XICD Showcases Best of Dermatology, Host City

From the grand opening ceremony to the retiring of the Congress banner to close the meeting, the XICD earned its title as the premier international educational conference for dermatologists. With attendees from more than 105 countries with large delegations not just from Europe but from the U.S., Russia and India, the meeting garnered rave reviews for its unrivaled educational offerings and exceptional social opportunities in the truly majestic city of Prague.

Thanks to the Czech Academy of Dermatology, the Italian Society of Dermatology and the ISD, more than 347 scholarships were distributed to young dermatologists from all corners of the world. As many of the scholarship recipients expressed, attending this meeting was an opportunity of a lifetime.

Throughout the meeting, the ISD also welcomed 450 new members to the Society. A special thanks to XICD President Dr. Jana Hercogova for her tireless work in organizing this remarkable meeting.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the entire ISD Board of Directors, thank you for this opportunity to serve the global dermatology community. Serving such a broad community is a challenge, but one which ISD has accepted wholeheartedly. Our goals are to expand high-quality educational opportunities, provide international educational experiences, address global issues affecting patient health and care, and to meet the needs of underserved patients.

At the X International Congress of Dermatology (XICD), the global reach of ISD was in evidence. Over 105 countries were represented at the XICD, including large delegations from the U.S. (204), Russia (88), and India (100). We were proud to distribute 347 scholarships to congress participants from emerging countries who could not have attended otherwise. Those countries included Albania, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, China, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Malaysia, Nigeria, Palestine, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, and Vietnam among many others.

At the Congress, we announced two new Task Forces:

• To address global environmental issues, the Climate Change Task Force, chaired by Dr. Sig Muller, will develop and conceptualize trends of climate change in relation to skin disease for the medical, scientific and political communities. A first step in this project will be a special session on climate change and dermatology at the upcoming EADV meeting in Berlin on October 7, 2009.

• To address the needs of patients in poverty or remote areas, a Community Dermatology Task Force, chaired by Dr. Terence Ryan, will develop and identify practical programs to help dermatologists deliver healthcare to underserved populations.

At the same time, ISD will continue to expand successful programs:

• The ISD Mentoring Program (formerly the ISD Fellowship Program) will continue to match dermatologists with mentors and provide partial funding.

• The Regional Meeting Committee will continue to support ISD meetings on a regional level and inform dermatologists about ISD. You will see ISD programs on climate change, community dermatology and other topics at ISD regional meetings.

• The Communications Committee will expand the scope of the web site to help build an ISD community and to provide easy-to-access information.

We are fortunate to have members willing to enthusiastically organize a Congress. At the XICD, we heard two excellent presentations from Buenos Aires, Argentina, and from New Delhi, India. The Board of Directors will be reviewing each submission and making a selection in the near future.

So please, spread the word to all your colleagues in your home countries that the mission and goals of the ISD should and must be supported by becoming a member (membership application is in the newsletter). Together, we can make our great Society even stronger!

Sincerely,

Torello Lotti, MD (Italy)
President, International Society of Dermatology

Dr. Kasahun Dessalegn, who completed an ISD mentorship only last year, is making news as the department head for the first department for Dermatology and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) at the University of Gondar in Gondar, Ethiopia. The department has finalized designing the curriculum and will train experts in both nursing and at the health officer level. Dr. Dessalegn said that the department, established in June 2009, will begin training in the coming two years. Until then, a team consisting of dermatology specialists will provide service at Gondar Hospital.

Congratulations to Dr. Dessalegn and best of luck to him and his staff on this worthy undertaking!
FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Mabuhay! It is a joyous way of salutation in the Philippines. From its root word buhay which means life, the greeter then positively wishes the other person good life or good health. It could also mean Welcome! Long live! Shalom! Cheers!

Mabuhay ISD!! After the overwhelming success of the X ICD in the Golden City of Prague, coinciding with the Golden Jubilee of ISD, we can only wish ISD continuous and larger triumphs. As its membership increases, its activities amplify with much zest and are geared toward greater achievements.

Prof. Torello M. Lotti (Italy) is now at the helm of ISD. Having been Secretary-General for a decade, he is the leader to reckon with. The direction is towards achievement of ISD’s incessant goals and objectives. To complete the team, Drs. Francisco Kerdel (USA) - Executive Vice President, George T. Reizner (USA) - Treasurer, and yours truly (Philippines) as Secretary-General, were elected during the General Assembly in Prague last May 22, 2009. Drs. Luna Azulay (Brazil), Jean L. Bolognia (USA) and Jana Hercogova (Czech Republic) were appointed as Associate Secretary-General, Chair of Membership Committee and Chair of Communications Committee, respectively. This international all-star team completes the Executive Committee of the ISD.

Likewise elected were 10 Vice Presidents namely: Tania Cestari (Brazil), Mark Davis (USA), Rokea El-Azhary (USA), Rafael Falabella (Colombia), Alberto Giannetti (Italy), David McLean (Canada), Dedee Murrell, (Australia), Rekha Sheth (India), Jacek Szepietowski (Poland) and Uwe Wollina (Germany).

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The standing committees and the appointed chairs are the following:

- The Membership Committee is chaired by Prof. Jean L. Bolognia.
- Prof. Jana Hercogova takes care of the Communications, including the ISD website.
- ISD Mentorship Committee (formerly Fellowship Committee) has Dr. Sandra Read with co-chair Prof. Thomas Ruzicka.
- Fundraising Committee is headed by Dr. Susan Weinkle.
- The Regional Meeting Committee is chaired by Dr. Uwe Wollina.
- Profs. Dedee Murrell and Tania Cestari are Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, of the Maria Duran Committee.
- The Community Dermatology Task Force is ably directed by Prof. Terence Ryan.
- Climate Change project is spearheaded by Prof. Sig Muller.

If only to savor for long the X ICD in Prague, we can forecast with much optimism and expectation the XI ICD in 2013.

Watch out for the immense output from this team. You will be able to feel some positive changes very soon. I am sure everyone will work hard to ensure tremendous success of the International Society of Dermatology.

Mabuhay ISD!!

Evangeline B. Handog, MD
Secretary-General

The ISD is proud to announce that the Fellowship Program has been renamed the International Mentorship Program.

Pediatric Dermatology core symposium presenters gather at the XICD, chaired by Tania Cestari (Brazil), Eulalia Baselga (Spain), and Julie Schaffer (U.S.).

Attendees learn about the latest cosmetic procedures at the Cosmetic Dermatology core symposium at the XICD, chaired by Susan Weinkle (U.S.), Rekha Sheth (India) and Gerhard Sattler (Germany).
ISD Honors 2009 Maria Duran Recipients, Announces Nominations for 2010 Scholarship

To honor the memory of Maria M. Duran, MD, former Secretary-General and Executive Vice-President of the International Society of Dermatology, the Maria M. Duran Committee wishes to recognize leaders in international dermatology and those who have made significant contributions to dermatologic conditions affecting women and children.

We are proud to announce that Prof. Jana Hercogova (Czech Rep) was awarded the 2009 Maria M. Duran Medal at the opening ceremony of the X International Congress of Dermatology in Prague.

The 2009 Maria M. Duran Lectureship was awarded to Prof. Rafael Falabella (Colombia), who delivered the excellent biography of Maria Duran at the Congress in Prague, which is now available via the ISD website at www.intsocderm.org.

The 2009 Maria M. Duran Fellowship was awarded to Dr. Dulce Galang from the Research Institute of Tropical Medicine, Manila, Philippines, to attend the Congress in Prague.

The 2010 Maria M Duran Medallists are:

1. Prof. Inderjeet Kaur, MD - India
2. Prof. Preya Kullavanijaya, MD - Thailand

They will be honored at the ISD’s reception at the American Academy of Dermatology Meeting in Miami, March 2010.

The Maria M. Duran Committee wishes to announce the availability of the 2010 Maria Duran Fellowship. To apply, please send nominations with a brief biosketch to: Prof Dedee F. Murrell, Chair, Maria Duran Committee, at d.murrell@unsw.edu.au.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is January 15, 2010.
2009 Maria Duran Fellowship Winner Appreciates Opportunities at XICD

The ISD’s 10th International Congress of Dermatology in Prague proved to be an exciting and highly rewarding experience for 2009 Maria Duran Fellow Dr. Dulce Galang of the Philippines. Being awarded a travel grant allowed her to attend the meeting and take advantage of the immense learning opportunities in all facets of dermatology.

Dr. Galang delivered her case presentation, “Lepromatous Leprosy and Lupus in a Lady,” at the Maria Duran Symposium, where she enjoyed meeting previous Maria Duran awardees from around the world. She is grateful to the members of the Maria Duran Committee for this memorable experience.

Meetings Calendar

October 7, 2009
ISD Sister Society Meeting, in conjunction with the 18th EADV
International Congress Centrum, Berlin, Germany
ISD Community Dermatology Task Force
Room 44, ICC Berlin
8:00 – 9:00 AM
Climate Change and Dermatology
Hall 8
16:00 – 18:00

November 24-27, 2009
3rd International Congress on "Dermatologic Care for All"
Addis Ababa-Mekelle, Ethiopia
Go to www.tropicalcongress2009.org to register.
Contact: Aldo Morrone at nihmp@inmp.it

November 10-14, 2010
XVIII Congreso Iberolantinomericano de Dermatologia (CILAD)
Cancun, Mexico
www.cilad-cancun.com

"Interacting with colleagues at the 10th International Congress and experiencing the buzz of worldwide research have solidified my conviction that this is where I want to be! Thanks to this conference and the ICD scholarship. I now truly grasp the importance of research to the advancement of the practice of dermatology." Yuri Jadotte, New Jersey Medical School, Class of 2010.
New ISD Task Force to Focus on Delivering Dermatologic Care to Underserved Populations

In an effort to continue the groundwork started more than 40 years ago by ISD members around the world who are tackling the ongoing problem of how to provide basic dermatologic care to those in need, the ISD is pleased to report that the new Task Force for Community Dermatology will continue to address this challenge and formalize a means of improving care for those in underserved areas.

An early pioneer of the community dermatology concept, Prof. Terence J. Ryan (UK) will chair the Community Dermatology Task Force. He brings to the table a wealth of experience and accomplishments in working with various dermatologic communities and leading international organizations, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Plans drawn up 20 years ago and approved by the International League of Dermatologic Societies were recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) as an important undertaking with enormous global potential. The Community Dermatology Task Force is dedicated to the cause of advancing this initiative with likeminded organizations, medical professionals and potential sponsors.

Other members of the Task Force include Dr. Luitgard Wiest (Germany), Shyam Verma (India), Aldo Morrone (Italy), Roderick Hay (UK), Henning Grossmann (Tanzania), Sinesio Talhari (Brazil), Dedee Murrell (Australia), and Thomas Ruzika (Germany).

The Task Force will meet on October 7 at the EADV meeting in Berlin and will discuss the proposal to hold a meeting in Baroda Gujarat, India, in 2010 to present their achievements and outline future initiatives.

ISD members or potential sponsors who are interested in supporting the ISD’s Community Dermatology initiative are encouraged to contact the ISD office at 1-386-437-4405 or visit the Society's website at www.intsocderm.org.
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