International Society of Dermatology Spotlights Climate Change & Skin Disease: Is There a Correlation?
FROM THE PRESIDENT

The new educational activities of our Society: the Continental Congresses of Dermatology!

Back in 1959 when the ISD was founded, international communications were painful at best. Planning an International Congress of Dermatology was an exercise in endurance. It made sense to hold our International Congress every five years given the long time-span needed to plan.

Today, with email, the internet and social media, communications are quick, inexpensive and timely. Waiting 4-5 years for an ISD organized meeting is no longer necessary. In fact, waiting five years creates the loss of the “mind share” of members, prospective members and our industry supporters.

To assure continuing Medical Education of the highest academic level, and to keep ISD relevant and visible to members and industry, the ISD Board of Directors created the Continental Congresses of Dermatology (CCD) of the ISD. These meetings will serve not only for educational purposes but also to keep ISD visible in years when there is no International Congress of the ISD (and also when there is no World Congress of Dermatology in support of the International League of Dermatologic Societies (ILDS)). The Continental Congresses will focus on a regional audience as you will see in Dr. Rafael Falabella’s report on the 1st Continental Congress in Cali, Colombia. Next year, the 2nd Continental Congress will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia, in cooperation with the Russian Society of Dermatovenereology, July 6-9, 2011.

We are pleased to cooperate with such prestigious Dermatological Societies in different continents on a rotation basis for educational and social purposes, according to the mission of the Society and to the vision of its founders.

By promoting the Continental Congresses of Dermatology, we can build interest in the XI International Congress of Dermatology, which will be held in Greater Noida, India (on the way to the Taj Mahal from New Delhi), December 4-8, 2013. Plans are being solidified and details will be announced soon.

ISD continues to support regional meetings and participates with Sister Society meetings at various events. Please go to the ISD web site at www.intsocderm.org to see the schedule.

We hope you’ll support ISD by attending at least one of these exciting meetings and keep our channels of communication flowing!

Sincerely,

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

FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

As the International Society of Dermatology is a global society, our greatest challenge is staying in contact with our members and providing opportunities to get them involved.

Thanks to the Communications Committee under the leadership of Dr. Jana Hercogova, our ISD website has been undergoing changes to accomplish these two goals. In September, our site will have a more eye-catching design and several added features that we hope you will utilize.

To facilitate communications and information sharing, members will be able to access the ISD Discussion Forums with topics ranging from meetings and general announcements to discussions on community dermatology. Dr. Seemal Desai volunteered to serve as the Discussion Forum moderator. In addition, both the Community Dermatology and Climate Change Task Forces have added new pages as resources to members. Please go to www.intsocderm.org and log on to join a discussion. You will need your ISD user name and password so contact info@intsocderm.org if you misplaced your login details.

These new features are in addition to your online subscription to the International Journal of Dermatology, which includes current and back issues, the ISD membership directory and calendar of meetings.

Besides communicating via cyberspace, we hope you would consider helping ISD on a face-to-face basis. The ISD Membership Committee chaired by Dr. Jean Bolognia is implementing an ISD Ambassador program to help reach out to current and potential ISD members. Ambassadors will work on a regional basis with the Membership Committee and may be asked to contact members who have not renewed, help with collecting dues in countries where currencies are not easily converted and even to volunteer to help at ISD information booths at various meetings. Watch out for the announcement of ISD Ambassadors soon.

Relationships are built on trust and good communications. Please don’t hesitate to contact info@intsocderm.org for any concern. We are more than glad to be of help.

Very truly yours,

Evangeline B. Handog, MD
Secretary-General, International Society of Dermatology
The recently concluded Climate Change Conference, sponsored by the Sociedad Argentina de Dermatología (SAD) and ISD, was successfully held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on June 25, 2010. Meeting organizers reported that if not for the world soccer taking place on the same day, the near 400 dermatologists and professionals in attendance could have easily jumped to 1,000 attendees!

The full-day program was organized by directors Prof. Ana Kaminsky (Argentina), and Prof. Ricardo Galimberti (Argentina) and included notable experts from around the world dedicated to tackling the global issues of climate change and global warming.

Presentations focused on the economic and health-related consequences of climate change, extreme weather conditions and the impact on the earth’s ecosystem, the expansion of tropical and infectious illnesses (many of which are now endemic in many developing parts of the world), and nutrition deficiencies in the vulnerable and poorest populations.

Attendees agreed that addressing these global issues require concerted efforts by everyone.
The birth of the Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS) in 1952 led to the evolution of dermatology in the Philippines. Through its various advocacies, activities and missions, it has set and elevated the standards within the practice of dermatology in the country. From its original eight pioneering dermatologists, the society has grown to its present 819 members rendering their expertise to the general Filipino population. Now in its 58th year, the PDS continues to be an organization of humane and service-oriented dermatologists observing the highest ethical professional standards and promoting knowledge through information dissemination, training and research. It has remained as the only specialty society in dermatology recognized by the Philippine Medical Association, with membership to the League of ASEAN Dermatological Societies (LADS) and the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS).

Part of the PDS Mission is to bring dermatological services to indigent citizens, in the poorest of the communities to the far-flung indigenous areas of the country. Dermatological outreach missions are conducted year-round, led by its driven members, with special focal points set each year every January for its Banaue Medical Mission and every November for its Skinweek Program.

"Heart + Mind + Soul = Totality. To be a doctor and a specialist, one cannot exist with a sharp mind alone. A thinking mind must be embedded in a loving heart and a faithful soul. This would make each one of us whole." – Dr. Maria Juliet Macarayo

As a backgrounder, the Philippines is divided into 17 regions geographically combined into its three islands (Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao). Banaue, 1300m above sea level, is located in the Ifugao province in the Northern part of the Philippines and belongs to the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR). It may only be 300km north of Manila but to reach the place is an eight-hour drive, passing through several long craggy winding roads leading to the Cordilleras, across a mountaintop pass. Reaching Banaue is arriving at the gateway to the breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage listed Ifugao Rice Terraces of the country’s Northern Luzon. The Ifugao, a very industrious and friendly tribe, are native to this province. With a population of less than 100,000, they occupy huts on stilts in small villages spaced between large areas of the rice terraces. Farming (mostly traditional) serves as their main source of living. Their ancestors toiled in building the renowned rice terraces, indigenously blanketing walls with stones and earth. This has been their source of pride, life and art. It has upheld and configured the lives of all the Ifugao generations.

The Banaue Medical Mission was started in 2003, conceptualized and spearheaded by PDS Honorary Fellow Dr. Ida Manuel Tiongco. A medical graduate of the University of The East/Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center (UERMMMC), Philippines, Dr. Tiongco is now a New York based Filipino dermatologist. For eight years, she has been working with the society to deliver various dermatological services (from skin consultations to performing minor surgical procedures) for over 400 Ifugao people. Skin diseases treated are varied with the three topmost being seborrheic dermatitis, atopic dermatitis and pediculosis capitis. With farming as the predominant livelihood in the region, the locals are desirous of removing all moles and lumps because of their awareness and fear of developing skin cancer.

This three-day mission is held at the Ifugao Good News Clinic
ISD member Dr. Helmut Beltraminelli (Switzerland) is asking for your help in donating “used” (but still functional) or new laboratory materials/equipments for a Dermatopathology Laboratory at the Regional Dermatology Training Centre (RDTC) in Moshi, Tanzania, where he is a volunteer. The RDTC is a pan-African referral centre for dermatological diseases that continues to grow, managing more than 13,000 patients every year.

In addition to its main mission to help patients, the Centre is also involved in the training of clinical officers/assistant medical officers, training of dermatologists, and education of medical students. Currently, it is developing a Dermatopathology Unit.

Dr. Beltraminelli reported that the new laboratory is in need of a paraffin-fixation system, a cooling plate-paraffin station, a paraffin stretch bath, a slide dryer and a cytofuge/centrifuge. The goal is to collect these materials by December 31, 2010.

Please help Dr. Beltraminelli meet his goal and donate what you can today. Thank you very much! For further information, please contact: Helmut Beltraminelli, MD, Dermatologist and Dermatopathologist, Inselspital, CH-3010 Bern, Switzerland; helmut.beltraminelli@insel.ch.

ISD Announces Sister Society Meeting at the CILAD in Cancun, Mexico

**ISD Sister Society Session and Maria Duran Lecture**

*Tuesday, November 9, 2010 • 9:00 am – 12:00 pm*

Convenors: Dedee Murrell (Australia) and Tania Cestari (Brazil)
Chair and Co-Chair of the Maria Duran Committee

| 9:00-9:05 | Bienvenida/Welcome – Dedee Murrell |
| 9:05-9:15 | The ISD: History and Initiatives (Fellowship, Volunteerism and the Maria Duran Committee) – Torello Lotti (Italy) |
| 9:15-9:20 | Maria Duran Fellowship award – Tania Cestari |
| 9:20-9:30 | Maria Duran Fellowship award presentation: Skin Manifestations of Obesity: A Prospective Controlled Trial – Juliana Boza (Brazil) |
| 9:30-9:35 | Maria Duran lecturer – Introducing Dr. Larralde – Dedee Murrell |
| 9:35-10:15 | Maria Duran lecture: Neonatal Disorders – Margarita Larralde (Argentina) |
| 10:15-10:25 | Q&A – Tania Cestari |
| 10:25-12:00 | ISD Special Session – Therapeutic and Clinical Hotline Co-Chairs – Evangeline Handog (Philippines) and Jana Hercogova (Czech Republic) |
| 10:25-10:40 | Ungual Psoriasis – Luna Azulay Abulafia (Brazil) |
| 10:40-10:55 | Update on Clinical Melanoma – George Reizner (USA) |
| 10:55-11:10 | Phototherapy for Acne – Jana Hercogova |
| 11:25-11:40 | Pigmentary Disorders in Latin American Patients – Ivonne Arellano (Mexico) |
| 11:40-11:55 | QOL of Filipino Patients with Acne Vulgaris – Evangeline Handog |
| 11:55-12:00 | ISD Presidential Closing Remarks – Torello Lotti |

To attend this meeting you must be registered for the CILAD meeting. However, there is no additional fee for the ISD Sister Society meeting. To RSVP, please visit [www.intsocderm.org](http://www.intsocderm.org).
A comprehensive, three-day scientific program drew 250 dermatologists to the first combined meeting of the Continental Congress of Dermatology (held every year in a different continent during the years between the ISD World Congress) and the 5th Maria Duran Regional Meeting.

Held June 11-13, 2010, in Cali, Colombia, the meeting featured a unique and extraordinary experience – the presentation and examination of 20 live patients with different dermatologic conditions. Interesting discussions ensued, in which important suggestions were made for the management of their conditions. Every participant received a pamphlet in Spanish with patient photos and descriptions.

In addition, informative lectures, clinical and pathological case presentations, and satellite symposia rounded out the program. Speakers included Dr. Maria I. Herane (Chile), Dr. Erin Boh (USA), Dr. Rafael Falabella (Colombia), Dr. Ana Kaminsky (Argentina), Dr. Giuseppe Argenziano (Italy), Dr. Jose Ollague (Ecuador), Dr. Francisco Gonzalez (Venezuela), Dr. Francisco Bravo (Peru), Dr. Francisco Kerdel (USA). Also noteworthy is that 30 dermatologists from Colombia will become new members of the ISD!
Dear colleagues and friends:

It is my great pleasure to invite you all to join the newest activity of our Society: CONTINENTAL CONGRESSES! Annual Continental Congresses of Dermatology will be organized every year and will be the biggest annual event of the ISD.

Last June 2010, Professor Rafael Falabella, MD, organized a very successful First Continental Congress in Cali, Columbia, details of which you can read in this issue.

The 2nd Continental Congress of Dermatology of the International Society of Dermatology will be held jointly with The 4th Russian Congress of Dermatovenerology in St. Petersburg, Russia, from July 6-9, 2011. The Congress President, Professor Anna Kubanova, MD, is working hard together with the International Scientific Committee chaired by Professor Keyvan Nouri, MD, to prepare a high-quality scientific program for all of us. This will be our chance to meet, for the first time, all colleagues from Russia and surrounding countries, as there have been no bigger international congresses so far.

St. Petersburg is a beautiful and fascinating destination and one of the most historically significant cities all over Europe listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. St. Petersburg is home to more than 200 museums, many of them located in historic buildings. The apartments of some famous Petersburgers, including Alexander Pushkin, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Feodor Chaliapin, Alexander Blok, Vladimir Nabokov, Anna Akhmatova, Mikhail Zoshchenko, and Joseph Brodsky, have also been turned into public museums.

Join us at St. Petersburg for the biggest ISD event of the year in 2011. Scholarships for young dermatologists and all information will be presented on the web page: www.CCD2011.org.

Looking forward to meeting you all in Russia!

Jana Hercogová
Communication Committee Chair

**Important Deadlines**

Abstracts Submission Deadline . . . . . . . March 31, 2011
Abstract Acceptance / Rejection Decisions . . . . . . . April 2011
2nd Continental Congress . . . . . . . . . . . . . . July 6-9, 2011
ISD is pleased to offer a limited number of scholarships to ISD member residents, fellows or young dermatologists who are 35 years of age or under to attend the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology in Seoul, Korea, May 24-29, 2011.

The World Congress of Dermatology is held every four years under the auspices of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS). ISD is an international member of the ILDS, as ILDS members are societies – not individuals like ISD.

This travel grant program is to help defray costs of travel and registration to the meeting, and awards will be given in the amount of US $1,500. The travel grant will be given to successful applicants upon their arrival at the meeting during the ISD Sister Society Meeting.

Scholarship recipients are responsible for making their own registration for the meeting, as well as travel and hotel arrangements.

Applicants must either be enrolled in a residency program at the time of the meeting or are young graduate dermatologists age 35 years or under at the time of the WCD on May 2011.

Applicants must submit the following, on or before the deadline:
1 an abstract summarizing the content of a proposed poster exhibit presentation,
2 an abbreviated curriculum vitae (one to two pages),
3 a personal statement indicating why the applicant should be selected,
4 a letter of recommendation, preferably from the applicant’s present or former training director, and
5 a copy of the applicant’s passport with photo.

Applicants must apply online at www.intsocderm.org, and all applications must be submitted online by September 30, 2010. Previous recipients of an ISD scholarship or award are not eligible.
ISD Mentorship Program Offers Hands-On Experience

ISD mentorship awardee Dr. Maria Suzanne L. Datuin of the Philippines credits her mentor, Dr. Joel Nicdao, with providing a truly rewarding educational experience in dermatologic surgery at his surgery clinic in the Philippines.

From learning the basics on which sutures are appropriate to use for each case and the proper handling of instruments to more complex surgical techniques, Dr. Datuin appreciated the hands-on approach offered by Dr. Nicdao. Whether allowing her to assist him in procedures or supervising the procedures she performed herself, Dr. Nicdao gave Dr. Datuin more confidence in performing surgery on her own patients by teaching her the fundamentals and best practices of each surgical procedure.

Another valuable lesson learned during her mentorship was the importance of understanding and caring for patients - something that Dr. Datuin explained cannot be learned in books. For example, Dr. Nicdao taught her how to approach different kinds of patients, how to allay patients’ fears, how to establish rapport and make patients feel comfortable, and how to explain the procedures to patients in the simplest possible terms.

“My experience was truly enriching and empowering. I hope that more young dermatologists from developing countries will be able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and ultimately improve the quality of care we give our patients. More power to ISD!”

– Dr. Maria Suzanne L. Datuin

During her three-month mentorship program at the Centre Sabouraud Hair Clinic in Paris, France, Dr. Aline Donati (Brazil) had the opportunity to train with renowned hair researcher Dr. Reygagne.

Her mentorship project, “Dermoscopic Findings of Cicatricial Alopecias,” was a fascinating subject area for Dr. Donati. The hundreds of patients who visited the equipped clinic every week with all kinds of hair problems provided ample opportunity to expand her knowledge and research in hair disorders. Dr. Donati also credited her mentor Dr. Reygagne’s vast experience in this area with guiding her training.

Dr. Donati’s research findings will be published in the scientific literature in the coming months, and she thanks the ISD for supporting her in this project. She is honored to have had Dr. Reygagne as a mentor and appreciates the whole working team at the Centre Sabouraud clinic for their assistance and for making her feel at home during her stay.

“What I consider to be the most important outcome of this program is its reaching extension. All the knowledge and know-how I acquired here will go back with me to the Hair Clinic at Hospital das Clinicas in Sao Paulo, Brazil. There, not only the patients will directly benefit, but also many other dermatologists will be able to learn with my experience.”

– Dr. Aline Donati
Meetings Calendar

October 6, 2010
ISD Sister Society Meeting at the 19th Annual EADV
Gothenburg, Sweden
www.intsocderm.org

October 29-November 1, 2010
X ADI International Congress
Malta, Malta
www.malta2010.net

November 9, 2010
Sister Society Meeting of the ISD at CILAD,
XVIII CILAD
Cancun, Mexico
cilad-cancun.com

November 9-12, 2010
Dermatological Care for All: Awareness and Responsibility
National Institute for Health Migration and Poverty
Addis Ababa and Mekele, Ethiopia
www.tropicalcongress.org

February 4-8, 2011
American Academy of Dermatology 69th Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA, USA

May 25, 2011
ISD Sister Society Meeting
22nd World Congress of Dermatology (May 24-29)
International League of Dermatological Societies
Seoul, Korea
www.wcd2011.org

July 6-9, 2011
2nd Continental Congress of the ISD
International Society of Dermatology / Russian Society of Dermatovenereology
St. Petersburg, Russia
www.ccd2011.org/en

July 24-29, 2011
2nd Munich International Summer Academy of Practical Dermatology – ISA2011
Department of Dermatology and Allergology, Ludwig-Maximilian University
Munich, Germany
www.isa2011.com

Hats off to our ISD members who are accomplishing great things and fulfilling the mission of the ISD. To mention a few:

Prof. Jean Bolognia (USA), chair of the ISD Membership Committee, received a Certificate of Appreciation from International League of Dermatological Societies President Prof. Jean-Hilaire Saurat during the WDS luncheon meeting in Miami. Dr. Bolognia was recognized for her outstanding international contributions in the field of dermatology.

Dr. Vangée Handog (Philipines), ISD Secretary-General, has been appointed as the International Board Observer of the American Academy of Dermatology (2010-2012). International members comprise 18 percent of the total membership of the AAD. Congratulations, Dr. Handog!

Dr. Helmut Beltraminelli (Switzerland) volunteers with the RDTC (Regional Dermatology Training Center) program in Moshi, Tanzania, and is hosting a used equipment drive. For more information or to donate equipment, please contact Dr. Beltraminelli directly at helmut.beltraminelli@insel.ch.

This is the newest column the ISD newsletter is starting, and we want to hear from all of you! To share your news with us, please email info@intsocderm.org.

ISD Website updated

Don't forget to check out the ISD's revamped website!
Join in the newly added Discussion Forums, renew your membership dues and access registration information on upcoming meetings at www.intsocderm.org.
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Membership Categories:

☐ Regular Member .............................. US $100.00
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. May hold elective office and vote.

☐ 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.

☐ Individual Sponsoring Member ..................US $250.00
This category is for individuals who want to sponsor members from developing countries or trainees (residents) from any country. In addition to the privileges and benefit of the Regular Membership, the sponsor will receive an Individual Sponsoring Member certificate. The annual dues of US $250.00 sponsor up to 2 Associate Members in addition to the sponsor's membership.

Sponsoring Members may select 1 or 2 eligible members to support or allow ISD to select from a list of eligible candidates.

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