

Michael Geiges
President of the ESHDV

Presidents report on the Events of 2018

19th Annual Meeting: "History Day 2018"

The 19th annual meeting of the ESHDV took place in Paris on 12 September 2018, the first day of the annual congress of the EADV. It was organized by our Honorary - President Daniel Wallach with the financial support of Dr. Christian Diehl, Life Science Investments Limited.

23 members of the ESHDV and 7 guests attended the event.

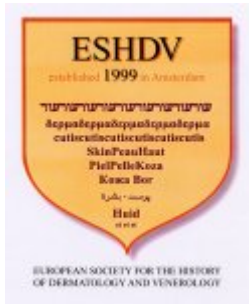
The History Day 2018 took place at the Musée Curie in Paris. On a hot late summer morning the group met under the trees in front of the Musée Curie. The members and guests of the ESHDV attended a very interesting tour through the rooms in which Marie Curie and her team had worked. The buildings are still in use as laboratories for the Institute Curie. Authentic furniture and laboratory equipment were seen, complete with original documents and some fascinating short movie sequences. These gave an impressive insight into the historical pioneering work of Marie and Pierre Curie.

Michel Janier, a well-known expert on infectious and sexually transmitted diseases and co-author of the French book on the history of Dermatology by Wallach and Tilles, gave a precise and comprehensive Alibert lecture 2018. The title was "French contributors to Venereology during the XIX and XX centuries".

After the general assembly, the group was invited for lunch at the Restaurant La Maison Marie, close to the museum. The group enjoyed an excellent lunch in a friendly and inspiring atmosphere.

General Assembly

Michael Geiges summarized the President's report 2017, presenting some images from the ESHDV meeting 2017 in Geneva. The report has been sent to the members and published on the ESHDV website. In addition, the History of Dermatology session at the EADV congress 2017 was organized by him and Nick Levell and was very well attended.



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Report of the treasurer

Daniel Wallach presented the overview of the finances 2017/2018. With members subscriptions, support from industry last year and Christian Diehl this year, the ESHDV was able to fund the costs of the History Day and still has a reserve as a basis for the next event.

Martin Lorenz and Michael Geiges did the necessary translations and signed the documents (on-site in Germany) in order to make the transfer of the bank account possible. Because of the complex bureaucracy that was necessary to transfer the bank account from France to Germany, the call to pay the membership fee for 2018 was sent out soon after the Paris meeting.

The president thanked Christian Diehl for the generous support that facilitated the organization of the 19th history day in Paris.

Board

The board was confirmed two years ago, so next elections will be in 2019. The current board is:

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

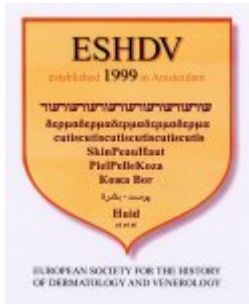
Future events

The next General Assembly and history Day of the ESHDV will be in Madrid on the first day of the EADV meeting on 9. October 2019, Michael Geiges will organize the event.

"History of Dermatology" Task force of the EADV

Michael Geiges will inform the members about the EADV History of Dermatology Task force (board: Michael Geiges as chair and Nick Levell and Rafal Bialynicki-Birlua as co-chairs). The task force identified speakers for the EADV history symposium. The EADV task forces were asked to prepare leaflets on their specialties that the EADV could use. As the history of Dermatology work extends into work of many task forces, Michael and Nick offered tthat the historical task force could help other task force groups and the EADV with specific historical questions. The EADV media team has now come back to the history task force with a request to assistance with their output.

The task force needs members and the members of the ESHDV are invited to join the task force as members.



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Other events in 2018-2019

A history workshop took place at EADV meeting on Thursday 13. September 2018 organized by Michael Geiges and Nick Level.

From 10 – 15 June 2019 the World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) took place in Milan. On June 11th the traditional Tri-Societies Meeting (History Society (USA), SFHD (France), ESHDV) was organized by Larry Parish and Carlo Gelmetti. It took place in the historical lecture hall of the Dermatology Clinic in Milan with Carlo Gelmetti giving a great Abraham Buschke Lecture. Right in time for the WCD Carlo Gelmetti published an English Edition of his book on the History of Dermatology in Italy. At the WCD there were historical lectures every morning, given by guest (Daniel Wallach, Larry Parish, Michael Geiges) and by the Italian Society for the History of Dermatology (Carlo Gelmetti). On Jun 15th there was a morning session organized by Michael Geiges and Nick Levell on the impact of moulages and pictures on Dermatology.

The British Association of Dermatologists historical symposium took place at the 99th BAD annual meeting in Liverpool in July 2019. It has been founded in 2003 by our Vice-President Nick Levell, who is still helping with the organization. This year there was a guest speaker, 20 abstracts presented as posters and 4 as oral presentations and a historical display.

Kloten, Switzerland, 12. September 2019
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