

Michael Geiges

Presidents report on the Events of 2015

16th Annual Meeting: "History Day 2015"

The 16th annual meeting of the ESHDV took place on 7 October 2015, the first day of the annual congress of the EADV, in Copenhagen. It was organized by the President Michael Geiges with the financial support of Pierre Fabre.

15 members of the ESHDV and three guests attended the event.

It started with an informative and entertaining tour through the Medical Museum of Copenhagen with its excellently presented artifacts in the narrow rooms and labyrinth-like corridors of the building of the old Academy of Surgery. After a short coffee break next door at the Café Oscar, the group met again in the old wooden auditorium where Ion Meyer, head of the Collections of the Medical Museum, presented the wax moulage collection with details of its history and restoration.

David J Eedy gave the Alibert Oration on "Churchill's medical men". The presentation of so far unknown details and unpublished research on the medical history of Sir Winston Churchill's medical history was a highlight for the participants of the meeting.

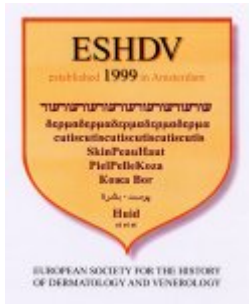
After the general assembly, Pierre Fabre invited the group for a comfortable lunch with stimulating conversations at the Klint Café in the Design Museum, located next door.

General Assembly

The President Michael Geiges thanked Pierre Fabre (Dr. Farah) for the generous support that makes it possible for the ESHDV to organize interesting meetings on such a high scientific level.

In the Presidents report he shortly remembered the meeting 2014 in Amsterdam, organized with the great help of the Dutch working group for the History of Dermatology. Meanwhile eight Dutch colleagues also joined the ESHDV as new members.

At the EADV congress 2014 Michael Geiges had organized a history workshop together with other members of the ESHDV. The workshop was particularly well attended the lecture room was overcrowded.



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Report of the treasurer

Daniel Wallach reported that the Society has a fortune of approximately 2900 Euro, thanks to the support of Pierre Fabre. So far, only members that attended the meetings paid their membership fee. This should be changed in the future with a direct billing system.

Website

Michael Geiges noticed that a Society does only exist for the public today, if it is detectable in the internet. Therefore he established a website for the ESHDV: www.eshdv.eu

The site has four pages so far (home, news, archive and membership form). The Email-Adress is: info@eshdv.eu

The General Assembly agrees to maintain the new website.

Katerina Kolyadenko suggests that the ESHDV should also be present on Facebook. The General Assembly supports this proposal. Katerina Kolyadenko offered to be responsible for the ESHDV-Facebook-account.

Board

There are no changes in the board. New elections will be in 2016.

President: Michael L. Geiges, Switzerland

Vice-President: Nick Levell, UK

Secretary: Rafal Bialynicki-Birula, Poland

Treasurer: Daniel Wallach, France

Honorary President: Daniel Wallach, France

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Denis Zaslavsky from Russia informs about the Russian Society of Dermatology and gives a publication on their history to the President of the ESHDV. The ESHDV and the Russian colleagues want to keep close contact.

Future events

There will be a history workshop at EADV meeting on Saturday 10. October 2015 with speakers from the ESHDV.

The next General Assembly and history Day of the ESHDV will be in Vienna on the first day of the EADV meeting on 28 September 2016, Michael Geiges will organize the event.

Bassersdorf, Switzerland, 3. March 2016

President: Michael L. Geiges