

ISSCD Newsletter August 2019

The International Society for Study of Coeliac Disease (ISSCD) is a membership organization for professionals for the promotion of coeliac disease research and clinical management worldwide. The ISSCD was established in 2011, its statutes are registered in The Netherlands and its business address is in the UK – site of the current President Prof David Sanders. New members are very welcome and we also seek industrial partners. The major task of the ISSCD is to arrange the bi-annual International Coeliac Disease Symposia (ICDS). The Board of the ISSCD is elected every other year during the ICDS which next takes place in September 2019.

International Celiac Disease Symposium 2019

The next ICDS will be held in Paris, 5th – 7th September and has attracted a record number of submitted abstracts! Those who have not yet registered, please do so ASAP at www.icds2019.paris.com!



Future of ISSCD – change of statutes

The Board of the ISSCD will propose a change of the statutes of the ISSCD. Now that we have two active regional celiac organizations we propose to change the ISSCD to become a federation of regional societies rather than a membership organization. Thus, personal membership will be kept via the regional societies, and membership of the ISSCD can also remain but with no fee. The two active organizations are European Society for Study of Coeliac Disease (ESCCD) with current President Knut E. A. Lundin and Society for Study of Coeliac Disease (SSCD) with current President Chiaran Kelly. An Australasian

society is in progress. We propose that the Presidents of these societies are *ex officio* members of the Board of ISSCD.

New Board members of ISSCD

No new members of the Board were elected during the 2017 ICDS in New Delhi, but Pavel Drastich as representative for the 2015 Prague meeting left the Board. We are now seeking nominations for the Board. The current Board comprises:

Position	
President	David Sanders*
Treasurer	Knut Lundin*
Member	Bana Jabri*
Member	Riccardo Troncone
Member	Luisa Mearin*
Member	Govind Makaria*
Member	Christophe Cellier

*Stepping down from the Board at the Assembly Meeting in Paris.

In Delhi it was decided that Board members should hold their position for four years, and a planned exchange was asked for. Riccardo Troncone will “automatically” be member of the new Board as Chairman of the local organizing committee of the 2021 ICDS in Italy. If the new statutes are approved Knut Lundin and Chiaran Kelly will have *ex officio* positions. Nominations for new members of the ISSCD Board can be sent by emailing a completed nomination form, prior to the meeting in Paris, to the secretary of ISSCD, Heidi Urwin: Heidi.Urwin@coeliac.org.uk

To maintain the required diversity and international representation on the Board, the ISSCD Board members have also contacted individuals to consider being nominated for the Board.

Bids for ICDS 2025?

The next meeting will take place 2021 in Sorrento, Italy, then in 2023 in Sheffield, UK. We are seeking bids for the 2025 meeting. We know from the past that several are interested. The ICDS has not yet been arranged in Australia – will that be the 2025 meeting? If interested in bidding for the 2025 event, please send your expression of interest to heidi.urwin@coeliac.org.uk

General assembly 6th September 17:30-18:30

Mark your calendar! If not already a member of ISSCD and you or colleagues would like to attend, please complete the [online membership form](#).

Agenda for the business meeting. Any proposals for other matters must be sent to the Board at least seven days prior to the General Assembly. The proposal for new statutes and the minutes from the Delhi General Assembly will be sent to the members prior to the General Assembly in Paris.

1. Welcome address
2. Election of a chair for the business meeting
3. Election of two persons to write minutes from the meeting
4. Election of two persons to sign the minutes
5. Report from the Board of ISSCD
6. Report from ESSCD
7. Report from SSCD
8. Budget/financial matters
9. Change of statutes for ISSCD
10. Presentation of ICDS 2021 (and 2023?)
11. Bids for ICDS 2025
12. Election of Board (the Board will nominate a President among themselves and shall be at least three members and at most 10 members)
13. Input from members on future activities of ISSCD