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President of the ESHDV

## Presidents report on the Events of 2016

### 17th Annual Meeting: "History Day 2016"

The 17th annual meeting of the ESHDV took place in Vienna on 30 September 2016, the first day of the annual congress of the EADV. It was organized by the President Michael Geiges (MG) with the financial support of Pierre Fabre (Mr. Ducournaud, Mr. Farah).

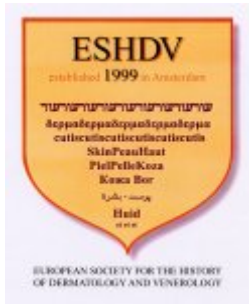
Eleven members of the ESHDV, three new members, and four guests attended the event.

First, Eduard Winter, the curator of the medical history collection and museum of the "Narrenturm", gave us a tour through a part of the museum that is usually closed to the public and allowed us an impressive insight in the collection of more than 5000 wax moulages and 50'000 other objects like bone specimens, wet preserved specimens, paintings and medical instruments.

After a short walk, the group was welcomed by Dominika Flomyn at the Josephinum. After the coffee break in the sophisticated old reading hall, the group learned many details about the history of the of the old medical surgical Academy and the old Vienna general hospital (AKH). The introduction was followed by a guided tour through the most impressive famous collection of anatomical wax models from the 18th century and the special exhibition " de oculis".

The director of the Josephinum, Christiane Druml, supported our request to have a look at the old treasury books of the Max and Margaritha Wolf library that our founding and honorary president Karl Holubar has been taking care of until his death three years ago. We were shown treasures from the beginning of book printing, the first dermatology books, precious atlases and rarities like the Dermatology Atlas of Dohi, carefully presented with interesting additional information by the librarian Mr. Albrecht.

Back in the elegant lecture hall, Werner Aberer gave the Alibert Oration 2016 on "History of contact dermatitis" with a short and very informative introduction about the Alibert-Oration itself.



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After the general assembly, the group was invited by Pierre Fabre for lunch at the Stingel-Ambulanz in the middle of the old AKH. On the way to the restaurant we took the chance to pass by the memorial plaque of Ferdinand von Hebra. The meeting ended with interesting conversations, enjoying Vienna specialties with perfect late summer weather underneath the shade of the trees of the old surgical ambulance.

### General Assembly

The President 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. He shortly resumed the President's report 2015 that has been published on the website, looking back on the meeting 2015 in Copenhagen. At the EADV congress 2015 MG had organized a history workshop with speakers that are all members of the ESDHV. The workshop was well attended and received very good feedback.

#### **Report of the treasurer**

Daniel Wallach (DW) was not able to attend the meeting. MG presented the overview of the finances 2015 prepared by DW. DW asked to find a new treasurer. It would be best if it was a French member because the ESHDV and its bank account is located in Paris. Otherwise, we will check again if the account of the society can be transferred into another country.

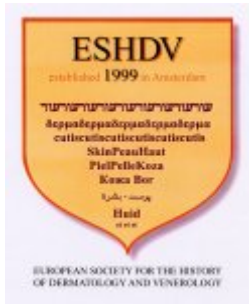
The membership fee has not been collected for the last three years. It should be collected from now on sending a call to the members.

#### **Website**

MG took care for the ESHDV website: [www.eshdv.eu](http://www.eshdv.eu). The site is simple with four pages so far (home, news, archive and membership form). The Email-Address is: [info@eshdv.eu](mailto:info@eshdv.eu). The General Assembly agrees to maintain the new website.

#### **Facebook**

Katerina Kolyadenko informed that the ESHDV facebook account has been installed and that she posted information about the ESDHV events.



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## **Board**

There were no suggestions for changes of the board. The board members were reconfirmed for another three years by unanimous election.

President: Michael L. Geiges, Switzerland

Vice-President: Nick Levell, UK

Secretary: Rafal Bialynicki-Birula, Poland

Treasurer: Daniel Wallach, France

Honorary President: Daniel Wallach, France

## **"History of Dermatology" Task force of the EADV**

MG informs about the new efforts of the EADV defining the duties and organization of EADV task forces. He re-applied for a History of Dermatology Task force with the following goals: 1. inform the EADV members about research data on dermatology history, 2. identify speakers for the EADV history symposium, 3. support preservation of dermatological cultural heritage (especially wax moulages), 4. encourage research in the history of dermatology, 5. provide a framework for exchanges on the history of dermatology.

The task force with MG as chair and Nick Levell and Rafal Bialynicki Birlua as co-chairs got accepted. The task force needs members and the members of the ESHDV are invited to join the task force as members.

## **Future events**

There will be a history workshop at EADV meeting on Friday 30. September 2016 with speakers from the ESHDV.

The next General Assembly and history Day of the ESHDV will be in Geneva on the first day of the EADV meeting on 13 September 2017, MG will organize the event.

Bassersdorf, Switzerland, 1. September 2016

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