

Agenda of the Assembly of ISMH

13th of May 2014 at 17.30-18.30

39th World Congress of ISMH, Kyoto Japan

In the 37th ISMH Congress which was held 23-26 June 2010 in Paris. Prof. Dr. Christoph Gutenbrunner (Hanover) who has served as Vice President and Leader of the Scientific Committee and Prof. Dr. Pal Geher (Budapest) who has served as the Treasurer for the years 2002-2010 completed their period of ISMH Executive Committee membership.

The ISMH Assembly which was held during the Congress ended with the elections for the ISMH Executive Committee members; Prof. Karagülle (Istanbul) was reelected as the President for the 2012-2016 period and Prof. Dr. Shaul Sukenik (Beer Sheva) was elected as Vice President and the Leader of Scientific Committee and Dr. Alain Françon (Aix-les-Bains) as the Treasurer for the period of 2010-2014, and General Assembly has agreed with the composition of Executive Committee as follows;

Prof. Dr. M. Zeki Karagülle, President (2012-2016)

Prof. Dr. Christian F. Roques, Secretary General (2010-2014)

Prof. Dr. Tamas Bender, Past President (2010-2014)

Prof. Dr. Shaul Sukenik, Vice President: (leader of the scientific committee): (2010-2014)

Dr. Alain Françon, Treasurer (2010-2014)

Regional representatives of ISMH;

Dr. Pedro Cantista, Europe

Prof. Dr. Yoshinori Ohtsuka, Near East and Asia

Prof. Dr. Bruce E. Becker, America

Elections of New Executive Committee Members and Regional Representatives

In the next Assembly of ISMH which will take place during the 39th World Congress of ISMH in Kyoto Japan on the 13th of May 2014 at 17.30-18.30, elections are to be held for the following positions which will be vacant because of the ending of related positions' term;

- President elect (2014-2016, to act as the president 2016-2020)
- Secretary General (2014-2018)
- Vice President: (leader of the scientific committee): (2014-2018)
- Treasurer (2014-2018)

Regional representatives of ISMH will be also defined with new inclusions for a global composition for the period 2014-2018;

- Europe
- Asia
- Japan/Australia
- North America
- South America
- Africa

So please think of and consider the candidates for these positions and propose them at least during to Assembly if not before.

Financial Status of ISMH

Considering the poor financial status of ISMH we should focus on how we can improve it.

There may be several ways and options;

1. Improvement of membership fee collection and increase the fee to 100 Euro/year.
2. Improvement of collective or corporative membership positions as follows;
 - a. National Balneology, Medical Hydrology Associations or Societies
 - b. Scientific Associations, Foundations or such Organizations
 - c. Any other type of Scientific Establishments, Institutions or alike
3. Increasing the collective membership fee to 500 to 1000 Euro/year.
4. Improvement of ISMH website with possible advertising banners to be placed at the site by paying a yearly fee like 100 to 500 Euro
5. Reserving a share for ISMH from the ISMH Congress revenues (10-20% of the revenues)

Attracting new and young members to ISMH

Considering the empowerment of membership status of ISMH we should find ways to attract new and young members as well as new collective members;

1. To organize educational and training programs, workshops, courses and seminars for young colleagues
2. To assist and support young fellows for their scientific activities and works and facilitate their participation to the meetings and congresses

3. To support and collaborate with the national balneology associations, institutions and establishments