

IADSA Annual General Assembly Meeting
17 May 2017, 13.30- 17.00
Grand Hyatt
322 Sowol-ro, Itaewon-dong, Yongsan-gu
Seoul, South Korea

Draft minutes

1. Welcome and Anti-trust statement

IADSA held its Annual General Meeting under the chairmanship of Ric Hobby. The meeting was attended by representatives of 28 full members. The Annual General Meeting had a quorum to validly meet and make decisions. The list of participants is provided in Appendix.

Ric Hobby opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. He then passed the floor to Dr. Kwon, Chairman of KHSA for his opening remarks. Dr. Kwon welcomed the participants to Seoul and highlighted the great partnership existing between IADSA and KHSA. Ric Hobby thanked Dr. Kwon for the good cooperation and for the fabulous Korean experience that was given to IADSA members and government officials for the AGM dinner at the Korean House.

The antitrust statement was read: “Although it is appropriate to discuss matters dealing with government policies and regulations concerning ethical and scientific issues involving food supplements, we should not discuss an individual member’s specific products, prices, sales, marketing or pricing activities or plans which could affect competition between companies in the food supplement business”.

Ric Hobby welcomed two associations into IADSA membership: 1) newly created GTBD in Turkey that has partnered with IADSA and the Turkish authorities to turn around difficulties faced in the country; 2) ANDI the Colombian association involved in Pacific Alliance harmonization, the most ambitious initiative for supplements in Latin America. The meeting unanimously welcomed the new members.

2. Highlights of the past year

Simon Pettman highlighted the past year developments with 1) ASEAN and the new challenges to come and overcome with the implementation phase; 2) the progress made in China and the involvement of HongMin Xu to guide IADSA in improving the regulatory landscape and in raising the role of health food in public policy; 3) the not-to-miss opportunities given to the sector in India by FSSAI CEO Shri Pawan Kumar Agarwal; 4) the unpredicted results achieved in Turkey to bring back supplements to the market; and 5) the mismatches faced by the sector in South Africa with the new regulatory system and the role and efforts of HPA to rebuild dialogue with the authorities and reorder the system.

3. Report of the IADSA Board

Ric Hobby presented the report of the Board reflecting on the successful past year. He highlighted the role that the Company Council and the Member Associations, with its Executive Committee, played in helping to move IADSA forward. Ric thanked the Board members for their consistent leadership efforts around the world during the past year and also reminded members that a new Board would be elected at the next AGM. He highlighted the importance for Board members to be available, have the willingness to engage and be active around the continents to help drive the IADSA agenda forward. Ric reported on the successful completion in the past year of the transition from IADSA's incorporation and location in Brussels, to London, as authorized by the General Assembly in 2016.

4. Treasurer's report

Michelle Stout, Treasurer, presented the 2016 annual report and the savings made last year and the resultant surplus that had been achieved. The General Assembly acknowledged the financial effort and cautious approach taken by IADSA to face possible challenges that could have occurred with the transfer of IADSA from Belgium to the UK.

The General Assembly decided unanimously to recommend the IADSA Board of Directors to approve the 2016 annual accounts.

The Treasurer then presented the 2017 budget and its breakdown. The General Assembly noted that the financial year would result in a negative balance in order to initiate projects that were put on hold last year for the above reported reasons.

The General Assembly acknowledged that the cumulative balance would however remain positive. The General Assembly unanimously decided to approve the 2017 budget.

5. IADSA Grant

Bernd Haber, Vice Chair, introduced the IADSA Project Grant to the attendees. Bernd highlighted that the Grant was created to encourage national initiatives and provide support to member associations to achieve ideas that will help build the credibility of the sector and could potentially be replicated as best practice in other parts of the world. He then provided an overview of the three projects received from MADSA Malaysia, Natural Products New Zealand and VAFF Vietnam. VAFF was announced as the winner of the first IADSA grant. The General Assembly noted that the decision was taken by the Review Panel composed of the Executive Council members (AHPA, AIFN, CMA, CRN UK, CRN US, FSE & UNPA).

6. Survey on perceptions of regulation

The Secretariat presented the conclusions of a survey “WHAT IS THE SUPPLEMENT SECTOR WORRIED ABOUT?” which had the aim of tracking the sentiment of the sector through its IADSA member associations. The survey shows that despite the clear challenges in regulation and policy there was a great deal of optimism in the food supplement sector. The survey also confirmed that while the sector would have to continue to invest in regulation, building the data to support the integration of supplementation in policy would also be critical. The General Assembly welcomed the survey and encouraged IADSA to initiate new consultations that will help collect further essential knowledge from its members.

7. Codex Alimentarius

The Secretariat together with Gerhard Gans (Chair of the Company Council) and Harry Rice (GOED) updated the members on the latest developments regarding the setting of NRV/NCD for EPA/ DHA by CCNFSDU. It was specifically highlighted that there could be significant possible negative impacts from the release of the report of the WHO Nutrition Guidance Expert Advisory Group (NUGAG) if the conclusions announced by WHO at the last CCNFSDU meeting would be retained.

The meeting noted that a communication plan would be developed by GOED with the support of IADSA to assist members in case of negative media coverage.

8. Scientific & Technical priorities

The Secretariat presented the proposed actions recommended by the Technical Group that met in February in London to discuss the challenges and possible solutions to three key issues faced by the sector and governments across the globe: Tolerances, Botanicals and GMP.

The General Assembly was also informed about a brainstorming session that was held in the morning with national associations on scientific and health economic projects. The conclusions of the sessions will be shared in due course with the members.

9. IADSA Leadership Awards

Professor David Richardson received the IADSA Leadership Award. In giving him the Award, Ric Hobby highlighted not just the enthusiasm and energy that David had given to the sector over many years, but also his creative scientific thinking that had provided regulatory bodies with solutions to many issues. All participants acknowledged the great role that David had played in moving the sector forward.

10. IADSA Annual Meetings 2018

It was announced that the next Annual Meeting will be held in London from 19-21 June 2018 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Alliance.

11. A.O.B

The chair concluded the meeting thanking members for their participation and KHSA for hosting the AGM week in Seoul.

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List of participants

Harunobu	Amagase	AIFN
Shinji	Wakisaka	AIFN
Catherine	Larsen	4Life
Michael	McGuffin	AHPA
Debbie	Laverty	Amway
John	Coyle	Amway
Michelle	Stout	Amway – IADSA Treasurer
Vinay	Kumar	Amway
Bernd	Haber	BASF – IADSA Vice Chair
Felix	Wong	BASF
Donald	Wong	Capsugel
Peter	Zambetti	Capsugel – IADSA Chairman Emeritus
David	Richardson	CRN UK
Sam	Jennings	CRN UK
James	Griffiths	CRN US
Gerhard	Gans	DSM – Company Council Chair
Hector	Cori	DSM
Harry	Rice	GOED
Janjira	Intra	HFSA
Abdou	Lemseffer	Herbalife
Alex	Lin	Herbalife
Andrew	Shao	Herbalife – Scientific Council Chair
Andy	Park	Herbalife
Jackie	Liu	Herbalife
Kyungmi	Park	Herbalife
Rini	Sanyal	Herbalife
Ric	Hobby	Herbalife – IADSA Chair
Bruce	Dennison	HPA SA
Daniel	Quek	HSIAS
Atsuko	Nishikawa	JHNFA
Hideko	Ikeda	JIHFS
Suk Hyung	Kwon	KHSA Chairman
Ha	Hye-Jin	KHSA
Jina	You	KHSA
Hideo	Mori	Kyowa
Karen	Todd	Kyowa
Gert	Krabichler	MERCK Consumer Health/BLL/ FSE
Alison	Quesnel	Natural Products NZ

Denise	Bird	Nature's Sunshine
Richard	Strulson	Nature's Sunshine
Manfred	Ruthsatz	Nestle Health Science
David	Trosin	NSF
Lisa	Lattimore	NSF
Bona	Kim	Nu Skin
Ken	Myers	Nu Skin
James	How	Pharmavite
Paul	Bolar	Pharmavite
Alejandra	Gratson	RB
Leonid	Maryanovsky	UDSP
Thach	Do	VAFF
Cynthia	Rousselot	IADSA Secretariat
HongMin	Xu	IADSA Secretariat
Simon	Pettman	IADSA Secretariat