

## **International Society of Men's Health (ISMH): Announces Election of New President and New Board of Directors**

**Vienna, Austria and New York, USA – May 10, 2010.** At an extraordinary meeting, on April 29, 2010, the general assembly of the International Society of Men's Health ([www.ismh.org](http://www.ismh.org)), a non-profit association dedicated to the unmet needs of men's health, elected a new president and a new board of directors. This marked a historic moment in the development of the society and its service to the cause of men's health. The election of the new board of the society was necessitated by the rapidly rising interest in the field of men's health. In addition, it was inspired by the accelerating involvement of health professionals, academic institutions, health authorities and others in men's health initiatives.

**The new president of the ISMH** is Dr. Ridwan Shabsigh. He is the Director of the Division of Urology at Maimonides Medical Center and Professor of Clinical Urology at Columbia University in New York, USA. With years of a dedicated career in men's health at all levels of patient care, research, education and advocacy, Dr. Shabsigh brings a richness of experience to the International Society of Men's Health. In addition, he will provide leadership and vision at a time of a tipping point in the history of men's health and gender-specific medicine. Dr. Shabsigh succeeds Dr. Siegfried Meryn, the founder and first president of the ISMH, whose tireless efforts established the Society, its annual Men's Health World Congress and its Journal of Men's Health (jmh).

**The new board of directors** includes in addition to the president Dr. Ridwan Shabsigh, the following: President Elect, Dr. Ajay Nehra, Professor of Urology at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, USA; General Secretary and Immediate Past President Dr. Siegfried Meryn, Professor of Medicine at the University of Vienna, Austria; Treasurer, Dr. April Young, Vice President of the Collins Center for Public Policy, Miami, Florida, USA; Board member, Dr. Aksam Yassin, Professor of Urology and Chairman of Institute of Urology and Andrology, Segeberger Kliniken, Norderstedt-Hamburg, Germany; and Board member, Dr. Hui Meng Tan, Professor of Urology, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**Mission and scope of men's health and the ISMH** - The mission of our International Society of Men's Health is dedicated to the unmet need of men's health. This unmet need was perfectly communicated with the title of its 2009 Men's Health World Congress: "Why men die earlier and suffer more!". Addressing the gender health gap is of utmost priority at all levels of clinical care, research, education and advocacy. Men's health involves all male-gender specific health problems plus non-gender specific health problems that affect men primarily or at a higher impact or create a situation of unmet need for men. As such, the comprehensive scope of men's health brings together multiple disciplines such as urology, cardiology, endocrinology, oncology, psychiatry, psychology, sexual and reproductive medicine, public health and others.

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