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To: All ISCO3 members
Subject: Implementation Code of Conduct of ISCO3

We wish to remind you that the Isco3 Governing Body, based on article 6 and 28 of the by-laws, decided to call on each member of the committee to apply in his daily practice the “Code of Conduct of ISCO3” issued on 14 January 2018, sent by e-mail the same day to all members and posted on the Isco3 website, “Isco3 private members area” “isco3 internal documents”.

It was stated 1 September 2018 as the starting date for the full implementation of the “Code of Conduct of ISCO3” by the 21 members of the committee.

The “Code of Conduct of ISCO3” underlined three challenges faced by the ozone therapy: (1) Health authorities and/or legislative powers in some countries are totally against the acceptance of the ozone therapy, i.e., the FDA in the United States, the Mexican Government, and the Brazilian House of Representatives. (2) Powerful pharmaceutical companies that are not interested in the progress and development of the therapy. (3) Groups or persons within the professional health sector that teach and use ozone therapy in non-recommended ways putting its practice even in danger.

The way to advance the agenda of the ozone therapy is through scientific research, and it is what Isco3 is doing and encouraging to others to do so. If with the work that has been done in the research area with the generally accepted therapies of ozone, it is difficult to advance, it would be even much more difficult the acceptance by the authorities of techniques that have neither scientific research nor publications in indexed and peer review journals. It is not enough to say that one particular technique is good, it is necessary that the technique has research and publications backup. It has to be proven.

To deal in a scientific way with the risk that those professionals are placing the therapy the Isco3 approved the official document “Non-recommended routes of application in ozone therapy”.



<https://isco3.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Non-recommended-routes.pdf>

In the last year serious attacks against ozone therapy have increased. In some European countries a well orchestrated campaign against pseudotherapies and pseudosciences in which the ozone therapy has been included, has appeared. In Spain the General Council of Official Colleges of Physicians (Organización Médica Colegial, OMC for its acronym in Spanish) that represents all the Official Colleges of Physicians of the kingdom with the status of a Public Law Corporation, has classify ozone therapy as a pseudotherapy stating that “there is no credible scientific evidence to support the use of ozone as a type of medical therapy”.

<http://www.cgcom.es/pr%C3%A1cticas-biol%C3%B3gicas>

In France a deep public debate about pseudotherapies is going on, and important groups of physicians are termed alternative medicine as “fake medicines”.

http://www.lemonde.fr/sciences/article/2018/04/12/des-medecins-portent-plainte-au-conseil-de-l-ordre-apres-une-tribune-contre-les-medecines-alternatives_5284362_1650684.html

Very recently the Brazilian Federal Council of Medicine (CMF for its acronym in Portuguese) decided to “consider ozone therapy as an experimental procedure for medical practice” so it “may only be performed under clinical protocols according to the rules of the CEP / Conep [Ethics Committee in Research (CEP) / National Health Council (Conep)] system, in duly accredited institutions.” This mandatory decision for all physicians in Brazil came into effect on 10 July 2018.

<http://pesquisa.in.gov.br/imprensa/jsp/visualiza/index.jsp?data=10/07/2018&jornal=515&pagina=106>

No doubt that the very negative decision against ozone therapy of the Brazilian Federal Council of Medicine has a serious impact against the therapy not only in Brazil but may be in other Latin American countries.

Now even more than before all members of the committee have to abide by the “Code of Conduct of ISCO3”. It is one of the most effective ways to disseminate a right message among our colleagues and authorities: That Isco3 is working very seriously and our words are supported by our own acts.

So we hope that as of 1 September 2018, with our words and acts and through our commitment of keeping writing and approving scientific papers, we continue advancing the agenda of the ozone therapy in spite of the obstacles that we are facing.

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