ISD Members from Durban, South Africa, Making a Difference to Local Public Hospital Dermatology Clinic

ISD member Dr. Ncoza Dlova (fourth from right, standing), Dr. S. Dhlomo (in gray coat, fifth from right, MEC for Health in Kwa-Zulu Natal), ISD member Dr. Anisa Mosam (beside Dr. Dhlomo, wearing the head cover), and the rest of the team celebrate the completion of the refurbished skin care clinic.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

ISD is 55!

Looking back…

The International Society of Dermatology (ISD)’s vision has become a reality. It has come a long way to promote dermatology worldwide. Since the founding by Drs. Castellani and Reiss in 1959, ISD has had 11 International congresses in 6 continents, held over 40 Regional meetings from 2000, 3 continental congresses and sister-society meetings at the EADV from 2005. The Society provided over 650 travel grants and scholarships to deserving young dermatologists to attend major meetings, and since 2002 the Maria Duran fellowships afforded them the opportunity to present papers in appointed meetings. The mentorship program has been very successful since its conception in 2006, where opportunities for young mentees to learn from inspiring and experienced mentors are lauded. The International Journal of Dermatology (IJD) has transformed to become one of the top 10 most-read dermatology journals in the world. Indeed, education is the first and foremost goal of ISD.

Moving forward…

We are proud to continue the great job of our predecessors. But as modernization and technology becomes more demanding, the ISD Connection (our official newsletter) and the website are expanding the reach of ISD for members and the media looking for information regarding ISD activities. Watch out for the new design of our website, and as they say: “Like us on Facebook”!

There will always be firsts...

At the AAD in Denver, Colorado (2014), the Executive Committee gathered together with the Vice Presidents for strategic planning. We wanted to give our members more scholarships, more worthy projects, hence fundraising for educational opportunities will be initiated. More volunteer mentors are being invited to join the pool. More responsibilities for the entire board are given to ensure a more dynamic leadership.

Before the ISD Reunion (almost always on the Monday of AAD’s annual meeting), an invite to “Meet the President” was conceptualized so that questions and answers regarding ISD affairs can be known. Suggestions were welcomed and, of course, fellowship and fun ensued.

The first woman editor-in-chief of the IJD, Dr. Rokea el-Azhary, who hailed from Egypt but is now based at the Mayo Clinic, is one energetic and magnetic personality now at the helm after Prof. Larry Gibson.

In addition, e-membership will be available next year (see page 11), and the newsletter will have a Spanish version once yearly.

On its Emerald anniversary, ISD can only keep on going with “integrity, service and dedication” to dermatology education.

Mabuhay!

Evangeline B. Handog, MD
ISD President
FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I would like to extend my greetings to all of you and have a chance to share the opportunities to contribute to the exciting meetings and innovative programs our International Society of Dermatology has been involved, the most notable of which is to encourage and motivate you to participate in the upcoming programs.

In step with the ISD mission to unite dermatologists from around the world, our society is co-sponsoring several regional meetings. The 4th Euro-Asian Association of Dermatology Conference took place in April 2014 in Jerusalem, Israel. It was remarkable that 500 participants took part in that meeting from 19 countries, many from the former Soviet Republics. The success of this meeting was not only due to world-renowned speakers, but also because of the vibrant, palpable atmosphere of friendship and the outstanding scientific program.

In addition, ISD has committed to co-sponsor future regional meetings scheduled in Colombia, Georgia and Iran this year. Please, make a note, Continental Congress of Dermatology 2014 will take place in Manila, Philippines, in November 2014. All the preparations are underway to make this one of the most exciting and eventful congresses, and we anticipate it will be the event of the year!

Additional noteworthy happenings took place in the spring, when the ISD Community Dermatology Task Force advanced into a full-fledged ISD committee. The entire Executive Board voted unanimously to transform and further progress Community Dermatology to show our support and commitment to grassroots dermatology community programs.

In order to participate in the growing social network world and moving with the times, ISD had launched a Facebook page a few months ago. We would like to invite you to share local dermatological news and stories as part of one large international sharing board.

I sincerely hope that via the World Wide Web we will be brought closer together across boundaries and borders.

I look forward to meeting and working with you, my dear colleagues. I am excited to be in contact via the web as well as in person.

Do vstrechi! See you soon!

Nellie Konnikov, M.D.
Secretary-General of your ISD
An interview with Ncoza Dlova, M.D., Department Head of Dermatology, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal (UKZN) and King Edward VIII Hospital, Durban, South Africa

In April 2014, an eight-month refurbishment of the UKZN and King Edward VIII Hospital’s Skin Clinic was completed – garnering rave reviews from patients and staff alike. Here, ISD member Dr. Ncoza Dlova, who spearheaded this ambitious undertaking with little disruption to patient care, describes the need for this project and the collaborative efforts involved in this notable accomplishment.

Why was the clinic refurbished?

My vision for refurbishing the skin care clinic was sparked by a need I saw to change the complacency and apathy which exists within public healthcare. I enlisted the assistance of one of my patients, Lerato Tsimo, and her fellow interior designers, Sonshyne Dladla and Luvuyo Mbikwana, as volunteers to bring life to the dilapidated Dermatology Clinic facilities at King Edward Hospital, one of the major referral tertiary centers in Durban, South Africa, and one of the largest dermatology training centers in South Africa.

What started off as a simple initiative to put a slick of paint on the dreary walls of the King Edward Skin Clinic soon snowballed into a massive initiative, driven by my passionate drive to make a difference to the poor community which we serve. This initiative received great support from the private sector, as most of the sponsors were pharmaceutical companies – working very closely with dermatology and private dermatologists – as well as my public sector dermatology colleagues and patients who believed in my vision and saw a need to support this initiative. I’m eternally grateful to Anisa Mosam, my colleagues in the department, the nursing staff and the participating industry for the overwhelming support displayed during this undertaking.

How many patients is the clinic currently serving? What are some of the most common skin diseases you treat?

We see about 400 patients a week or approximately 1,600 a month. The top 5 conditions we see are acne, eczema, infections, dyschromia, and hair disorders.

What has been the impact of the refurbished clinic on the local community? Are you seeing more patients traveling long distances to see your dermatologists or is this one of the largest clinics of its kind within a large radius in South Africa?

This is our main referral tertiary hospital. The new ambience of the revamped skin clinic has uplifted the morale of the doctors and nurses employed by the department of health. They now take pride in keeping their working environment clean. One doctor mentioned that she now looks forward to coming to work. The patients feel more upbeat about the clinic and look forward to coming back for their follow-up appointments. We have also created a Kiddies corner where children can play with toys which have been donated by some patients and staff members. They have their own TV and can watch children’s and educational videos on common skin conditions like eczema, which affect children the most. Waiting is no longer a dreadful event as the surroundings are more favorable and patients are able to watch educational videos and listen to soothing music while waiting to be seen by the dermatologists. The doctor’s library has been upgraded, creating a conducive environment for residents and doctors to be on the cutting-edge of dermatology developments. Free Wi-Fi is available for staff and patients alike.

Do you have any volunteer medical staff serving the clinic, or do you offer any free skin care prevention or detection events for the underserved in your community?

We offer volunteer dermatology outreach programs for the outlying rural hospitals via teledermatology. We have embarked on the “adopt a hospital initiative/concept” wherein a consultant pairs up with a resident trainee and offers consultations via sms, mms and store and forward email to medical officers who are based in the countryside. This is a 24-hour voluntary service which has a potential to reduce travel costs and unnecessary referrals for patients who come from afar, as most of the conditions and advice can be offered via teledermatology.
The International Society of Dermatology (ISD)’s thrust of delivering dermatology education across continents will again be realized with the upcoming 4th Continental Congress of Dermatology (CCD 2014) to be held for the first time in Asia, in the beautiful country of the Philippines.

Coinciding with the 37th Annual Convention of the Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS), the organizing committee ensured that the theme “Advances in Dermatology – A Journey Across Nations” will be truthfully achieved by bringing together over 60 excellent international and local speakers sharing the latest updates on different fields of clinical and procedural dermatology. Included in this diverse program will be 12 plenary lectures, 15 symposia, and 4 focus sessions, as well as various research papers and e-poster presentations.

This 4-day congress was carefully crafted to suit every delegate’s need for knowledge enhancement and at the same time experience all the warmth and hospitality the Philippines has to offer. The much-anticipated Fellowship Night promises to showcase the rich Filipino cultural heritage and should not be missed.

Delegates may opt to experience more of the country through several tours of its picturesque islands and exquisite beaches. Please do visit our website www.ccd2014.com for more updates.

More than 60 World-Renowned Speakers Scheduled for 4th CCD

*Prof. Dedee Murrell (Australia)
*Dr. Deepak Parikh (India)
*Prof. Eli Sprecher (Israel)
*Dr. Evangeline Handog (Philippines)
*Dr. Georgina Pastorfide (Philippines)
*Prof. Goh Chee Leak (Singapore)
*Prof. Rokea El Azhary (USA)
*Dr. Kevin Fickenscher (USA)
*Prof. Lawrence Gibson (USA)
*Dr. Martin Kassir (USA)
*Dr. Suzanne Olbright (USA)
*Prof. George Reizner (USA)
*Dr. Wendy Roberts (USA)
Dr. Prasad Kumarasinghe (Australia)
Prof. Harvey Lau (Canada)
Dr. Thomas Ruzicka (Germany)
Prof. Uday Khopkar (India)
Prof. Rashmi Sarkar (India)
Dr. Vinod Sharma (India)
Dr. Rekha Sheeth (India)
Dr. Shyam Verma (India)
Dr. Hagit Matz (Israel)
Dr. Steven Chow (Malaysia)
Dr. Adolfo Bormate (Philippines)
Dr. Allen Cabrera (Philippines)
Dr. Flordeliz Casintahan (Philippines)
Dr. Christine Chia (Philippines)
Dr. Angela Cumagun (Philippines)
Mr. Josef De Guzman (Philippines)
Dr. Rosanna Ditangco (Philippines)
Dr. Lonabel Encarnacion (Philippines)

*Plenary Speakers

Dr. Mariecon Escuardo (Philippines)
Dr. Lorna Frez (Philippines)
Dr. Ma. Teresita Gabriel (Philippines)
Dr. Francesca Gajete (Philippines)
Dr. Nancy Garcia Tan (Philippines)
Dr. Daisy King Ismael (Philippines)
Dr. Krisinda Claire Dim Jamora (Philippines)
Dr. Jasmin Jamora (Philippines)
Dr. Purita Paz Lao (Philippines)
Dr. Rica Mallari (Philippines)
Dr. Rosalina Nadela (Philippines)
Dr. Arnelfa Paliza (Philippines)
Dr. Maria Lourdes Palmero (Philippines)
Dr. Francisca Roa (Philippines)
Dr. Vermen Verallo Rowell (Philippines)
Dr. Donna Sarrosa (Philippines)
Dr. Leilani Senador (Philippines)
Dr. Claudine Silva (Philippines)
Dr. Lillian Villafuerte (Philippines)
Dr. Necla Dlova (South Africa)
Dr. Percy Naidu (South Africa)
Dr. Pravit Asawanonda (Thailand)
Dr. Rataporn Ungpakorn (Thailand)
Dr. Benjamin B. Bince (United Arab Emirates)
Dr. Hassam Galadari (United Arab Emirates)
Dr. Jacqueline Hopkins (USA)
Prof. Nellie Konnikov (USA)
Prof. David A. Mehregan (USA)
Dr. Christine Poblete-Lopez (USA)
Dr. Kenneth Tomecki (USA)

Global Education Awards Now Available!

ISD is accepting applications for the 4th Continental Congress of ISD and the 37th Annual Meeting of the Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS) in Mandaluyong City, Philippines, November 4-7, 2014.

ISD is pleased to offer a limited number of scholarships to ISD members, residents or young dermatologists to attend the Congress in the Philippines. Scholarships are in the amount of $300.00 each, plus free registration. To be considered:

1. Applicants must electronically submit an Abstract (250 words or less). Go to the 2014 CCD website to submit by July 31.
2. Abbreviated curriculum vitae (up to two pages only)
3. Personal statement indicating why the applicant should be selected.
4. Recommendation from the applicant’s former or present training director by the application deadline.

For more information, visit http://www. intsocderm.org/i4a/forms/index.cfm?id=44
Early Registration Pays Off…Don’t Miss Out!

Start making plans now to attend the 4th Continental Congress of Dermatology & 37th Annual Convention of the Philippine Dermatological Society to be held in Mandaluyong City, Philippines, November 4-7, 2014.

ISD members can take advantage of the discounted registration fees (see chart at right).


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* applies to MEMBER who has paid the society membership fee for 2014
ISD Reunion in Denver at the American Academy of Dermatology

Dr. Rafael Falabella received the ILDS Certificate of Appreciation from Dr. Jean Bologna.

ILDS Board member Dr. Jean Bologna (second from right) – representing ILDS President Dr. Wolfram Sterry – hands Dr. Rafael Falabella (center) his ILDS Certificate of Appreciation with his wife (second from left), two children (both dermatologists), and Dr. Evangeline Handog (right) proudly looking on.

Dr. Evangeline Handog is surprised with the Maria Duran Medal. From left to right: (current and former members of the Maria Duran Committee) Drs. Nino Benedetto, Suzanne Olbricht, Jean Bologna, Tania Cestari, Esperanza Welsh, Mercedes Flores-White (co-chair, Maria Duran Committee), Evangeline Handog, Marcia Ramos-e-Silva, Dedee Murrell, and Rokea El Azhary. Not pictured: Dr. Antonella Tosti (chair, Maria Duran Committee)

Two Maria Duran Fellows were announced and received the coveted scholarships at the ISD Reception: Usha Khemani (India) and Omotoyosi Ilesanmi (Nigeria). Khemani will deliver the presentation “UVA1 Phototherapy (340-400nm) in the Treatment of Early Stage Mycosis Fungoides: Evaluation of Clinical and Histopathological Changes” and Ilesanmi will deliver the presentation “The Pattern and Frequency of Surgically Biopsied Benign Cutaneous Melanocytic Lesions in a Tropical Country: A Retrospective 5 Year Study” at the 4th Continental Congress of Dermatology (CCD) in Manila, Philippines, in November 2014. For more information on the Maria Duran awards, visit the ISD website at http://www.intsocderm.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3288.

ISD Executive Director Cindy Froehlich and ISD Treasurer Dr. George Reizner manning the ISD booth.

Adrian Pierini announcing the ICD 2017 with ISD President Evangeline Handog.
George Reizner (center) with the Dowlatis

From left to right: Wilma Bergfeld, Lyn Drake, and Nellie Konnikov

Jeff Callen, Elise Olsen, Mark D. Kauffman, Rekha Sheth, Ken Tomecki, and Dedee Murrell

From left to right: Dedee Murrell, Frederic Caux, and Elvira Chireitescu

ISD members enjoy camaraderie at the evening’s festivities
The ISD proudly recognizes members who are accomplishing great things and fulfilling the mission of the ISD. Congratulations to all! Here's a sampling of a few recent notables:

**Dr. Jorge Ocampo-Candiani** (Mexico) and ISD President Dr. Evangeline Handog (Philippines) were elected to join the American Dermatological Association (ADA) as international honorary members.

**Prof. Thomas Ruzicka** (Germany), ISD Membership Committee Chair, was presented an ILDS Certificate of Appreciation at the EADV President’s Dinner in Istanbul by ILDS President Prof. Wolfram Sterry (Germany). He was nominated by the EADV.

**Prof. Dedee Murrell** (Australia), ISD Communications Committee Chair, was presented an ILDS Certificate of Appreciation at the ILDS reception during the 2014 AAD annual meeting in Denver. She was nominated by the WDS.

Dr. Deepak Parikh (India) is the newly elected President of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists, and Leprologists (IADVL).

Dr. Rashmi Sarkar (India) is now Secretary General of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists, and Leprologists (IADVL). She is co-chair of the ISD Mentorship Committee.

**Dr. Aisha Sethi** (US), immediate past editor of the *ISD Connection*, was featured in a Voice of America radio interview with Nobel Peace Prize winner and former US President Jimmy Carter on the Carter Center’s program on guinea worm river blindness. The following is a link to the interview: [http://www.voanews.com/content/carter-center-marks-progress-in-fight-against-guinea-worm-river-blindness/1886898.html](http://www.voanews.com/content/carter-center-marks-progress-in-fight-against-guinea-worm-river-blindness/1886898.html)

Dr. Nellie Konnikov (US), ISD Secretary-General, succeeded Dr. Jean Bolognia as Chair of the International Affairs Committee of the AAD. Many ISD members are also on this committee.

**Prof. Dedee Murrell** (Australia) is Chair of the World Congress Task Force of the AAD. Together, they co-hosted the AAD scholarship dinner.
ISD Members Making a Difference

**Dr. Nejib Doss, Tunisia.** Dr. Doss has lectured at several Arabic speaking countries which are in need of dermatology and dermatology education, including Palestine and the first meeting of the Mauritanian Society of Dermatology (March 29, 2014). There are no more than 15 dermatologists in Mauritania, but many students and general practitioners attended the meeting. The scientific program focused on infectious diseases, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis and genodermatoses. It was an opportunity to introduce the International Society of Dermatology and to encourage the attendees to join it.

**Dr. Mohamed Al-Kamel, Yemen.** Dr. Al-Kamel has established several centers for the diagnosis and eradication of leishmaniasis in Yemen. Together with the ISD executive members for 2013, ISD successfully lobbied GSK to provide a compassionate supply of $10,000 worth of pentostam to these centers. For this project, ILDS has considerately awarded him a grant, supported by the ISD, for an ELISA machine.

**Dr. Yahya Dowlati, Tehran.** Dr. Dowlati continues to provide educational opportunities for the dermatology trainees and patients in Iran, owing to the difficulties they have to travel to some overseas meetings. In 2013, he invited ISD Executive Committee member Professor Dedee Murrell to visit the Center for Research and Training in Skin Diseases and Leprosy, the Razi Hospital, as well as the University of Shiraz, where she gave lectures on pemphigus and epidermolysis bullosa and saw patients with his team and that of Prof. Cheyda Chams Davatchi. This year he is hosting another congress in October 2014 in Tehran.
Don’t Miss the ISD Sister Society Meeting at the EADV!

International Society of Dermatology
Sister Society Symposium SS09
EADV Amsterdam
Wednesday, October 8, 2014
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Room: E106
Chair: Darius Mehregan, USA

9:00: Breakfast with the speakers
9:30: Membership communication: Nellie Konnikov, Boston, USA
9:35: Darius Mehregan, USA: Introduction of meeting
9:40: Bahar Dasgeb, New York, USA: Imaging in Dermatology
9:55: Shyam Verma, India: Clinical Surprises of 2014 from a Private Practice in India
10:10: Stanislav Tolkachjov, USA: Pyoderma Gangrenosum: New insights into variants
10:25: Michael Camilleri, USA: Autoimmune Blistering Diseases of the Skin, What’s new?
10:40: Julia Lehman, USA: Autoimmune Bullous Diseases - Challenging Cases
10:55: Valeria Aoki, Brazil: Autoimmune blistering diseases as models of epitope spreading
11:10: Luiz Castro, Brazil: New uses for MAL PDT: photodiagnosis, photo-follow up and photo-delimitation of surgical margins
11:25: Oliverio Welsh, Mexico: Mycetoma, Challenging Cases
11:40: Esperanza Welsh, Mexico: Treatment of Wounds Using Cryopreserved Allogeneic Epidermal Grafts
11:55: Mark Cappel, USA: Clinicopathological Challenge: Best of the IJD
12:10: Abdel Kader El Tal, Beirut, Lebanon: Pearls in the pre-operative assessment and anesthesia: Enhancing patients’ experiences
12:25: Mazen Kurban, Beirut, Lebanon: Update on Genodermatoses
12:45: Vinod Sharma, India: Pigmentary and Environmental Disorders Affecting the Skin
1:00: Conclusion

REVISED ISD MEMBERSHIP FEES

The e-membership rate of US $45 per year starting in 2015 is only for members living in Band 1 and 2 countries as determined by the WHO and World Bank. These countries are as follows:

**Band 1**
- Afghanistan
- Angola
- Bangladesh
- Benin
- Bhutan
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Cabo Verde
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Comoros
- Congo
- Côte d’Ivoire
- Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Djibouti
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Iraq
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Kyrgyzstan
- Lao People’s Democratic Republic
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Papua New Guinea
- Rwanda
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Samoa
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Solomon Islands
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Swaziland
- Tajikistan
- Timor-Leste
- Togo
- Tokelau
- Tuvalu
- Uganda
- United Republic of Tanzania
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Viet Nam
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

**Band 2**
- Albania
- Algeria
- Armenia
- Belize
- Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Botswana
- Cook Islands
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Fiji
- Gabon
- Georgia
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kosovo (in accordance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999))
- Maldives
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius
- Micronesia (Federated States of)
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Nauru
- Niue
- Palau
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Republic of Moldova
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Seychelles
- Sri Lanka
- Suriname
- Syrian Arab Republic
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Tonga
- Tunisia
- Turkmenistan
- Ukraine
- West Bank and Gaza Strip

Updated list can be found at [http://www.who.int/hinari/eligibility/en/](http://www.who.int/hinari/eligibility/en/)
ISD Mentorship Program Opens Doors Beyond A Typical Learning Experience

From the moment ISD mentorship awardee Dr. Mary Thomas of India arrived in Boston on a crisp October evening with the brilliant colours of fall foliage at their peak, she knew this experience would be a journey to remember.

Noticing that there was a limited number of dermatologists in India trained in cutaneous malignancies, Dr. Thomas picked Dr. Nellie Konnikov’s program with the hope of learning more about this field in which she had only very limited experience. Spending her first week shadowing Dr. Konnikov, Dr. Thomas observed how her mentor evaluated patients with various conditions from pre-cancerous lesions to frank malignancies and listened carefully as she explained the rationale behind the chosen therapy. In addition, Dr. Thomas had the opportunity to learn more about Mohs surgery and was impressed by photodynamic therapy (PDT).

Under the mentorship and guidance of Dr. Konnikov, Dr. Thomas had the unique opportunity to discuss patients and work side-by-side with dermatology residents from all three programs in Boston – Boston University, Tufts, and Harvard – and enjoyed enriching discussions during grand rounds at Boston University and Tufts. She also attended the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Academy of Dermatology where Dr. Konnikov introduced her to Dr. Sam Moschella, whose book she diligently read when she was a post-graduate student, and had the privilege of talking to him at the meeting. She also had the chance to attend the clinical meeting of the New England Dermatological Society where she observed a wide range of uncommon, challenging and instructive cases.

During this extraordinary learning experience, Dr. Thomas learned, observed, participated, made lasting friendships, and even witnessed the Boston Red Sox win the World Series! She is grateful to the ISD and to her mentor, Dr. Konnikov, for providing this enriching mentorship experience.

“This program gives young enthusiastic dermatologists like me a platform to interact with and learn from experts of our choice, across the globe and be moulded by them to become better researchers and better doctors. I encourage more young people to apply for this program.”
– Dr. Mary Thomas

“Mentorship is more than just teaching. It’s about building professional relationships across the globe.”
– Dr. Nellie Konnikov

The next deadline for ISD Mentorship grant applications is October 15, 2014, for funding the following year. Interested dermatologists can access applications via the ISD website at the following link http://www.intsocderm.org/i4a/forms/form.cfm?id=17&pageid=3325&showTitle=1.

Mentees should come from a country listed by the world bank as in need and can receive up to $3000 towards expenses of training with an ISD mentor.

IJD Launches Facebook Page

Intrigued by case studies? Then visit the International Journal of Dermatology’s Facebook page for a recent case study on Acne, Isotretinoin and Depression posted on June 5. Go to https://www.facebook.com/InternationalJournalOfDermatology/posts/323053247850841 to make your comments and join the discussion.
2014-2015 Meetings Calendar

October 2014
Wednesday, October 8 – Monday, October 12, 2014
23rd European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) Annual Meeting
Amsterdam, Netherlands

Wednesday, October 8, 2014
ISD Sister Society Symposium
EADV Annual Meeting
Amsterdam, Netherlands

Friday, October 17 – Saturday, October 18, 2014
1st International Conference in Photodermatology and Skin Cancer
Georgian Association of Photodermatology & Skin Cancer
Tbilisi, Georgia
www.photoderm.org

Wednesday, October 29 – Friday, October 31, 2014
International Congress of Dermatology, Cosmetic and Laser Center for Research & Training in Skin Diseases & Leprosy
Tehran University of Medical Sciences
Tehran, Iran
http://crtsdl.tums.ac.ir

November 2014
Tuesday, November 4 – Friday, November 7, 2014
4th Continental Congress of Dermatology & 37th Annual Convention of the Philippine Dermatological Society
EDSA Shangri-La Hotel
Mandaluyong City, Philippines
www.ccd2014.com

March 2015
Monday, March 23, 2015
ISD Reception at the AAD
San Francisco, CA USA

June 2015
Monday, June 8, 2015
ISD Sister Society Meeting
23rd World Congress of Dermatology (ILDS)
Vancouver, BC Canada

July/August 2015
Tuesday, July 28 – Saturday, August 1, 2015
4th International Summer Academy of Dermatology*
Munich, Germany
*ISD Exhibit Only
http://www.isa2015.com

Save the Date!
April 18-22, 2017
XII International Congress of Dermatology
Sheraton Hotel & Convention Center
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Contact: icdbue2017@anajuan.com
For more information: http://icdbue2017.com.ar/

ISD Submission Deadlines
Global Education Awards for the 4th CCD – Deadline: July 31, 2014
ISD Mentoring Grant Application – Deadline: October 15, 2014
Maria Duran Fellowship – Deadline: January 15, 2015

Australia to Host ISD’s 2021 International Congress of Dermatology (ICD)

The ISD proudly announces that the 2021 International Congress of Dermatology will be held in Melbourne, Australia, the first time ever in the history of ISD. This Congress will follow the 2017 International Congress of Dermatology to be held in April 2017 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Longtime ISD Executive Committee member Prof. Dedee Murrell, who is currently serving as Chair of the Communications Committee, spent more than a year researching different conference venues and meeting with conference organizers throughout Australia to determine the best provider for the congress.

Prof. Murrell and Mr. Rodney Sheaves of the Australasian College of Dermatologists presented Australia’s bid to host the XIII ICD at the recently concluded XI ICD in New Delhi, India. The ISD Board of Directors, Executive Committee and General membership unanimously and enthusiastically approved the successful bid.

The XIII ICD will be held from November 8 - 14, 2021, at the Melbourne Convention Centre in Melbourne. Prof. Dedee Murrell of Sydney will serve as the Congress President and Prof. Rodney Sinclair of Melbourne as the Congress Secretary-General.
4th Annual Meeting of the Euro-Asian Association of Dermatovenereologists (EAAD) Draws Dermatologists from Around the Globe

Professor Arieh Ingber, President of the recently concluded EAAD 4th Annual Meeting, held last April 9-11, 2014, at the International Conference Center in Jerusalem, Israel, was elated to report that the conference was very successful, attended by about 500 dermatologists – half from Israel and half from 19 other countries. Seventeen lectures were given by leading dermatologists from Europe, the United States and Canada. Each day during the three days of the conference, parallel sessions were held on many topics, including: contact dermatitis, pediatric dermatology, genetics, lymphomas, tropical diseases, lasers in dermatology and dermatological surgery, among others. An intensive course on dermoscopy was also conducted by the best experts in this field. Participation of 40 pharmaceutical companies added to the success of the conference exhibit. Social events included a cocktail party, gala dinner and pre- and post-tours in Jerusalem, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea and all over Israel as well.

ISD Regional Meeting in Cali, Colombia, Honors Legacy of Maria Duran

From May 30 to June 1, 2014, an ISD regional meeting, entitled 90 Curso de Actualización en Dermatología “María M Durán”, was held in Cali, Colombia, and ISD Executive Vice President Dr. Jean Bolognia reported on the exciting program. Maria Duran was a longstanding Secretary-General of the ISD after whom various awards were named. The faculty included Drs. Henry Lim, Caroline LePoole, Lawrence Eichenfield and Jean Bologna from the United States, as well as Dr. Reynaldo Arosemena from Panama. The topics varied from pediatric dermatology to the pathophysiology of vitiligo, with the latter disease representing a long-time interest of Dr. Raphael Falabella, the Director General of the meeting. He was assisted in the organization of this successful meeting by Drs. Maria Isabel Barona and Jairo Victoria. In addition to the lectures, one morning was dedicated to examining challenging patients, either diagnostically or therapeutically, followed by a spirited discussion.
ISD Committee Members Devoted to Serving, Improving Society for All

Behind the scenes of the ISD, a group of highly dedicated members are working hard to ensure the programs and educational activities of the Society are running smoothly and servicing members and the greater dermatologic community. Each member brings something valuable to the table, and the ISD is a better Society for their collective efforts throughout the year.

The following are the newly appointed ISD Committees that will serve from 2013-2017:

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