



MINUTES

14th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

International Association of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring & Clinical Toxicology September 14, 2007

1. **Call to Order, Opening Remarks**

President David Holt called to order the 14th Annual General Meeting of the International Association of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring and Clinical Toxicology September 14, 2007 in the Acropolis, Nice France. He welcomed all present and declared a quorum was present. Transition of the Presidency was added to the agenda as item 12.

2. **Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Dr. K. Napoli, Seconded by Dr. M. Huestis
That the minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting of the membership, held July 26, 2006 in Chicago Illinois USA be approved as circulated.
Carried.

3. **President's Report**

Dr. David Holt presented an overview of his written report. A highlight of the past two years included the move to joint ownership and revenue sharing with the publishers of TDM journal. This additional revenue stream will enable the association to put more funding into educational activities. The association has been involved in a number of meetings. The newsletter has been re-launched as The IATDMCT Compass, and the website is under redevelopment. A partnership between Novartis Pharma and IATDMCT has been formed. Novartis will make supplies of deuterated cyclosporine and everolimus available to members as soon as the details of distribution are finalized. In closing, Dr. Holt acknowledged the passing of one of the association's founders, Dr. Irving Sunshine.

4. **President-Elect's Report**

Nominations and Elections

Dr. Hans Maurer reported that the following members were elected to the 2007-09 Council from a full slate of candidates willing to stand for election. The members of the 2007-09 Council will be:

President	Hans H. Maurer, Germany
President Elect.....	Alexander A. Vinks, USA
Past President.....	David Holt, UK
Secretary	Pierre Marquet, France
Treasurer.....	Victor Armstrong, Germany
Directors of Education	Marilyn Huestis, USA
.....	Atholl Johnston, UK
.....	Sandra Solari, Chile
Councillors	Christine Collier, Canada
.....	Loralie Langman, USA
.....	Teun Van Gelder, The Netherlands
.....	Pierre Wallemacq, Belgium

Dr. Maurer thanked all those willing to stand.

Site Selection

Five members have applied to organize the 2011 meeting, and the association is grateful for all the applications. The Site Selection Committee of V. Armstrong, E. Hooper, P. Marquet, A. Vinks, and H. Maurer will make a recommendation to the Council and the announcement of the 2011 venue will be made at the Closing Ceremonies.

5. **Secretary’s Report**

Dr. Vinks reported that the detailed membership report was in the report package. There are currently 311 members – 228 Full members, 37 Developing Country members, 38 Young Scientists, 7 Member Awardees, and 1 Honorary member. \$1,786 was donated to the Developing Countries Fund by generous members.

6. **Treasurer’s Report**

Dr. Victor Armstrong presented the audited report. The net assets include about \$30,000 in cash, \$100,000 in the Money Market interest bearing account, and \$30,000 in seed money to the Congresses. A tax return is submitted annually. In the past, the association has been dependent solely on the Congress surplus to finance the off-Congress year. The Louisville Congress in 2005 resulted in a very healthy surplus, and in 2006 the membership fee was increased, both of which created the current stronger financial position. The new relationship with the TDM publisher will make the financial position even more secure. The changes in the global banking regulations have meant the Treasurer lost his access to online banking. The Council is looking at solutions to remedy this situation.

The 2006 royalties from the journal appear in the 2007 books and the annual net revenue from royalties will be a net increase of \$40-50,000 for the association. Council will be looking at ways to spend this additional revenue on outreach initiatives. Dr. Armstrong noted that the Congress is still an important source of revenue, but with the merging of several of the major sponsoring industries, future support may be difficult. Council is considering setting up an international fund raising committee.

Moved by Dr. Armstrong, Seconded by Dr. Potter
That the services of Andrew Williams be used to audit the 2007 books.
Carried.

7. **Report of the Directors of Education**

Dr. Atholl Johnston reported that the Directors of Education will be assuming responsibility for the Traveling Lectureship. They will also be contacting members to submit articles to the IATDMCT Compass.

8. **Reports of the Administrative Committees**

8.1 **Awards Committee**

Dr. Michael Oellerich, Chair of the Committee reported that the committee was made up of Drs. Julia Potter, Steven Wong, David Holt, and himself. The Committee received nominations for all the awards and the following recipients were accepted by the Executive and received their awards at the Opening Ceremonies:

- Irving Sunshine AwardDr. Marilyn Huestis
- C.E. Pippenger Award.....Dr. Victor Armstrong
- Young Investigator AwardDr. Vanessa Steenkamp

8.2 **Awards Fundraising Committee**

Dr. Holt reported for the Chair, Dr. Ray Morris. This committee sourced funding for the awards. Irving Sunshine Awardsponsored by Roche Diagnostics

C.E. Pippenger Award.....sponsored by Dade Behring Diagnostics
Young Investigator Awardsponsored by Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins

8.3 **By-Laws Revision Committee**

This committee was not active.

8.4 **2007 Congress Planning Committee**

Dr. Pierre Marquet, Chair of the Organizing Committee, reported that the Congress had 515 registered participants and 85 accompanying persons with 40 countries represented. 304 abstracts were submitted, with 95 accepted as oral presentations and the remaining as posters. Seven symposia were presented and 16 workshops. Three prizes will be presented for the best orals and posters.

9. **Reports of the Scientific Committees**

9.1 **AIDS Drugs Committee**

Dr. Rakhmanina, co-chair, submitted a written report. The committee has been active in advocating the need for the TDM of antiretroviral therapy. Several oral and poster presentations were made by committee members at international and national meetings. Members of the committee held several phone conferences through the year, and have been active in the Nice Congress. The committee has established new working liaisons with several international organizations on HIV treatment.

9.2 **Certified Reference Materials**

Chair, Dr. Billaud reported that the committee would like to focus on the evaluation of the quality of the reference materials used for calibration and controls purchased as standard preparations.

9.3 **Chiral Pharmacology Committee**

No report.

9.4 **Clinical Pharmacokinetics Committee**

Chair, Dr. D. Touw, reported that the committee organized a workshop for the Congress, and plans to collaborate with the cost-effectiveness committee to write an update of the paper on the cost-effectiveness of TDM that was published earlier in TDM Journal.

9.5 **Clinical Toxicology/Drugs of Abuse Committee**

Dr. Olaf Drummer, Chair, reported that the committee presented a symposium and two workshops at the Congress. Dr. Run-Zhang Shi in collaboration with Dr. Steve Wong had their paper "Pharmacogenomics for Clinical and Forensic Toxicology - An Adjunct for Interpretation of Drug Toxicity" published on the web with an abbreviated version published in the newsletter.

9.6 **Immunosuppressive Drugs Committee**

Chair, Dr. Pierre Wallemacq reported that a number of members of the committee have been involved in the organization of the European Consensus Conference on tacrolimus optimization held in Brussels in May 2007. Some resulting guidelines were presented at the Nice Congress and submitted for publication in TDM. The committee was also involved in the organization of the Symposium "Pharmacogenetics, Pharmacokinetics and TDM of Immunosuppressive Drugs" held at the Nice Congress. An update of the monograph on tacrolimus will be placed on the website soon. An international conference on TDM is currently planned for Warsaw Poland in September 2008.

9.7 **Impact of TDM on Pharmacoeconomics Committee**

Dr. A. Vinks, Chair, reported that this committee has had a number of activities during the year including a UNC-CERT Development of a model pediatric TDM service to cost effectively improve patient outcomes, and a number of presentations at symposia and conferences. The committee is considering proposing to Council that the name of the committee be changed to reflect the broader base under which the committee would like to operate.

9.8 **Pharmacogenetics Committee**

Dr. Mark Linder, Chair, reported that the committee has been involved in planning of topics and speakers for one of the symposia at the Congress as well as several oral presentations. Committee members have also been involved in a number of presentations in other conferences.

9.9 **Standards of Practice Committee**

Dr. Edgar Spencer, Chair, encouraged new members to join the committee. The committee presented a successful workshop at the Congress and are working on a framework of documents for the Montreal Congress.

10. **Special Interest Groups**

10.1 **Anti-fungal Drugs**

Dr. Billaud reported that a workshop was presented at the Congress. The first meeting of the group was held during the Congress, to discuss a number of issues of interest as well as to discuss future activities for the committee.

10.2 **Young Scientists Committee**

Dr. Frank Peters, Chair, reported that there were 38 members of the group, with 31 in attendance at the Congress. Most of those present made presentations. The group met for lunch on Sunday and had a business meeting on Wednesday. Some of the members have taken responsibility for upcoming activities. The group will be asking Council to include members up to 40 years of age in the committee.

11. **Publications**

11.1 **Therapeutic Drug Monitoring**

Dr. Oellerich reported that the impact factor has increased from 2.1 in 2002 to 3.03, and the journal is ranked #3 in medical laboratory technology journals. Advertisements have been added and the circulation has increased substantially by 117 subscribers to a total of 604. The most cited paper in 2004 was in clinical toxicology. There is a 23% increase in manuscripts, with 60% accepted. The Editors would like to increase the rejection rate in the future. Turnaround time is currently 16 weeks and print time is 16 weeks, and it is hoped to decrease this time in the future. It is important to have more reviews and members are encouraged to submit these.

The Editorial Board is very grateful for the Patsalos Prize which will honor the best article in the journal every second year. The jury will be made up of the 2 Editors, the President, and Dr. Patsalos.

11.2 **IATDMCT Compass**

Dr. Kimberly Napoli, Editor, reported that Dr. Denise McKeown, co-chair of the Young Scientists will become an Associate Editor. There was a change to full-color printing in September 2006, and a name change from *IATDMCT News* to *IATDMCT Compass* in March 2007. Dr. Napoli thanked all members who have submitted articles and invited submissions.

11.3 **IATDMCT Website**

Dr. Alain Verstraete, webmaster, reported that the website has been upgraded and there will be additional facilities online within the next few weeks.

12. **Transition of the Presidency**

Dr. Holt thanked the Society for the opportunity to serve as President during the last two years. He then turned the chair over to Dr. Hans Maurer, incoming President. Dr. Maurer expressed the gratitude of the members for the leadership provided by Dr. Holt during his Presidency. He asked for the support of the membership as he assumes the Presidency. He thanked all members who served the association during the past two years especially the out-going members of Council, and welcomed the new members of Council.

President Maurer then declared the 14th Annual General Meeting adjourned.