

May 16, 2007:

4th Official Meeting of the International Society of TeleDermatology (ISTD)

Welcome

Status of the ISTD

The ISTD is steadily growing with nearly 400 members now. TeleDermatology is now for the first time extensively mentioned in the program of the EADV congress

Congresses

General.

It is decided that from 2008 the ISTD will organise a yearly meeting. The organisers take the financial risk as well as possible profits. The local organisers are allowed to organise the congress under auspices of the ISTD and may use the ISTD logo as well as the the webspace of the ISTD for promotional activities. In future when the ISTD has its own budget, the ISTD might share the financial risk as well as the profits of the congress.

1st World TD Congress Graz/Austria, 2006

The 1st World Congress was a big success. The ISTD thanks H. Peter Soyer and his colleagues for organising this congress. A report of the World Conference has been published by Grażyna Kamińska-Winciorek in a Polish Dermatologic Journal.

2nd World TD Congress Chennai/India, 2008

Jayakar Thomas & Parimalam Kumar on behalf of the Indian Society of Teledermatology (INSTED) are offering to organise the 2nd Congress in Chennai/India in 2008. They will take care of the financial responsibilities, the organisation and the invitation of the Executive Board (costs for travel, hotel and congress). It is accepted unanimously to organise the 2nd WCTD in Chennai.

3rd World TD Congress Amsterdam/The Netherlands, 2009.

It is accepted that the 3rd Congress Amsterdam will be organised by Leonard Witkamp in Amsterdam in 2009. Dr Witkamp will propose a date in September/October. He foresees high exposure by the government.

eMedTel

ISTD has been invited to participate in the eMedTel conference in Luxembourg by Frank Lievens. Leon Witkamp will contact Lievens in order to know more about eMedTel and its purpose. Participation will then be decided during the ISTD meeting at the World Congress on Dermatology in October in Buenos Aires/Argentina.

The TeleDerm.org Project

Aims: to be a state of the art application for open access teleconsultation in Dermatology. Modernization of the application and of the workflow among members is currently being performed. Key experts, e.g. Massone (dermatopathology) will be invited to participate in this site. Telederm.org 2.0 will feature searching functions, rating, requests of the month, mobile access, knowledge base, messaging system, internal mailing management, and better usability

Legal relation: Telederm.org started as an individual research project from the Medical University of Graz, Graz/Austria. The IT part of the application has been provided for free by e-derm-consult GmbH in Graz/Austria. Telederm.org is the official discussion forum of the International Society of TD. A liability statement as well as a privacy statement will be checked by an Austrian lawyer. The referring doctor is responsible for his or her input as well as on privacy issues. Everything on a voluntary base, authentication issue not yet completely resolved (open for all physicians, nurses, health workers and students), no patients or relatives. It is decided that the discussion forum will run under the formal authority of the ISTD. It should be used as a discussion forum but not as a second opinion forum.

Action: forum disclaimer, Pharma industry.

Admission agreement: Board members

Miscellaneous.

Draft recommendations for standardised TD will be presented during the ISTD meeting during the World Congress on Dermatology in Buenos Aires/Argentina..

Next meeting

ISTD Meeting parallel to the World Congress of Dermatology, Buenos Aires/Argentina.

Place and time will be forwarded by e-mail.

Protocol by Leon Witkamp