Network on Children's Health Environment and Safety  
ISEE " Society of Environmental Epidemiologists  
IPEN " POPs Elimination Network  
MSW Municipal Solid Waste  
NIPs National Implementation Plans [Stockholm Convention]  
PAN Pesticide Action Network  
PAHO Pan America Health Organisation  
PBC Pacific Basin Consortium  
PEFLA Pesticides Europe and Latin America  
PHEDUNET Public Health Education Network  
POPs Persistent Organic Pollutants  
SDPI Sustainable Development Policy Institute Islamabad, Pakistan ([www.SDPI.org](http://www.SDPI.org))  
SAICM Strategic Assessment of International Chemical Management  
SIASS International School on Environment Health and Sustainable Development [Italy ISDE]  
VP Vice President  
WHO World Health Org.  
WG Working Group  
WONCA World Organisation of National Colleges & Associations (of GPs)