

## ISSCD Newsletter October 2022

### Presidential address

I am sure you all are sharing the increasing excitement as the International Celiac Disease Symposium (ICDS) in Sorrento is fast approaching. The ISSCD Board has worked hard to organize this symposium for some time now (given it was postponed due to the pandemic last year). I extend my thanks to the local organising committee and to the sponsors who have made this event possible. Lectures, symposia, round tables and an extensive poster exhibition will explore the main areas of progress in the knowledge and management of celiac disease. Special attention will be given to the exciting results coming from the growing number of clinical trials aiming to obtain an alternative therapeutic to the gluten-free diet. Sorrento 2022 will not only be the forum where scientists, clinicians, allied health professionals, patient associations and industry will meet to exchange knowledge and experience, but also an occasion for the "celiac world" to strengthen cooperation and friendship in the unique atmosphere of the Amalfi Coast.

Since the last meeting in Paris, the preparation of the Sorrento edition of ICDS has not been the unique activity of our Society. ISSCD is increasingly becoming a reference for all stakeholders working on celiac disease on a global scale. A big effort is under way to strengthen the relations between the ISSCD and the Continental Societies for the study of celiac disease (SSCD and ESSCD) to face in a more integrated and efficient way the new challenges posed by the progress of our knowledge on gluten related disorders. A Multisociety Celiac Disease Consortium has been created to foster international collaboration between celiac disease societies

During the last year we have actively collaborated on two major initiatives with the support of Takeda. A mentorship program is in the planning where experienced clinicians, researchers are linked with young up and coming bright minds that are planning a career in celiac disease research. Further information on the mentorship programme will be presented in Sorrento.

Members of the ISSCD Board will be elected/re-elected at the General Assembly in Sorrento. A process giving members of the ISSCD the opportunity to vote and to encourage a wide representation of professional disciplines and geographical coverage from across the globe. According to the current statutes of the ISSCD, it will be the responsibility of the ISSCD Board to designate the new President who will steer the Society for the next two years.

It has been a honour for me to serve as President and I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me and the Society in these years, particularly the members of the Board and Heidi Urwin for the invaluable help received on any occasion.

I look forward to seeing you all in Sorrento very soon.

*Riccardo Troncone*

President of the ISSCD



## Invitation to register for Sorrento

The International Celiac Disease Symposium (ICDS) will be held in Sorrento, Italy, 19-22 October 2022. A record number of registrations and abstracts have been received! It's not too late to register to attend if you have not yet done so, please visit the event website: <https://icds2022sorrento.com/>

## ISSCD General Assembly, 21 October, Sorrento

The General Assembly of the ISSCD will take place in Sorrento, 21 October, 17.30-19.00, Hilton Sorrento Palace Hotel. Full information available on the [ISSCD website](#).

Any proposals for other items to be included on the [Agenda](#) must be submitted to the Board at least seven days prior to the General Assembly: [info@isscd-global.org](mailto:info@isscd-global.org). The minutes from the ISSCD General Assembly in Paris 2019 may be accessed on the ISSCD [website](#) along with the [draft proposal for revised statutes](#).

To register for attending the General Assembly, please complete the [online form](#). It is important that you register so that you receive a personal link for the online voting of the [nominated candidates](#) for the ISSCD Board, that will take place at the General Assembly. Please ensure to bring your mobile phone or laptop with you to the General Assembly to enable you to vote. If you have any problems with this, there will be administrators on the day to assist you.

## Election of ISSCD Board members

According to the ISSCD statutes the governing Board of the society is composed of eight members and ex-officio members who are the Presidents of the continental societies for the study of celiac disease ie the European Society for the Study of Coeliac Disease (ESsCD) and in the USA, the Society for the Study of Celiac Disease (SSCD).

Board members hold their posts for a term of two years with the possibility of completing a second term of two years, on re-election. Election of Board members will take place at the General Assembly in Sorrento. All members of ISSCD are entitled to vote.

Members of the ESsCD and SSCD automatically may become members of the ISSCD but need to register their membership via the ISSCD website first, using the [online form](#).

Information on the nominated candidates for election to the Board can be found via this [link](#).

It is essential that you also [register](#) for attending the General Assembly and to receive a unique, personal link for the online voting of Board members.

## Change of Statutes

The Board of the ISSCD will propose at the General Assembly a change to the society's Statutes. In the [proposed revised version](#), new rules have been clearly defined regarding the composition of the Board. This includes a suggestion that in the future, the President of the ISSCD is elected by members attending the General Assembly.

## **Bids for ICDS 2028**

The next ICDS will take place in 2024 in Sheffield, UK, then in Melbourne, Australia in 2026. Following an open call we have received two expressions of interest to host the ICDS in 2028. Presentations will be given at the General Assembly and members invited to vote:

- Tampere, Finland (Kalle Kurppa)
- Tel Aviv, Israel (Ranaan Shamir)