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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Society of Dermatology, I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to you and sincerely hope to find you in good health and high spirits. I wish you a new year of peace, filled with mutual understanding, growth, and collaboration. May 2024 bring new opportunities and achievements to our professional family. Cheers to a year of shared accomplishments and continued excellence!

As the President of the International Society of Dermatology, it is an honor and a privilege to lead an organization dedicated to advancing dermatological knowledge and promoting excellence in patient care worldwide. Our society is built on a foundation of collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to enhancing the field of dermatology. Through the years, our society has been at the forefront of fostering global connections dermatologists, researchers, and healthcare professionals. We continue to strive for excellence in education, dermatological research, and patient advocacy, making significant strides in improving skin health on a global scale.

Looking to the future, I am inspired by the possibilities that lie ahead for our society and the dermatological community as a whole. Together, we can make a meaningful impact on the well-being of individuals and communities by advancing dermatological science and practice.

I encourage you to explore the opportunities and resources that membership in the ISD offers. Whether you are a seasoned professional or a budding dermatologist, our society provides a valuable platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and professional development.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the field of dermatology. I look forward to collaborating with you to make the positive changes we can achieve together. Wishing you success and fulfillment in all your endeavors.

Warmest regards,

Nelli Koucker, M.D.

Nellie Konnikov

President, International Society of Dermatology



FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



ISD Executive Committee Meeting at the World Congress of Dermatology in Singapore.

From left to right: Drs. Hassan Galadari, Nellie Konnikov, Martin Kassir, Jorge Ocampo, and Jean Bolognia.

By Dr. Hassan Galadari, ISD Secretary-General

The most important component of the International Society of Dermatology is its membership. The society offers a wide range of valuable benefits that can help its members to stay current with the latest research and advancements in dermatology, connect with peers by organizing meetings, and advance its members' careers.

One of the key benefits of membership is access to the latest research and educational resources. This is possible through a subscription to the *International Journal of Dermatology*, which publishes articles and research studies that can help all of us stay upto-date on the latest trends and developments in the field.

Membership in the ISD also provides valuable networking opportunities. By connecting with other professionals in the field, members can share ideas, experiences, and best practices, and build strong relationships that can support them throughout their careers.

Networking is especially beneficial for early-career professionals looking to establish themselves in the field and for experienced practitioners seeking to stay connected with the latest developments. One can reap these benefits by attending regional and international meetings such as the Continental Congress of Dermatology in Poland and the International Congress of Dermatology in Italy.

Additionally, the ISD provides mentorship opportunities by pairing young dermatologists with a seasoned mentor. Mentors help younger members advance their skills and knowledge and stay competitive in the field. These opportunities also help members stay connected with the broader dermatology community and gain visibility and recognition for their work.

Overall, and most importantly, membership in the ISD is collegial and fun. The benefits of membership help dermatologists provide the best possible care to their patients and support their professional growth and development. Membership in the society is a valuable investment for anyone in our field.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES!

By Dr. Martin Kassir, ISD Treasurer-General

As we leap into 2024, I'm inspired to remind you all how your ISD membership is at work for you. Those of you who are current members already know, and those of you looking for a new home, read carefully!

FRIENDSHIP

To begin with, the ISD has no geographic or specialty limitations. From Mongolia to Madagascar and Kyrgyzstan to Kiribati, every skin specialist from any country and with any interest in the various fields within dermatology

is welcome to join. Whatever your background, you can find someone from your country or region, or someone in your field of interest. You will make many friends in the most inclusive society in dermatology. The ISD also has the best parties and social events; see our last newsletter and read about our party in New Orleans! Don't miss the ISD's next reunion in San Diego on March 11th, 2024, at the annual meeting of the AAD.

One of the best benefits of ISD Membership is the *IJD*, or *International Journal* of *Dermatology*. Not only will you

SCHOLARSHIP

have access to one of the most prestigious international journals in your field, but you can also showcase your research and publish in the *IJD*. As you become more expert in your field, you can even contribute to the journal in an editorial role.

MENTORSHIP

The ISD's International Mentorship Program is truly a gem. Aided by an ISD grant, young dermatologists get the opportunity to travel and spend up to two

months with an expert in a variety of dermatological sub-specialties. Mentors teach mentees new skills to excel in their field and become the best version of themselves. As a mentor since the program's inception, it has been my pleasure to watch mentees gain confidence, launch their careers, and make an impact in their country of origin.

FRIENDSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, MENTORSHIP.

...all from the International Society of Dermatology

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, HAVE AN IMPACT. JOIN ISD NOW!





GLOBAL EDUCATION AWARDS

The Global Education Awards represent one of the ISD's great benefits for members who are residents, fellows, or young dermatologists. A limited number of scholarships will provide funding to attend the 12th Congress of Dermatology (CCD), which will take place in Wroclaw, Poland from May 23-25, 2024.

"I will remember this experience for my life and my career."

"An amazing experience"

"The plenary sessions were very impressive"

Previous awardees are inspired!

Attending this congress as an upcoming or new dermatologist is clearly extremely valuable.



THANK YOU, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS

At the "half-time" term of our organization, I would like to extend my congratulations to the outgoing Committee Chairs for their noble contributions to the society and to express my sincere appreciation for years of excellent work. At the same time, I invite everyone to join me in welcoming the newly appointed Chairs and Co-Chairs of our various committees. Here's to a collaborative effort in the new year, working together for the growth and success of our organization.

Personally, and on behalf of our Executive Committee, I wish all of you good health and the abundance of life's offerings. May your future bring you continued success and fulfillment.

Nellie

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Mexico Winning Bid for WCD 2027 Head of bid: ISD VP Jorge Ocampo



ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME FOR ICD 2025!



We are pleased to announce that the XIV International Congress of Dermatology (ICD) will be held from June 18 to 21, 2025, at La Nuvola Convention Center in Rome, Italy.

Known as the Eternal City, it is a metropolis that blends eternal beauty, history, and spirituality and is home to various world-renowned centers of excellence and training in dermatology. All roads lead to Rome!

The theme of ICD 2025, "The Roads of Dermatology", will examine the future of dermatology by bringing together physicians, researchers, and the industry to promote and improve skin health for all. ICD will be a congress without borders and will celebrate diversity, which will be represented by six roads that cross geographical boundaries and bring the world to this city where history and modernity meet.

Diligent work on these two missions supports a common mission: Inclusion in skin care through a global dermatology community that celebrates diversity.

We strongly recommend that you follow ICD2025 on social media. Be sure to catch the news coming in February 2024 to participate in a new and unique medical congress experience.

Click on the icons below to join us in celebrating worldwide dermatology!



See you In Rome!

Prof. Giovanni Pellacani, President, ICD 2025 Dr. Nancy Dattola, Secretary-General, ICD 2025





NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE IJD

By Dr. Lajos Kemény, Editor-in-Chief, International Journal of Dermatology

The end of 2023 brought exciting developments for International Journal of Dermatology (IJD), with the recent transition of the Editorial Rochester. from Minnesota, to Szeged, Hungary, and the various staff and process changes that move entailed. Our incoming Editorial Team was formally introduced at the ISD Sister Society Meeting of the annual EADV Congress in Berlin (11-14 October 2023). A meeting was also held for Section Editors and the ISD Executive Committee discuss the to journal's current performance and targets for the near future.

Under our leadership, IJD continues to be a hybrid journal enabling authors to publish free of charge, while offering open access as an alternate publication route. Although we recognize journal metrics as an effective evaluation tool, the journal maintains its inclusive approach, aiming to provide valuable opportunities underserved communities and authors presenting neglected tropical diseases.

To facilitate publication, we have introduced a new submission site. restructured the fields we

cover within dermatology and venereology, and updated our author guidelines accordingly.

We intend to interact with the growing audience around the journal and ISD via social media, as well as publish engaging content that encourages the scientific community to further enhance their knowledge. We are eager to see how emerging technologies are going reshape the landscape of medical research and publishing in the coming years.

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A WORD OF THANKS FROM NELLIE

I want to express my deep gratitude to Prof. Rokea el-Azhary and all members of the Editor-in-Chief Office for years of outstanding work bringing our International Journal of Dermatology to higher levels of respect, recognition, and impact. Rokea's unwavering support, dedication and contribution have been invaluable to our ISD membership around the world. She and her team raised the journal's standard of excellence to new heights; I could not be more confident in its future with Prof. Lajos Kemény, the new Editor-in-Chief, taking the baton!



From left to right: Anita Biró (Editorial Manager), Lajos Kemény (Editor-in-Chief) and Lili Beke (Editorial Manager) at the IJD booth.



Joint meeting of the IJD section editors and the Executive Committee at the Hungarian Embassy in Berlin.

MENTEES ON THE MOVE

What can happen in one month of ISD mentorship? Find out from Andery Mun, MD, our first mentee from Uzbekistan, about the experiences he gained from spending a month with Prof. Dedee Murrell at the University of New South Wales, Australia:

What were your major goals for your mentorship experience?

I had several goals: the first one was to gain knowledge and skills in clinical dermatology practice and dermatology research projects; the second was to establish a collegial relationship with one of the best dermatologists.

What did you like best about your mentorship experience?

I appreciated the innovation and individual approach to each patient. Also, I was able to discuss and communicate with Prof. Murrell equally, possible only because of her personality. Prof. Murrell is intelligent, easygoing, sincere, has a great sense of humor, and shares all her experience and knowledge.

Describe any special experiences with your mentor:

I was able to observe lots of patients with challenging conditions, about 50 cases per week. Thus, I became more experienced in bullous diseases and new biological treatments of psoriasis, atopic dermatitis and hidradenitis suppurativa, which will be very helpful back in Uzbekistan.

Describe a skill acquired during your mentorship that you will definitely use when you return home:

During my mentorship with Prof. Murrell, I saw different kinds of diseases, especially skin cancers. Now I am more experienced in dermoscopy, cryosurgery, skin surgery and biologic treatments, which I can definitely employ in Uzbekistan.

How will your mentorship experience impact your patient care and professional goals over the next year? Having observed the connection Prof. Murrell creates with a patient and heard her recommendations. I noticed very good compliance resulting from the good relationship between doctor and patient. Also, applying a lot of assessment indexes helps monitor treatment. I will utilize all of these things in my clinical practice.



How will your mentorship experience make an impact five years from now, including for your region or country?

I think the knowledge and practical skills will have an impact not only over the next five years, but my whole life. I will share my experience with my colleagues and my students, and it will also be a benefit for my patients.

Share a pearl you learned during your mentorship experience:

I learned about whole body dermoscopy for skin cancer management.



By Dr. Prajwal Pudasaini

As a dermatologist at the Civil Service Hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal, I am passionate about making a difference through medical education and skill development for rural health care practitioners. I practice in a resource-restrained setting limited by a lack of infrastructure, of a robust patient data system, and of experts in dermatology's super-specialty fields. I sought a mentorship with Prof. Dedee Murrell, Chair of Dermatology at St George Hospital, UNSW Faculty of Medicine in Sydney, Australia, because she is a world-renowned expert and leader in medical dermatology, autoimmune blistering disorders, epidermolysis bullosa and therapeutic clinical trials.

Various take-home pearls I relish are Prof. Murrell's insightful lectures on specific diseases; using AI in detection and treatment; presenting my recommendations.

Attending a clinical dermatology conference at a partner institute provided insights on rare skin diseases and their management. These activities were invaluable for my education, networking, and brainstorming for collaborating on future research after returning to Nepal.

I also benefited by observing how Prof. Murrell balances multicultural cooperation, academic prowess, scientific integrity, compassion, empathy, and the art of dermatology. My exposure to her has inspired me to be involved in training the next generation of dermatologists back home; I hope to be involved in ISD leadership opportunities and to be a mentor myself in the future.

Beyond dermatology rounds, clinics, and research, I also had the chance to try kayaking, motor boating and swimming with Prof. Murrell and her husband! These experiences broadened my perspective on life even further, reiterating that dermatology and research are only a small part of our multi-faceted lives.



Drs Dedee Murrelll and Prajwal Pudaisani



MAKING A DIFFERENCE BY SHARING EXPERIENCE

12.14.23

This heartfelt note of thanks from Dr. Alejandra de la O Escamilla to Nellie is for having spent a month observing her at work. Sharing your knowledge and experience with young dermatologists is a win-win situation, whether it's over coffee at a conference, a short time at your practice, or as a mentor.

Dear Dr. Konnikov,

I want to take a moment to express my heartfest gratitude for the increasible opportunity to be with

I am grateful not only for the knowledge and skills live gained during my time here in Boston but also for your kindress and guidance. Your dedication to enviring that I learn from the best dermatologists and your unwavering support have made asignificant impact on my educational journey.

Your mentorship has been invaluable, and I appreciate the efforts you've made so that I could learn as much as partible this month. Thank you for always being approachable and for sharing your expertise. Your approachable and for sharing your expertise. Your influence will undoubtedly shape my future endoavors, influence will undoubtedly shape my future endoavors, and I am grateful for now incredibly good you were to me this month.

As the year ends, I reflect on how fortunate I am to have crossed paths with someone as exceptional as you you leadership, expertise, aedication, and your passion for Dermatology are truly inspiring.

May this season bring you moments of joys peace, and love wishing you and your family a Merry Christman love wishing you are year filled with continued and a trappy new year filled with continued success, happiness, and endem blessings.

Thank you once again for this incredible opportunity and for being an extraordinary mentor and role model.

* HOPE YOUR HOLIDAYS

ARE FILLED WITH ALL THE JOY

YOUR HEART CAN HOLD.

warmest regards,

Alejandra de la O (Monterrey, Mexico)

If being a mentor calls to you, contact

Rossitza Lazova, MD

Co-Chair of the Mentorship Committee

to get your questions answered and put yourself in position to make a huge difference to a young colleague.



A FESTIVE START TO THE YEAR IN THE **PHILIPPINES**



Front row: Consultants: Dr. Alex Castillo, Dr. Catherine Teodosio, Dr. Ma. From left to right: Recipients of ISD membership with Drs. Dayrit and Teresita Gabriel, Dr. Vangee Handog, Dr. Johannes Dayrit, Dr. Leilani Senador, Dr. Clarisse Mendoza.

Back: Residents: Dr. Ann Gallaza, Dr. Ara Abeleda, Dr. Korina Oblepias, Dr. Fay Alvaniz, Dr. Angeli Pangilinan, Dr. Nagatoshi Ebisawa, Dr. Danelle Santos, Dr. Daniel Cabugao, Dr. Dr. Kyle Daniel, Dr. Majarael Del Villar, Dr. Eman Gatdula, Dr. Rio Mae Gabriel, Dr. Alexis De Las Alas, Dr. Gel Olano, Dr. Lyka Sayson, Dr. Mary Rae Kate Villamin, Dr. Aneriza Lim, Dr. Bianca Pena, Dr. Jackie Pinili, Dr. Jennifer Li, Dr. Paula Santos.

Handog: Dr. Rio Mae Gabriel, Dr. Majarael Del Villar, Dr. Johannes Dayrit, Dr. Vangee Handog, Dr. Nagatoshi Ebisawa, and Dr. Mary Rae Kate Villamin.

By Dr. Clarisse G. Mendoza

In a unique and festive initiative of Dr. Johannes Dayrit, a dedicated ISD board member, and Dr. Vangee Handog, a distinguished past president and current historian, a group of dermatologists at the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) in the Philippines kicked off the New Year with a memorable Hat Party, blending celebration and networking within their department. The event aimed to foster camaraderie and professional connections among young dermatologists in training together with their consultants. Attendees wore an array of creatively designed hats which had special meaning for some.

One of the notable highlights of the event was the sponsorship of four RITM Dermatology residents: Dr. Rio Mae Gabriel, Dr. Majarael Del Villar, Dr. Nagatoshi Ebisawa, and Dr. Mary Rae Kate Villamin. Dr. Dayrit and Dr. Handog generously offered to sponsor a one-year membership in ISD for these residents, providing them with an invaluable opportunity to engage with the broader international dermatology community. This act of mentorship not only showcases the commitment of seasoned professionals to nurture the next generation, it also underscores ISD's dedication to fostering global collaboration in dermatological research and practice.



A STRONG SHOWING AT EADV BERLIN—

By Dr. Martin Kassir

As always, the ISD had a strong presence at the annual meeting of the EADV (European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology) in Berlin this past October, and we were busy!

During our Sister Society Meeting world experts chaired sessions on Laser Complications in Ethnic Skin, Hair Disorders, and JAK Inhibitors and Internal Medicine. Young, energetic dermatologists from Iran, Kazakhstan, and Mexico presented the latest information in their respective fields and we also introduced Dr. Lajos Kemény, the new Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Dermatology (IJD).

A special lunch followed, with Executive Committee (EC) members and dermatology leaders from the Caucasus and Central Asia. That evening the Board of Directors meeting was held at the famous TV Tower in Alexanderplatz, where board members enjoyed renewing old friendships and meeting our new Executive Management Team from Triumph Group.

The following day, Dr. Kemény hosted the IJD Editorial Team and the EC at the Hungarian Embassy, a very special treat. He gave an update on moving the IJD team US to Hungary: negotiations with our publisher; the journal's latest statistics; and strategies for its continued growth and success. The EC met and discussed ongoing projects and objectives, notably our new website (stay tuned!), and the record number of new applicants for our International Mentorship Program.

At the Joint Treasurers' Meeting with officers of the AAD, ILDS, and EADV, I represented the ISD as we exchanged ideas about how best to run meetings and to both maintain and expand membership in our societies.

Attending EADV is an excellent opportunity to build relationships and knowledge – not to mention have a great time! I encourage you to attend EADV 2024 in Amsterdam this September.





At the EADV meeting in Berlin. From left to right, Drs. Dimitri Ioannides (Outgoing EADV Treasurer), Stephen Shumack (ILDS), Menno de Rie (Incoming EADV Treasurer), Martin Kassir (ISD), and Daniel Bennett (AAD).

A FRUITFUL AND FESTIVE WCD IN SINGAPORE

By Dr. Martin Kassir

The 25th World Congress of Dermatology in Singapore last July began with our Sister Society Meeting at the Suntec Convention Centre. Prof. Jacek Szepietowski and Dr. Leopoldo Santos cochaired the scientific program, which featured young speakers from different corners of the world. I had the honor of moderating a melasma expert panel that included Prof. Goh Chee-leok and Dr.



ISD members join with Dr. Roy Chan, President of the World Congress of Dermatology, and the Dr. Mark Kaufman, President of the American Academy of Dermatology.

Ines Verner, who discussed different treatment modalities for the condition. Next up, at the ISD General Assembly the President, Secretary-Meeting General, and Treasurer-General updated members on the ISD's activities. Past and future mentees had the opportunity to mingle with their mentors; many introductions, news exchanges and photos were made! The opening ceremony was very special, as we witnessed ISD Assistant Secretary-General Jean Bolognia receive a medal for achievements in global dermatology.

During the congress, the ISD Executive Committee met and reviewed the transition plan for our new management team, TGI (you can put names with faces on page 14) and selected candidates and cities to support for the upcoming International League of Dermatological Society (ILDS) elections. ISD President

Nellie Konnikov and I attended a very memorable dinner with the presidents of the WCD, the AAD, the Japanese Dermatological Society, MEIDAM, and the AAD's Secretary-Treasurer. This high-level summit helped the ISD expand its global footprint.

The highlight of this amazing meeting for me was attending the Guadalajara 2027 lunch with most of our ISD contingent. The event was packed with candidates lobbying just before the ILDS elections. The festive lunch included Mexican cuisine, singing, and Jean Bolognia wearing a blue sombrero!! Following lunch was a close contest for hosting the 26th edition of the World Congress in 2027. Guadalajara won with its bid headed by ISD Executive Vice President Jorge Ocampo Candiani.

For the remainder of the congress, we manned the ISD booth, signing new members, promoting ICD 2025 in Rome and meeting with industry partners who eagerly supported the ISD with booth space in Rome. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego this March for the AAD as this is a powerful meeting – and you don't want to miss the Annual ISD Cocktail Party!



AAD SAN DIEGO: THE PLACE TO BE!







On the occasion of the

American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting
in San Diego,

Nellie Konnikov, President of ISD and Giovanni Pellacani, President of ICD2025, invite you to a cocktail reception which will be held on

Monday, March 11, 2024 from 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm

at the San Diego Wine & Culinary Event Center 200 Harbor Drive Suite 120, San Diego

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Come to sunny San Diego for the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD).

This conference is a highlight for the ISD community: not only do we hold a Board Meeting and a Networking Lunch, but also our annual ISD Cocktail Party, themed around ICD 2025 in Rome!

Be sure to visit us at the ISD booth, #5417, to catch up with colleagues and bring prospective members.

Register for AAD now!

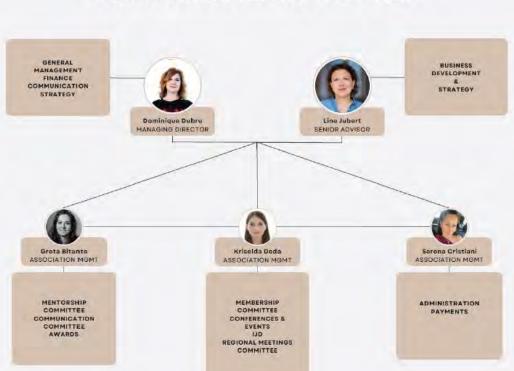


MEET THE TEAM AT TRIUMPH GROUP

Put a face with a name at the ISD Secretariat!

The Brussels team of Triumph Group International is excited to be managing the International Society of Dermatology, and looks forward to collaborating with the society to support its membership and aspirations for growth. Now you can put a face with a name, If you haven't yet had a chance to meet the team at one of IDS's many events around the world. You are always welcome to contact the secretariat at issaecretariat@thetriumph.com.

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