



INTERNATIONAL  
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THERAPEUTIC DRUG  
MONITORING AND  
CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

**MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**International Association of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring & Clinical Toxicology**  
**July 28, 2008, Washington DC**

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

President David Holt called to order the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the International Association of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring and Clinical Toxicology July 28, 2008 in the Renaissance Washington Hotel, Washington DC. He welcomed all present in person and by telephone and declared a quorum was present.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Dr. D. Holt, Seconded by Dr. I. Watson

That the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the membership, held September 14, 2007 in Nice France be approved as circulated.

Carried.

**3. President's Report**

Dr. Hans Maurer, President, reported that the Executive had successfully renewed the contract with the TDM North American Editor, Dr. Koren, and the two Associate Editors, Dr. Holt and Dr. Porat Soldin. The Executive has also renewed the contract with Events & Management for the office services. The Board decided that the local organizers of IATDMCT Meetings were responsible for all financial affairs of the Congress. The Young Scientists Corner was established for the IATDMCT website, and a listserv has been set up by Councillor Chris Collier for communication and discussion among members.

Dr. Maurer reported that the surplus from the Nice Congress was 106,000 euros which will be transferred to the IATDMCT account and used for membership services. A Task Force of the Directors of Education has been established, chaired by Dr. Vinks, to develop a structure for the Traveling Lectureship, Congress Travel Grants, and longer term educational goals. To improve the website, Dr. Maurer has initiated a Council page on the website featuring the photos and biographies of all Executive and Council members, a short introduction of all scientific committees, committee aims, reports, and committee members, and short articles.

The following Regional Meetings have taken place in 2008:

- Beijing, March 5, 2008 – organized by Dr. Li Wang. President Maurer presented IATDMCT and a lecture
- Dubai, March 11, 2008 – Dr. Atholl Johnston presented a lecture at the DUPHAT Conference, held under the auspices of IATDMCT
- Munich, April 2, 2008 – President organized a GTFCh-IATDMCT session at the ANALYTICA Conference
- Martinique, June 2-8, 2008 – President chaired a joint TIAFT-IATDMCT session on Clinical Toxicology at the TIAFT Meeting

Meetings coming up:

- Mannheim, September 21-24, 2008 – Dr. Oellerich will organize a TDM session for the DGKL Conference, held under the auspices of IATDMCT
- Warsaw, September 26-27, 2008 – President will open and close the Warsaw TDM Conference, supported by IATDMCT

- Forteleza, September 28-October 2, 2008 – session on “Pharmacogenomics and Clinical Laboratory at the IFCC Congress
- Innsbruck, June 11, 2009 – EuroMedlab Innsbruck 2009 will be held under the auspices of IATDMCT. IATDMCT will sponsor and pay expenses for a session “Frontiers in Therapeutic Drug Monitoring” with Dr. P. Marquet as the chair. President Maurer will lecture another session and represent IATDMCT.
- Sydney 2009 – Dr. Oellerich will organize a TDM Symposium for the WASPaLM, held under the auspices of IATDMCT.

President Maurer extended the thanks of the membership to Dr. Pierre Marquet and his committee for the very successful conference in Nice, and its very healthy financial outcome. He also thanked the many volunteers of the association – Executive members, Council, Committees, Editors and Editorial Board of *TDM* and of *Compass*, the webmaster, and the administrative director and staff.

#### 4. **President-Elect’s Report**

Dr. A.T.M. Vinks, President-Elect reported that he is responsible for the Nominations & Elections. He encouraged all members to participate in the nominations process so that there will be a number of candidates running for positions. Nominations must be received by December 15, 2008. He also encouraged members to submit applications for the three Awards offered by the Society. Nominations for the awards must be submitted by March 31, 2009.

Dr. Vinks is also chairing a Task Force made up of the Directors of Education, to develop educational opportunities through the Travelling Lectureship and Travel Grants. It is hoped that grant winners will take the information they receive at a conference back to their home laboratories.

The association is also looking at ways to increase membership. Regional membership is one option and the USA is a particular focus for more members. The Executive will be trying to enhance the relationship with the TDM-Tox Division of AACC.

#### 5. **Secretary’s Report**

Dr. Pierre Marquet reported that there are two new Scientific Committees: the Anti-Fungal Drugs Committee and the New Sampling Strategies Committee. Dr. Marquet asked all Committee Chairs to reinforce their activities through the website, new members, literature reviews, and case studies. The Committee Chair’s role is extremely important to develop IATDMCT and membership.

#### 6. **Treasurer’s Report**

Dr. Victor Armstrong, who was present by telephone, reported on the audited financial statements for 2007. The assets of the association stand at \$350,000 before the surplus from Nice is included. Due to the new arrangements with the journal, royalties for both 2006 and 2007 have been received and both are recorded as 2007 revenues.

Moved by Dr. Armstrong, Seconded by Dr. Vinks

That Andrew Williams be named the auditor of the 2008 financial statements.

Carried.

#### 7. **Report of the Past President**

Dr. David Holt, Past President, reported that the Board would like to revise the ByLaws to allow an electronic election process. This would change the wording of Sections 5.5 and 7.4.

Moved by Dr. Holt, Seconded by Dr. Watson

That the ByLaws be revised to read:

5.5 **Matters Determined by [Mail] Ballot Without a Meeting** In lieu of holding a meeting of the members, the Council may submit any matter to the members for determination by a [mail] ballot. Notice of the matter to be voted upon shall be [mailed] *sent* to every Active Member of the Association *by mail and/or electronically*, and Active Members shall be provided at least 30 days to return their votes on the matter to the Association. Unless otherwise required by Ohio law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the Active Members *participating in the ballot, returned by any electronic means approved by the Executive Committee, voting on any matter by sealed ballot* shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter.

7.4 **Action by [Mail] Ballot Without a Council Meeting** Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Council may be taken by [mail] ballot. The affirmative vote of all members of Council shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by [mail] ballot by the Council, except that the affirmative vote of the majority of all members of the council shall be necessary for any election voted upon by [mail] ballot by the Council. *The method of voting shall be any electronic means approved by the Executive Committee.*

Carried unanimously.

8. **Reports of Committees**

The reports of the Administrative and Scientific Committees were circulated to the members and there were no questions on the reports. The President declared the reports accepted for review.

9. **Publications**

9.1 **Therapeutic Drug Monitoring**

Dr. Oellerich extended his thanks to the members of the Editorial Board for their work during the past year. The impact factor has dropped to 2.39 from 3.0 and this is of concern. The Editorial Board is also concerned that members seem to be submitting their papers to other journals, rather than *TDM* and Dr. Oellerich encourage members to submit to the association's journal. The rejection rate is 42% in Europe and 32% in the North American Editorial Office. With the help of the publishers, the process has been streamlined to cut down on the time from submission to final decision. The Committee is in place to determine the winner of the Patsalos Prize, and is composed of Dr. Patsalos, the President, President-Elect, Editor in Chief, and North American Editor. Terms of reference have been drawn up for the prize.

11.2 **IATDMCT Compass**

Dr. Maurer thanked Dr. Kim Napoli for her work as Editor of the newsletter and thanked the members for their contributions to the newsletter.

Dr. Maurer then declared the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting adjourned.