ISTM Membership Assembly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 17 May 2017, Barcelona, Spain

The following is a consolidated record of the deliberations and actions of the ISTM Membership during the session described above. Votes and other official actions were taken only when a quorum or more was present. Motions are introduced by its number [motioneer/person who seconded the motion/resulting vote].

Call to Order
The 2017 ISTM Membership Assembly was called to order at 18.20 with a welcome from Annelies Wilder-Smith, ISTM President.

Dr. Wilder-Smith announced that the meeting would follow “Robert’s Rules of Order” and appointed Ms. Diane Nickolson to serve as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

Old Business

MINUTES APPROVAL
Dr. Wilder-Smith presented the minutes from the 2015 ISTM Membership Assembly.

Motion 2017:17.05:01 [Connor/McCarthy/Passed with three abstentions] To approve the minutes of the May 2015 ISTM Membership Assembly Meeting as presented.

ELECTION RESULTS
Dr. Wilder-Smith presented the results from the 2017 ISTM Election reporting that Dr. Lin Chen, United States of America, was elected to serve as President-Elect from 2017-2019. She noted that Dr. Chen would then serve as ISTM President from 2019-2021, and Past President from 2021-2023.

Dr. Wilder-Smith also reported that Dr. Elizabeth Barnett, United States of America and Dr. Andrea Rossanese, Italy, were elected to serve as Counsellors for the term of 2017-2021.

SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REPORT
Prof. Peter Leggat, ISTM Secretary-Treasurer presented his report. Highlights include:

- The ISTM Net Assets have shown steady growth for the past 5 years and was 2.33 Million US Dollars at the end of the past Fiscal Year.
- In addition to member dues, the Society is supported by investment income, the conferences and other projects.
- Maintaining adequate financial reserves to support the Society is critical, especially due to the 2-year cash flow variance due to the biennial conference
- An independent auditor review takes place each year to ensure that adequate checks and balances are in place regarding ISTM financial operations.
- An important step for the society is the Foundation has been given a 501 c 3 status with the United States Government.

ISTM WORK GROUP REPORTS
Reports were presented by:
Davidson Hamer, GeoSentinel
Brad Connor, ISTM Foundation
Eric Caumes, Journal of Travel Medicine
AWARDS PRESENTATIONS
Dr. Joseph Torresi, Chair of the Publications Committee and Dr. Eric Caumes, Editor-in-Chief presented the awards. The following awards were presented:

- **Best Original Paper**
  - High carriage rate of ESBL-producing Enterobacteriaceae at presentation and follow-up among travellers with gastrointestinal complaints returning from India and Southeast Asia
  - Isabel Barretta Miranda

- **Second Place for Original Paper**
  - Effectiveness of Twice a Week Prophylaxis with Atovaquone-Proguanil (Malarone®) in Long–Term Travelers to West–Africa
  - Tamar Lachish

- **Best Review**
  - Travel vaccination recommendations and endemic infection risks in solid organ transplantation
  - Jason Trubiano

- **Second Place for Review**
  - Epidemiology of Tick-Borne Encephalitis (TBE) in International Travelers to Western / Central Europe and Conclusions on Vaccination Recommendations
  - Robert Steffen

- **Best Brief Communication**
  - Ten years of recreational diving fatalities in the United States and Canada: harvesters vs. non-harvesters
  - Brittany Rowley

- **Second Place for Brief Communication**
  - Identification and Review of Mobile Applications for Travel Medicine Practitioners and Patients
  - Sheila Seed

Dr. Martin Grobusch, Chair and Elizabeth Barnett, Co-Chair of the Research and Awards Committee presented the following awards:

- **Pathogens Identification and Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing on Traveler’s Diarrhea Cases in Bali, Indonesia**, Arak Agung Sri Agung Aryastuti, Indonesia, Principal Investigator.

- **Elucidating metagenomic markers of prolonged diarrhoea in returned travellers**, Katherine Gibney, Australia, Principal Investigator.

- **The Association Between the Proportion of Pharmacists Authorized to Administer Injections and the Proportion of Patients Adherent to Multiple-Dose Travel Vaccine Regimens: A Retrospective Cohort Analysis of Administrative Data in Alberta, Canada**, Sherilyn Houle, Canada, Principal Investigator.

- **Measuring neutralizing antibodies against yellow fever virus ten years after intradermal yellow fever vaccination with 1/5th-fractional dose** Anna H.E. Roukens, The Netherlands, Principal Investigator.

- **Do Multiplex Molecular Diagnostics improve outcomes for Travelers in a Resource-poor Setting with Travelers’ Diarrhea and Respiratory Illness?** Prativa Pandey, Nepal, Principal Investigator.

- **Real-time remote monitoring of malaria chemoprophylaxis adverse events though Smartphone application (Trip App)**, Natalia Rodriguez Valero, Spain. Principal Investigator.

**New Business**
Dr. Wilder-Smith opened the floor to members to raise any new business items. Nothing was raised for discussion.

**Transition of the ISTM Executive Board**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUTGOING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**
Dr. Wilder-Smith presented certificates, gifts and expressed appreciation to those completing their terms.
including:
- ISTM Executive Board Members, David Shlim, outgoing Immediate Past President, David Hamer and Marc Mendelson as outgoing Council Members and Kenneth Dardick as outgoing Exam Committee Chair.

PRESENTATION OF THE NEW ISTM EXECUTIVE BOARD
Dr. Wilder-Smith presented the New ISTM Executive Board including:
- ISTM Officers: Leo Visser, President, Annelies Wilder-Smith, Immediate Past President; Lin Chen, President-Elect
- ISTM Counsellors: Elizabeth Barnett, Gerard Flaherty, Andrea Rossanese, and Claire Wong
- ISTM Secretary-Treasurer (non-voting Officer) Peter Leggat

Plans and Goals for 2015-2017: Presidential Address
Professor Leo Visser presented his vision, plans and goals for the ISTM during his term as President. His theme is Building Bridges and Digital Communications. Highlights include:
- Continuing to close the gap;
- Promoting the use of digital information and communication technology in travel medicine practice;
- Integrating migration health into ISTM

Adjournment
Professor Visser thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 19.35.