



REPORT OF ISMH PRESIDENT, 2010-2012

38th CONGRESS OF ISMH

Prof. Dr. M. Zeki Karagülle

37th ISMH Congress was held 23-26 June 2010 in Paris. President of ISMH Prof. Dr. M. Zeki Karagülle (Istanbul) presented the assembly his report about the activities and meetings of ISMH for the 2008-2010 period. He thanked 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. He expressed the gratitude and appreciation that shared by the delegates for their valuable efforts for the improvement of ISMH and the scientific development of Medical Hydrology and Climatology.

The assembly ended with the elections; Prof. Karagülle 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 (2012-2014)

Prof. Dr. Tamas Bender, Past President (2012-2014)

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

In the 39th Assemble of ISMH in 2014 which will take place in Japan, elections will be done for the following positions

- 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)

Here I report as the President of ISHM the activities of ISMH and the president during the period of 27 June 2010 to 23 June 2010

ISMH EC (Executive Committee) and Board and Other Meetings,

We have had 5 such meetings in the last two years. Detailed information about these meetings is given below;

1. 27 June 2010, Paris, France

Karagulle, Roques, Sukenik, Bender, Françon, Cantista (full presence)

Just after the General Assembly, being introduced to the new tasks and trying to set up a plan for future activities of ISMH ,

To review the website of ISMH, to improve and update, to implement an interactive character and to find advertisement.

To create a new Bank Account in France

To appoint a General Manager from France (Mr. Tabone)

To establish an official ISMH France branch

To realize meetings of ISMH Board (EC + Regional representatives)

To launch a Newsletter to be sent to member if possible regularly

To go further establishing Balneology Division in UEMS or UEMS-PMR, here ISMH can play a role

To co-organize scientific meetings or support the local national meetings

To (re)activate and renew the Scientific Committee

To strengthen the relationships with other international organizations (ESPA, FEMTEC, SITH, OMTh)

To establish a peer-reviewed international journal as an official journal of ISMH

2. 16 July 2010, Lanjaron, Spain

Karagulle, Maraver, Moaer

To plan and discuss the next 38th ISMH Congress which will be held under Presidency of Prof. Maraver in Lanjaron Spain.

3. 21 January 2011, Paris, France

Karagulle, Roques, PC, Françon, Cantista, Maraver

To discuss the issues related to 38th Congress with Prof. Maraver, and preparation of the Congress, if an on-site visit necessary

4. 5 March 2011 Istanbul, Turkey

Karagulle, Bender,

Preparations after the establishment of UEMS Balneology Permanent Working Group at the Board Meeting of UEMS Section of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine held in Istanbul in 5 March 2011

5. 9 September 2011 in Belgrade, Serbia

Karagulle, Bender, Cantista and Jokić

First meeting of UEMS Balneology Permanent Working Group and planning a series of activities including

- to conduct a survey on current status of balneology in European countries,
- to set-up an Evidence Based Database in balneology to promote scientific balneology in Europe
- to organize balneological courses in the European countries in frame of UEMS and ISMH
- to plan balneological studies in Europe
- to prepare educational standards and specialist training curricula in Balneology

6. 18-20 November 2011 Harkany, Hungary

Karagulle, Bender,

Participation at Hungarian Balneological Congress

5. 25 January 2011, Lanjaron, and 26 January 2011, Madrid, Spain

Karagülle, Maraver, Tabone, Cantista

Meeting to discuss the related issues of the upcoming 38th congress of ISMH

ISMH Activities, 2010-2012

ISMH contributed, supported and co-organized meetings;

1. II. Iberoamerican Congress of Peloids 14-16 July 2010 Lanjarón-Granada, Spain
2. Balneology in rehabilitation 13 August 2010 Banja Koviljača, Serbia
3. The 7th National Conference of Balneology 5-6 November 2010 Bucharest, Romania
4. Spa Therapy with Saline Waters in Health Resorts 22-23 October 2010, Bad Ischl, Austria,

5. Workshop Medical Balneology Scientific Investigation: towards an European frame work 21 January 2011 Paris, France
6. XI Meeting Insights Rheumatology SPA Therapy in Rheumatic Diseases: display of custom or efficacious remedy? 13-14 May 2011 Porretta Terme, Italy
7. XXIII. Balneological Congress 8 – 11 September 2011 Nałęczów, Poland
8. 8th Turkish-Hungarian Balneological Meeting in association with the“International Congress on Ageing and Elderly” September 29 - 2 October 2011 Bursa, Turkey
9. Hungarian Balneological Congress 18-20 November 2011 Harkany, Hungary
- 10.IX. National Spa Medicine and Balneology Congress and Thermal Spa Training 12-14 April 2012 Kozaklı, Turkey
11. 10th National Conference of Balneology 10 - 12 May 2012 Sovata, Romania
12. 2nd Latvian National Congress of Rehabilitation Physicians 18-19 May 2012, Riga Latvia
13. The 77th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Balneology, Climatology and Physical Medicine (BCMP) 8-9 June, 2012, Akita, Japan

We recruited new members and improve the membership status

We have established two types of memberships and fees, individual and association / collective.

We have 243 total members: 238 individual and 5 collective.

After having the treasurer from France we opened a bank account in EUR and now the fee can be paid easily online via ISMH website. We sent already three emails and news letter and to all members requesting payment of the membership fee. We have had some limited response so far!

We worked on to collect the information about national medical hydrology balneology associations,

Now we have a strong network with the balneological associations as follows;

1. French Society of Thermal Medicine (SFMTH)
President Dr. Patrick H. Carpentier
2. Japanese Society of Balneology Climatology and Physical Medicine (BCPM)
President Dr. Shigeko Inokuma
3. Polish Association of Balneology and Physical Medicine
President Irena Ponikowska
4. Hungarian Balneological Society
President Dr. Pal Geher

5. Turkish Society of Spa Medicine and Balneology
President Dr. M. Zeki Karagülle
6. Association of Balneoclimatologists of Serbia
President Dr. Toma Jovanovic
7. Romanian Association of Balneology
President Dr. Delia Cinteza
8. Portuguese Balneology Association
President Dr. Pedro Cantista
9. German Society for Balneology and Climatology
President Dr. Christoph Gutenbrunner
10. Spanish Society of Medical Hydrology (SSMH)
President Dr. Juan Carlos San José Rodríguez
11. Balneotherapy Association of North America
President Cynthia Josayma

In future we are looking forward to having more collective members.

We improved the communications between members and member associations

We have recently launched an online newsletter and sent by emails with information about the Paris Congress.

We asked information feed from the national balneology associations and institutions.

We placed all in formation we received about the meeting, congresses and conferences and related documents in the website.

We have already good contact with the following institutions

**National Institute of Rehabilitation, Physical Medicine and Balneology,
Romania**

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AFRETH (Association Française pour la Recherche Thermale), Paris, France

French Association for Thermal Research

Professor Christian-François ROQUES, President

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Tél : 01 53 91 05 77 Fax : 01 43 21 01 80

e-mail: afreth@wanadoo.fr

Website : www.afreth.org/

FoRST (Termale Fondazione per la Ricerca Scientifica) Rome, Italy

Italian Foundation for Spa Scientific Research

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Website : www.fondazioneforst.it/

FirsThermae (Formazione Interdisciplinare, Ricerche e Scienze Termali)

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I cordially thank all colleagues and members for their commitment to ISMH activities and for their continuing support and assistance.

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