

Michael Geiges
President of the ESHDV

President's report on the Events of 2019

20th Annual Meeting: "History Day 2019"

The 20th annual meeting of the ESHDV took place in Madrid on 9th October 2019, the first day of the annual congress of the EADV. It was organized by Michael Geiges with great help from Natalie Curcio and the the financial support of Laboratoires Pierre Fabre (Corinne Déchelette).

28 members of the ESHDV and 2 guests attended the event.

With the still perfect summer weather, History Day 2019 started at the Medical Faculty of the University Complutense of Madrid, where the participants were welcomed by the Dean of the Faculty Javier Arias Diaz. After a first group picture in the impressive conference room, one half of the group visited the Museo de Anatomia Javier Puerta with the Director Fermin Viejo Tirado. The second group were first introduced to the history, the conservation and the very interesting exhibition of the wax moulages of the Museo Olavide by Luis Conde-Salazar and his team.

For the lectures, the group moved on to Hotel Santo Mauro. The Alibert lecture 2019: "The Olavide Museum: History, Moulages, and Recovery amidst Political Discord" was given jointly by Luis Conde-Salazar and Natalie Curcio. In a magnificent setting, Natalie Curcio presented the history of Spanish Dermatology with a particular focus on the history and the rescue of the valuable wax moulages, which we had just admired in the museum thanks to Dr. Luis Conde-Salazar.

Patricia Deps presented her latest book "The Day I Changed My Name – Leprosy and Stigma". Corinne Déchelette introduced us to the art and the background of "Peaurigami", an educational-artistic exhibition on the skin, that was also presented at the EADV congress itself.

The history day ended with a delicious Spanish lunch, with friendly conversation, in the comfortable atmosphere of the library hall of the Hotel.

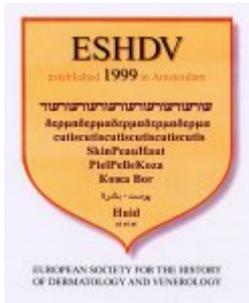
General Assembly

Michael Geiges summarized the President's report 2018, presenting some images from the ESHDV meeting 2018 in Paris. 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 2018, organized by him and Nick Levell, had been very well attended.

Report of the treasurer

Martin Lorenz was not able to come to Madrid but prepared the overview of the finances from 2018/2019 that Michael Geiges presented to the members. The account in Germany was opened on 20.10.2018. The French account still exists but with very little money in it. In 2018/2019 the income was 4565 Euro and the expenses 2976.72 Euro, so the current balance was 2288.29 Euro. There were still many membership fees outstanding. Martin agreed to send a reminder to the members.

The president thanked Corinne Déchelette, Laboratoires Pierre Fabre, for the generous support that facilitated the organization of the 20th history day in Madrid.



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Board

Rafal Bialynicki-Birula resigned as secretary after having served the society for seven years. Chukwudi Nwabudike from Romania was unanimously elected as new secretary. The rest of the board was confirmed.

The members of the current board are:

President: Michael L. Geiges, Switzerland
Vice-President: Nick Levell, UK
Secretary: Chukwudi Nwabudike, Rumania
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 was planned for Vienna. Michael Geiges raised the question whether it should remain on the first day of the EADV meeting or whether it would be better a day before, because there are always conflicts with the agenda for those who participate in the meetings of the sister societies of the EADV. Some members and all board members stated that they would not be able to travel a day earlier so the board decided to maintain the date on the first day of the EADV annual meeting.

"History of Dermatology" Task force of the EADV

Michael Geiges informed 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 History task force was also asked to help with a list of people who made relevant discoveries, put the milestones of dermatology, etc. for presenting them on the EADV website. The task force will ask the members of the ESHDV for support in this issue.

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

Other events in 2019-2020

A well-attended history workshop took place at EADV meeting on Thursday 10. October 2019 organized by Michael Geiges and Nick Level.

Unfortunately, in spring 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic caused worldwide disruption and made larger physical meetings impossible.

The EADV annual congress 2020 will be held virtually on October 28th to November 1st. There will be a history session organized by the EADV History of Dermatology Task force scheduled on October 30th. It is not possible to have an ESHDV "history day" in 2020. The ESHDV board decided to send the reports by Email to the members with an invitation for a virtual Zoom-meeting in November 2020.

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President: Michael L. Geiges