

ISDE General Assembly Agenda

Sansepolcro, Tues, Nov. 25th, 2025

Welcome address by the incoming President and by the host of the meeting

Establishment of the quorum: Hanns Moshhammer, Paolo Lauriola, Roberto Romizi, Matthias Köster, Lilian Corra, Bernard Aufderegg, Giovanni Viegi, Flavia del Grosso, Fabrizio Bianchi, Peter van den Hazel

Election of note taker: Peter van den Hazel

Roundtable:

Bernard: We have national, regional and international organisations; we have a common base of our work in science. This is true for different levels. We miss interaction between organisations. For example, from global activities. We could get more out of our collaboration.

Home page ISDE: lacking material; needs update and subchapters on different topics. E.g., a platform. We could use an information display place, like a repository.

Before that we need a platform such as googledocs or sharepoint, to share information. Who can set this up? Price \$ 5 / month for sharepoint.

Structure on the regional differences; that requires different visibility on the website.

Need to make procedure to structure the work across the board of ISDE.

Proposal for 2 persons to make a structure for sharing documents among the member organization, make strategic choices when we can take simultaneous action.

ACTION Decision: Peter to write plan for extending this content driven sharing. Decision: Peter makes document with how to get this organized.

That includes the use of the website. That needs rewriting the website. Use some funds for upgrade the website. Proposal to start with € 1000. Suggestion by Matthias for someone in Vienna.

What should be on the website:

- list countries
- policy Statements
- scientific news
- environmental health issues.
- list of contact persons for specific topics

See for more information the document on data sharing.

Participants exchanged printed material (Switzerland, Austria) on the table.

Review and approval of the past DB minutes: agreed.

Approval of the last GA minutes: agreed.

Report of the president:

Oral is not present. President attended several WHO meetings. No written reports available.

Contact with other organisations: Some official relationships with country organizations.

Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (NGO) wants us to be on the council. For more information see GAHP website. Someone with skills to attend. Lillian contacted Federico Balestrieri. Can we have a meeting with executive board of GAPH. And with Federico to see if there is a match.

HEAL: Francesco Romizi attends meeting. Suggestion from HEAL at the meeting to be more active to participate in research projects.

EPHA: workshop on crises for CSO, with focus on financial issues. ISDE Italia is member. An article or statement is currently produced by EPHA and will be shared.

International forum on chemical and waste. Regional UNEP forum for Latin America. ISDE international is member.

Look into Regional office UNEP in Geneva. How to make official relationship with UNEP? We are recognized as observer. But official relationship would be better.

Also, WHO regional office in Bonn (Irina) could be partner to cooperate with on a regular basis. We might use the platform. To be added to structure of contacts in the proposed repository.

Cathy Falvo is link to ECOSOC. Who can be assisting her? Very important connection. Needed for COPs.

Matthias is bridging to public-health (incl. EUPHA) and consults for IPCC Climate and Cities working group2 and diverse other supporting common mission.

Suggests that we combine the Advisories of Scientific Bodies of IPCC, IPBES, Planetary Boundaries/Earth System Science (PIK, Stockholm Resilience Center), Planetary Health Alliance and WHO Science Advisory Bodies (Wellbeing Economy) and parallel organize the continental-political regions (Africa, ASEAN, China, Latin-America, Arabic Countries, India, Europe/Russia, USA/Canada) close to the WHO regions.

Importantly we need to find meeting frequencies within these entities and than all coming together to recognize the differences in presence and interpretations of the factual and the differentiated impacts on political bodies. This way all are sovereign, yet coordinated as suggested by UN common agenda and beyond. This way no region is repressed and all are included. (for Europe at least 4*/year meetings suggested added to close exchange with Science Board of ISDE International).

Report of the treasurer

Second Grant received by Hatje funds. Hanns will write to Hatje's daughter thanking her in the name of ISDE.

Overview of finances by treasures Hanns. Three accounts. All looks solid over the last two years. Excel overview of the budget as Annex 1 to the minutes.

Continuation of the discussion on budget spending

- including decision on money reserved for the International Secretariate and others

Plans:

- small amounts of money can be spent by approval of executive board.

Proposals: explore more entities that can provide small amounts of money; e.g., state of Geneva, Basel. Philanthropy organisations e.g., Wellcome trust.

<https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes>

- support for international secretary €2500 for next years.
- Support of Sansepolcro conference depending on final conference budget, but up to EUR 10,000.-
- we are open for additional project proposal; in written format. E.g., Matthias to WHO Bonn meetings on children, etc.

Report from international secretary:

In the last 30 years or more, ISDE International Secretary played in the following processes where the International Secretary represented ISDE:

- Represented the Health Sector in the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety (hosted by WHO).
- Negotiation and implementation of the UNEP Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
- Negotiation and implementation of the UNEP Minamata convention on Mercury
- Negotiation of UNEP Strategic Approach to the International Chemical Management SAICM being and member of the Bureau of SAICM representing the Science Sector (hosted by UNEP)
- Negotiation and implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals (hosted by UNEP).
- Part of the following Consultations Expert Group:
 - o on Chemical Emerging Policy Issues
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 - o on Pharmaceutical Pollutants in the environment
 - o on the Review of the Guidelines of Used Lead Acid Batteries to reduce lead pollution
 - o on Endocrine Disruptors
- Member of UNEP Mercury Partnership ISDE and Co-leader of the Area of Mercury Supply and Storage (addresses the reduction of mercury supply from sources like mining and promotes secure storage and handling).
- Coordinator of UNEP Publication on Mercury from Oil and Gas (<https://www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/resources/report/mercury-oil-and-gas>)
- Member of the Working Group on Children and Environment of WHO
- Member of the Working Group responsible for the review and redaction of the Children Environmental Health WHO Training Modules for Health Professionals. Responsible for the edition in Spanish.
- Reviewer and translate into Spanish of UNEP publication on Toxicology in the Classroom (Training set of educational tools on pesticides)
- Co-author and reviewer of multiple publications of WHO and UNEP on Pesticides, Endocrine Disruptors, Children Environmental health and others.
- Organization of training activities and conferences on Children and Chemicals and Children Environmental Health in cooperation with WHO and UNEP in Latin America, Africa and Asia.
- Participation in the Expert Group on Issues of Concern of UNEP.

What are the requirements to attend these international meetings? Can we draft a kind of job description? Someone to have time, money and interest in the topic.

ACTION: Lilian will make short job description. In order to have some continuity in the work of an international secretary.

ACTION: we need to decide what we can do with the results of the work of the int. secretary.

Report from the Scientific Office

See Annex 2.

Report from member organizations

See for updates of members in ISDE DB app and ISDE International app.

Report from PERZENT, UZ (submitted in writing):

Activities of NGO Center Perzent in 2024-2025

- Center Perzent continue activities in training family doctors on “Environmental Health course” in collaboration with Karakalpakstan medical Institute. The course includes lectures and practical activities. During this period more than 300 doctors at the primary health care system were trained.
- Activities on the project “Investigation of Reproductive Health of adolescent girls in the Aral Sea region” in collaboration with rural doctors. Responsibility of Center Perzent is training of teachers at the schools and teenagers on Reproductive Health, developing a book “ABC on reproductive health” for teenage girls in local Karakalpak language.
- Started the social project “Cash cow program”. During 2024-2025 years 18 families were involved in the project. All cases were successful.
- Activities on the project “Safe drinking water for pregnant women in the Aral Sea region”. Center Perzent started these activities in 2023 and continuing.
- Started activities on the project “Supporting women with cancer” – we perform educational part of the project. In 2025 we started in Kungrad district of Karakalpakstan Republic.
- Participation at the events dealing with the ecological topics in Karakalpakstan.

Approval of the new President

Hanns Moshammer approved as president for two years, Past President: Oral Ataniyazova.

Election of new officers:

- President Elect: Paolo Lauriola
- Treasurer: Matthias Köster
- International Secretary: Lilian Corra
- Secretary to the president: Matthias Köster

ISDE Scientific Office:

Agostino Di Ciaula as president of Scientific Committee and Roberto Romizi as president were confirmed

Any other business

Originally, online interventions by Tee Guidotti and Paul Saoke had been planned. But because of technical problems they could not participate. Tee’s presentation is added to the minutes as Annex 3.

No other business was brought to the table.