

Foundation of ISBT Annual Report 2015

The objectives of the ISBT Foundation are to enhance transfusion medicine by expanding knowledge and education on blood transfusion medicine, transfusion science, blood banking and related disciplines, and by supporting the objectives of the ISBT. The Foundation was initially established in 2006, but was reconstituted in 2013 with a new Board and a major focus on education in transfusion-related fields, especially in the developing world. This is achieved primarily by providing financial support to the ISBT Academy, which facilitates the educational activities of the Society.

The Foundation is managed by a Board of Directors comprising the Secretary General of ISBT (currently Roger Dodd), the Treasurer of ISBT (Steve Morgan), and the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the ISBT Academy (Diana Teo), plus two other ISBT members elected by the Board of ISBT (Geoff Daniels and Martin Gorham). The Chair of the Foundation Board is Geoff Daniels, Vice-Chair is Martin Gorham, Secretary is Roger Dodd, and Treasurer is Steve Morgan. None of the Board members receives any remuneration; all are volunteers interested in the provision of safe blood supply for patients. The Foundation is advised by the ISBT Academy Standing Committee, which reviews applications for financial support for educational purposes.

To ensure effective governance and to comply with Dutch law, the Foundation requires statutes and a new set of statutes were approved by the Foundation Board at their meeting in Seoul in June 2014.

During the 2014/15 financial year the Foundation has provided financial support for a number of meetings, including those of the African Society for Blood Transfusion, Indian Immunohaematology Initiative, Arab Transfusion Medicine Forum, Asian Association of Transfusion Medicine, and the 16th International Haemovigilance Seminar, plus meetings and courses in Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and Iran. It also provided financial support for ISBT provision of the webcast of the 33rd International Congress.

Geoff Daniels

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