Join ISD at the AAD
The annual ISD reunion will be held March 9, 2009, in conjunction with the American Academy of Dermatology’s 67th Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Don’t miss this opportunity to get reacquainted with fellow ISD members and join in the excitement leading up to our International Congress in Prague. ISD members are welcome to bring guests, so be sure to join us for this special gathering.

Monday, March 9, 2009
5:30 PM
San Francisco Marriott
Nob Hill CD
San Francisco, CA

ISD’s International Fellowship Program Marks Third Year
From the time it was conceptualized in late autumn 2005, the ISD’s International Fellowship Program has met the challenge of promoting the advancement and exchange of scientific and clinical dermatologic information worldwide for the purpose of providing better patient care on every continent. The program, which started matching fellows with mentors in 2006, is now one of the more successful projects of the ISD.

Now entering its third year, the International Fellowship Program has already awarded more than 20 fellowships to promising dermatologists from around the world – and 2009 offers more opportunities for an enriching educational experience for interested candidates.

Chaired by Dr. Vangee Handog and co-chaired by Dr. Luitgard Wiest and Prof. Yahya Dowlati, the International Fellowship Committee enjoyed a busy year in 2008. Six fellows completed their training/observation with various mentors in different countries, including:

- Dr. Silonie Sachdeva of India trained under Dr. Christine Brown of the U.S. on cosmetic dermatology
- Dr. Juraj Hegyi of the Czech Republic completed a fellowship on photobiology under Prof. Thomas Ruzicka of Germany
- Dr. Nikoletta Nagy of Hungary had a successful fellowship on genetics under Prof. John McGrath of the U.K.
- Dr. Manuel Moreno of Peru was matched with Prof. Luiz Castro of Brazil for dermatologic surgery
- Dr. Bilcha Kassahun of Ethiopia trained under Prof. Yahya Dowlati of Iran for dermatologic surgery
- Dr. Rinky Kapoor of India was matched with Prof. Goh Chee Leok of Singapore for general dermatology

To apply for a fellowship, please send your application with a brief biosketch together with your letter of recommendation from your local, regional or national dermatologic society and from the head/training officer of your institution to Evangeline B. Handog, MD, handogmd@pacific.net.ph.

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The International Society of Dermatology’s
10th International Congress of Dermatology
May 20-24, 2009 • Prague
The meeting’s official website – www.ICD2009.com – provides continually updated information on all aspects of the meeting, so be sure to use this resource when planning your trip.
FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

It is the 50th Anniversary of the International Society of Dermatology, our “Jubilee” year! A time to reflect on our past successes and, more importantly, to look ahead to our promises for the future.

The ISD has evolved over the years as evidenced by our many name changes. Founded in 1959 by Drs. Aldo Castellani and Frederick Reiss, it was initially called the “International Society of Tropical Dermatology.” In 1984 the Society’s name was changed to the International Society of Dermatology, Tropical, Geographic and Ecologic in order to better reflect the Society’s interest in all aspects of dermatology. To focus on the global geographic as well as therapeutic interests of the Society, the name was again changed in 1999 to simply the International Society of Dermatology. And the rest, as they say, is history.

You can see that we have not been static over the years. It is appropriate, therefore, that our 50th Anniversary is not marked by a nostalgic retrospective but by embracing change. Not change for change’s sake but necessary change, as the world is vastly different from 1959.

Under the auspices of Dr. Jean Bolognia, chair of the ISD Bylaws Amendment Committee, our Bylaws and Administrative Regulations have undergone a drastic overhaul of these documents to address new technologies and communication, to provide a more open, transparent society government as well as encouraging member participation, and, lastly a more vibrant role for the society in urgent issues that affect dermatologic care on a global basis.

I encourage you to view the revised Bylaws on our web site www.intsocderm.org before the General Membership Meeting in Prague. You can access them by logging into the Members Only pages.

We continue our celebration of the old and new at the X International Congress of Dermatology in Prague, where East meets West. At the Congress, you will hear from an internationally diverse group of world-renowned dermatologists as well as welcome the next generation of leaders. We are proud to provide scholarships to young dermatologists as our investment in the future leadership of global dermatology.

Developing young leaders is the mission of the ISD Fellowship Program. If you have not yet considered participating in the ISD Fellowship Program, I strongly encourage you to get involved. I, myself, have hosted young dermatologists in Florence and found the experience to be truly rewarding. You can volunteer as a mentor or apply to study with an ISD member. Several recent participants are interviewed in this issue, and you can read Dr. Evangeline Handog’s report on the program’s successful first years.

Our most visible resource is the International Journal of Dermatology. Under the editorship of Dr. Lawrence Gibson, the JID has flourished in part because it is accessible both to authors and readers. One of the journal’s objectives is to publish geographically diverse articles and offer an international perspective, thus the authorship of the articles is truly global. In order to make the journal even more accessible – especially when mail delivery is a challenge – the journal is now available online for members.

In future newsletters, you will hear more about our plans for 2009. In the meantime, if you like our direction and you are not yet a member of this organization, I urge you to join and get involved.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Prague shortly, where we can reconnect and celebrate the endless opportunities our great Society has to offer.

Sincerely,
Torello Lotti, MD (Italy)
Secretary-General, International Society of Dermatology

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San Francisco, CA, U.S.A.

April 2-5, 2009
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May 20-24, 2009
10th International Congress of Dermatology
Prague, Czech Republic
President
president@icd2009.com
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www.icd2009.com

June 26-27, 2009
35th Updating Course in Therapeutic and Dermatological Clinic for Dermatologists in Training
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Meeting President: Dr. Graciela Ferraro
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September 10-12, 2009
The 3rd Trilateral Meeting
Wroclaw—Prague—Dresden
Wroclaw, Poland

October 6, 2009
ISD Sister Society Meeting, in conjunction with the 18th EADV
Internationales Congress Centrum
Berlin, Germany

Notes: SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
ISD International Fellows Express Gratitude for Their Experiences

ISD International Fellow Dr. Kassahun Desalegn Bilcha, a resident in his final year of dermatovenereology of the Medical Faculty of Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, completed six weeks of training with Prof. Yahya Dowlati at the Centers for Research and Training to Skin Diseases and Leprosy, Tehran Medical University, in Tehran, Iran.

While Dr. Kassahun spent the majority of his time in microbiology and pathology labs reviewing slides and learning invaluable laboratory techniques from Iranian scientists, he also had the opportunity to travel to a leishmaniasis endemic area outside of Tehran to see health centers and leishmaniasis clinical trials firsthand. He was also invited to participate in two three-day dermatology congresses at local hospitals where he gained additional insight into immunobullous diseases, skin cancer and other dermatological conditions from leading dermatologists throughout the country.

Attending the Dowlati Skin Clinic twice a week allowed Dr. Kassahun to learn the art of cosmetic dermatology and laser surgery. There, Dr. Dowlati and his colleagues taught him the fundamentals of hair transplantation surgery, Botox injections, laser hair removal, skin rejuvenation and other cosmetic procedures with state-of-the-art medical technologies.

Dr. Kassahun is grateful to Dr. Dowlati and his colleagues and staff for this “immense life experience” and for their support and company during his stay.

“The ISD has helped me boost my international acquaintance of dermatological skills, and I have moved a big step forward in my career. This could not have been triumphant without the unlimited help of the ISD Fellowship Committee members, especially Dr. Evangeline Handog, Dr. Luitgard Wiest and Dr. Dowlati himself.” – Dr. Kassahun Desalegn Bilcha

For Dr. Juraj Hegyi of the Czech Republic, a three-month stay at the Klinik und Poliklinik für Dermatologie und Allergologie der LMU in Munich offered him an unmatched learning opportunity and great insight into the field of dermatology. His mentor and head of the clinic was Prof. Thomas Ruzicka, who guided Dr. Hegyi’s broad training program.

With an immense interest in photobiology and imaging, Dr. Hegyi spent quality time in the PDT department. There, he had the opportunity to work with the confocal laser microscope that is setting the standard for non-invasive diagnosis. Throughout his stay, Dr. Hegyi also spent time in the oncology department, the STD department, the ambulance and the specialized clinic for autoimmune diseases.

Dr. Hegyi credits the daily meetings where difficult patients were discussed as the most important experience for his further education. Described as being “awed by this experience,” he found it fascinating to be able to see these diagnoses firsthand and then reading up on them in the library next door.

“It was actually by good fortune that I learned about the possibility to get a scholarship from the ISD and spend some time at a clinic abroad, gaining new experiences. When I received the email with the good news, I could not believe it. I never won anything and this was really a ‘great prize’. “ – Dr. Juraj Hegyi

Join your friends and colleagues at the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Cocktail Reception on Wednesday, May 20, from 17:00 to 19:00 at the Prague Congress Centre, Congress Hall and Exhibition Area.
Countdown to Prague: Diverse Scientific Program, Social Events and Cultural Attractions Set the Stage

The International Society of Dermatology’s 10th International Congress of Dermatology – May 20-24 in Prague – promises a rewarding educational, cultural and social experience. From the two-day core symposia and world-class featured speakers to the multitude of social opportunities, breathtaking sites of “The Golden City” and the special organized tours of the city’s historical monuments, attendees can truly experience the best of both worlds in Prague!

About Prague

The capital of the Czech Republic, Prague is situated on both banks of the Vltava River and is known for its beauty and rich history. Located in the center of Europe, Prague has long been an important crossroads of trade and culture. Over the course of its thousand-year history, Prague remains the political, cultural and business center of the country. An architecturally unique European town, Prague offers a unique mix of Czech, German and Jewish cultures.

The crown jewel of the city is the famed Prague Castle, which houses the gothic St. Vitus’s Cathedral and all of its splendor. The Lesser Quarter boasts a profusion of intimate corners and quaint restaurants and gardens. The Old Town of Prague offers visitors a web of twisting medieval lanes and the Old Town Square. Considered the most beautiful promenade site in Prague, the Charles Bridge attracts an array of street artists and musicians. And the Jewish Museum, in the remains of the former Jewish town, hosts one of the most extensive collections in Europe.

Today, the congress industry is one of the most dynamically developing segments of the economy, due in large part to the renovated Prague Congress Centre (PCC). The PCC is fitted with high-quality equipment, such as audiovisual technology, air-conditioning, energy connections and communications, ISDN data links, GSM and modern hall technologies. And the city’s new hotels feature a wide assortment of conference rooms and contemporary amenities, and the airport is enlarging and updating its capacity and services.

Social Events

A number of exciting social events await you in Prague, offering you the chance to catch up with old friends and enjoy a night on the town at the opera in the famed National Theatre. When planning your social calendar for your time in Prague, be sure to visit the meeting’s website, www.icd2009.com, for a complete list of the available social events taking place throughout the meeting. Here are a few highlights of things you won’t want to miss:

Opening Ceremony/Welcome Cocktail
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
17:00 – 19:00
Prague Congress Centre, Congress Hall and Exhibition Area

Kick off the start of the meeting by joining your friends and ISD colleagues at this lively gathering.

Opera Performance at the National Theatre
Rusalka – Antonín Dvořák
Thursday, May 21, 2009
19:30 – 22:30
The National Theatre

This lyrical fairy tale set to the libretto of Jaroslav Kvapil, replete with forest dryads, water sprites and witches, is combined with Dvořák’s captivating music. Performed by the Orchestra, Choir and Ballet of the National Theatre Opera, the opera is staged in Czech original version and English surtitles are used in the performance.

Prices:
Category A (parterre + dress circle at the sides) — 150 EUR/ per person
Category B (dress circle in the middle + upper circle) — 90 EUR/ per person
Category C (other seats) — 40 EUR/ per person
Category D (standing) — 20 EUR/ per person

Please use the Tours & Social Events form for ordering.
**ISD Plenary Meeting**
Friday, May 22, 2009
16:00 - 17:00
Prague Congress Centre, Conference Hall
Be sure to attend the ISD’s official business meeting and learn about the state of affairs of your membership organization. Access is limited to ISD members only.

**Cocktail for ISD Members**
Friday, May 22, 2009
17:00 - 18:00
Prague Congress Centre, Conference Hall
After a long day, kick back with your friends and colleagues before heading out to the Presidential Dinner.

**Presidential Dinner**
Friday, May 22, 2009
20:00 - 23:00
Zofin Palace
**Price per person:** 125 EUR
Join your colleagues for a special dinner in the majestic Zofin Palace! The Presidential Dinner will be held in all rooms of the Žofín Palace - the seats will be distributed on the first-come first-served basis. Please use the Tours & Social Events form for ordering.

**Closing Ceremony**
Saturday, May 23, 2009
17:00 - 17:30
Prague Congress Centre, Forum Hall
Bid your friends adieu and make a vow to meet again at the 11th ICD in 2014!
This event is free for all registered delegates and registered accompanying persons.

**Congress Tours**
Whether you or your guests are looking for a quick afternoon jaunt or a daylong excursion, several guided tours are available to help you explore the many cultural and scenic attractions that Prague and its surrounding cities have to offer. The deadline for application is April 10, 2009. In addition, several post-Congress tours are being offered to explore neighboring countries by coach and by air, so be sure to check out all the available tours on the meeting website, www.icd2009.com.

**All Roads Lead to Prague**
Prague can be reached easily from all European countries and cities and is accessible from two motorways - the D1 from east (near the Austrian border) and the E50 from the west (near the German border). It is accessible by train, bus or plane, and the city's main railway station and main coach station are right in the center of town. Prague has a very sophisticated subway, train and bus transportation system, and the Prague underground is new and efficient. In the peak hours, trains run every one or two minutes, and during off-peak hours at least every 10 minutes.
Applications Now Being Accepted to Host ISD’s 11th International Congress

The Executive Committee of the International Society of Dermatology welcomes applications to host the 11th International Congress of Dermatology in 2014. ISD members and their supporting Dermatological Societies may submit their proposals for consideration in care of ISD Executive Director Cindy Froehlich at the ISD headquarters (address below).

Information on the application process, deadlines and required details are available on the Society website, www.intsocderm.org. Candidates will be asked to give a formal presentation of their completed applications at the ISD business meeting to be held in Prague, Czech Republic, as part of the 10th International Congress of Dermatology, May 20-24, 2009. The selection will be based on the thoughtful preparation of the application, presentation, the inherent logistics of the proposed site and the degree of predictive success.

The Executive Committee warmly encourages members to consider hosting this prestigious global event and gratefully acknowledges the efforts and energy expended in developing proposals.

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Report from the ISD Nominating Committee

In accordance with the Bylaws of the International Society of Dermatology (ISD), the ISD Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following report to the membership.

ISD Nominating Committee Members:
Vincent Cipollaro, MD (Chair) (US)
Martin Black, MD (UK)
Rafael Falabella, MD (Colombia)
Henning Grossman, MD (Germany/Tanzania)
Evangeline Handog, MD (Philippines)

The final results of the deliberations & voting of the Nominating Committee are as follows:

President - Torello Lotti, MD (Italy)
Secretary-General - Evangeline Handog, MD (Philippines)
Treasurer-General - George Reizner, MD (US)
Executive Vice President - Francisco Kerdel, MD (US)

This slate will be presented for election at the General Assembly at the International Congress of Dermatology in Prague.
International Society of Dermatology
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Please print or type)

Name

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(Last/Family) (First/Given) (Middle)

Institution

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Birthdate ____________________________________

Scientific Degree (e.g., M.D., Ph.D., M.S., B.S., etc.) ________________________________

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS:

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This is the regular and usual membership of the Society. Annual dues of US $100.00 include a subscription to the International Journal of Dermatology.

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This category is for individuals wishing to help sponsor memberships from developing countries or trainees from any country. A certificate recognizing your sponsorship will be sent to you, in addition to the privileges and benefit of Regular Membership. Annual dues of US $250.00 include a subscription to the International Journal of Dermatology.

☐ Associate Member .......................................US $65.00
This category is suggested for residents/medical students of any country, or dermatologists currently staying in developing countries (designated by OECD). Annual dues of US $65.00 include a subscription to the International Journal of Dermatology. Associates cannot hold elected office or vote on Society matters.

2. Payment is to be made in U.S. Dollars.

Indicate method of payment:

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3. Send completed application with payment by fax or mail to:

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