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## ISD Member Launches Leishmaniasis Treatment Center in Yemen



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to report that the forecast is excellent for the upcoming XI International Congress of Dermatology (December 4-7, 2013) in New Delhi, India. Congress President Dr. Vinod Sharma and Congress Secretary-General Dr. Rajeev Sharma updated us that over 2,500 people have registered as of May 1 and anticipate many more to come. Our speakers include internationally renowned researchers and clinicians, and we look forward to learning from our Indian colleagues.

If you have not yet registered for the Congress, please go to [www.icddelhi2013.com](http://www.icddelhi2013.com) for the latest information and the registration forms.

One of the highlights of the 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 – Aldo Castellani and Frederick Reiss – for outstanding contributions to international dermatology.

It is my honor to announce that the Castellani-Reiss Medal and Award will be given to Dr. Terence Ryan (UK) for his tireless work to provide underserved populations with



appropriate solutions for healthy skin. His service to the International Society of Dermatology includes serving as ISD President, Honorary President and in his “retirement” as Chair of the ISD’s Skin Care for All: Community Dermatology Task Force. He is known for advocating relentlessly on behalf of underserved populations worldwide to receive skin care for all.



Dr. Terence Ryan

The award will be presented at the Opening Ceremony of the Congress, and I hope many of you can join us there to honor Dr. Ryan for his significant contributions to international dermatology.

Sincerely,

Francisco “Pancho” Kerdel, MD  
ISD President

## Don't Miss the ISD Sister Society Meeting at the EADV!

*“Bridging East and West”*

**Wednesday, October 2, 2013**

**Room:** Emirgan 1

**Session Code:** SS03

### Program Director:

George Reizner, MD (US) and Shyam Verma, MD (India)

**Meeting Purpose:** Turkey bridges Asia and Europe and has served as the crossroad for civilizations, commerce and disease. This session will explore the historical and current diseases specific to the region with emphasis on Istanbul being an “international” city both now and in the past in relation to skin diseases.

The session will take the lessons from the region and apply them to current issues of dealing with migratory populations and the treatment of skin disease. Dr. Aldo Morrone will discuss “Guidelines on the role of skin care in the management of mobile populations” as developed by the ISD Community Dermatology Task Force. In addition, examples of outreach projects by dermatologists to address regional skin disease and underserved populations will be presented.

9:00 – 10:00 AM **Coffee: Meet and Greet**

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|----------|--|
| 10:00 AM | ISD Program Overview<br><i>Evangeline Handog, MD / ISD Secretary-General</i>                                     |
|          | International Congress of Dermatology Update<br><i>Vinod Sharma, MD / ICD President</i>                          |
| 10:15 AM | Mentorship / Testimonials<br><i>Martin Kassir, MD – moderator</i><br><i>Mohamed Ahmed Al-Kamel, MD - speaker</i> |

### Turkey Bridging East and West: Past and Current Issues in the Region

Topics/Speakers Include:

Distribution of ancient diseases along trading routes  
*Mohamed Ahmed Al-Kamel, MD (Yemen)*

Porphyria Cutanea Tarda (PCT) vs. Porphyria Turcica  
*George Reizner, MD (US)*

A Regional Update on Leishmaniasis  
*Alireza Firooz, MD (Iran)*

Guidelines on the role of skin care in the management of mobile populations  
*Aldo Morrone, MD (Italy)*

Regional Leishmaniasis Control Center (RLCC) Yemen  
*Mohamed Ahmed Al-Kamel, MD (Yemen)*

**FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

**THE WORLD SKIN HEALTH DAY**

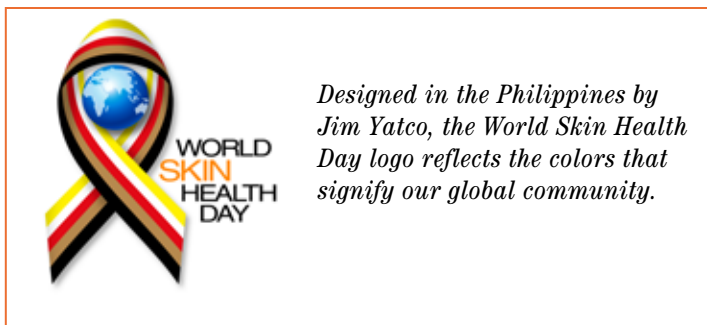
The Global Community Dermatology Day, which was later named **The World Skin Health Day (WSHD)**, was conceptualized and proposed in Berlin in 2012 by the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) as a collaborative project with the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS).



Our anticipated goals are to conduct volunteer dermatological missions and/or to educate the underserved sectors of all countries worldwide. We hope to bring skin health to those who have the greatest needs, and we envision bringing to all communities unconditional services and empowerment. Examples are dermatological missions among poor communities in developing countries and immigrants in developed countries who cannot afford consultations and medications, as well as dermatological education information dissemination through the media and internet. Lecture modules could include topics on head lice, scabies, sun protection, cancer detection, leprosy screening, skin care and many more. Issues and information on general health could also be emphasized.

Participants would be all the member societies of ILDS. Doing this would strengthen and recognize the importance of skin ailments in the life of our local societies. As Prof. Rod Hay, member of the WSHD steering committee, says, "Global Skin Health Day is a means of drawing attention to the importance of skin health in everyone's lives".

The dates of the WSHD will vary from nation to nation. More than 30 international member societies have already responded with the details of their intended day that they will label "World Skin Health Day". We hope that all our ISD members will consider participating in this important project. It is about time we are united in the desire to improve the skin well-being of our patients and the communities in which they live.



Register now to include the day you are holding your **WORLD SKIN HEALTH DAY** in 2013. With service and compassionate care for the underserved sector of society, local community dermatology could make a global impact. E-mail us at [info@intsocderm.org](mailto:info@intsocderm.org).

*Mabuhay!*

*Evangelina B. Handog*

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

**XI International Congress of Dermatology & 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of IADVL**  
December 4-7, 2013  
Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi, India  
Theme: SKINDIA - A Global Palette of Dermatology  
"Confirmed participation of more than 120 International Speakers"  
[www.icddelhi2013.com](http://www.icddelhi2013.com)

DATES TO REMEMBER			
Abstract for posters XI ICD	July 31, 2013		
IADVL Awards/Oration for DERMACON	July 15, 2013		
Early Registration	May 1 to July 31, 2013		
Late Registration	August 1 to October 31, 2013		
Onsite Registration	November 1, 2013 onwards		

INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION FEE (USD)			
Registration Category	Early 1 <sup>st</sup> May-31 <sup>st</sup> July 2013	Late 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug-31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2013	Onsite from 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2013 onwards
ISD <sup>*</sup> Member	\$ 400	\$ 450	\$ 550
Nonmember	\$ 550	\$ 650	\$ 700
Student/Nurses	\$ 200	\$ 220	\$ 250
Accompanying Person	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 200
Corporate	\$ 650	\$ 700	\$ 750
Presidential Dinner	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 120

COURSES REGISTRATION FEE (USD)				
Date	Course	Early	Late	Onsite
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2013	COURSE 1. Lasers In Dermatology	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 100
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2013	COURSE 2. Aesthetic Dermatology	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 100
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2013	COURSE 3. Dermatopathology	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 100
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2013	COURSE 4. Dermatoscopy	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 100

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FEE (USD)				
Date	Workshop	Early	Late	Onsite
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2013	WS 8 Dermatologic Surgery	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 100
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2013	WS 11 Surgery In Vitiligo	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 100

\*12.36% service tax would be applicable on registration fee.  
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## XI International Congress of Dermatology

Dear Friends,

Welcome to XI International Congress of Dermatology December 4-7, 2013, at Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi, along with the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Conference of Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (42<sup>nd</sup> DERMACON). We have already registered more than 2,500 delegates from India and abroad. Please register at the earliest to avoid last-minute increased fees.



We are expecting a galaxy of star plenary speakers, including:

ANIL ABRAHAM (India)      PROF. YOSHIKI MIYACHI (Japan)  
PROF. ARNOLD P ORANJE (Netherlands)      JAMES T ELDER (USA)  
JORGE OCAMPO CANDIANI (Mexico)      AMIT PANDYA (USA)  
SUSAN TAYLOR (USA)      SINESIO TALHARI (Brazil)  
CAROLA BERKING (Germany)      XUEJUN ZHANG (China)  
ANGELIKA STARY (Austria)      ELI SPRECHER (Israel)  
PRAVIT ASAWANONDA (Thailand)



We are organizing International Sister Society meetings on December 4, 2013; please join at the earliest before it is closed on July 31, 2013. We are extending the poster submission deadline for XI ICD to July 31, 2013, to allow more members to participate.



The **key highlights** of the December 5 Plenary speakers are as follows:

Speaker	Session name
<b>PROF. ARNOLD P. ORANJE</b> , Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam, Netherlands	PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY
<b>JORGE OCAMPO CANDIANI</b> , Chairman, Dermatology Department, University of Nuevo León, México	DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY
<b>JAMES T. ELDER</b> , Professor of Dermatology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States	GENETICS AND SKIN

You are also welcome to participate in the 42nd DERMACON sessions on December 4 and 5, 2013, without any extra cost. All sessions will be in English.

At the time of the conference, temperatures in Delhi will range between 15-20° C (59-68° F). Light woolen clothes are recommended. Enjoy shopping and dining in New Delhi. There is large variety of Indian cosmetics, Bindis, jewelry, bags, and dresses, including sarees available in different price ranges. Visit Delhi with an open mind... you will surely enjoy the unique experience!

Looking forward to your participation,

Vinod K Sharma

Congress President



## INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION FEES (USD)

12.36% Service tax extra on all fees

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Corporate Member	\$650	\$700	\$750
Presidential Dinner	\$100	\$100	\$120

## WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FEES

Fees in USD

Category	Early until 31st July 2013	Late until 31st October 2013	Onsite from 1st November 2013 onwards
<b>6<sup>th</sup> December 2013</b>			
WS 6 Dermatologic Surgery	\$50	\$75	\$100
WS 11 Surgery In Vitiligo	\$50	\$75	\$100

## COURSE REGISTRATION FEES

Fees in USD

Category	Early until 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2013	Late until 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2013	Onsite from 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2013 onwards
<b>5<sup>th</sup> December 2013</b>			
COURSE 1. Laser In Dermatology	\$50	\$75	\$100
<b>6<sup>th</sup> December 2013</b>			
COURSE 2. Aesthetic Dermatology	\$50	\$75	\$100
COURSE 3. Dermato-pathology	\$50	\$75	\$100
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December 2013</b>			
COURSE 4. Dermatoscopy	\$50	\$75	\$100

## ISD Reunion Salutes All Things Bollywood at AAD 2013 Annual Meeting in Miami Beach

In anticipation of the XI ICD taking place December 4-7, 2013, in India, the annual ISD reunion featured a festive Bollywood-themed reception as fun and colorful as the sights and sounds to behold in the meeting's host country. More than 200 ISD members gathered in sunny Miami Beach at the Miami Beach Botanical Gardens to partake in good food, drinks, traditional Indian music and dancing, camaraderie with friends, and to share their excitement for the upcoming XI ICD.

ISD President Dr. Francisco "Pancho" Kerdel (US) and ISD Secretary-General Dr. Evangeline Handog (Philippines) shared ISD highlights from 2012 and upcoming ISD events. ICD President Dr. Vinod Sharma (India) updated members on the educational offerings and social activities available at the XI ICD, as well as important travel tips. He encouraged all members to attend this world-class meeting and to check the meeting website ([www.icddelhi2013.com](http://www.icddelhi2013.com)) regularly for new updates.

A special part of the evening's festivities was the honoring of ISD member Dr. Vincent Cipollaro (US), who was awarded a special Certificate of Appreciation by the International League of Dermatology Societies (ILDS). Dr. Cipollaro received this prestigious award from ILDS President Dr. Wolfram Sterry.

The evening would not have been complete without the excitement generated from the ISD's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual raffle! Proceeds donated from pledge cards will be used to fund scholarships for young dermatologists to attend the XI ICD.

Next year's AAD Annual Meeting will be in Denver, Colorado, in March 2014, so plan to attend the next annual ISD reception. It's sure to be another not-to-be-missed gathering of ISD friends from all corners of the world!



**Dermatology residents and consultants from the Philippines perform a traditional Indian dance.**



**ISD Executive Vice President Dr. Dedee Murrell (Australia) shines at the ISD reception.**



**From left to right: Dr. Vangee Handog, Dr. Jean Bologna and Dr. George Reizner introduce the evening's lively entertainment.**



**A sitarist entertains guests to the sounds of Indian music.**



**ISD Board of Directors.**



**From left to right:  
Isabella Kerdel,  
Dr. Francisco  
Kerdel,  
Dr. Vangee  
Handog and  
Dr. Dedee Murrell.**

**Dr. Fabio Barbosa  
and Dr. Vangee  
Handog.**



**Dr. Wolfram Sterry (left) presents the ILDS Certificate of Appreciation award to Dr. Vincent Cipollaro (right).**



**Guests enjoy the festive and lush atmosphere of the Miami Beach Botanic Gardens.**



**From left to right: Dr. Oscar Colegio (US), Dr. Manish Shah (India), Dr. Aisha Sethi (US), Dr. Rossitza Lazova (US), and Dr. Kenneth Robinson, DMD (US).**



**ISD members were all smiles spending time with their colleagues.**



**Dr. Vinod Sharma shows his enthusiasm for the upcoming XI ICD in India.**



## ISD Member Leads Crusade in Fight Against Neglected Leishmaniasis in Yemen

### **An interview with Mohamed A. Al-Kamel, M.D., Director, Regional Leishmaniasis Control Center (RLCC, Yemen)**

For ISD member Dr. Mohamed Al-Kamel, the Regional Leishmaniasis Control Center (RLCC) he founded in Yemen started as a dream that eventually became a reality and a testament to the power of collaboration. The RLCC already launched the ongoing National Program to Combat Leishmaniasis through six campaigns. Here, Dr. Al-Kamel describes his ambitious project and what he hopes to accomplish for those suffering from leishmaniasis.

### **What is the prevalence of leishmaniasis in Yemen?**

Leishmaniasis, or what is called the Mountain Leprosy, is a seriously neglected and hidden endemic disease in the mountains and coasts of Yemen. Until today, the true prevalence and incidence of the disease in Yemen and the disease burden are still underestimated due to many factors. Absence of national active case detection and reporting systems, scarcity of epidemiological research carried out on leishmaniasis in Yemen, political instability, socio-economic disasters, ignorance, poverty, weak health infrastructure, complex geographical nature of Yemen, population topography and climate changes are among these factors.

### **How did you become interested in dermatology and the study of leishmania specifically?**

Upon returning to my home country, Yemen, from my study mission at Ain Shams University in Cairo in September 2002, I noticed that there was a huge disconnection in the knowledge of dermatology and dermatological diseases between physicians and patients in Yemen. The specialty of dermatology was neglected in Yemen, and the patients were not seeking a dermatologist to treat their skin. Only a few physicians were treating skin conditions in the whole country of 23 million people, and I was one of five in the capital city of Sana'a.

So, I decided to start my mission to help people suffering from skin problems, especially the neglected ones, with scientific and modern lines of management. I started my dermatology practice through four clinics – the first one in Sana'a University Hospital, the second one in a humanitarian voluntary hospital in Sana'a, the third one is my private clinic in Sana'a, and the fourth one in a rural clinic in the Radaa district of Al-Baidhaa Governorate in Yemen (considered the most endemic area of leishmaniasis in Yemen).

In my Radaa clinic I was the only dermatologist in the central area of Yemen, welcoming tens of leishmaniasis cases seeking diagnosis and treatment weekly. They come from the surrounding districts, and most of them are poor children, infants, and women from families working in Khat (stimulant herbal) agriculture and exposed daily to the bites of the sandfly.

I was suffering because of my leishmaniasis patients who would complain about their dire need for help. So, I thought it was best to update my knowledge and provide them with the best care. In 2009 I was awarded the ISD mentorship scholarship in dermatology and dermatologic surgery under mentorship of Prof. Dr. Yahya Dowlati. I also attended and presented many research papers about leishmaniasis and other skin diseases in various meetings internationally.

### **Please describe the efforts of the Regional Leishmaniasis Control Center, RLCC, in Sana'a. How was it established?**

During my 10 years in dermatology practice, I realized the imperative need for a specialized referral center to evoke an effective surveillance program, map the epidemiology of this hidden disease, control this disease and provide the community with education, diagnosis and treatment options. At the time of my ISD fellowship/mentorship practice in Tehran and Prague under supervision of my mentors, Dr. Yahya Dowlati and Dr. Jana Hercogova, respectively, the idea of the RLCC started to grow day by day as a first Community Dermatology Skincare project in Yemen. The project idea was supported by all community sectors, my mentors, colleagues, the AAD and the ISD Community Dermatology Task Force – specifically Dr. Luitgard Wiest. It was during her assessment visit to Yemen in December 2012 that she revised the project proposal many times and made a great contribution to this project.

My RLCC project became a reality in March 2013, thanks to an approval and start-up grant from the American Academy of Dermatology Education and Volunteers Abroad Committee and with my own financial contribution. Now, we have the main office in Sana'a, a branch office in Radaa (central area) and soon we will open a branch office in Hajja (northern area). The main office currently hosts 28 volunteers and includes essential needs to operate, executive offices, laboratory, drug store and education and meetings room.

### **What treatments are available to leishmaniasis patients at your center?**

Currently, RLCC freely provides case registration, documentation and follow up, and basic options of diagnosis and lesion removal by electrocautery and cryotherapy. The center also offers pentavalent antimonial compounds for disseminated, mucocutaneous and visceral leishmaniasis. Unfortunately, we only have a small amount of Pentostam vials (30ml Sodium Stibogluconate), which I bought at my own expense, to be provided to the poor patients. These injections are rare in the market and are very expensive, making them too costly for most patients.





The ultimate goal of the RLCC is the surveillance and control of cutaneous and mucocutaneous leishmaniasis in Yemen and the surrounding regions through:

- Integrating leishmaniasis diagnostic and management educational programs for physicians, technicians and health workers and training them how to carry out early detection of cases and to enable them to transfer/refer patients with leishmaniasis to our clinics.
- Increasing education and community awareness about the disease and preventive actions.
- Geo-location of the affected population and creating epidemiological profile for it through the RLCC database system.
- Improving the quality of the diagnosis through human and animal leishmaniasis, unraveling the genome of the causative agents through RLCC lab and research unit, and exploring ways to reduce the risk of this disease and improve the treatment strategies.
- Providing patients with free treatment options.

### What are common skin problems seen by dermatologists in Yemen?

The most common skin problems are urticaria and eczema of all types, hyper- and hypo-pigmentation disorders, acne vulgaris, fungal infections, leishmaniasis (cutaneous, mucocutaneous and visceral), warts, psoriasis, scabies, benign skin tumors, and skin cancer.

### How did your ISD Mentorship with Dr. Yahya Dowlati help in this undertaking?

Dr. Dowlati is a great doctor directing a big center for leprosy and skin diseases in Tehran. The center's staff members are experts in leishmaniasis, which is also endemic in Iran. I spent most of my training program in that center, his clinic and the dermatology department of Al Razy Hospital. I presented lectures and joined many meetings, leishmaniasis case presentations and studied a lot with a helpful staff under his kind supervision. Dr. Dowlati and colleagues discussed with me my project against leishmaniasis in Yemen and expressed their interest in cooperating.

### What has been the response to your project from the local community? Do you feel that people are now more aware of how this disease is contracted and its treatment?

Most people told us that it is the first time they heard the word "leishmania", or what is called in some regions in Arabic "Bada'a". They knew the lesions but did not have a unique name for it.

Before this project, no one knew how this disease is contracted or hosted because it was hidden and most patients in the rural areas use hazardous herbal methods or some animals' saliva on the lesions.



Dr. Al-Kamel meets with the Minister of Health in Yemen, ISD member Dr. Luitgard Wiest, and other local officials.

**How can members from the ISD community further help the specialty of dermatology in Yemen?**

The specialty of dermatology in Yemen needs more attention from the ISD and other dermatology communities. Until now, we don't have an approved Dermatological Society and the national and private education institutions still do not offer dermatology degrees in their programs.

ISD members can help by offering postgraduate program scholarships, training community health workers, engaging in our program to combat the endemic skin diseases, supporting other like-minded projects, and planning visits to Yemen to understand the needs.

For more information, visit the RLCC website at [www.RLCCye.org](http://www.RLCCye.org).



**Leishmaniasis patients both old and young visit the clinic for treatment.**



**From left to right: Dr. Luitgard Wiest, Dr. Mohamed Al-Kamel, and Dr. Yahya Dowlati.**



**More patients with leishmaniasis seek treatment from Dr. Al-Kamel.**



**Local children with leishmaniasis seen at the RLCC.**



**Dedicated volunteer staff of the RLCC.**

## Young Dermatologists Hone Valuable New Skills through ISD Mentorship Program

To say that ISD mentorship awardee Dr. Joyce C. Castillo of the Philippines was impressed with her mentorship experience last October with Prof. Thomas Ruzicka, director of the Department of Dermatology and Allergology, Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany, would be an understatement.

The large hospital where she trained offered her the chance to see a multitude of cases in any given day. After starting her typical day with in-patient teaching rounds with Prof. Ruzicka, Dr. Castillo rotated in different subspecialties – venereal diseases (STD), allergology, oncology, laser therapy, phlebology, environmental medicine, phototherapy and cosmetic dermatology – where she was exposed to state-of-the-art standard of care in dermatology.

Following her daily rotations, Dr. Castillo then spent most of the three-month program in the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) clinic where patients are seen under Prof. Ruzicka's supervision. Catching a glimpse of the German healthcare system at work, Dr. Castillo was amazed at how well patients are taken care of as they get the best possible treatment for their condition.

In addition to her world-class learning experience, Prof. Ruzicka and staff members directed Dr. Castillo to the wonderful sights and amazing sounds of beautiful Bavaria, Munich – from museums and parks to concerts and operas.

Dr. Castillo is forever grateful to the ISD, Prof. Ruzicka, STD clinic dermatologists Dr. Miklós Sárdy and Dr. Andreas Dietrich, and the rest of the dermatologists and staff at Ludwig Maximilian University for an unmatched mentorship experience.

*"This was a totally enriching experience and a great learning opportunity that I encourage other young dermatologists to undertake. I now carry with me a deeper understanding, knowledge and skills in dermatology and venereology, which I acquired from one of the best mentors a dermatologist could have in one of the best universities in the world."*

– Dr. Joyce C. Castillo



Prof. Thomas Ruzicka (left) and Dr. Joyce C. Castillo (right).

For ISD mentorship awardees Dr. Vikas Kapoor and Dr. Kanika Sahni of India, their respective four-week mentorships in 2012 with Dr. Martin Kassir in Dallas, Texas, were experiences that both will cherish forever.

Awarded the ISD Category 3 Mentorship Award, which provides a non-funded mentorship experience for those wishing to study non-medical dermatology, Dr. Kapoor and Dr. Sahni were eager to experience the aesthetic side of dermatology and the recent advances in many popular cosmetic procedures, which are generally not part of the teaching curriculum in India

Dr. Kassir demonstrated techniques on the use of botulinum toxin for medical and cosmetic indications, as well as the use of dermal fillers. Both young dermatologists were eager to learn the principles of some of the newer laser treatments for various cutaneous indications and facial rejuvenation. Dr. Sahni noted that she also saw many patients referred to Dr. Kassir for complications secondary to lasers, including post laser burns, hyperpigmentation, hypopigmentation and scars.

Grateful for this rewarding experience, Dr. Kapoor and Dr. Sahni expressed their sincere appreciation to Dr. Kassir and his staff and to ISD International Mentorship Committee member Dr. Rashmi Sarkar, whom they both credit with inspiring them to take part in this opportunity.

*"This learning has enlightened me in the field of aesthetic dermatology and provided me with new diagnostic and therapeutic tools destined for the benefit of my patients."* – Dr. Vikas Kapoor



Dr. Vikas Kapoor (left) and Dr. Martin Kassir (right).

*"Overall, my experience was intellectually stimulating and left me brimming with knowledge on the topics that I intended to learn. I have already started using the knowledge I acquired for the care of patients at our institute."* – Dr. Kanika Sahni



Dr. Kanika Sahni (left) and Dr. Martin Kassir (right).

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Hats off to ISD members who are accomplishing great things. Congratulations to all for helping fulfill the mission of ISD!



**Dr. Dedee Murrell (left) receives her award from Dr. Lisa Garner (right).**

ISD Executive Vice President Dr. Dedee Murrell was named Mentor of the Year by the Women's Dermatological Society. She received her award during the Society's annual meeting in Miami Beach, Fla., in March.



**Dr. Jean Bologna**

ISD Membership Committee Chair Dr. Jean L. Bologna is serving as President-Elect of the American Dermatological Association (ADA) this year.



**Dr. Jana Hercogová**

ISD Communications Committee Chair Jana Hercogová received the "Award of the Best Congress of the Year 2012" from the Mayor of Prague on behalf of the Prague Convention Bureau on April 8, 2013. The awarded congress was the 21st Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) held in Prague September 26-30, 2012, which was attended by 8,500 participants.



**Dr. Mark Lebwohl**

Dr. Mark Lebwohl is now serving as President-Elect of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD).



**Dr. Martin Kassir**

ISD Vice President and Co-Chair of the Mentorship Committee Dr. Martin Kassir was in the news – literally – speaking about the latest trends in cosmetic surgery on the National FOX News network in May. He was able to get the host to give a little plug for ISD in the interview, which can be seen here: <http://video.foxnews.com/v/2421906443001/latest-trends-in-cosmetic-surgery/>



**Dr. Koushik Lahiri**

Dr. Koushik Lahiri (India) was elected President of the Association of Cutaneous Surgeons of India. He will serve as President from 2013-2015.

## 2013 Meetings Calendar

### July 2013

**Sunday, July 21 – Friday, July 26, 2013**

#### **3rd Munich International Summer Academy of Practical Dermatology**

Holiday Inn Munich, Hocstrasse 3, 81669 Munich, Germany

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For more information go to: [www.isa2013.com](http://www.isa2013.com)

### 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

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### October 2013

**Wednesday, October 2, 2013  
9:00 – 13:15**

#### **ISD Sister Society Meeting at the EADV "Bridging East and West"**

EADV Congress Center  
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### December 2013

**Wednesday, December 4 – Saturday, December 7, 2013**

#### **XI International Congress of Dermatology New Delhi, India**

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### Important Dates for the ICD

#### **Registration**

Early Ends	July 31
Late Ends	October 31
Onsite	From November 1 onward

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