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## Presidents report on the Events of 2017

### 18th Annual Meeting: "History Day 2017"

The 18th annual meeting of the ESHDV took place in Geneva on 13 September 2017, the first day of the annual congress of the EADV. It was organized by the President Michael Geiges (MG) with the financial support of Eli Lilly Switzerland and Merz Pharma Switzerland.

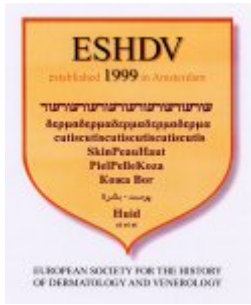
14 members of the ESHDV, 2 new members, and 6 guests attended the event.

The History Day took place at the Musée d'Historie des Science Geneva. The group was welcomed by Dr. Stahl Gretschi, chargée de projet d'exposition, with a short introduction to the history of the beautiful building (a former summer residence of Swiss / French banking managers). Dr Stahl imparted information about the medical wax models and moulages in the museum inventory which are still used for academic teaching. An exhibition of the dermatological waxes had been prepared for our group leading to discussions and questions about the diseases portrayed, as well as the technique and conservation. This first part of our program ended with a visit to the depot where the rest of the collection is stored.

After this "dermatological" glance behind the curtains of the museum, Dr. Stahl guided us through the exhibition and the group learnt more about early advances in modern science, with an emphasis on the development of measuring methods. The visit to the exhibition ended in the special exhibition on "images of science", a topic closely related to dermatological wax moulages and pictures in Dermatology.

Albert-Adrien Ramelet gave an educational and erudite Alibert Oration 2017 on "Phlebology and Dermatology – past or future?". It was a great honor and pleasure for the ESHDV to welcome also Hugo Partsch as our guest, having with him and Albert-Adrien Ramelet two colleagues who had crucially influenced the formation of Phlebology.

After the general assembly, the group was invited for lunch at the Restaurant La Perle du Lac next to the museum on the lakeside of Lake Geneva. The vivid and stimulating conversations and academic networking continued during and after the excellent lunch until the afternoon.



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## General Assembly

The President thanked Eli Lilly and Merz Pharma for the generous support (both financial and with organization and administration) that made it possible for the ESHDV to organize again an interesting meeting on a high scientific level.

MG shortly presented some pictures from the ESHDV meeting 2000, organized by Daniel Wallach (DW), that took place at the same locations 17 years ago. He then resumed the 2016 President's report, which has been published on the website, looking back at the 2016 meeting in Vienna. At the 2016 EADV congress, MG had organized a history workshop with speakers who are all members of the ESHDV. The workshop again was well attended and received a very good feedback.

### **Report of the treasurer**

DW presented the overview of the finances 2016 compared to 2015. With the support from the industry the ESHDV was able to pay the costs of the History Day and still has a reserve as a basis for the next event.

Meanwhile, the ESHDV board started to collect the membership fee with a request to all the members. A reminder will follow.

Last year DW had asked the society to find a new treasurer: as our Honorary President he was only helping out as treasurer. No French member could be found but Chukwudi Nwabudike (Romania) and Martin Lorenz (Germany) both very kindly offered their help. Because of practical reasons (more German members in case of a change, Euro) Martin Lorenz was unanimously elected as Treasurer for the ESHDV, starting in January 2018. The bank account will be transferred to Germany and it will also probably be necessary to transfer the domicile of the ESHDV.

### **Board**

The board was confirmed last year, next elections will be in 2019. This year there was the extraordinary election of Martin Lorenz as new Treasurer and Board member. The board consists of the following persons:

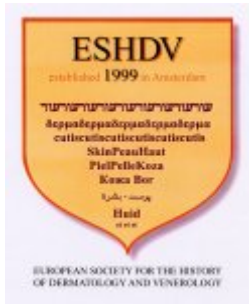
President: Michael L. Geiges, Switzerland

Vice-President: Nick Levell, UK

Secretary: Rafal Bialynicki-Birula, Poland

Treasurer: Martin Lorenz, Germany (starting 1.1.2018)

Honorary President: Daniel Wallach, France



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

MG informed the society about the EADV History of Dermatology Task force (board: MG as chair and Nick Levell and Rafal Bialynicki Birlua as co-chairs). The board members may not be on the board of the according sister society. Because the ESHDV holds its academic meetings at historical scientific sites outside of the congress venue, it is not fully accepted as a sister society, and the board members can act in both groups.

The task force identified speakers for the EADV history symposium. MG supported the EADV president on request with data on the history of dermatology in Switzerland. In 2017 there were no other projects executed. Frank Powell suggested as a project that the Task force should offer help to EADV speakers to support utilisation of historical data in the dermatological education and reports. Knowledge of history of medicine gives greater depth and understanding to dermatology science and helps prevent repetition of mistakes. The task force needs more members and the members of the ESHDV are invited to join the task force.

### **Future events**

There will be a history workshop at the EADV meeting on Friday 15. September 2017 organized by MG. The next General Assembly and history Day of the ESHDV will be in Paris on the first day of the EADV meeting on 12 September 2018, MG will organize the event.

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