



26th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Minutes

05 December 2022, Lisbon, Portugal

VENUE

Lisbon Congress Centre (CCL), Lisbon, Portugal

ATTENDEES

- Delegates
- Members of the Board of Directors
- Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members
- IDF Staff
- Regional Staff
- Observers

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Welcome** from the President – Prof. Andrew Boulton

Prof. Andrew Boulton, President and Chair, welcomed the Assembly and informed them that the meeting was being recorded. He called the meeting to order at 10:00. He thanked the Member Associations for the work they do for people with diabetes in their countries.

2. **Identification of Board Directors, Delegates, Observers and Staff** - Prof. Andrew Boulton

Prof. Boulton identified the Honorary Presidents, Honorary Members, Members of the Board, Voting Country Delegates and Observers from Member Associations, Provisional Members and Transnational Members, Executive Office Staff, and Regional Staff.

3. **Apologies for Absence** - Prof. Andrew Boulton

Honorary Presidents Ms Maria de Alva, Sir George Alberti, Prof. Pierre Lefèbvre, Prof. Martin Silink, and Prof. Paul Zimmet sent their apologies.

4. **Obituaries** - Prof. Andrew Boulton

- Professor Samad Shera, Honorary President, on 2 March 2020
- General Nientao, President Association Malienne de Lutte contre le Diabète, 1 April 2020
- Lamin Dibba, YLD from Gambia, 17 April 2020
- Mrs Antonia Dinardo, former President of the Liga Argentina de Protección al Diabético, 20 May 2020
- Lorna Mellor, Honorary President, 2 May 2020
- Prof. Jak Jervell, Past and Honorary President, 31 July 2020



- Mr. Stewart Tembo, YLD from Zimbabwe, 12 January 2021
- François Gishoma, President of Association Rwandaise des Association Diabétiques, 10 March 2021
- Prof. Manuel Serrano Rios, Honorary President, 20 April 2021
- Dr. Ishwor Lal Acharya, President of the Nepal Diabetes Association, 16 May 2021
- Mr. Alojz Rudolf, Slovenian Diabetes Association & Member of the IDF EUR Board, 20 June 2021
- Wendell Meyes, Past and Honorary President, 12 September 2021
- Prof. Trisha Dunning, former Vice President, 13 October 2021
- Mr. Adamo Moussa Diallo, President Association Malienne de Lutte contre le Diabète, 12 June 2022
- Prof. Said Ismailov, President of Endocrinological and Diabetes Association of Uzbekistan, 25 Oct 2022

The Assembly was invited to stand to observe one minute of silence.

5. **Introduction of the voting system** – Ms. Dominique Robert

Dominique Robert of the IDF Executive Office was invited to the stage to describe the voting process to be used during the Assembly.

Quorum announced.

Total number of weighted votes of Registered Members of the General Assembly	304
Total number of weighted votes of Members of the General Assembly present at the meeting	289.5
Quorum 1/3 rd of the membership of the General Assembly	101.5
Quorum ½ of the membership of the General Assembly	152

Prof. Boulton reminded delegates that one third of the eligible votes should be present in the room. The total number of registered votes of the General Assembly was 304 votes. The quorum was accordingly fixed at 101,5 eligible votes. As 289,5 votes were represented, the quorum was reached.



6. **Approval of the Agenda** - Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Prof. Shashank Joshi

Motion
To approve the agenda of the IDF 26th General Assembly
For: 276.5 Against: 4.5 Abstentions: 3
Motion carried

7. **Approval of the minutes of previous meetings (ordinary & extraordinary)**

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Mr. Fredrik Löndahl

Motion
To approve the minutes of ordinary meeting of the GA which took place on 2 December 2019 in Busan
For: 238 Against: 5 Abstentions: 31.5
Motion carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Dr. Tim Dorh

Motion
To approve the minutes of extraordinary meeting of the GA conducted by postal ballot on 13 July 2020.
For: 241 Against: 8.5 Abstentions: 26.5
Motion carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Dr John Mangwiro

Motion
To approve the minutes of extraordinary meeting of the GA conducted by postal ballot on 8 March 2021.
For: 247,5 Against: 8,5 Abstentions: 18,5
Motion carried



Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Dr Mark Barone

Motion
To approve the minutes of extraordinary meeting of the GA conducted by postal ballot on 26 July 2021.
For: 255,5 Against: 3,5 Abstentions: 19,5
Motion carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Mr Kyle Jacques Rose

Motion
To approve the minutes of extraordinary meeting of the GA conducted by postal ballot on 19 October 2021.
For: 241 Against: 5 Abstentions: 18,5
Motion carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Dr. Douglas Villarroel

Motion
To approve the minutes of extraordinary meeting of the GA conducted by postal ballot on 7 March 2022.
For: 257 Against: 3,5 Abstentions: 14
Motion carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, Seconded by Dr. Iryna Vlasenko

Motion
To approve the minutes of extraordinary meeting of the GA conducted by postal ballot on 9 July 2022.
For: 262,5 Against: 1,5 Abstentions: 13
Motion carried



8. IDF President's report – Prof. Andrew Boulton

President Boulton explained the situation that he had inherited in 2019 and the challenges that IDF had to face during his term of office:

- The predicted €2 million income from the IDF Congress in Busan was around €100,000
- Concerns about governance meant that some IDF partners were thinking of leaving or were already out the door.
- IDF had lost some of its founding members.
- Some negative PR and rumours circulating in the diabetes community had damaged IDF's reputation.
- The IDF Executive Office was tied into a long-term lease in an over-sized office in an expensive part of Brussels.

The newly elected Board began its term in a spirit of collegiate unity, committed to transparency and democratic decision making and with a shared goal to rebuild IDF. The Board wished to focus on increasing global awareness of diabetes as a potentially serious but eminently preventable and treatable condition, increasing awareness of the growing epidemic of type 2 diabetes, advocating to support people living with diabetes and providing education to people living with diabetes and to healthcare professionals.

After a first face-to-face meeting of the Board in February 2020, Covid struck.

This would prove a difficult time. One opportunity did emerge. IDF was able to negotiate an exit from its contractual arrangements for the office building. Prof. Boulton thanked IDF Senior Director of Operations Ms. Dominique Robert for leading negotiations to exit the contract.

IDF moved to a fully remote model, with staff recruited from different locations.

Prof Boulton explained how the organisation had adjusted and learned new ways of working: Two virtual Board of Directors' meetings were held annually. However, the challenges of organizing a meeting across 22 hours of time zone was difficult to address. This would ultimately lead to a need to postpone the IDF Congress planned for Bangkok in 2021 and a need to extend the mandate of the Board by one year. President Boulton thanked IDF members for their understanding and support and especially IDF colleagues in Thailand for their gracious acceptance of the requirement to adjust the IDF Congress calendar.

Professor Boulton listed some of the achievements of his Board:

Costs were carefully monitored and adjustments made to manage the difficult financial situation.

Former members began the process of returning, with Diabetes UK and Diabetes Ireland responding positively to the improved transparency and operational clarity at IDF.

The number of partners almost doubled from nine in 2019 to 17 in 2022 as did the financial support they provided, with ten new supporting partners joining.



IDF strengthened its collaboration with civil society partners through joint activities, such as with JDRF to create, launch and promote the T1D Index, with D-Foot and the International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot to train primary care physicians in low and lower-middle income countries and with the International Federation of Pharmacists to deliver diabetes content for their community.

Prof. Boulton praised the IDF Congress team for adjusting well to a new way of hosting a large meeting. IDF organised a virtual complications congress in December 2021. Over 6000 people registered online and 400,000 Euros in income was raised. He thanked the team from APDP for their support.

He explained that the next edition of the Congress would take place in Brazil, most likely in 2024, but mentioned a need for IDF to consider repositioning its main Congress as falling into the final quarter of the year might not be advantageous from a fiscal perspective. Prof. Boulton pledged to return to Bangkok in late 2026/early 2027.

Prof. Boulton announced that IDF would host another virtual congress in 2023.

The President and his fellow Board Members represented IDF on many global and regional webinars, such as the launch of the global diabetes compact, webinars on the management of diabetes during Covid and webinars to mark the centenary of insulin

Prof Boulton emphasised the success of the Kids and Diabetes in Schools (KiDS) programme and thanked Sanofi for their ongoing support. Over the past two years the programme focussed increasingly on advocacy. Moving forward, IDF will concentrate on the importance of physical activity and mental health to manage and prevent diabetes.

Prof. Boulton mentioned the youth leadership programme (YLD) for individuals nominated by IDF members and welcomed the 62 YLDs from 48 countries attending the conference. Securing funding was a challenge but thanks to the team in the office led by Beatriz and the IDF Youth Working Group, we were able to secure sufficient funding. Another important network the President mentioned is the group of diabetes influencers that form the blue circle voices – the network currently counts 211 people from 77 countries. He thanked them for their support in promoting action to support people living with diabetes.

During the President's term, three highly successful World Diabetes Day campaigns were conducted. The theme of the World Diabetes Day 2020 campaign was "Diabetes: nurses make the difference." IDF raised awareness around the crucial role that nurses play in supporting people living with diabetes.

To mark the centenary of insulin in 2021, IDF initiated a 3-year dedicated to access:

Year 1: access to essential diabetes medicines

Year 2: access to education



Next year the theme will turn to prevention, with World Diabetes Day focussed on the prevention of complications and the introduction of world prediabetes day in on August 14 to focus on primary prevention.

2021 saw the successful launch of the 10th edition of the IDF Diabetes Atlas. The President thanked the Co-chairs Prof. Dianna Magliano and Prof. Edward Boyko for their leadership. He explained that articles resulting from the Atlas are an important contributor to the success of the *IDF Journal Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice* (DRCP). He further explained the contribution of themed special issues and highlighted the work of the incoming president to deliver two highly successful special issues.

DRCP has gone from strength to strength. The impact factor has grown significantly. Prof. Boulton acknowledged the work of Editor-in-Chief Prof. Antonio Ceriello and Executive Publisher Andrew Miller for their work.

Prof. Boulton spoke of the humanitarian crises people with diabetes have faced and of a number of events that have required IDF intervention. He thanked Dr. Niti Pall and IDF Europe for their support to help address the situation in Ukraine and thanked IDF members in Ukraine. He praised the work of Direct-Relief, our transnational partner who have worked so hard to ensure supplies in war zones and IDF corporate partners, for generous donations. He mentioned the contact that IDF had maintained with Tigray to address the catastrophic situation there. The President had spoken to the media in the strongest terms about the need for action. IDF had also been active in helping coordinate diabetes relief efforts during environmental disasters. He congratulated all members for their work to support access to care in difficult situations and the Western Pacific Region for further developing their guidance on responding to crises.

The President aired his regret that he had been unable to visit all regions due to travel restrictions. He was able to lecture in the MENA Region, in the Baltic States, USA, Romania, India and Portugal.

He commented on the good work across the Regions.

The IDF School has been a success thanks to Prof. Akhtar Hussain and the entire Education committee. Numerous new courses (free courses available for HCPs and all courses free for PLWD) are now available.

He mentioned the sad passing of friends and colleagues and gave a word of thanks to the executive office leadership and IDF office staff. He thanked his assistant Ruth for the time she dedicated to supporting his IDF work.

He gave a special word of thanks to incoming President Akhtar Hussain for his support, friendship and commitment to the diabetes cause. He underlined how successfully they



had worked together and expressed his hope that they had set an example for future IDF Presidents.

He gave a final word of thanks to the Board for all their work to serve the Federation over the previous three years

9. **Approval of the IDF Strategic Plan 2023-2026** – Prof. Akhtar Hussain

Prof. Hussain gave an overview of the IDF Strategic Plan covering the period 2023-2026.

He started by looking at IDF’s vision and mission and explaining why these nor required re-consideration. He proposed changing our vision from “living in a world without diabetes” to the following:

Access to affordable, quality diabetes care and education worldwide

Similarly, he explained that our mission: “Promoting diabetes care, prevention and a cure worldwide” no longer reflected the reality of what IDF wishes to achieve. Consequently, the Board suggested a revision:

Improve the lives of people living with diabetes and prevent diabetes in those at risk.

The incoming President outlined three strategic aims: to promote action to prevent diabetes, to improve diabetes outcomes and to advocate to support the interests of people living with diabetes.

He outlined a range of activities existing and new that would support these aims.

Motion
To approve the new mission of IDF “Improve the lives of people living with diabetes and prevent diabetes in those at risk”
For: 260.5 Against: 4.5 Abstentions: 7
Motion Carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Dr Douglas Villarroel

Motion
To approve the IDF Strategic Plan 2023-2026
For: 263 Against: 0 Abstentions: 8.5
Motion Carried



10. Financial Report Approval of the 2023 budget – Mr François Seynaeve

Mr. François Seynaeve, Vice President Finance, presented the current financial situation. He commented on the many financial shocks that had taken place during the triennium: the covid pandemic, the war in Ukraine, double-digit inflation, changes within the pharmaceutical industry. All these factors had a direct impact of IDF finances. He provided an overview of the financial results since 2015, both with and without the congress results. He pointed out that anticipated results for the Lisbon congress will not meet expectations due to a drop in the number of registered delegates and a very low response from industry.

However, looking at the projected results for 2022, if we exclude the congress result, we see a positive result.

11. Approval of the 2023 budget – Mr François Seynaeve

Mr Seynaeve presented the 2023 budget:

- Income: 3.28 million EUR
- Expenses: -3.61million EUR

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Mr Fredrik Löndahl

Motion
To approve the Budget for 2023.
For: 239.5 Against: 11.5 Abstentions: 16.5
Motion Carried

12. Application for Full Membership - Prof. Andrew Boulton

In 2020, 2021 and 2022, the IDF Board admitted a number of associations as Provisional Members. These were presented to the General Assembly for approval as Full Members.

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Dr John Mangwiro

Motion
To approve that the Association Stop Diabète en Mauritanie, <i>Mauritania</i> becomes a Full Member of the International Diabetes Federation
For: 270.5 Against: 1.5 Abstentions: 7
Motion Carried



Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Mr Joao Nabais

Motion
To approve that Diabetes Ireland, <i>Ireland</i> becomes a Full Member of the International Diabetes Federation.
For: 268 Against: 1.5 Abstentions: 1
Motion Carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Dr Iryna Vlasenko

Motion
To approve that the Ukrainian Diabetology Association, <i>Ukraine</i> becomes a Full Member of the International Diabetes Federation
For: 258 Against: 6 Abstentions: 2
Motion Carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Mr Kyle Jacques Rose

Motion
To approve that Diabetes UK, <i>United Kingdom</i> becomes a Full Member of the International Diabetes Federation.
For: 258.5 Against: 7.5 Abstentions: 9.5
Motion Carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Dr Niti Pall

Motion
To approve that Sheffaa, <i>Saudi Arabia</i> becomes a Full Member of the International Diabetes Federation.
For: 250 Against: 5 Abstentions: 14
Motion Carried



Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Prof. Stephen Colagiuri

Motion
To approve that <i>Fundación Departamental Daniels Hamant, Bolivia</i> becomes a Full Member of the International Diabetes Federation.
For: 258 Against: 1 Abstentions: 6
Motion Carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Dr Tim Dorh

Motion
To approve that <i>Asociación Educación Médica en Salud, Guatemala</i> becomes a Full Member of the International Diabetes Federation.
For: 256.5 Against: 0 Abstentions: 9
Motion Carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Prof. Shashank Joshi

Motion
To approve that the <i>Bangladesh Endocrine Society, Bangladesh</i> becomes a Full Member of the International Diabetes Federation.
For: 253.5 Against: 13.5 Abstentions: 6.5
Motion Carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Prof. Moon-Kyu Lee

Motion
To approve that the <i>Philippine College of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, Phillipines</i> becomes a Full Member of the International Diabetes Federation.
For: 248.5 Against: 12 Abstentions: 7
Motion Carried

The President welcomed all the new members to the IDF Family.



13. Governance Report - Mr Fredrik Löndahl

- a) Approval of revised Articles of Associations (AoA)
- b) Approval of revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

Mr Fredrik Löndahl, Chair of the Governance Committee explained the reasons why the AoAs had to be changed:

- New Belgian Law on Companies and Associations in force since May 1st, 2019. IDF needs to comply no later than January 1st, 2024.
- Temporary Belgian Covid-law has led to permanent changes to which IDF must comply
- Changes are proposed to address the "Balance of power" between Members, the Board and the President
- Changes addressed repetitions and discrepancies within and between the AoAs and SOPs
- Changes had been made to reduce unnecessary administration

The Chair of the Governance Committee presented a summary of the changes submitted to the Approval of the General Assembly of both the Articles of Associations and the Standard Operating Procedures.

Some comments were received from the Assembly that it would have been easier to separate the changes made to comply with the new Belgian Law from other changes such as the voting power of individual members.

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Prof. Shashank Joshi

Motion
To approve the new Articles of Associations
For: 209.5 Against: 47 Abstentions: 25.5
Motion carried.

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Dr Niti Pall

Motion
To approve the new Standard Operating Procedures
For: 242.5 Against: 11 Abstentions: 21
Motion carried.



14. **Report of the Nominating Committee** – Prof Angus Forbes and Ms Zobida Ragbirsingh

Prof. Angus Forbes explained that the Nominating Committee had appointed Co-Chairs due to the absence of past President, Prof Nam Cho. He explained that the role of the Nominating Committee is to ensure that the procedures of nominations are followed and that candidates met the criteria as set up in the AoAs and SOPS.

As no candidate meeting the criteria for the VP Governance position, the Board will appoint one Board member to fill in the position until a new VP Governance is elected. The Honorary Legal Counsel will provide advice as required.

15. **Election of the President-Elect** – Prof. Andrew Boulton

Each of the 4 candidates gave a 5-minute presentation.

Prof. Andrew Boulton explained that the candidate would need more than the half of the vote to be elected.

Motion
To elect the President-Elect
1. Prof. Linong Ji – 86
2. Prof. Sehnaz Karadeniz – 56.5
3. Prof. Kaushik Ramaiya – 46.5
4. Prof. Peter Schwarz – 97.5

A second round was required as no candidate had achieved 50% of the vote.

2nd round:

- 1. Prof. Linong Ji – 113.5**
- 2. Prof. Peter Schwarz – 172**

Prof. Peter Schwarz was elected.

16. **Election of the Vice-President Finance**

Only one candidate stood for the role. Therefore, a vote of 50% or more in favour would be required. If not, the position would remain vacant until the next election.



Motion
To support Mr François Seynaeve's nomination for the position of Vice-President Finance.
For: 259.5 Against: 12 Abstentions: 8.5

Mr François Seynaeve was elected.

17. Election of the Vice-President Strategic Governance

No election took place

18. Election of the Vice-Presidents

Motion
To elect Vice Presidents (as a physician)
1. Prof. Naby Baldé - 69
2. Prof Laszlo Barkai - 41
3. Dr Timotheus Dorh - 42
4. Prof Adel El Sayed – 78.5
5. Prof Luis Gardete – 73.5
6. Prof Shashank Joshi - 76
7. Dr Hermelinda Pedrosa – 110.5

Prof. Adel El Sayed and Dr Hermelinda Pedrosa were elected

Motion
To elect Vice Presidents (as a Healthcare Professional)
1. Ms Erum Ghafoor – 107.5
2. Ms Ana Fernanda Sanchez - 156
3. Dr. Iryna Vlasenko – 212.5

Ms Ana Fernanda Sanchez and Dr Iryna Vlasenko were elected.



Motion
To elect Vice Presidents (as a Non-Healthcare Professional)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ms Glynis Alonzo-Beaton – 139.52. Dr Jackie Maalouf - 1743. Prof. João Valente Nabais – 191

Dr Jackie Maalouf and Prof. Joao Valente Nabais were elected.

19. Election of the Members of the Nominating Committee – Prof. Andrew Boulton

Motion
To elect Members of Nominating Committee (Previous Vice-President)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prof. Stephen Colagiuri – 237.52. Mr Fredrik Löndahl – 218.5

Professor Stephen Colagiuri and Mr Fredrik Löndahl were elected.

Motion
To elect Members of Nominating Committee (Previous Regional Chairs)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prof. Moon-Kyu Lee -2. Dr Douglas Villarroel -

Professor Moon-Kyu Lee and Dr Douglas Villarroel were elected.

20. Confirmation of Regional Chairs – Prof. Andrew Boulton

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Dr Tim Dorh

Motion
To approve the incoming Regional Chairs:
African Region – Professor Jacko Abodo, Côte d’Ivoire
European Region – Professor Nebojsa Lalic, Serbia



Middle East & North Africa Region – Professor Mohammad Sandid, *Lebanon*

North American & Caribbean Region – Dr Reginald O’Loughlin, *St Kitts*

South & Central American Region – Professor Fadlo Fraige, *Brazil*

South-East Asian Region – Professor A.K. Azad Khan, *Bangladesh*

West Pacific Region – Dr Takashi Kadowaki, *Japan*

For: 274 Against: 1.5 Abstentions: 2

Motion Carried

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Dr Niti Pall

Motion

To approve the incoming Regional Chairs-Elect.

African Region – Elizabeth Denyoh, *Ghana*

European Region – Tadej Battelino, *Slovenia*

Middle East & North Africa Region – Mohamed Eltom, *Sudan*

North American & Caribbean Region – Juan Jose Irazabal, *Mexico*

South & Central American Region – Pablo Arias, *Argentina*

South-East Asian Region – Banshi Saboo, *India*

West Pacific Region – Alicia Jenkins, *Australia*

For: 253.5 Against: 4 Abstentions: 9.5

Motion Carried

21. Discharge of the auditors – Prof. Andrew Boulton

No motion presented during the GA. The vote will take place by Postal Ballot after the audit.

22. Discharge of the current Board of Directors - Prof. Andrew Boulton

Prof. Andrew Boulton, seconded by Mr François Seynaeve



Motion
To discharge the current Board of Directors for 2020 - 2022
For: 243.5 Against: 6 Abstentions: 17.5
Motion Carried

23. **President Farewell** – Prof. Andrew Boulton

Prof. Boulton thanked the Assembly and bid farewell. He received a standing ovation.

24. **Message from Incoming President** – Prof. Akhtar Hussain

Prof. Hussain, the incoming IDF President, confirmed the spirit of unity and common purpose in the Board over the previous three years and thanked the outgoing President for his leadership, friendship and guidance.

He gave an introduction to his work experience across multiple geographies. He spoke of his ambition when he became President-elect to stabilize and rebuild IDF, and to unify the global diabetes community behind common goals and attract new associations to join the Federation.

He explained how IDF is strengthening its ties with WHO to become the key diabetes partner in the diabetes space and support WHO in the diabetes compact.

He explained what he had been doing with the Education Committee to expand the offering of the IDF school and explained that IDF would expand its content for people living with diabetes on the understanding diabetes platform to chime with the prevention theme for world diabetes day in 2023. All content developed on this platform is free. He asked member associations to encourage people to use it and, where possible, to link to it from their sites.

He commented on his ambition to make IDF more relevant to industry and to the scientific community and spoke of the two special issues in which he had been involved for DRCP, one on Covid and diabetes-and one to mark the centenary of insulin.

Prof. Hussain described the shortfalls in desired diabetes outcomes and the existing inequities in access to care and a continued focus on access.

The incoming President described the activities of IDF to help secure the Resolution on Reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases through strengthening prevention and control of diabetes and approve the diabetes targets.

He described the future direction for the IDF School to take a more regional approach and the development of complementary programmes as well as ongoing discussions with leading academic institutions to create content together.



Prof. Hussain will revisit the IDF Global Guidelines for T2DM, GDM and other topics.

He highlighted some key areas for activity: Global accessibility to insulin, the fight against discrimination, the creation of closer ties between IDF, its Regions and the member associations that comprise IDF. He committed IDF to moving forward with transparent and democratic governance. He will seek new and innovative partnerships, seeking closer collaboration with International NGOs and UN bodies. He will pursue closer ties to government to drive global advocacy. The first global ambassador for diabetes is an example of this.

The incoming President thanked the Assembly.

25. Any Other Business

26. Closure of the meeting

The Chair closed the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew JM Boulton', is positioned above the printed name. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Andrew JM Boulton