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ISD Member Gives Hope and Healing to Special Community



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We hope you will join us on October 24-27, 2012, in Durban, South Africa, for the Third Continental Congress of Dermatology to be held in conjunction with the 65th National Congress of the Dermatology Society of South Africa. It's not too late to register for the meeting or for the pre- and post-congress tours.



The purpose of the Continental Congresses has been to provide a venue for bringing an international perspective to national or regional meetings. Besides the DSSA and ISD, the International Psoriasis Council is also participating with a "Meet the Experts" panel.

If you haven't seen the program yet, please go to <http://www.ccd2012.co.za> for details. It is an incredible opportunity to learn about the dermatological achievements and challenges in Africa.

I have been personally impressed with the leadership of our South African colleagues as they planned the meeting – from the basic logistics to the effortless integration of the South African Organizing Committee, ISD Education Committee and ISD Executive Committee into the planning of the Scientific Program. In addition to the ISD Executive Committee

members, I would like to thank the following colleagues for their efforts to bring this meeting to fruition.

South African Organizing Committee

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Dr. Carrie Kovarik
Dr. Torello Lotti
Dr. Dedee Murrell

If you have questions about registering for the meeting, go to www.ccd2012.co.za or email info@ccd2012.co.za. I hope to see you in Durban.

Sincerely,

Francisco "Pancho" Kerdel, MD
ISD President

**3rd Continental Congress
of DERMATOLOGY
of the International Society of Dermatology**

**65th National Congress of the
Dermatology Society of South Africa**

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ISD Participates in Inaugural Summit of the International League of Dermatological Societies

More than 130 delegates representing most national and international societies assembled at the first summit of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) held in Berlin, Germany, June 3-5, 2012. The meeting was organized and convened by ILDS President Dr. Wolfram Sterry, Professor and Chairman, Charité University of Medicine, Berlin.

Key points discussed included the initiative for uniform dermatological terminology, global guidelines on dermatology curriculum, management of selective diseases, the positioning of corrective and aesthetic dermatology and the "Grand Challenges" internationally of the specialty.

The ISD wishes to thank and congratulate Dr. Sterry on the success of this meeting and for his vision of global dermatology.



From left to right: Dr. George Reizner, ILDS President
Dr. Wolfram Sterry, ILDS Board Member Dr. Jean Bolognia, and
Dr. Evangeline Handog.

FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

OHANA. NOBODY IS LEFT BEHIND.

The International Society of Dermatology (ISD) boasts of its Mentorship program which began in 2006 with Drs. Luitgard Wiest (Germany), Yahya Dowlati (Iran) and I forming a committee. With the goal of promoting the advancement and exchange of scientific and clinical dermatological information worldwide for the purpose of providing better patient care on every continent, young dermatologists are matched with volunteer mentors of ISD. We have supported more than 60 mentees to date.



Coming from different parts of the world, the diverse group of young dermatologists finds the program very fulfilling and indeed helpful in their clinical practice. The mentors, on the other hand, shared their knowledge, showed great compassion and generated much inspiration for the future leaders of dermatology.

Here is an encouraging story of Emeka.

I take pride in guiding Filipino residents and young dermatologists. I enjoy helping the worthy and the enthusiastic get scholarships abroad. I delight in seeing them prosper and succeed in their practice.



Dr. Emeka Obumneme Okoro

But Emeka is different. He is a Nigerian medical-dermatology resident, now on his fifth year. Why would he choose to come to the Philippines? He did not know me personally. He was not referred nor recommended. He just wanted to learn tropical dermatology, manage pigmentary disorders, and probably see how similar or different the training program is in the Philippines versus Nigeria.

Coming here posed a little difficulty. To get a visa, he had to fly one hour to the city twice. With a little help from an ambassador friend of mine, he got the green light to go. Airfare was much higher than going to the United States or Europe, still he pursued to travel here in my country.

The place to stay had been pre-arranged. It was a neat studio with small canteen on the first level, and a big mall right across. Some residents were staying in the same place, so coming and going to the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) became a happy experience.

The consultants of RITM, headed by Dr. Ma. Teresita Gabriel, were warm and accommodating. We considered Emeka very special, so in ALL our activities Emeka was there. He joined all the conferences, the histopathological readings, the didactic lectures, the out-patient consultations, the special events with foreign speakers, the community dermatology free clinics, even the sports fest of the Philippine Dermatological Society. He blended well. We were all happy to share with him what we have and what we intended to do. He was part of the RITM family. **Ohana, no one will be left behind.**

The Filipino people's warmth and kindness has added to the cultural diversity and created a way of life we call hospitality and acceptance. Emeka was extraordinary. His mentorship program was exceptional. You can read more about Emeka's mentorship experience on page 6 of this issue.

Mabuhay Emeka! ISD gave you an opportunity you will remember for a long long time.

Mabuhay ISD!

Evangelina B. Handog, MD
Secretary-General, International Society of Dermatology

ISD Hosts 8th International Maria M. Duran Regional Meeting

The 8th International Society of Dermatology "Maria M. Duran" Regional Meeting was held June 8-10, 2012, in Cali, Colombia. In attendance were 205 dermatologists from Colombia, Ecuador and Panama.

Dr. Stephen Tyring of Houston, Texas (USA), Dr. Richard Spritz of Denver, Colo. (USA), and Dr. Keyvan Nouri of Miami, Fla. (USA), served as the meeting's main speakers, with nine other speakers from Colombia. The scientific program included a live demonstration of dermatologic problems in 21 patients.



Meeting attendees enjoy lunch and camaraderie with fellow ISD members and speakers.



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An interview with ISD Secretary-General Dr. Evangeline Handog, a volunteer dermatologist for the Elsie Gaches Village in the Philippines.

Can you describe the Elsie Gaches Village and how it got started?

Elsie Gaches Village (EGV) is the only government center for mentally challenged persons in the Philippines. Built on a 16 hectare site donated by philanthropists Samuel and Elsie McClosky Gaches, the center was formally inaugurated in 1964 under the supervision of the social welfare administration (now the department of social welfare and development). Today, EGV has expanded to include 14 cottages for the care of mentally challenged persons – 700 of which are children, mostly orphans, mentally challenged and sick.



Volunteers and the people they care for at Elsie Gaches Village.

Describe your involvement with the Village. Were you instrumental in bringing dermatologic services to the residents?

Christmas time of 2001 was a season of giving. Together with some residents, I visited Elsie Gaches Village for the first time – bringing sacks of rice for the children, most of them abandoned and really pitiful. I have heard of this institution, but never did I realize the great work the sisters were doing for the Filipino children. The sisters, who belong to the congregation of Sisters of Charity of St. Anne, were from India and the Philippines, and the dedication, patience and love they demonstrate were really inspiring.

It occurred to me that this is probably one community I can help, not exactly financially but in terms of dermatologic consults and medicines. Text messages between me and Sr. Savita Parmar, a volunteer sister, were infrequent in the beginning. She would request for consult and I would go to see at least 80 to 100 children by myself in the beginning, usually on Sundays. When the need became more frequent, I thought that going there on a regular monthly basis would be best. Together with my residents of the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), we initiated the Scabies eradication campaign – quite successful unless there are new patients

ISD Member Finds Inspiration in Giving Back to Community in Need

coming in infecting others again. We also teach the house parents on how to take care of the children. Although these children do not talk at all (it is not that they are ungrateful, they just cannot communicate), we know the delight through their eyes. What they don't realize is that the joy in our hearts is overflowing.

Approximately how many people do you serve each year, and what are the most common dermatological conditions that these patients experience?

We provide approximately 600 consults per year. The conditions we treat most frequently are scabies, atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis, psoriasis, skin lesions and bacterial infections, and Hansens disease.



A grateful child sings to Dr. Handog (right) and Sr. Savita Parmar.



Dr. Evangeline Handog sees a young psoriatic patient.



A patient with Tinea Imbricata at Elsie Gaches Village.

How often do your residents volunteer?

RITM residents conduct volunteer activities at the Village at least once every three months.

What is your hope for people of Elsie Gaches Village?

My goal is to ensure that all people living at the Village are well provided for in terms of medical needs. If we can offer them quality dermatologic care, then we are at least helping improve their quality of life in some small way. Volunteering here has proven to be interesting and inspiring. Once I became involved, I just couldn't leave them.

2012-2013 Meetings Calendar

September 2012

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

ISD Sister Society Meeting European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology 2012 Prague, Czech Republic

Society and Culture in Dermatology

9:00 – 12:00 Noon • Prague Congress Centre, Hall 4

Topics/Speakers:

Cultural Stigma of HIV-related Skin Disease / Carrie Kovarik, MD (US)

Vitiligo: Society, Culture & Quality of Life / Torello Lotti, MD (Italy)

Hair Removal Methods including Laser Hair Removal / Keyvan Nouri, MD (US)

Some Common Indian Cultural Practices and their Dermatological Associations / Shyam Verma, MBBS, DVD, FRCP (London) (India)

Exotic Skin Disease / Aisha Sethi, MD (US)

Dermato-cosmetic Patient Requests in Romania / Carmen Maria Salavastru, MD, PhD (Romania)

Cultural Aspects of Tattoos and State of the Art Treatment of Tattoos / Keyvan Nouri, MD (US)

Ethnodermatology and Traditional Cultural Practices / Aldo Morrone, MD (Italy)

Dermatological Drug Dispensing in India: A Free for All / Shyamanta Barua, MD (India)

Leprosy in Indian Society – Present and Future / P. Narasimha Rao, MD, DD, PhD (India)

For more information: www.eadv.org

October 2012

Wednesday, October 10 –

Friday, October 12, 2012

20th Anniversary of the Center for Research and Training in Skin Diseases & Leprosy (International Congress of Dermatology, Cosmetics and Laser) Olympic Hotel, Tehran, Iran

For more information: <http://crtSDL.tums.ac.ir>

Wednesday, October 24 –

Saturday, October 27, 2012

3rd Continental Congress of the ISD Durban, South Africa

The 3rd Continental Congress of the ISD will be organized by the Dermatology Society of South Africa.

For more information: www.derma.co.za or www.ccd2012.co.za

March 2013

Friday, March 1, 2013 (Friday night!)

ISD Reunion Miami Beach, Florida USA

ISD Reunion at the American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting. Get updates on ISD activities, the XI International Congress of Dermatology and more.

For more information: www.intsocderm.org

September 2013

Friday, September 6 -

Sunday, September 8, 2013

Maghrebian Congress of Dermatology Combined Meeting of the Four Societies of Dermatology in Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Libya ISD Regional Meeting Hotel Diar Lemdina, Hammamet, Tunisia

For more information: Dr. Nejjib Doss, nejjib.doss@gmail.com

December 2013

Wednesday, December 4 –

Saturday, December 7, 2013

XI International Congress of Dermatology Greater Noida (Delhi), India

The XI ICD is the official meeting of the ISD and held every 4 years.

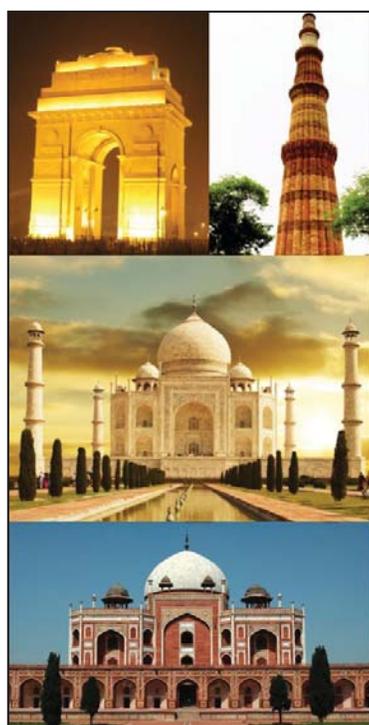
For more information: www.icd2013.com

All Roads Lead to XI ICD in New Delhi, India

Plans are in high gear for the XI International Congress of Dermatology & 42nd Annual National Conference of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL), set for December 4-7, 2013, at Hotel The Ashok in New Delhi, India. Held every four years, the ICD is the official meeting of the ISD and unites members and other experts in the field of dermatology from around the world.

To date, more than 100 international speakers and chairpersons have confirmed their participation for the XI ICD. Congress President Dr. Vinod K. Sharma and his esteemed planning committee are organizing a comprehensive scientific program and a number of social opportunities for members and their families at famed local attractions. For those wanting to visit the Taj Mahal, a six-lane elevated road now cuts travel time between New Delhi and the city limits of Agra (the city of the Taj Mahal) to just two-and-a-half hours.

Mark your calendars for this world-class conference, and do not forget to check the conference website (www.icddelhi2013.com) throughout the year for the latest meeting news and information.



XI International Congress of Dermatology

December 4-7, 2013

Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi, India

Scholarship applications	: Feb 15, 2013
Scholarship abstracts	: Feb 1, 2013
Abstracts by faculty	: Feb 1, 2013
Abstracts for free paper /posters	: May 31, 2013
Early Bird Registration	: January 1 to March 31, 2013
Early registration	: April 1 to June 30, 2013
Late Registration	: July 1 to September 30, 2013
Onsite Registration	: October 1, 2013 onwards

Website: www.icddelhi2013.com
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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Everywhere you look, ISD members are accomplishing great things. Congratulations to all for helping fulfill the mission of ISD!

ISD Communications Committee Chair **Dr. Jana Hercogova (Czech Republic)** will be inducted as president of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) at the 21st EADV Congress in Prague, Czech Republic, in September.

Dr. Daniel M. Siegel (USA) took office as president of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD). In addition, the AAD awarded honorary memberships to four long-time members of ISD. **Dr. Martin M. Black (UK)**, **Dr. Stephen I. Katz (USA)**, **Dr. Charles J. McDonald (USA)** and **Dr. Vera H. Price (USA)** were recognized for their lifetime dedication and distinguished service to dermatology.

Dr. Vincent Cipollaro (USA) will be awarded the 2012 International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) Certificate of Appreciation in March 2013.

Dr. Patricia G. Engasser (USA) was recently recognized for her contributions to the specialty of dermatology by the Dermatology

Foundation (DF) Board of Directors, which presented her with the Clark W. Finnerud Award at its annual membership meeting in San Diego in March. The award recognizes a dermatologist whose volunteer service as a part-time teacher and a practitioner embodies the highest ideals of the specialty and serves as an example for generations to come.

ISD Executive Vice President **Dr. Dedee Murrell (Australia)**, was elected to the Board of the Women's Dermatological Society in March. This is the first time that a member from outside North America has been elected to the Board. In addition, Dr. Murrell proudly convened the Australian Society for Dermatology Research, which she described as Australia's version of the ESDR (SID). Several international scientific experts attended this successful meeting, which was held in Sydney in May.

Prof. Jasna Lipozencic (Croatia) will launch a new book, "Update in Dermatologic Drug Therapy" with 54 authors on October 18, 2012. Among the authors are other ISD members, including **Dr. Dedee Murrell (Australia)** who penned two chapters along with her Australian colleagues. Prof. Lipozencic also initiated the upcoming International Congress "Update in Dermatologic Drug Therapy," which will take place October 18-20, 2012, in Opatija.

To share your news with us, please email your suggestions to info@intsocderm.org.

ISD Mentorship Program: Training Today's Young Dermatologists for Tomorrow

To say that Dr. Emeka Obumneme Okoro's mentorship experience under the direction of Dr. Evangeline Handog in the Philippines was well rounded would be an understatement. The young dermatology resident from Nigeria spent quality time with Dr. Handog and staff at the Research Institute of Tropical Medicine (RITM) and Asian Hospital and Medical Center in Manila rotating in the departments of various units, including Hansen disease/general dermatology, phototherapy, cosmetic dermatology, and dermatopathology.

Through these rotations where he was involved in patient management, Dr. Okoro had the opportunity to further strengthen his formal training in diagnosing and treating a wide range of skin disorders. From learning the principles of phototherapy for the treatment of skin diseases such as psoriasis and vitiligo to the use of lasers for hair removal, tattoo removal and skin resurfacing, Dr. Okoro learned firsthand from Dr. Handog the importance of good rapport with patients and proper patient selection for each procedure.

Along the way, Dr. Okoro enjoyed plenty of camaraderie with the staff at RITM and Dr. Handog and made lasting friendships. He is thankful to ISD for this diverse and enriching experience, and especially Dr. Handog for providing a friendly environment for learning.

"I encourage other resident doctors in dermatology to avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity provided by the ISD. I am sure your understanding of dermatology will not remain the same if you do."
Dr. Emeka Obumneme Okoro



From left to right: **Dr. Evelyn Hoie (Indonesia)**, **Dr. Emeka Okoro (Nigeria)**, **Dr. Evangeline Handog (Philippines)**, **Dr. Abdulla Nakshbandi (Iraq-USA)**, and **Dr. Sella Adasa (Philippines)**.



Dr. Okoro with RITM consultants and residents.



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