1. The Executive Committee (ECOM)

1.1. Composition of the Executive Committee 2001 - 2004

Officers:
- Prof. Dr. Norbert Leist, Germany (President);
- Ir. Pieter Oosterveld, The Netherlands (1st Vice-President);
- Dr. Katalin Ertsey, Hungary (2nd Vice-President)

Members at large:
- Mr. Doug Ashton, Canada;
- Mr. Ronald Don, United Kingdom;
- Prof. Dr. John Hampton, New Zealand;
- Mr. Joël Léchappé, France;
- Dr. Jeffrey H.C. Luhanga, Malawi;
- Mrs. Monica Moreno, Argentina;
- Dr. Chulhathep Pongsroypech, Thailand;
- Mrs. Grethe Tarp, Denmark.

At the ISTA Congress held in Angers, France in 2001, Mr. Ronald Don, Prof. Dr. John Hampton, Mr. Joël Léchappé and Mrs. Monica Moreno, Argentina were newly elected to the Executive Committee of ISTA.

At the same time, after his active participation in leading positions of ISTA over 40 years, the title of Honorary President of ISTA was given to Prof. Dr. Attilio Lovato, Italy, offering him voluntary participation in the meetings of the Executive Committee.

1.2. Terms of Reference


1.3. Important items discussed by the Executive Committee in the period 2001 - 2002

In the period from July 2001 until March 2002 the Executive Committee focused its work mainly on the restructuring of the Association. Following the discussion paper of the Executive Committee ‘Strategic directions for ISTA’, the governance and the voting rights were the central points of the discussions and the restructuring process.

During its first meeting at the 26th ISTA Congress in Angers, France, the newly elected ISTA Executive Committee founded the following eight working groups dealing with different aspects of the Association:

1. Working Group on Accreditation
2. Working Group on Monitoring and By-Laws
3. Working Group on Strategy and Budget
4. Working Group on Annual Meetings
5. Working Group on Fund Raising
6. Working Group on the updating of the Constitution
7. Working Group on Method Validation
8. Working Group on Membership
These working groups were asked to prepare reports with concrete proposals to be discussed and decided on at the ISTA Executive Committee meeting from April 15-17, 2002 in Bassersdorf, Switzerland.

At this meeting the Executive Committee made decisions of major importance, mainly in regards to accreditation, future planning and the Extraordinary Meeting 2002 in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

The working group on Monitoring and By-Laws developed a new monitoring standard, which could be used by Designated Authorities for the monitoring of company samplers and company laboratories. This monitoring standard will be forwarded to the ISTA membership and the main stakeholders before the Extraordinary Meeting in July 2002.

The working group on the updating of the Constitution clarified the Ordinary Meeting voting procedures as provided in the current Constitution, and discussed options for changing ISTA member voting rights.

At the Ordinary Meeting 2002 the Executive Committee will present an action plan and a multi-annual budget to the membership, as announced in its paper ‘Strategic directions for ISTA’. The work and discussions for the working groups on strategy and budget, fund raising and membership are still proceeding.

1.4. Meetings of the Executive Committee in the period 2001 – 2002

In the period from June 2001 until March 2002 the newly elected Executive Committee met for the first time at the occasion of the 26th Congress in Angers, France in June 2001, and for the second time in Bassersdorf, Switzerland in April 2002.