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# IX World Congress of the International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus in Madrid, Spain

Congress date:

**27–29 MAY, 2004**

Important dates:

- **Deadline for submission of abstracts:  
15 JANUARY, 2004**
- **Deadline for special reduced rate registration:  
15 FEBRUARY, 2004**
- **Deadline for reduced rate registration: APRIL, 2004**
- **Welcome reception: 26 MAY, 2004 at 18:00 h.**
- **Closing ceremony: 29 MAY, 2004 at 18:00 h.**

Congress venue:

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# Recent organizational developments

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## 23rd ISDE Executive Committee Meeting

The 23rd ISDE Executive Committee Meeting was held on (Sun) 18 May, 2003 at the Hilton Hotel in the Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, Florida, USA under the chairmanship of Dr. T. Lerut.

### 1. Membership Committee

The present number of members is 756. There were 60 new members in 2002 (Japan 16, UK 9, USA 8, Brazil 4, Italy 4, Rumania 3, Hong Kong/China 3, India 2, Australia, PRC, Greece, Germany, Mexico, Uruguay, Israel, Argentina, Belgium, South Africa and Portugal 1).

### 2. Journal Committee

The journal *Diseases of the Esophagus* was accepted for indexing in 1999, and there is a 2-year delay before receiving an impact factor. In 2001, the journal had the first modest impact factor of 0.424. The most significant change is on-line publication of journals. As the journal grows, ISDE may consider an increase of annual issues (from the current 4 to 6) and a web-based editorial office in near future.



*Executive Committee Meeting in Orlando*

### 3. Issues of the 9th World Congress in Madrid

Dr. Meneu (Madrid) on behalf of Dr. Moreno-Gonzalez introduced the outline of the Madrid meeting in 2004 and ISDE made many suggestions for the meeting.

### 4. ISDE Constitution

Dr Ferguson briefly explained the background to the new Constitution, which has been developed with considerable input from North America and Japan.

The constitution, which has been sent out to all members and is now ratified, firmly indicates the the ISDE aims to represent all specialists interested in the esophagus and will have equal representation of non-surgical and surgical specialists. The presidency and major official positions will alternate between surgeons and non-surgeons.

### 5. Progress in the negotiation with OESO

Discussions are ongoing with OESO to see how we can mutually enhance participation and productiveness of our meetings. The ISDE has been invited to hold a symposium at the upcoming OESO meeting in Paris and will gladly reciprocate by welcoming OESO participation in our 9th Congress in Madrid in May 2004, under the presidency of Dr Enrique Moreno Gonzalez.