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INFORMATION ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS  
APPLYING FOR OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH WHO<sup>1</sup>

1. Name of Organization

The International League of Dermatological Societies  
Ligue Internationale des Sociétés Dermatologiques

2. Address of Headquarters

The International Dermatological Committee (IDC), c/o Secretary General,  
Professor Sven Hellerström, Dermatologiska Kliniken, Karolinska sjukhuset,  
Stockholm 60, Sweden

3. Addresses of all Branch or Regional Headquarters

There are no Regional Headquarters.

4. Membership

(a) Total number of persons

6 059

(b) Do these persons pay directly or are the subscriptions paid by  
affiliated organizations?

The subscriptions are paid by the affiliated organizations, the different  
National Dermatological Societies.

(c) List of affiliated organizations, giving their country and the total  
number of persons belonging to each

Members: see attached list.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>As provided by the applicant on 5.2.58

<sup>2</sup>Annex I

The listed countries are those in which there are national dermatological societies affiliated to our League. In USA there are three dermatological societies : (a) the Society for Investigative Dermatology, (b) the American Dermatological Association Inc. and (c) the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology. All these three organizations are affiliated to the League and there is no common organization for all three societies together.

- (d) Note various types of membership, such as associate members, with numbers and pertinent facts

There is only a regular membership.

5. General purposes of the Organization

The aims of the International League of Dermatological Societies are:

to encourage the advancement of dermatology,  
to promote personal relations between the dermatologists of the world,  
to represent dermatological interests in other international organizations,  
to hold international congresses of dermatology.

6. What are the primary functions of the Organization?

(a) Primary functions

See above under (5) and the attached "Rules and Regulations of the International League of Dermatological Societies".

(b) Secondary functions

See above.

7. (a) Does the Organization advocate any special health measures or procedures? If so, what are these?

The training of dermatologists as specialists and the other aims of the Organization as seen from "Rules and Regulations".

(b) Has the Organization any special reservations as to treatment or health procedures? If so, what are these?

None

8. Can officially designated representatives speak authoritatively for the membership on matters concerned with the stated purposes of the Organization?

Yes, on subjects concerned in "Rules and Regulations"<sup>1</sup>

9. Specific interest with reference to the work of the World Health Organization

In combating many diseases such as treponematosiis, leprosy, skin diseases, there is a common interest between the work of the World Health Organization and the International League of Dermatological Societies. This was also the experience before, during and after the last International Congress of Dermatology, held in Stockholm in 1957.

10. Officers. (Names and positions held, including the Chief Executive Officer or Secretary and other principal administrative officials. What is the total number of paid office personnel? Please distinguish between those with the international organization and those with the national or local groups attached thereto).

All officers are unpaid

International Committee of Dermatology

Present members : Professor Marion Sulzberger (USA) Chairman  
 Professor Sven Hellerström (Sweden) Secretary-General-Treasurer  
 Professor R. Degos (France)  
 Professor F. Flarer (Italy)  
 Doctor G.-H. Floden (Sweden) Secretary-General of the XIth  
 International Congress of Dermatology (ex officio)  
 Professor J. Gay-Prieto (Spain)  
 Professor W. Jadassohn (Switzerland)  
 Professor F. Kogoj (Yugoslavia)  
 Professor F. Lapière (Belgium)  
 Professor A. Marchionini (Germany)  
 Doctor G.B. Mitchell-Heggs (Great Britain)  
 Professor M.I. Quiroga (Argentina)  
 Doctor J.R. Webster (USA), substitute for  
 Doctor Louis A. Brunsting, not attending

Ex-members : Doctor G.B. Dowling (Great Britain)  
 Professor O. Gans (Germany)  
 Professor Guido Miescher (Switzerland)

<sup>1</sup>Annex II

11. Structure

(a) Policy-making bodies such as conference, governing body, executive committee

The composed bodies of the League are:

1. The Assembly of National Delegates
2. The International Dermatological Committee (IDC)
3. The International Congress of Dermatology

(b) Frequency of meetings, with date of the last meeting of each

The interval between two congresses is five years.  
The last Congress was in Stockholm in 1957.

(c) Voting procedure

See "Rules and Regulations"<sup>1</sup>.

(d) Affiliation with other organizations, including international organizations

The International Dermatological Committee is an Associate Member of CIOMS.

12. Finances. (Annual budget and sources of income, noting portion received from membership dues).

The contributions are 10 American cents or 0.50 Swiss francs per member and year.

(See also "Statement of receipts and payments of the Secretary General of the International Dermatological Committee as at 24 July 1957"<sup>2</sup> and "Rules and Regulations"<sup>1</sup>).

13. History. (Date when founded, principal historical developments).

The International League of Dermatological Societies was constituted at the XIth International Congress of Dermatology in Stockholm in 1957, and its Rules and Regulations adopted at the same time. The First International Congress of Dermatology was held in Paris in 1889. The International Dermatological Committee, existing long before World War II was reconstituted in 1952 at the Xth International Congress of Dermatology.

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<sup>1</sup>Annex II

<sup>2</sup>Held by the Secretariat

14. Activities. (A statement of the most important work accomplished).

Holding international congresses of dermatology and venereology and encouraging the advancement of these related specialities (see also "Rules and Regulations"<sup>1</sup>).

15. Publications. (Names of the regular publications, how often they appear, and their general nature. State what kind of special reports, etc., are issued, mentioning those of particular importance.)

Proceedings of the International Congresses

16. Documentation<sup>2</sup>

The proceedings of the last Congress in 1957 are under redacting.

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LIST OF MEMBERS

Argentina	225	members
Australia	60	"
Belgium	50	"
Brazil	260	"
Bulgaria	?	"
Canada	80	"
Chile	?	"
Cuba	60	"
Denmark	70	"
Egypt	?	"
Finland	40	"
France	325	"
Great Britain	120	"
Greece	?	"
India	75	"
Israel	75	"
Italy	400	"
Japan	?	"
China	?	"
Mexico	55	"
Netherlands	200	"
New Zealand	20	"
Norway	60	"
Peru	10	"
Poland	?	"
Portugal	60	"
Switzerland	100	"
Spain	420	"
Sweden	80	"
South Africa	20	"
Turkey	65	"
Germany	600	"
Hungary	340	"
United States of America	1 919	"
Venezuela	43	"
Yugoslavia	140	"
Austria	87	"

Altogether dermatologists from 54 nations were represented at the XIth International Congress of Dermatology in Stockholm, 1957.

## ANNEX II

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

Adopted at the Eleventh International Congress of Dermatology in Stockholm, 1957

The aims of the International League of Dermatological Societies are:

to encourage the advancement of dermatology,  
to promote personal relations between the dermatologists of the world,  
to represent dermatological interests in other international organizations,  
to hold international congresses of dermatology.

The component bodies of the League are:

1. The Assembly of National Delegates
2. The International Dermatological Committee (IDC)
3. The International Congress of Dermatology

I. The Assembly of National Delegates

The delegates are nominated by the National Societies of the different countries.

The number of delegates representing each country will be based on the number of regular members in the following proportions:

from 20 - 100 members	1 delegate
from 100 - 200 members	2 delegates
more than 200 members	3 delegates
more than 500 members	4 delegates

Every member may be replaced by a substitute.

If a country has more than one dermatological society the delegates are nominated by consultation between the societies.

If a country is already represented on the International Dermatological Committee, that member or members will automatically be delegates of that country.

The president of each National Dermatological Society will send the names of the delegates to the Secretary General of the IDC together with the names of those dermatological societies that have supported the appointment, and also a complete list of their members.

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The Assembly of delegates holds its sessions under the presidency of the Chairman of the IDC at the International Congress.

It is empowered:

to elect the Chairman, the Secretary General and Treasurer, and the other members of the IDC,

to decide the country and place where the next congress is to be held and to elect its president,

to make rules and regulations for the organization of the international congress,

to appoint, if necessary, committees for special purposes,

to fix the amount of the subscription for the next period.

II. The International Dermatological Committee (IDC)

The IDC shall consist of 12 members elected by the Assembly of National Delegates (special experience in the matter of congresses and scientific work shall be considered at their election).

In addition to the elected members, the National President and Secretary of the last Congress and President and Secretary of its successor shall be ex officio members, if they are not already among the elected members.

At each Congress one-third of the members shall retire according to age, vacancies following the death of a member, or vacancies arising from other causes to be taken into consideration. They shall be replaced by vote of the Assembly of Delegates. Re-election is not excluded.

The Chairman of the IDC and the Secretary General are appointed at each Congress. Their duties commence at the close of the Congress and they remain in office until the end of the following Congress. They are eligible for reappointment.

The International Dermatological Committee shall meet at the time of the Congress before the meeting of the National Delegates and at least once in the interval between the Congresses.

In case of urgency the Chairman may convene an emergency meeting and the decision shall be accepted if a quorum of seven members is present and their vote is unanimous.

The International Dermatological Committee is empowered:

to deal with all questions regarding dermatological problems of international importance,

to prepare the agenda for the Assembly of the National Delegates,

to represent the interests of international dermatology in relation to other organizations,

to make suggestions to the President of the next Congress regarding the organization of the Congress,

to select subjects to be considered and to choose the opening speakers.



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The members of the International Dermatological Committee are unpaid.

To cover the expenses of the Committee (stamps, papers, secretarial work, travel expenses for the members once in the interval between Congresses) every national society will pay a contribution for each member to cover a period of five years (corresponding to the interval between two Congresses). The amount of the subscription is fixed by the Assembly of National Delegates.

Countries where there is no dermatological organization do not contribute as they have no direct representation in the Assembly of Delegates.

The Secretary General functions as treasurer.

III. The International Congress of DermatologyObject and scope :

The International Congress of Dermatology has for its object the development and advancement of dermatology by giving dermatologists of the different countries an opportunity for submitting their personal experiences, of exchanging and discussing their ideas and forming personal bonds with their colleagues.

Meeting, membership and regulations

The International Dermatological Congress shall be held every five years, but should it be impossible for a Congress to be held at the time appointed it will meet at a later date, fixed by the IDC in consultation with the Organizing Committee of the Congress.

All dermatologists of the world may be admitted as members of the Congress on payment of the congress fee.

The President of the Congress and his Organizing Committee are responsible for the organization of the Congress and for the publication of its transactions.

The official languages of the Congress are English, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

The agenda of each session is drawn up by the Secretary of the Congress.

No report of communication that has previously been printed or read before another learned Society, may be presented in the same form to the Congress.

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In the discussion no speech may exceed five minutes in length, except by the authority of the Chairman, based if necessary on a majority vote by those present.

The manuscripts of reports, communications and discussions must be handed, before the termination of the Congress, to the Congress Secretary for publication in the transactions of the Congress. The editorial board may call upon the author to curtail any report or communication which involves more than 1500 words (inclusive of space for schedules, and tables - illustrations are only allowed in exceptional cases and at the cost of the author) or to modify or withdraw any report or communication not in keeping with the scientific aim of the Congress.

Any report or communication read before the Congress, but published prior to the appearance of the transactions, can appear therein only in the form of a summary.

Before the Congress, the Organizing Committee will publish summaries of reports and papers in English, compiled in book form and forwarded to the members of the Congress not later than six weeks before the Congress.

The transactions (reports, papers, symposia, discussions) of the Congress shall be published in English with summaries of reports only in French, in German and in Spanish. Each of the summaries must not exceed 150 words.

The subscription of membership of the Congress covers the cost of the transactions. The subscription must be paid at the latest at the beginning of the Congress.

Amendments to the Rules

Any suggested alteration or amendment to these rules must be submitted to the Chairman of the IDC at least three months before the meeting of the Assembly of Delegates. Any alteration must be approved by a two-third majority of the delegates present in order to become effective.