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**VIRTUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE (January 1, 2025-December 31, 2029)**
Administrative report of the Management Board 2023-2024
(art. 22 a of the statutes)

In my capacity of president of the committee and on behalf of the management board, I submit the statutorily required report.

2023: Challenges faced

The year 2023 brought us two major challenges that hindered the normal functioning of our committee. One was a budgetary challenge; and another, much more delicate and serious one, was the illegal copying and economic exploitation of the 3rd edition of the “Madrid Declaration on Ozone Therapy” (3MD20) by two ISCO3 members. In addition to the poor practice of ozone therapy (major autohemotherapy in syringes, SSO3 in plastic bags and direct intravenous gas) under the auspices of Froylan Alvarado and Gregorio Martínez-Sánchez. Both were forced by circumstances to leave ISCO3.

In a contradictory way, while the ISCO3 objectives and purposes, continued to penetrate very different sectors of health professionals who practice ozone therapy. This great advance was achieved basically through the “Madrid Declaration on Ozone Therapy”, and complementarily with the approval and publication of different documents, and free access to the Ozone Therapy Online Library, but, on the other hand, within the committee we faced two challenges, that if the appropriate measures had not been taken, the survival of the committee would be dangerously close.

As in all human activity, the existence of the committee depends on the work, contribution, commitment, and support of its members. Thanks to its members, today we can proudly proclaim that the committee has life, energy, more experience, and more solid scientific knowledge to move forward.

We are already immersed in the intense process of drafting the 4th edition of the “Madrid Declaration on Ozone Therapy” (4MD25), the reason for our association's existence. We will be celebrating fifteen years upcoming June since we launched the first Declaration at the Royal Spanish Academy of Medicine on June 4, 2010.

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Budgetary challenge

Going back to two challenges faced in 2023: We began that year with the unprecedented situation that there were members who, for different reasons, claimed that they did want to continue on the committee, but that they did not have enough money to pay the annual fee, which at that time was 230€. Their non-contribution put the committee's finances in the red, forcing us to take drastic measures to overcome the deficit. This was done. With the unanimous vote of the members with the right to vote, the committee painfully had to expel several of its members. Exclusive reason: Non-payment of the annual fee.

This traumatic decision led us to invite other health professionals to apply, in order to replace those expelled. This was done and new members with experience and knowledge of ozone therapy joined the committee. And our finances improved somewhat.

Illegal copying and economic exploitation of the 3MD20 by an ISCO3 member

Once the economic challenge was overcome, we had to file (October 7, 2023) a duly substantiated legal charge against a committee member who had illegally copied the 3rd edition of the 2020 Declaration and was selling it without ISCO3's authorization at a price three times higher than the official one. Given the legitimate opportunity to defend himself, he preferred to irrevocably resign from the committee. The investigation and subsequent resignation led the then president and three other members to follow the same path as the accused.

In strict accordance with the ISCO3 statutes, the process to overcome the president's resignation was initiated. In record time, the committee elected a new management board (November 6, 2023).

2024: A very active year

Since I assumed the presidency, the committee has been very active focusing on several areas: (1) Conducting webinars within the committee where colleagues present specific topics. This increases training and the exchange of information among committee colleagues. Four webinars have already been held. (2) Designing the work plan and assigning responsibilities for drafting the 4MD25. (3) Give a new impetus to the ISCO3 online ozone therapy library, making it more accessible to potential interested parties. (4) The 2023 budget rapport and the provisions for the 2024 budget were approved on February 24, 2024.

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We will continue to approve and publish new documents on the ISCO3 website. For example, next January, once approved by the committee, the document on “Ozonated Saline Solution” will be posted on the website. Those documents that require it must be updated. For example, the Guidelines to Acquire a Medical Ozone Generator, that has been updated twice. The last one in 2019.

Today we will proceed to elect the members of the committee for the five-year period that will begin on January 1, 2025.

To the current members who expressed in writing their desire to continue on the committee, I thank you for your interest and commitment.

To the members who chose to continue only until the last day of this year, I send on behalf of myself and all the members of the committee, our most sincere gratitude, since with your knowledge and your support we managed to overcome the two difficult challenges we faced; and allow the committee keep going ahead.

Allow me to direct my thoughts now to my friend, colleague and committed physician Dr. Heinz Konrad, who since the planning and foundation of the committee, back in the complex years of 2009 and 2010, has been with us through the good times and the bad. Dr. Konrad, now retired, although far from his native country due to the persecutions suffered for practicing and disseminating ozone therapy in Brazil. Thank you very much, friend Heinz, and I hope you enjoy your well-deserved break from work, with the satisfaction that August last year, Brazil passed the law 14.648 authorizing the practice of ozone therapy, both in the public and private sectors and throughout the country. However, powerful lobbies of doctors themselves are hindering the implementation of the law. Since 2018, the Federal Council of Medicine has decided to ban ozone therapy in the private sector, authorizing it exclusively on an experimental basis.

Dr. Konrad cannot retire from our committee before giving him the recognition he deserves. Since his own country did not give him one, at an international level we will. Therefore, I propose that for his dedication and contribution to ozone therapy to give him the title of honorary member of ISCO3 as the “Pioneer of Ozone Therapy in Brazil”. In addition, in the coming months, we will publish a short biography of Dr. Konrad in the “Pioneers of Ozone Therapy in the World” section of the website.

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Special thanks to Dr. Javzandulam Suuri for bringing forward the translation of the 3DM20 into Mongolian, which we have finally posted on the web. To the other colleagues and friends, Drs. Mirna Pérez, Robert Banner, and Dario Apuzzo, our sincere thanks for the time they shared with us to move the committee forward.

To all five colleagues and friends who are saying goodbye to us, we wish them excellent professional careers, convinced that from wherever they are, they will help us to spread and defend the contents of the DM, with the sole objective of fulfilling the leitmotiv of the Declaration: “For the unified practice of ozone therapy in the world.”

For all of you who will be elected as committee members starting on January 1st, please know that the next few months are going to be very intense. We must give our best in terms of time and knowledge to draft, approve and issue the 4th edition of the DM. The drafts will be submitted for your consideration for debate and approval. It is an enormous effort in which all of you, I hope, must actively participate. Not only by voting for or against the texts submitted to vote, but, most importantly, by giving your informed opinions to improve the texts presented.

4th International Congress of the Madrid Declaration on Ozone Therapy

It will take place at the Illustrious Medical College of Madrid on June 5, 2025. It will be followed by a course organized by AEPRIMO on June 6 and 7. We are sure that everything will be fine, we have a lot of experience in this. It is the most important scientific event in the world on this topic. There is a lot of expectation about it.

Additionally, I have to say that holding our congress at the Illustrious Medical College of Madrid has been a great achievement of AEPRIMO's management. I remind you that in 2019, all doctors in Madrid were expelled from the headquarters. That right was taken away from us just for being ozone therapists and, on top of that, branded as pseudoscientists.

Thanks to our efforts, this situation has been happily reversed to the point that we even have an ozone therapy commission within the Medical College that represents all Madrid ozone therapists.

As ISCO3 does not have budget nor the support to face the organization of an event of this magnitude, as in the past, AEPRIMO is taken the responsibility for its organization. The entire Aepromo's team is working at full capacity to meet such ambitious, but realistic

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goals.

The only official language of the 4th congress will be Spanish. There is no budget for simultaneous translation.

I ask each one of you to spread the news on your social networks, attend the event and bring as many people as you can. It is time for everyone to cooperate and please do not leave us alone with all this responsibility on our backs.

On the other hand, and no less important, all the speakers at the conference will have to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. Neither ISCO3 nor AEPROMO have budgets for this vital activity of the committee.

Final words

Dear friends: let us think long-term to continue motivating ourselves, knowing that the path of ozone therapy, based on science, is fraught with dangers and many enemies, many of whom are within the same ranks of health professionals. I am envisioning that within five years, in 2029, around this time of December, the committee will already have the engines running to bring forward the 5th edition of the DM. I hope that by then God will give me health and strength to continue collaborating, perhaps from the rearguard, because I have been working too many years intensely on the front line.

Our only tool of struggle: research, publications and, above all, the updating every five years of the Madrid Declaration on Ozone Therapy.

For all of you, colleagues of several years on the committee, for the new colleagues who will join us from January 1, and for those who accompanied us and are now retiring, happy holidays and a successful 2025. A hug to all.

Thank you very much.

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