

Terms of reference for the advisory board

Our skin is our biggest organ. Yet it often seems as though we do not even think about skin as something we have to treat nice and take care of. When we neglect what the skin might need and what it definitely does not need we might put ourselves at risk of developing one of the most common chronic diseases; contact dermatitis. That is actually a shame since contact dermatitis in many cases can be prevented by treating our skin in a good way and avoiding specific ingredients. In order to make it easier for consumers worldwide the purpose of AllergyCertified is to certify products where the risk of getting contact dermatitis is very low. This means the products will not contain classified allergens and the products will not cause internal toxicity and have a very low risk of causing local skin side effects. Every product will have to pass an allergy risk assessment based on the concentration of each chemical.

The why

In order to be up to date and on track with the scientific development within the contact dermatitis world and in order to have the possibility to discuss current issues of contact dermatitis with some of the most competent people AllergyCertified wants to establish an advisory board.

The not

The board members are not responsible for any decisions taken in the AllergyCertified organization. The board members can not be held accountable for any certified products or the criteria for each product group. The board members can not veto a product, product group or any development within AllergyCertified.

The how

The board members will receive an agenda for the yearly meeting four weeks before the meeting. Typical topics that will be discussed are;

ingredients at focus, future allergens, preservatives as the big challenge in cosmetics, general news from the scientific world about cosmetic products and ingredients, new ingredients, raw materials and oils – what are the dos and don'ts. The board members may experience that AllergyCertified will discuss specific issues on an individually basis in between the yearly meetings.

The who

There are two types of members. Internal members and external members. The internal members are the two founders of AllergyCertified; Ewa Daniél and Lene Stii. There will always be at least three external members in the advisory board. The external members are chosen because of their extensive knowledge within the area of contact dermatitis. The members can choose to leave whenever it suits him or her. If an external member chooses to stop he or she will help the remaining members of the advisory board to designate a new external member. The external members are An Goosens and Donald Belsito.

The when

The advisory board will meet once a year. Additionally the board members can be asked for a telephone meeting or one-on-one meetings with one or both of the internal members.

The where

The meetings of the advisory board will generally take place in either London, Copenhagen, Paris or New York.

The euros

The board members will have no direct costs associated with the work, this means that AllergyCertified will pay for the flight, hotel and dinner expenses for the yearly meeting. Other than that the board members are not paid.