



Press Release

Independent Charity Monitoring Increases Worldwide
ICFO AGM 2006 welcomes new Italian member IID and elects new board

The International Committee on Fundraising Organizations (ICFO) has welcomed the Italian charity monitoring agency *Istituto Italiano della Donazione* (IID, Italian Institute on Donations, www.istitutoitalianodonazione.it) as its newest member. IID was established in 2004 as an Italian non-profit organization. Its purposes are to promote and foster **excellence, transparency, integrity, fair management** practices and **ethical conduct** in non-profit organizations as well as to **verify and monitor** whether certain organizations who apply for an accreditation by IID respect these values. The accreditation process is based on the "Carta della Donazione" as a code of conduct for fundraising in the Italian non-profit sector.

"ICFO gladly welcomes Istituto Italiano della Donazione as its eleventh member organization", said ICFO President Rollin van Broekhoven during the Annual General Meeting of ICFO which was held in Washington D.C. on 28th and 29th April 2006. "All longstanding ICFO members know very well about the complex task and the challenge to not only establish appropriate standards and a stringent monitoring methodology, but also to make the national NPO sector accept and welcome the establishment of an independent 'watchdog' agency. IID has done a great job in this respect. With its knowledge, competence, and dynamism it will surely contribute significantly to ICFO's role as the association of national monitoring bodies worldwide." The ICFO President further emphasized that there is an emerging role and importance of independent charity monitoring agencies in many other countries of the world: *"We are hopeful to welcome additional members from Spain, the Philippines, and India in the near future."*

In Milano, the **President of IID Edoardo Patriarca** stated: *"Our decision to join the ICFO is due to the fact we strongly believe that the advanced and steady international experiences will aid us to sustain the accountability and donation culture, in order to promote positive developments in the Italian non profit segment."*

At the AGM the new board of ICFO was elected as follows:

President	Rollin van Broekhoven (ECFA, U.S.A.)
Vice President	André de Montalembert (CC, France)
Treasurer	Jos Zwartjes (CBF, the Netherlands)
Board Member	Martina Ziegerer (ZEW, Switzerland)
Board Member	Gerhard Bittner (OEFSE, Austria)
(Secretary General	Burkhard Wilke (DZI, Germany) continues to serve his term until 2008)

The ICFO Board recommended, and the AGM delegates approved the recognition of Torkild Skallerud, President of ICFO during the period of 2001-2006, with the honorary status of *ICFO President Emeritus*, for his distinguished service to ICFO during his long tenure on the ICFO Board.

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