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FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It has been an honor to service this remarkable global society. Self-consciously, I would sometimes wonder how an international organization could be directed from a small academic office in Madison. The truth is, the Society was run out of many offices, both private and academic, and from homes and cars, and during people's free time, while on vacation or during holidays, plus any number of odd hours in every time zone. I was inspired by the contributions of so many.

The ISD vision is to educate new dermatologists in a continuous and seamless movement of generations. We serve our patients by absorbing new information and techniques to better their lives. And then on top of this, we elect to become members of this society to make this possible beyond our own borders.

To promote this, I feel lucky to have stood on the shoulders of much greater men and women who have come before. And during my watch, I have been privileged to share these moments with a unique group of motivated partners. I believe this is not a sentimental viewpoint. It is uplifting to think we did this together.

This communication marks my closing column for the *ISD Connection*. Together, we have faced many adversities and have come out transformed, pointing towards the future. I am

very proud to be witness to the success and accomplishments of our many committee chairs and their members. I am indebted to the stabilizing effect of the Board of Directors during turbulent times. A special thank you to the organizers of our many meetings and in particular our International Congress. But I am most grateful to the Executive Committee which has stood together and moved the Society forward. Sadly, I wish I could thank Cindy Froehlich for being our maternal heart. I don't think it is my imagination how much she cared for this society, its success, and the warmth she felt for its members.

The ISD spirit is to share knowledge, learn about diversity, advance patient care, and build lasting relationships. My dream is for the continued growth, reach and success of the ISD. We have put the right pieces in place to achieve this potential. Our Society's new officers are experienced, committed, imaginative and ready. Let's open the next chapter with anticipation and optimism. It should be amazing.

Sincerely,



George Reizner, MD,
Immediate Past President, International Society of Dermatology



Let's Meet In-Person at the AAD in Boston in 2022

The AAD is hosting its first in-person Annual Meeting since 2019, and ISD is planning its always festive ISD Reception! Date and time is still to be determined, so more information will be forthcoming. Be sure to check the ISD website for more details. We hope to see you in-person in Boston in March!



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FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I thought for a while what I would like to convey as my Seasons Greetings in my last letter to you as your Secretary-General.

First of all, my many thanks to you, our ISD members, for putting your trust in me -- not to mention my deepest respect and appreciation of the camaraderie within the Executive Committee, led by our President, Dr. Reizner. Without them and their enthusiastic, altruistic, supportive environment, without it all, it would be impossible to carry on the mission and many objectives of our Society.

Working together, we identified a few ambitious goals for the Executive Committee to tackle over the last four years. Priorities were recognized and ideas were executed: extending ISD presence in new enclaves of the world, having regional meetings on a regular basis at least five times a year, expanding our communication through all social media platforms, revising and updating ISD Bylaws and Policies, and increasing our outreach, mentorship and scholarship programs. Together, through meticulously planned ISD sister society sessions as well as sponsored regional, national and international events in Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa, Australia and the Middle East, dermatologists from many small countries joined the society. Specifically, young dermatologists from Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, United Arab Emirates, Turkey and Bulgaria joined the ISD, inspired by the many programs and benefits available to them -- one of which being our monthly *International Journal of Dermatology*. The *IJD* is specifically designed to be a source of up-to-date information to dermatologists around the world and, according to the results of the ISD survey, one of the main reasons why dermatologists join and stay with us. We are proud to mention that under the leadership of *IJD* Editor-in-Chief Dr. Rokea A. el-Azhary, the impact factor doubled over the past few years.

As you well know, we had amazing plans for 2020-2021, but the worldwide COVID pandemic posed a huge threat to global public health and economics. It made us pause, reevaluate, and adjust to the new reality. As I've reported, ISD leadership and administrative staff worked hard to ensure that our Society could move forward during these challenging times. We took steps to create new educational programs, conducted regular Zoom meetings, and even dazzled our members at the ISD virtual annual reunion with the first "ISD's Got Talent" competition that had shown how diverse and multitalented our members are.

Attesting to how resilient, enthusiastic, innovative and unstoppable we are...is the overwhelming success of the 13th ICD 2021, the first Dermathon, that took place in the new reality of international travel restrictions. Against all odds, the virtual congress brought, as ICD President Dr. Dedee Murrell has reported "1,167 registrants from 77 countries, including China, USA, India, UK, Iran, Philippines, South Africa, and Latin America, with Australia well ahead of all others (468 registrants)". Along with Dr. Murrell, the ICD leadership team of Drs. Rod Sinclair, Greg Goodman and John McGrath put together an outstanding program that kept members engaged, well-informed and connected despite our collective disappointment of being unable to meet in-person.

Furthermore, it could not have been possible without the utmost support of the Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD) as the host, Arinex as the event planner, and Delegate Connect as the event platform. The Arinex team covered the 24 hour program in shifts and responded to problems and queries with professionalism around the clock. We are all grateful to the Chief Executive Officer of the ACD, Tim Wills, and the staff of Arinex for all their hard work.

With closure of the 13th ICD Congress, my term as your Secretary-General has come to an end. On November 13th, I was thrilled to be elected to serve as your President for the next term. You put your trust in me and gave me the confidence to open a new chapter in my professional and social life. I promise you, my friends, I only accepted this task to make my term as ISD President about all of us: the Executive Committee, Vice Presidents, Board of Directors, and you, the ISD members. Together we will continue what was started 62 years ago -- promoting the values of the ISD to the international community of dermatologists.

Dermatology without Borders is my mantra, education is my driving force, and camaraderie and understanding are my virtues.

With all my heart,

Nelli Konnikov, M.D.

Nellie Konnikov, MD, FAAD
Your ISD President



ISD Dedicates 2021 Community Dermatology Project Award in Honor of Cindy Froehlich

To honor the memory of the ISD's longtime Executive Director, the ISD is dedicating its newly established Community Dermatology Project Award in her honor. The award is designed to acknowledge organizations or projects that are making significant contributions to the improvement of the skin health of communities. Preference is given to those projects with active ISD member involvement and those that focus on skin health in resource poor settings.

The inaugural award was presented to ISD member Dr. Victoria Williams for her work on Improving Albinism Care. From 2018-2020, she was Site Director for Botswana UPenn Partnership's Dermatology Program. The patients with albinism receive their care at the Dermatology Clinic at Princes Marina Hospital in Botswana.

To nominate a candidate for the award, click the following [link](#) or visit the ISD website. Applications for 2022 must be submitted by March 31, 2022.



Cynthia H. Froehlich
Executive Director, ISD
May 16, 1957 - May 5, 2021

Virtual ICD 2021 Makes History as World's First Dermathon: Live from Melbourne, Australia, November 10-13, 2021

Report by Drs. Dedee F. Murrell, Rodney Sinclair, Greg Goodman and John McGrath

There were several 'firsts' associated with this long-awaited XIII International Congress of Dermatology (ICD), the flagship congress of the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) held every four years in a different continent.

It was the first ICD to occur in Australia, the first to have to become virtual, but even more unique to the ICD 2021 was that it was the first in the world 'dermathon' – a rolling 'TV show' and possibly the first major international dermatology congress to include more female speakers (152) than male speakers (150).

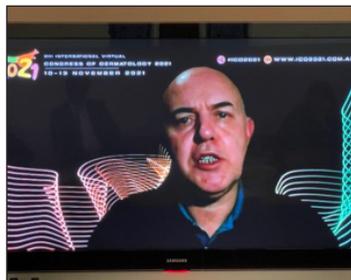
Seconds – ICD 2021 was the second ICD to have a woman as Congress President – Dr. Dedee Murrell, following Dr. Jana Hercegova at ICD 2009 in Prague.

The magic formula of the dermathon was having a team of four 'musketeers' at the helm: Drs. Dedee Murrell (President), Rod Sinclair (Secretary-General), John McGrath (Scientific Chair), and Greg Goodman (Cosmetic Dermatology Chair). Dedee focused on global health, indigenous dermatology and medical dermatology topics and experts, Rod on innovations and securing sponsors, John on scientific speaker updates and many other topics, and Greg on cosmetic experts. Once these speakers were secured, we hoped to receive their recorded talk videos well ahead of time to stitch the program together, with 11 versions of the program on the four channels by the end: two livestreamed channels named Koala (1) and Kangaroo (2) and two for posters – Kookaburra (3) for the oral poster presentations and Emu (4) for the remainder of the poster presentations.

We had 14 keynote speakers -- eight men and six women of seven different ethnicities and from 12 countries. The board members were each asked to present an 'Across the Board' lecture about their special interests and why they liked the ISD; 31 agreed. There were 125 invited speakers and an additional 60 speakers giving update talks. The speakers came from six continents, with different ethnic backgrounds for inclusion and diversity. A special aspect of global health was skin diseases in indigenous Australians with our first two Indigenous Australian dermatologists presenting, Drs. Dana Slape and Artien Tatiane. We invited Gloderm and the Women's Dermatologic Society to run special sessions within the congress, each lasting two hours.



Hostess for the Oscars Kim Scrubis welcoming attendees to Australia and the opening of the ICD.



ICD 2021 Scientific Chair Dr. John McGrath explaining the program.

Program Committee Highlights

Keynote address by **Dr. John McGrath** on "Where is dermatology headed?"

Dr. Margot Whitfeld's highlight on "Pacific Dermatology Training Centre — Dermatologists volunteer to support regional training programme".

Dr. Nancy Todes-Taylor tackled "Physician burnout in dermatology".

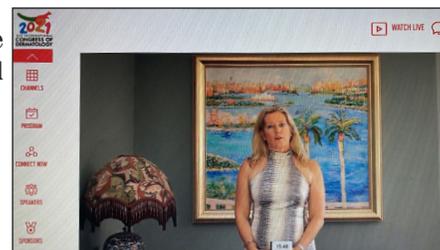
For our cosmetic-inclined dermatologists, we had a thrilling session on optimizing fillers with talks from **Dr. Jaishree Sharad** on treatment planning and superficial filler therapies, as well as from **Dr. Rashmi Shetty** on gender fluidity and fillers.

Dr. Izolda Heydenrych and **Dr. Krishan Mohan Kapoor** gave us the latest on "The consultation process: Empathy in aesthetic medicine" and "Facial anatomy", respectively.

The scholarship winners – of which there were many – are covered in detail in the newsletter (see page 8).

We had Australian videos as breaks between major sessions, as we anticipated that online viewers would need breaks and the brain simply cannot keep on taking in new facts one after another. The convention bureau in Melbourne provided some free content and Hugo Murrell (a cousin of Dedee's husband), of Wide Entertainment, edited these videos and included relaxing music provided royalty-free by two young Antipodean musicians, Justin Jet Zorbas from Sydney and Josef Scott from Auckland.

We decided to create opening and closing ceremonies akin to the Oscars. Kim Scrubis, a TV presenter who had emceed the college's traditional virtual meeting last year, was engaged to provide some overviews and introductions to the congress. She was asked to dress in a glamorous Oscar-worthy dress and have red velvet



Welcome by ICD 2021 Congress President Dr. Dedee Murrell.



Keynote from Dr. John McGrath.



Welcome from ICD 2021 Secretary-General Dr. Rodney Sinclair from the Melbourne Cricket Ground.



Dr. Shyam Verma's popular "Across the Board" session.

curtains on stage for these opening and closing remarks; otherwise she wore bright Australian colors of yellow and green whilst introducing the sessions. Sessions were named after obscure towns in Victoria (such as the Bendigo, Shepparton and Grassy sessions) selected by Arinex' congress manager, Alessandra Damant, who unearthed some interesting facts peculiar to each place. The four co-chairs divided up all the invited speakers and recorded introductions to each speaker with their bios, something which the viewers found interesting and enjoyable to hear.



We had the idea to present three In Memoriam videos to honor international well-known dermatologists from many countries who had died since the last ICD. Dedee sourced information from ISD Executive Director Tara Winton, from the AAD with the help of Dr. Charles Ellis, and from various international congress ambassadors. Hugo created three videos and added soothing music; these videos were played after the opening and at the end of each day.

We decided to end the dermathon with a rolling credit section as with real movies, and Hugo did this with a list of the Directors, Producers, cast members, supporting cast, costume designers, and musical scores.

To promote the congress, Dedee set up a new Instagram termed @ICD2021_dermathon and a Facebook page linked to her own and sent out posts including videos and reels from prior ICDs of those invited speakers and topics, as well as about Australia. There were almost 500 followers by the start of the meeting, and both the Australasian College of Dermatologists and ISD were re-posting these posts. Once these started, registrations began to climb.

By the end of the meeting we had 1,167 registrants from 77 countries with Australia well ahead of all others (468), followed by China (104), the U.S. (92), India (52), the UK (48), Iran (29), and the Philippines (27). South Africa was not far behind, as we had special reduced rates for Africans. We had 14



International greetings from Dr. Reizner.

ICD 2021 By the Numbers

Over 1,100 registrations from 77 countries

400+ presentations, 150+ hours of content from world-renowned doctors, dermatologists and trainees

2,500 hours viewed so far, and counting

industry sponsors: Platinum were Genesis Care, Janssen, J&J, Pfizer and UCB; Gold was Abbvie; Bronze were Amgen, Bioderma, BMS, La Roche Posay, CeraVe, Novartis, Propaira and Sun Pharma. Seven industry sponsors had pre-recorded lectures which were of excellent quality, including two with a live component, and two chose Town Hall 10-minute sessions.

Australian companies Ego and Propaira, both from Melbourne, were also interesting to viewers.

A review of the chat recordings revealed quite a bit of banter between speakers, the audience and the four chairs of the congress. It was key that John McGrath was living in the UK, as he was in charge between 11 p.m. and 7-8 a.m. each Australian evening, often putting in 17-hour shifts, as did Dedee Murrell on Wednesday and Friday to Saturday. Delegate connect had a run sheet created by Arinex based on our program and the minutes of each pre-recorded lecture. They trimmed off the awkward beginnings and endings of each video and streamed the Australian content videos until the next session ran.

In terms of connecting with ISD members, Dedee and Rod held opening parties for the Opening ceremony and Dedee hosted a dinner at her home for Sydney-based WDS members to celebrate. Each day she and the ICD 2021 speakers were posting about the congress on Facebook and there was a lot of international engagement, leading to some during-congress registrations. There were several 'watch parties' going on around the globe hosted by ISD Board members, and the feedback since the congress is that it was 'addictive' viewing, besides being possibly the best quality virtual dermatology congress hosted so far. A HUGE thank you to all of you who contributed to making this a historical event!

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ISD President Dr. George Reizner delivering remarks.



Global Education Awards watch party presentation.

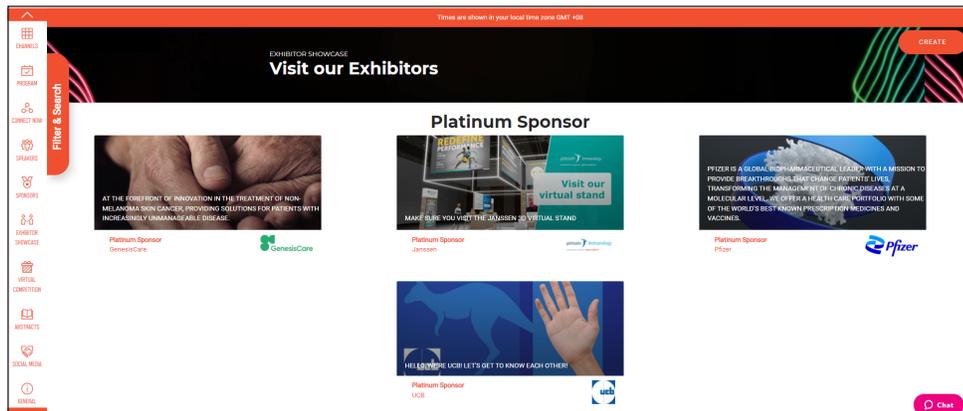


Dr. Rashmi Sarkar's "watch party" from India.

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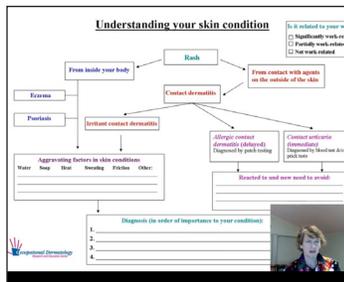
Exhibitor Showcase



Dr. Margot Whitfeld's Pacific Island Training Program.



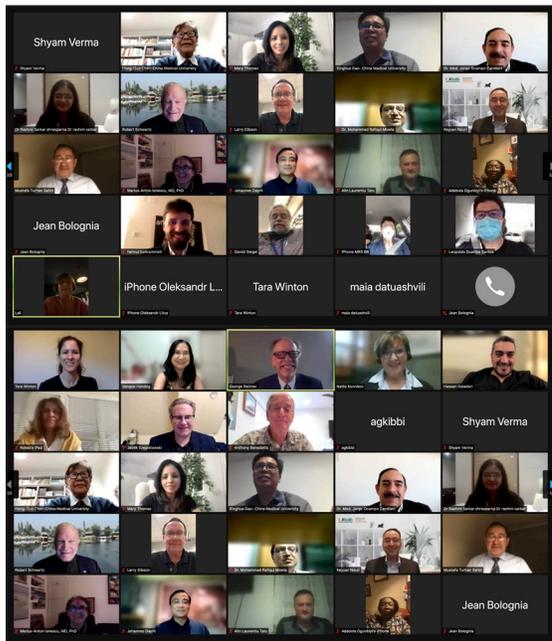
Opening night party in Sydney organized by Dr. Dede Murrell.



Maria Duran Lecturer Dr. Rosemary Nixon (Australia) delivers her presentation.



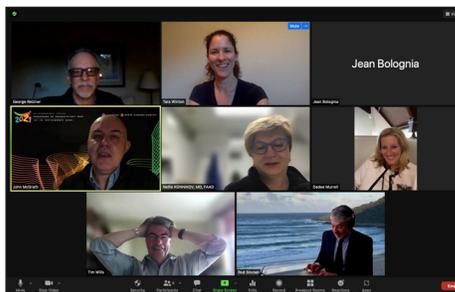
Dr. Evangeline Handog and members of the Philippine Dermatological Society.



ISD Board of Directors meet virtually.



ISD committees present achievements and honor award winners.



ICD XIII organizers meet virtually.



ISD pays tribute to longtime Executive Director Cindy Froehlich.



ISD Committees presented their activities to the attendees.



Closing ceremony watch party.

In Memoriam:

In Memoriam videos presented at the XIII ICD will be posted on the [ISD website](#).



ISD Honors Dr. Rod Hay with Prestigious Castellani-Reiss Medal and Award

One of the highlights of the International Congress of Dermatology (ICD) is the awarding of the Castellani-Reiss Medal and Award, the highest honor of the ISD. The medal and award are given in honor of the ISD founders – Dr. Aldo Castellani and Dr. Frederick Reiss – for outstanding contributions to international dermatology. The following is an interview with Dr. Rod Hay (UK), the recipient of the 2021 Castellani-Reiss Medal and Award presented virtually during the XIII ICD:

How did your interest in tropical diseases, in particular fungal diseases, first begin?

As a child I was very interested in natural history, which continued at school and university. While in high school, I used to collect and identify fungi in the local woods – I didn't eat them! During medical school, I became very interested in infectious diseases and that, coupled with a real desire to work overseas, led me to tropical medicine. Although I did a post in dermatology early in my career, I remember telling my boss and mentor Dr. Charles (RS) Wells, a clinical geneticist, that I wanted to focus on infectious disease. As a result, he asked me to follow a special group of his patients at Guy's Hospital with chronic mucocutaneous candidiasis. I then received a career development award in medical mycology, which allowed me to work at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. The people I met and who helped me were inspirational. They included Drs. Donald McKenzie (mycology), Hans Einstein – a nephew of the great man (coccidioidomycosis), and Henry Earl Jones (dermatology). So, mycology it was.

Describe your relationship over the years with the Regional Dermatology Training Centre (RDTC) in Moshi, Tanzania.

I first met Dr. Henning Grossman, the inaugural director of the RDTC, in San Francisco during an AAD meeting. We arranged to meet in the Hilton foyer. I remember he said that I couldn't miss him, as he had a huge bushy beard and would be wearing a light suit. When I arrived, it was a near disaster as the foyer was packed and filled with men with large beards and light suits. I noticed that the American Society of Anthropology was meeting there. Anyway, we finally found each other. From that time on, I was a regular attendee at the annual CME meeting in Moshi. When I became Chairman of the International Foundation of

“My first job as an academic was as a Lecturer in Medical Mycology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. After the interview, I was told that the last person to have held that post many years before was an Italian named Aldo Castellani.”

– Dr. Rod Hay

Dermatology, we started some wonderful projects – ranging from the building of a magnificent new inpatient ward to the expansion of the albinism program and adding a dermatology residency program to the already existing Diploma course for non-MD medical officers. I am still actively involved with the work of the RDTC.



Dr. Rod Hay

What have you enjoyed the most during your career in international dermatology?

The people I have met. Sometimes they have been fellow dermatologists or mycologists, but the patients or even the children following one in the street – they have all combined to create a wonderful experience. Many of my colleagues have become lifelong friends. In addition, there have been many adventures: from a hair-raising drive in the mountains of Guerrero, Mexico, with the Estradas when the road had been washed away, to having to assist in an emergency colectomy in Papua, New Guinea, to crawling around in a bat-infested cave in Trinidad.

What advice do you have for ISD's young members?

Life is short and there is so much to do and see. From time to time, you are offered an opportunity to do something quite different and it may appear a bit intimidating – but go for it. You are unlikely to regret it and it may change your life.

Will COVID-19 change the opportunities for dermatologists to travel and work outside their own countries?

Possibly for a while, but this will slowly return to normal as the need is still there. Many programs in resource poor countries have been devastated by the pandemic, both structurally and financially. So in many ways, the need for international collaboration will increase – let's hope.



Dr. Claire Fuller (left), chair of the ISD Community Dermatology Committee, presents the Castellani-Reiss Medal and Award to Dr. Rod Hay (right) in person in the United Kingdom.

ISD Recognizes XIII ICD Award Winners

While the ISD was unable to recognize the achievements of the various award winners at the XIII ICD in Melbourne in person this year, all award recipients were honored virtually. Here, we salute the 2021 awardees!

2021 Maria Duran Awards

To honor the memory of Maria M. Duran, MD, former Secretary-General and Executive Vice-President of the ISD, the Maria M. Duran Committee recognizes potential future female leaders in international dermatology.

Maria Duran Lecturer

Rosemary Nixon (Australia)

Maria Duran Fellowship Awardees

Sinu Rose Mathachan (India) Does oxidative stress correlate with disease activity and severity in vitiligo? An analytical study

Aliona Sikora (Belarus) Experience in the use of ultrasound diagnostics in patients with psoriatic onychodystrophy

Ekaterina Grekova (Russia) New differential diagnostic test for the lichenoid drug eruption

Balendran Thanushah (Sri Lanka) Clinical dermoscopic histopathological study of primary cutaneous amyloidosis

Ruhi Haqqani (India) Intralesional BCG Immunotherapy in the management of multiple, extensive, nongenital cutaneous common warts

Farhat Fatima (India) Early vs late onset psoriasis: comparative study of clinical variables and association with HLACW6

2021 Global Education Awards

ISD offered a number of scholarships to ISD member residents, fellows or young dermatologists who submitted recorded presentations of their abstracts for the XIII ICD Virtual Congress.

Millicent Osti (Australia) The body distribution of skin lesions in scabies

Mina Kang (Australia) Peri-vascular tumescent anaesthesia fully compresses subcutaneous venous malformations but not intramuscular lesions

Hayson Chenyu Wang (China) The application and mechanism of adipose-derived stem cells in treating localized scleroderma

Yaru Zou (China) The pathogenic role of CD4+ skin-resident memory T cells in pemphigus lesions

Meri Jaliashvili (Georgia) A rare manifestation of thyroid dermopathy

Ibrahima Traore (Guinea) Tinea capitis in kidney transplant patient

Vishal Gupta (India) Quality of life in lichen planus pigmentosus in comparison to vitiligo and melasma

Minu Jose Chiramel (India) Genotype of autosomal recessive congenital ichthyosis from a tertiary care center in India

Stephanie Bowe (Ireland) Topical steroid withdrawal through the lens of Instagram

Tzzy Huei Lim (Malaysia) Mask wearing and increased flare of acne among high school and college students in Malaysia

Radia Chakiri (Morocco) Precalcaneal congenital fibrolipomatous hamartoma: a case report

Shekhar KC (Nepal) Periocular *Paederus* dermatitis – Nairobi eye: a clinico-epidemiological study from a tertiary care center of central Nepal

Ken Hiu-Kan Ip (New Zealand) Multiple primary melanomas in a New Zealand population

Val Constantine Cua (Philippines) Primary anetoderma and acquired cutis laxa associated with glomerulonephritis in a 37-year-old Filipino male: a case report

Charmaine Vanessa Chamberlin (Philippines) A case report on scalp wound myiasis as a complication of neglected pediculosis capitis

Himali Sudusinghe (Sri Lanka) Pattern of organisms causing onychomycosis among patients attending a dermatology outpatient clinic

Fangyi Xie (United Kingdom) Comparative mutational analysis of oral lichen planus, transforming oral lichen planus, and oral squamous cell carcinoma arising in oral lichen planus using whole-exome sequencing

Sardor Obidov (Uzbekistan) Clinical and microbiological characteristics of ulcerative skin lesions

Sherzod Khonkhodjaev (Uzbekistan) Clinical currents of acantholytic pemphigus in a hot climate

2021 Congress Registration Scholarship Awards

Award recipients received free registration to the ICD.

Maryiana Olegovna Miazzelets (Belarus)

Nikhil Oliveira (Bulgaria)

Yueqian Yu (China)

Xiaowen Huang (China)

Ishan Agrawal (India)

Tanvi Dev Girotra (India)

Darkhan Amantayev (Kazakhstan)

Prajwal Pudasaini (Nepal)

Tazein Amber (Pakistan)

Gemmy Pangan David (Philippines)

Nuwarapakse Nimanka Wijeyawardhane (Sri Lanka)

Soumaya Gara (Tunisia)

Ganna Stovbyr (Ukraine)

Zarrina Mavlyanova (Uzbekistan)

Niita Haitembu (Namibia)

Doraine Sabushimike (Burundi)

Owen Ngalamika (Zambia)

Congratulations!

MEXICO AWAITS YOU:

The 7th Continental Congress of the ISD held in conjunction with the 66th International Congress of Diagnosis and Treatment in Dermatology

April 21-24, 2022, Hotel Camino Real Polanco, Mexico City

Please join us for a true Dermatology Fiesta with a very comprehensive and varied scientific program, including the latest advances in medical, surgical, pediatric, infectious, and cosmetic dermatology.

The joint congress will be held in Mexico City from April 21-24, 2022. The meeting will be a fully hybrid program for those who want to travel and enjoy all that Mexico has to offer and via online for those who want to learn from the comfort of their home.

You will learn about:

- new treatments for inflammatory skin diseases in adults and children;
- how to effectively use and select biologics for different skin conditions;
- how to diagnose and treat nail and hair disorders;
- the latest advances in lasers, as well as neurotoxins and fillers; and
- the clinical spectrum of tropical diseases from world experts in tropical dermatology.

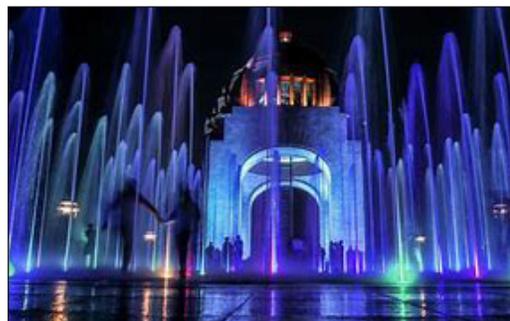
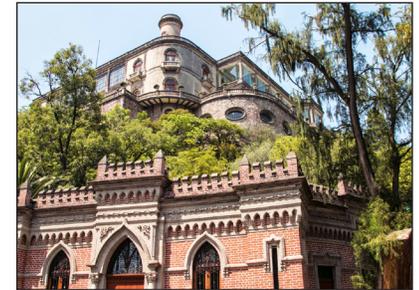
In Mexico City, you can enjoy many cultural activities including visiting museums that range from contemporary to classical art, historical sites, and much more! Come and enjoy our famous Mexican hospitality and camaraderie!

The venue will be at the Hotel Camino Real Polanco, which is a beautiful hotel in downtown Mexico City, right in front of the Alameda and within walking distance of the Bellas Artes. The city's major historical sites are also in close proximity to the hotel.

Welcome and Bienvenidos to Mexico!

So Much to See, So Much to Do

- ❖ Enjoy a Hot Air Balloon over Teotihuacan - the City of Gods of the Aztec Empire - and climb the Sun and Moon Pyramids!
- ❖ Explore Mexico's history from pre-Columbian times and learn about our multiple civilizations at the National Museum of Anthropology.
- ❖ Visit the beautiful Chapultepec Castle, the home of 19th century royalty.
- ❖ Enjoy the Palace of Fine Arts, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and considered one of the most renowned opera houses in the world.





ISD MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Corazon Almira Mella of the Makati Medical Center in the Philippines participated in the ISD Mentorship Program virtually from February to April, 2021. Dr. Leopoldo Santos of the Santa Casa School of Medicine in Brazil served as her mentor.

Major goals for your mentorship experience:

My main objective was to familiarize myself with different hair and scalp disorders, so that I would be comfortable in seeing and managing such patients. Moreover, I wanted to gain more confidence in clinical examination and trichoscopy, as well as different ways to approach such conditions.

What did you like best about your mentorship experience?

Dr. Leo shared different clinical cases after each lecture and encouraged us to share what we thought about each case. I think it's a wonderful way to engage the mentees when in a virtual setting. We also shared additional cases in between scheduled lectures via our online chat group. Of note, we shared our diagnosis and management plans before Dr. Leo shared his opinion.

Describe any special experiences with your mentor:

My plans to engage in further training in hair and scalp disorders were delayed by the pandemic. However, with the help of this mentorship program and with the guidance of my mentor, I was able to learn critical information and where to focus future studies.



Dr. Corazon Almira Mella (Philippines) participates in a virtual session with mentor **Dr. Leopold Santos** (Brazil) and fellow mentorship awardees who participated in this mentorship program. From the top, left to right: **Drs. Meryam Chaabani** (Tunisia), **Leopold Santos**, **Corazon Almira Mella**, **Pauline Velasco** (Philippines), **Ayesha Akinkugbe** (Nigeria) and **Leopold Santos**.

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

I was able to learn different techniques for examining hair, clinically and through trichoscopy. Dr. Leo emphasized the importance of practicing our clinical examination and trichoscopy in patients without scalp disorders, so we can familiarize ourselves with normal findings. Then we will be able to distinguish specific disease states. I learned that trichoscopy can aid in determining both activity and prognosis.

How will your mentorship experience impact your patient care and professional goals over the next year?

I am more confident seeing and managing patients with hair disorders. I am able to offer my patients several options when it comes to their treatment.

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

Five years from now, I see myself teaching other aspiring dermatologists in my country what I have learned and what I will further learn as it pertains to hair and scalp disorders. And hopefully, such teaching (as I have been inspired by this mentorship) will likewise inspire other dermatologists.

Share a pearl you learned during your mentorship experience:

Each patient you see in the clinic provides an avenue for you to learn. We should continuously update ourselves with the management approaches (medical and procedural) that we can offer our patients.

Dr. Amal Chamli of the University of Tunis El Manar, Faculty of Medicine of Tunis in Tunisia, participated in the ISD Mentorship Program virtually from April to July, 2021. Dr. Luiz Castro of the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil served as her mentor.

Major goals for your mentorship experience:

First of all, I am very thankful to ISD and to Dr. Nejb Doss (who encouraged me to apply) for this amazing opportunity! Because Dr. Castro is a famous dermatologic surgeon, the major goals of my mentorship program were to improve my skills in the management of basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma. In addition, I wanted to learn more about Mohs surgery and flaps.

What did you like best about your mentorship experience?

The entire mentorship program was great! What I liked best was how communication with Dr. Castro was relaxed, and we felt free to write to him any time. Dr. Castro is very pedagogic and explained topics very well. We also reviewed original articles about cutaneous tumors and learned how to prevent and manage surgical complications.

Describe any special experiences with your mentor:

Dr. Castro showed us basic surgical techniques utilizing a pig's head. Also, the course on botulinum toxin injections was so interesting.

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

I learned a lot about cutaneous oncology, dermatologic surgery, and management of surgical complications. In addition, we reviewed new guidelines on the treatment of actinic keratoses.

How will your mentorship experience impact your patient care and professional goals over the next year?

Dr. Castro is an outstanding mentor. I will apply all that I have learned.

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

I will encourage Tunisian residents to apply for the ISD mentorship. In Tunisia, we do not perform a lot of dermatologic surgery. I would love to see departments of dermatologic surgery in the future in Tunisia incorporating Mohs surgery.

Share a pearl you learned during your mentorship experience:

It is always good to meet and get to know dermatologists from different countries and share experiences.



Dr. Amal Chamli (Tunisia) participates in a virtual surgery case with mentor Dr. Luiz Castro (Brazil) and fellow mentorship awardees who participated in this mentorship program.

From the top, left to right: Drs. Amal Chamli, Luiz Castro, Asma Toumi (Tunisia), Preethi Nayak (India) and Maria Franchesca Quinio (Philippines).



What did you like best about your mentorship experience?

I appreciated the atmosphere the most. I think Dr. Vangee enjoyed our webinars because even after our program ended, she proposed to have 3-4 webinars per month. I really liked her presentations as well as those of the residents from the Philippines. It was also a great pleasure to work with Alberto and Tamar.

Describe any special experiences with your mentor:

I learned a lot from the interesting clinical cases of tropical diseases that Dr. Vangee discussed with us. This was very valuable.

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

Management of patients with tropical diseases, including leprosy and mycotic infections. This is also important because Russians often vacation in Thailand, the Philippines and other warm climates.

How will your mentorship experience impact your patient care and professional goals over the next year?

I believe that the knowledge gained from the program will greatly improve my care of patients, and I will be able to teach others what I learned.

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

It is very difficult to make plans during a pandemic. One thing I can say for sure -- the program will help me significantly improve my clinical practice.

Share a pearl you learned during your mentorship experience:

A gradual reduction in the dose of retinoids once the cumulative dose is reached to prevent disease recurrence, as well as melasma management. Thank you very much Dr. Vangee and International Society of Dermatology.

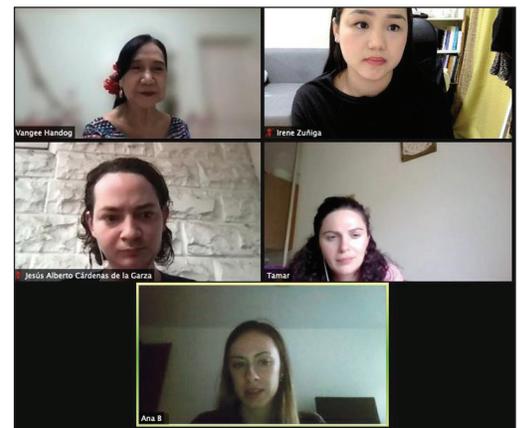
Dr. Anastasiia Kolerova of the Novosibirsk National Research State University, Russian Federation, participated in the ISD Mentorship Program virtually from February to April, 2021. Dr. Evangeline "Vangee" Handog of the Asian Hospital and Medical Center in the Philippines served as her mentor.

Major goals for your mentorship experience:

1) To gain experience in the management of patients with skin diseases; and 2) To connect with members of dermatology communities from different parts of the world. The latter was easily accomplished as our team included mentees from Russia, Mexico, and Georgia, and it was very interesting discussing our cases together with Dr. Vangee and her residents.

Patient 1

- 4 y.o. male child
- Eruption for 2 years
- Child's mother used bethametasone cream, zinc pasta with no effect
- KOH microscopy - negative



Dr. Anastasiia Kolerova (Russian Federation) participates in a virtual clinical case with mentor Dr. Evangeline Handog (Philippines) and her resident Dr. Irene Zuniga (Philippines), and fellow mentorship awardees who participated in this mentorship program. From the top, left to right: Drs. Evangeline Handog, Irene Zuniga, Alberto Cardenas de la Garza (Mexico), Tamar Khossid (Georgia) and Anastasiia Kolerova.

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Dr. Nouredine Litaïem of the University of Tunis El Manar, Faculty of Medicine of Tunis in Tunisia, participated in the ISD Mentorship Program virtually from April to July, 2021. Dr. Martin Kassir of the Worldwide Laser Institute in Dallas, Texas (USA), served as his mentor.

Major goals for your mentorship experience:

Improve my skills in the use of lasers and injectables and learn more about esthetic dermatology. I also wanted the opportunity to network with dermatologists from around the world.

What did you like best about your mentorship experience?

Despite COVID-19-related restrictions, this mentorship program helped connect two dermatologists from Tunisia and Ethiopia with Dr. Martin Kassir (USA) to share difficult clinical cases. I believe that this mentorship program was successful.

Describe any special experiences with your mentor:

In addition to lectures and discussions of practical tips and pearls about injectables, botulinum toxin, and lasers, we held journal club focusing on esthetic dermatology. We also discussed skin signs of systemic disease. My final project for this mentorship program was participating in writing a book chapter about "laser hair removal".

How will your mentorship experience impact your patient care and professional goals over the next year?

I believe this mentorship experience will help me optimize the use of energy-based devices and injectables. Even though the

mentorship program has come to an end, I'm confident that I will always be able to reach out to Dr. Kassir for advice and help.

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

I believe I will be able to focus on techniques that are more suitable for our Tunisian patients and wisely invest in acquiring new energy-based devices. I think that this program is also a good way to network with dermatologists from around the world.

Share a pearl you learned during your mentorship

experience: Melasma and periorbital melanosis are cosmetically disturbing conditions that are poorly responsive to currently available treatments. The combination of microneedling with simultaneous infusion of a serum containing active ingredients represents a technique that is both innovative and effective for these two disorders.



Dr. Nouredine Litaïem (Tunisia), (top right) participates in a virtual educational session with mentor Dr. Martin Kassir (USA), (left) and Dr. Amel Beshir Mohammed (Ethiopia) (bottom right), a fellow mentorship awardee who participated in this mentorship program.

The Impact Factor on the 60th Anniversary of the *International Journal of Dermatology (IJD)* by Rokea el-Azhary, MD, PhD

The *IJD* and all Scientific journals are rated by a simple mathematical equation known as the Impact Factor (IF). The equation is defined as the number of citations for the prior year derived from published articles of a given journal divided by the total number of publications appearing in that journal over the past two years. More than any other metric, this one is used most often to assess the quality and originality of the articles published in a particular journal. The higher the journal IF, the more quality assumption and the higher the potential for attracting authors of prominence and those seeking academic promotion.

For obvious reasons, most journals choose to publish the highest quality articles that would likely encourage citation from amongst the many submitted manuscripts. The remainder of the submitted articles are then rejected. Because this one equation carries so much weight, increasing the IF is the top and nearly singular goal of most journals.

However, even given its importance, increasing the IF is not the only goal for the *IJD*. Our goals are twofold and include one which may not hold as much weight for many journals. Since we are international and represent the International Society of Dermatology (ISD), our second goal is geographic reach.

We try to reach out to all countries to send us their best and most original manuscripts so we can learn from them and they in turn can learn from us.

In addition, we promote authors from underrepresented countries so that they can participate in global dermatology interactions via the *Journal*. We have had success in nurturing both goals as we have been very successful in attracting newly contributing authors from countries all over the world. In addition, we have been successful in increasing the IF as shown in the figure below. Not only did we succeed in these two goals, but the number of article submissions quadrupled as well over the past two decades.



IJD Editor-in-Chief Dr. Rokea el-Azhary

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the *Journal* and to give more details of this story, we have written an Editorial in the *IJD* which appeared in the November issue entitled: "The 60th Anniversary of the *International Journal of Dermatology*: A time for reflection and Celebration."

Behind the Scenes: Getting to Know ISD Board Members

Despite busy professional and personal lives, members of the ISD Board of Directors spend a significant amount of time working to improve the quality of all the benefits the Society offers its members. Their commitment to ISD is unwavering and they clearly play a vital role. Here, meet two ISD Board Members – **Drs. Nellie Konnikov (United States/Russia) and George Reizner (United States).**

Dr. Nellie Konnikov, ISD Incoming President

Dr. Konnikov, where did you train in dermatology?

NK: I was born, raised and educated in the former Soviet Union. I was privileged to complete my residency in the United States at the Boston University (BU)-Tufts Program in addition to a Dermatology Foundation Fellowship in Boston.

Where do you practice dermatology?

NK: Currently, I am the chief of dermatology for the Boston VA Health Care System and a lead dermatologist for North-East USA, VISN1.

What are your areas of interest within dermatology?

NK: I love all aspects of dermatology and truly believe in lifelong learning. That's why my clinical research and interests have been evolving over the years. Recently, I established the Special Procedures and Laser Center at the VA Boston, primarily for "hands on" experience for all our trainees. Now, I concentrate my interests on energy-based devices and their role in improving quality of life for our veterans.

Why are you a member of the ISD?

NK: No matter where I've lived, I've always felt very cosmopolitan. So, it was logical for me to join ISD more than 25 years ago and become a member of a society that brings dermatologists together from all corners of the world – professionally and socially – all with common objectives.

What are your hobbies or interests outside of medicine?

NK: So many interests and so little time to excel! Ancient history, music, classical painting, traveling, to name a few.

What 3 words best describe you?

NK: A person of the world: Passionate. Optimistic. Caring.

How do you balance your personal life with your busy professional life?

NK: It's hard to nail it. All aspects of my life intertwine and make me the person that I am.

How has ISD impacted your career?

NK: ISD has enriched my professional life and helped me develop an understanding of global demands on our profession in terms of education and sharing the collective experience. In addition, working with so many ISD colleagues has shaped me as a sensitive adviser and a better mentor to many international trainees. I travel a lot and always take it upon myself to be an



Dr. Nellie Konnikov (US/Russia)

ISD ambassador, engaging my colleagues in conversation and bringing them into the ISD community.

What do you value most about your involvement in ISD?

NK: Connection. Camaraderie. Collaboration.

What does ISD offer aspiring young dermatologists?

NK: Opportunities to network and learn from each other on a global scale. ISD offers a platform at international meetings to be heard and empowered to achieve one's academic potential.

What advice would you give to young dermatologists who may be just starting out in their careers?

NK: Do not take your training for granted. Stay curious, explore the possibilities, and open your mind and heart to the world. Make an effort to stay connected to your peers and your mentors somehow. When you least expect it, it all comes back.

What would ISD members be surprised to learn about you?

NK: Although I love adventures, I despise thrill-seeking rides and avoid intense physical experiences. I hate roller coasters or any kind of "adrenaline rush" rides.

Dr. George Reizner, ISD Immediate Past President

Dr. Reizner, where did you train in dermatology?

GR: I trained in dermatology at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Where do you practice dermatology?

GR: I practice at the University of Wisconsin and at the Veterans Administration Hospitals in Madison and Tomah, WI.

What are your areas of interest within dermatology?

GR: I focus my interests in melanoma, general adult dermatology and dermatopathology.

Why are you a member of the ISD?

GR: I can meet and learn from colleagues with a global perspective.

What are your hobbies or interests outside of medicine?

GR: Biking, travel, music, skiing, and entertaining. I'm eclectic. Better at some, master of none.

What 3 words best describe you?

GR: Curious. Informal. Welcoming.

How do you balance your personal life with your busy professional life?

GR: Organize, compartmentalize, anticipate.

How has ISD impacted your career?

GR: When I joined the society, I didn't suspect it would become a defining element of my career. Through the ISD, my life

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Dr. George Reizner (US)

Meet George Reizner (*continued from page 13*) has been enriched by meeting many international colleagues, traveling to their countries and homes, learning about the mixture of patients, and experiencing cultural diversity. This broadened my understanding of dermatology. I also developed a deeper appreciation for the many ways good health care can be delivered and the flaws in my own country's system.

What do you value most about your involvement in ISD?

GR: The ISD's greatest asset is its members. It is a society of people serving people who choose to engage from different backgrounds. This human quilt of skills, challenges, and approaches has built lasting memories and friendships. Much of this is intangible, but I suggest it is the ISD's greatest reward.

What does ISD offer aspiring young dermatologists?

GR: The ISD is an exceptional resource for learning, both medical and personal. After emerging from training, this society offers opportunities for educational experience and personal

growth not otherwise available. For those who join, the world is their oyster.

What advice would you give to young dermatologists who may be just starting out in their careers?

GR: Jump in with both feet. Just for starters, you get immediate access to a global community, a world class *Journal*, opportunities to learn from internationally recognized mentors and a society interested in their professional success and promotion. They only need to open the door.

What would ISD members be surprised to learn about you?

GR: I originally wanted to be an astronomer. I was mesmerized by the enormity of our universe and how little was known. I even ground my own lenses for a telescope. I later recognized that I would never travel to these places and reversed my thinking. Instead, I chose a profession that was right in front of me, one I could touch with the goal of making a difference on a much smaller scale. In retrospect, I believe it was the right calling.

2022 ISD Meetings Calendar

March 25 – 29, 2022

ISD “In-Person” Reception at AAD 2022 Annual Meeting

Boston, MA (USA)

Date/Time/Place TBD; more information forthcoming

Web Site:

www.aad.org/member/meetings-education/am22

April 21 – 24, 2022

7th Continental Congress of Dermatology

Hotel Camino Real Polanco, Mexico City, Mexico

Web Site under construction

June 16 – 18, 2022

3rd International Transcaucasus Congress of Dermatology and Aesthetic Medicine

Batumi, Georgia

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Lviv, Ukraine

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ISD Member Leads World Skin Health Day in Guinea 2021 – August 26, 2021

For the second year in a row, Gamal Abdel Nasser University of Conakry, in partnership with Clinique Dermatologique, participated in World Skin Health Day. This effort was led by Dr. Ibrahima Traoré, an International Society for Dermatology (ISD) member and recipient of the ISD's 2021 Global Education Award in recognition of his study of "Tinea Capitis in Kidney Transplant Patient" which was presented at the XIII International Virtual Congress of Dermatology 2021.

To celebrate World Skin Health Day, organizers hosted a free educational conference on tele dermatology, neglected tropical diseases and skin cancer which was attended by a wide range of healthcare students and professionals. Speakers and topics included, but was not limited to:

- Dr. Claire Fuller | WHO NTD roadmap and implication for skin disease services in endemic countries
- Dr. Naomi Boulay | Treatment of hyperpigmentation spots
- Prof. Victoria Williams | Sun protection for your health
- Dr. Mohamed Saran Condé | Guinea's malaria elimination efforts
- Prof. Dedee Murrell | Overview of autoimmune blistering diseases
- Prof. Mohammad Jafferany | How to manage psychocutaneous disorders
- Dr. Ibrahima Traoré | Case study and lessons learnt from World Skin Health Day Guinea 2020

- Dr. Christophe Hsu | Tele dermatology: the PASSION Project and the Intellistream and Derma2go applications
- Dr. Darren L. Casey | Skin care on the run
- Prof. Amor Khachemoune | Non melanoma skin cancer and surgical management with Mohs micrographic surgery
- Prof. Aimilios Lallas | Dermoscopy today
- Prof. Doussou Lancinè Traoré: Rector, Gamal Abdel Nasser University of Conakry | Opening Remarks

In addition to this, Gamal Abdel Nasser University of Conakry ran a multimedia campaign on skin health. It also provided free dermatological consultations and treatment for People Living with Albinism (PWAs) in Guinea, including sunscreens. In total, they treated 277 PWAs and provided educational resources to patients and their families, including tips on sun protection and reducing the risks of skin cancer.

If you would like to participate in or learn more about World Skin Health Day, visit worldskinday.org or email wshd@ILDS.org. You can also follow us via @worldskinday on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

Report submitted courtesy of Safia Roble, ILDS Project and Partnerships Officer

Scenes from World Skin Health Day Guinea 2021





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*A complete list of those countries can be found at <http://www.who.int/ninari/eligibility/en/>.

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