ISD Takes Center Stage at AAD

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Dear Colleagues,

The San Diego AAD meeting was a success for the many activities of the ISD. I felt invigorated by the energy of our members and the forward-thinking work of the board and committees. 2017 was an important year with many excellent regional meetings plus our International Congress of Dermatology in Buenos Aires. This year looks equally promising.

Our membership has been at the forefront of multiple global projects. World Skin Health Day (WSHD) is a special idea that gives our Society increased visibility through its partnership with the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS). In my last message, I encouraged members to label their already planned free community dermatology events as a WSHD event. Our goal is to have each continent and every society participate. This will be one of the key topics discussed at the upcoming ILDS summit this June in Vietnam.

This year, we have a record number of regional meetings including two in Africa - Tanzania and South Africa. Other meetings will be in India, Poland, the Philippines and Hawaii. These are in addition to the ISD Continental Congress in Taipei this November. The latter should be a momentous first-ever meeting in Taiwan and I hope many of you will be there. Plus, we just concluded our annual board meeting and reception in San Diego and have an ISD sister society meeting planned for the Paris EADV meeting in September. So, 2018 is shaping up to be full. Please look at our website at www.intsocderm.org and consider joining us at one or more of these events.

We have also moved forward on the future needs and planning of our committees. It is appropriate timing to review what has worked and what needs rethinking. I’ve charged the committee chairs to think outside the box in looking 5-10 years ahead and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee for shaping the future goals and responsibilities. I am also organizing a strategic planning session as part of our next AAD meeting in Washington, D.C. Stay tuned for more information.

Lastly, a Young Dermatologist Task Force will be formed this year with the goal of recruiting and integrating our newest and youngest members into the Society’s mainstream. We have already involved a number of young physicians in our committees and wish to build upon this success. The assignment of the task force is to help identify opportunities to involve our newest members, to give them a voice and to demonstrate our Society is looking to the future.

So, my fellow members, we have much work ahead and many interesting and important chapters to write. I thank you for being part of this adventure together. We are strong because of our global reach and are positioned to be an even greater Society.

Thank you,

George Reizner, MD
President, International Society of Dermatology
FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I was delighted to see so many of our fellow members at the 2018 AAD Annual Meeting as they attended scientific sessions, social gatherings, ISD committee meetings, the Board meetings, and our best-ever-attended ISD evening reception. Members of the ISD Board, VPs, and Chairs and Co-chairs of our various committees put forth a wide range of new ideas and thought-provoking suggestions that resulted in brainstorming and discussion; we identified administrative needs and objectives that would help identify and reinforce the stated goals of our Society.

So, on this note, I would like to underscore the importance of one of the most essential ISD committees, responsible for the newly enhanced Mentorship Program. The Chair of the Mentorship Committee, Dr. Martin Kassir, and Co-chair, Dr. Rashmi Sarkar, have reviewed and brought to our attention many suggestions for streamlining the application process and improving implementation of this vital program. As you well know, the program is based on having a cadre of mentors who are willing and able to accept young dermatologists from low-income countries. These ISD mentors focus on increasing the mentees’ knowledge, teaching them specific skills needed to enhance their practice, and developing them into future instructors and thought leaders.

To sustain this vital program, I would like to ask you to join me and become a mentor. Experience for yourself the joy and fulfillment that comes from sharing your expertise with these young, motivated dermatologists. After all, we, the mentors -- people who have “been there” and “done that” -- serve as trusted advisers and role models to young people. That, by itself, keeps us young!

For a glimpse into the impact of the ISD Mentorship Program, please go to page 10 of the newsletter where you will find reports of two young mentorship awardees who travelled great distances to participate in invaluable training programs that enhanced their skills and future practice of dermatology. We salute our members who serve as mentors to the bright young minds who are the future of our specialty. Every four years, the leadership of the ISD presents a special award entitled “Mentor of the Year”. The first recipient in 2013 was Prof. Yahya Dowlati, and the 2017 recipient was Prof. Thomas Ruzicka. Both were recognized for their dedication to the Mentorship Program and global education. Well deserved honors indeed!

Henceforth, we’re starting to include a new column in the newsletter called “Committee Updates” where we highlight the activities of our various ISD committees. In this issue, the Communications Committee under the leadership of Dr. Jean Bolognia is featured on page 12. You will also find in our newsletter information and updates on upcoming regional and international meetings, in addition to recognizing familiar faces of your friends and colleagues.

I am personally inviting all of you to come to the EADV Annual Congress 2018. I assure you that the ISD morning session on Wednesday, September 12, will fascinate everyone with the range of dermatological challenges from around the world and empower you to address them in your local communities. Below is a preview of the schedule for this meeting featuring fascinating presentations on tropical dermatology and the best of the IJD.

So, my friends, I am looking forward to seeing many of you with your loved ones in Paris, where else if not in the city of love, at the EADV meeting.

With my sincere regards,

Nellie Konnikov, MD
ISD Secretary-General

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ISD Session at EADV Paris
Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Palais de Congress de Paris
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Room 241

Topic: Tropical Dermatology

9:00 Dr. Steve Walker, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Leprosy in the age of biologic therapy: coming to a clinic near you

9:20 Dr. Federica Dassoni, Consultant Dermatologist, Italy
Cutaneous Leishmaniasis: clinical diversity, diagnosis and treatment

9:40 Dr. Olivier Chosidow, Paris, France
Scabies: increasing problem

10:00 Dr. Valeska Padowese, Malta
Trends in Imported Skin Disease: An update on dermatology and the migration crisis

10:20 Dr. Andreas Montag, Germany
Aquatic dermatology

10:45 Break

11:00 Dr. Colette Van Hees, Netherlands
Improving access to dermatology knowledge – development of a simple skin app to assist health workers in resource poor settings

11:20 Dr. Paolo Cunha, Brazil
Tropical Dermatoses on Travelers

11:40 Prof. Rod Hay, London
Mycetoma, old and new developments

Best of the IJD, Tropical Dermatology

12:00 Rokea el-Azhary, MD
Welcome

12:00 Dr. Larry Gibson, USA
Best of Reviews in Tropical Dermatology

12:15 Dr. Ken Tomecki, USA
Best of Reports in Tropical Dermatology

12:30 Dr. Mark Davis, USA
Climate Change and Immigration

12:45 Dr. Oliverio Welsh, Mexico
Case Reports and Tropical Dermatology

1:00 Conclusion
ISD Hosts Lively Reception at the AAD Annual Meeting in San Diego

The ISD reception was very well attended with nearly 200 dermatologists and guests from around the world enjoying food, music and networking.

An update on ISD activities was provided by President George Reizner, MD, and Secretary-General Nellie Konnikov, MD, including an invitation for everyone to attend the upcoming 6th Continental Congress of Dermatology in Taipei.

The Maria Duran Medal* is awarded annually by the International Society of Dermatology to women who have played a key leadership role in dermatology. Highlighting the evening was the presentation of the Maria Duran Medal to Dr. Rokea el-Azhary, the current Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Dermatology. A long, joyous round of applause by all those in attendance reflected the high regard for Dr. el-Azhary’s many accomplishments.

The evening concluded with dancing by both the young and not-so-young ISD members, in an attempt to work off some of the calories gained during the reception.

*for more information on the Maria Duran Medal, you may check: https://www.intsocderm.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3362

From left to right: Drs. Gabriel Garza, Magda Arredondo, Alberto Cardenas, Dario Martinez, and Jose Luis Sanchez.

From left to right: Executive Committee members Drs. Jorge Ocampo-Candiani (Chair, Membership Committee), Evangeline Handog (Immediate Past President), Jean Bolognia (Chair, Communications Committee), Hassan Galadari (Treasurer), Marcia Ramos-e-Silva (Executive Vice President), Nellie Konnikov (Secretary-General), George Reizner (President), and ISD Past President Francisco Kerdel.

From left to right: Drs. Meg Sison, Ana Santos, Patricia Nicole Ramirez, Katrina David, Blossom Chan, Veronica Estrella, Maria Angela Lavadia (President of the Philippine Dermatological Society), George Hruza (President-Elect, AAD), Jean Bolognia, Evangeline Handog, Peachy Lao, Maria Teresita Gabriel, Nellie Konnikov, Bryan Guevarra, Rosalina Nadela, Liberty Sumilang, Francesca Sumilang, and Francisco Rivera.

ISD Secretary-General Dr. Nellie Konnikov

ISD President Dr. George Reizner
From left to right: Drs. Luciana Tirelli and Paula Luna.

Dr. Evangeline Handog (front and center) with ISD members dancing to “YMCA”.

ISD Executive Director Cindy Froehlich (center) welcomes visitors to the ISD Booth. From left to right: Drs. Francisco River and Bryan Guevarra (both from the Philippines, promoting the ISD Regional Meeting in Manila, November 2018) with Drs. George Reizner and Evangeline Handog.

From left to right: Drs. Ehiaghe Anaba (Treasurer of the Nigerian Association of Dermatologists and Secretary of the African Dermatopathology Society), Helmut Beltraminelli and Grace C. Okudo (President of the Nigerian Association of Dermatologists).

ISD Board of Directors. From left to right (front row): Drs. Esperanza Welsh, Evangeline Handog, Vinod Sharma, Marcia Ramos-e-Silva, George Reizner, Nellie Konnikov, Jorge Ocampo-Candiani, and Hassan Galadari. From left to right (second row): Drs. Jean Bolognia, Adebola Ogunbiyi, Rashmi Sarkar, Dedee Murrell, Luis Castro, Rokea el-Azhary, Mercedes Florez-White, Antonella Tosti, and Hong-Duo Chen. From left to right (third row): Drs. Jason Yang (not with the board), Rodney Sinclair, Lawrence Gibson, Keyvan Nouri, Martin Kassir, and Gastro Galimberti. From left to right (back row): Drs. Ken Tomecki, Daniel Siegel, Anthony Benedetto, Helmut Beltraminelli, David Mehregan, Abdul-Ghan Kibbi, and Barry Gao.
IJD Editorial Board members meet at the AAD. From left to right (front row): Drs. Abdul-Ghanni Kibbi, Lawrence Gibson, George Reizner, James Yiannias, Rokea el-Azhary, Mahira el Sayed, Evangeline Handog, Mark Cappel, and Aieska De Souza. From left to right (second row): Ms. Melissa Malley, Ms. Patty Winkels, Drs. Darius Mehregan, Keyvan Nouri, Vinod Sharma, Dedee Murrell, Ashraf Reda, and Mauricio Goihman-Yahr. From left to right (back row): Drs. David Mehregan, Kenneth Tomecki, Luis Castro, Ricardo Galimberti, Oliverio Welsh, Adam Reich, and Jasmin Jamora.

From left to right: Drs. Gabriel Garza, Rosario Garcia, Cesar Villarreal and Alberto Cardenas.

From left to right: Drs. Stephen Stone, Linda Susan Marcus, Daniel Siegel and Karen Satra.
The International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) and the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) have joined forces to make the World Skin Health Day project a big success. Conceptualized by the ISD and endorsed by the ILDS during the term of ILDS President Prof. Wolfram Sterry, the plan took off and is continuously being promoted to recognize skin health around the world.

More ILDS Member Societies are holding World Skin Health Day events. In 2017, 14 countries actively engaged in the campaign. We are targeting to have 30 countries participate in 2018.

Please help us make this a truly global message. Any activity you are already doing can be co-branded with the World Skin Health Day.

There is no specific date and you can pick whichever day suits your organization best. ISD is counting on you. For information regarding how to participate in World Skin Health Day, please visit our website at https://www.worldskinday.org/.

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ISD Recognizes Maria Duran Recipients at XII ICD in Buenos Aires

At the beginning of 2017, the Maria Duran committee selected two fellows -- Dr. Geeti Khullar (India) and Dr. Marija Stankovic (Serbia) -- to attend the XII International Congress of Dermatology, held in Buenos Aires in April 2017. Dr. Khullar was recognized for her work “Pigmentary macular variant of chronic lupus erythematosus: An unrecognized form in dark skin”, and Dr. Stankovic was honored for her research “Age-related increase in gene expression of enzyme formers of melatonin in the skin.”

During the congress, the Maria Duran speaker was world-renowned dermatologist and former ISD President Dr. Francisco Kerdel (USA). A graduate of St. Thomas Hospital Medical School, London University, London, England, Dr. Kerdel specialized in dermatology at Harvard University. His academic career began in New York in 1984 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Dermatology at the New York University Medical Center, then continued at the University of Miami. Currently, Dr. Kerdel is a Clinical Voluntary Professor of Dermatology at the University of Miami and at the International University of Florida, where he is also the Vice-Chair of the Department of Dermatology. In addition, he is the Director of Dermatology at Larkin Community Hospital.

Dr. Kerdel is a prominent leader of the International Society of Dermatology, having served as its Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Vice-President and President. A dedicated teacher, Dr. Kerdel has been a visiting professor at more than 20 universities, both in the U.S. and abroad. An accomplished lecturer, he has participated in numerous dermatologic congresses around the world. He has authored more than 200 journal articles, as well as several chapters and books on dermatology. During the Maria Duran symposium, Dr. Kerdel presented his lecture entitled “The impact of biologicals on the quality of life of patients with psoriasis”, which was very well received by all attendees.

At the same event, the Maria Duran medal was awarded to Dr. Lidia Rudnicka (Poland) for her invaluable contribution to the world of dermatology. Dr. Rudnicka is the head of the Department of Dermatology and Senior Lecturer at the Medical University of Warsaw. She has published more than 200 articles in high-impact journals, such as the Journal of Experimental Medicine, Arthritis and Rheumatology, and the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, among others. She has also been a guest lecturer at multiple universities and at dermatologic congresses around the world. Dr. Rudnicka is currently a board member of the Polish Society of Dermatology and is an active member of the International Society of Dermatology, the American Academy of Dermatology and the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV), where she is currently an Associate Editor of the Journal of the EADV. It was Dr. Rudnicka who coined the term “trichoscopy” for the dermatoscopic examination of the hair.
Excitement Builds for 6th Continental Congress of Dermatology in Taipei, November 2018

The International Society of Dermatology’s (ISD) 6th Continental Congress of Dermatology (CCD) will be held in conjunction with the 44th Annual Meeting of Taiwanese Dermatological Association, November 16-18, 2018, at the Taipei International Conference Center in Taipei, Taiwan.

With the theme “Expanding Horizons”, the conference’s extensive program will feature plenary sessions, interactive sessions and workshops, and lectures featuring renowned international and regional experts sharing the latest research in their areas of expertise. The scientific program will feature a range of dermatological topics, including nail disorders, dermoscopy, skin surgery, immunology of drug reactions, and fungal infections. A listing of the invited lecturers can be found on the meeting website below.

Known as a distinctly cosmopolitan city with very welcoming people, attendees can take advantage of Taipei’s unique and vibrant culture during their stay. Sightseeing tours are available, and local highlights include Yangmingshan National Park, Beitou Thermal Valley, Lin An Tai Historical House, Taipei 101 skyscraper, Longshan Temple, Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, National Palace Museum, and Shilin Night Market. Conference organizers are planning a number of social events for the attendees, and more information will be forthcoming.

To help cover some of the costs of attending the 6th CCD, ISD members can apply for Global Education Awards and Maria Duran Fellowships. Application forms for both scholarships are available online on the ISD home page at www.intsocderm.org. Specific information on Global Education Awards can be found here and details on the Maria Duran Fellowships are posted here.

For more information and updates, visit the meeting website at https://www.tdmt.org/2018/en/?AgendaSID=11.

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Ximending Shopping District provides a diverse variety of clothing stores, bars, and restaurants.

Tamsui old street is located on Tamsui River’s riverfront and has a boardwalk filled with small eateries and shops. Also nearby are historical sites such as Fort San Domingo.

Pingxi offers visitors the opportunity to create a traditional Chinese Lantern. There are also hiking trails and the famous Shifen Waterfall nearby.

The downtown Xinyi District not only offers world-class shopping, but also a chance to visit Taiwan’s tallest skyscraper - Taipei 101.

Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall is located in downtown Taipei and offers traditional gardens, a ceremonial arch, and exhibition halls. The National Theater and Concert Hall are nearby and offer regular musical and dance programs.
Yangmingshan National Park features numerous hiking trails and natural beauty. The area is rich in sulfur, and visitors can enter decommissioned sulfur mines.

Beitou Museum was initially a hot springs hotel and later restored as an historical building. The museum has both permanent and themed exhibits.

Jiufen was once a small gold mining town that overlooks the sea. Its maze of cobblestone alleyways provide visitors a glance into its past with its many tea rooms, cafes, food stalls, and souvenir shops.

Keelung Miakou Night Market offers a taste of Taiwan's traditional cheap and delicious night market food.

National Palace Museum has one of the world’s largest permanent collections of ancient Chinese imperial artworks and artifacts, including the famous Jadeite Cabbage.

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ISD Mentorship Awardee from Brazil Pursues Her Passion for Contact Dermatitis

For ISD mentorship awardee Dr. Nathalie Suzuki of São Paulo, Brazil, her greatest interest in dermatology has always been in the field of allergies, particularly contact dermatitis. The three months she spent in 2017 at Stanford University in California, learning from experts in contact dermatitis -- including her primary mentor Dr. Golara Honari, Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology and noted specialist in contact dermatitis -- exceeded her expectations.

Dr. Suzuki's busy schedule allowed her the opportunity to participate in multiple clinical activities, including patch testing clinics at Stanford Health Clinic that she found particularly fascinating, as well as patch test readings at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Dermatology Department with Dr. Howard Malbach. At the Cutaneous Drug Reaction Clinic at the Cancer Center Unit of Stanford Hospital, Dr. Suzuki observed the contributions of the dermatology team in diagnosing and treating drug reactions to immunotherapy. This represented a field new to her that she found very interesting. She also participated in a general dermatology clinic at the Los Gatos Stanford Unit.

In addition to observing the various clinics, Dr. Suzuki had the chance to write a paper on two cases of morbilliform drug eruption due to intraoperative bacitracin irrigation of mastectomy sites in patients previously sensitized to topical bacitracin. Both cases highlighted the importance of patch testing for diagnosis and finding safe alternatives for patients. Dr. Honari plans to submit the findings for publication in the future.

Dr. Suzuki is grateful to Dr. Honari for this experience and appreciated the chance to meet other renowned experts in their fields who were so welcoming to her and always available to share their experience and knowledge.

“The ISD Mentorship Program was such a great opportunity, and it inspired me to follow my passion in my country and contribute to the improvement of contact dermatitis diagnoses in South America. For this reason, I am truly grateful to the ISD for this program and wish that more young dermatologists have the same opportunity as I did.”

-- Dr. Nathalie Suzuki

Training Program in Germany Provides Enriching Academic Experience for ISD Mentorship Awardee from India

From attending a wide variety of academic and clinical sessions at his host university to presenting lectures at neighboring clinics and universities, Dr. Rahul Mahajan enjoyed a well-rounded, two-month training program under the guidance of mentor Dr. Thomas Ruzicka at the Dermatology and Allergology Polyclinic at Ludwig-Maximilian University (LMU), Munich, Germany.

Daily morning rounds with Dr. Ruzicka provided Dr. Mahajan an insight on the way in-patients are managed in the institution. Participation in various outpatient clinics (e.g., allergology, psoriasis, oncology, pediatric dermatology, phlebology, acne and rosacea) exposed him to the latest techniques in diagnostics and therapeutics. He also observed procedures such as Mohs micrographic surgery, extracorporeal photopheresis and photodynamic therapy, and witnessed a few dermatologic emergencies in the neonatal intensive care unit.

One of the highlights of his training was attending the daily case conferences, where he had the chance to see patients with interesting diseases and discuss fine clinical details. Another impressive aspect of the Polyclinic that he admired was the state-of-the-art research laboratories and the quality of ongoing research. Visiting other clinics and universities in Germany, Austria and the United Kingdom and presenting lectures provided a unique educational and networking opportunity for Dr. Mahajan.

Dr. Mahajan relished this inspiring academic and cultural experience and is thankful to his mentor, Dr. Ruzicka, as well as Dr. Rouf, Dr. Prinz, Dr. Wollenberg, and Dr. Giehl for this one-of-a-kind experience.

“I look back at my mentorship program with pride and satisfaction, as it gave me exposure to new perspectives in managing my patients. I take back with me lots of good memories and hope to initiate such wonderful laboratories at my workplace.”

-- Dr. Rahul Mahajan
Pigmentarycon 2017 Draws Hundreds of International Delegates

Indore, India, was the site of the 3rd biennial conference of the Pigmentary Disorders Society of India, “Pigmentarycon 2017”, which took place from November 10-12, 2017, at the Brilliant Convention Centre, Madhya Pradesh in central India. A dynamic team, led by the President of the Pigmentary Disorders Society, Dr. Rashmi Sarkar, and the Organizing Secretary, Dr. Narendra Gokhale, toiled for more than a year to organize the meeting.

There were five high-octane workshops on cultured melanocyte transplantation for vitiligo, chemical peels, lasers, dermoscopy, and deboutant periorbital rejuvenation, with more than 190 workshop delegates given hands-on training. Lecture topics ranged from phototherapy for vitiligo to the diagnosis and management of non-melanoma skin cancer in skin of color. A session on “education opportunities, travel scholarships and networking offered by international societies” attracted a full audience and included the role of the ISD.

Overall, the meeting proved to be very successful, with more than 500 registered delegates, eight international speakers including Drs. George Reizner, Seemal R. Desai, Steven Thng, Vijay Setaluri, Trilokraj Tejasvi, Hong Chu, and Sanjeev Mulekar, and more than 100 faculty members from India. The presence and academic contributions of Dr. George Reizner, President of the ISD, and Dr. Yogesh Marfatia, National President of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists & Leprologists, were recognized by the Pigmentary Disorders Society of India. An ISD booth was provided in the convention center to boost its exposure and encourage new memberships.

The 4th Pigmentarycon will be held in 2019 in Kolkata, with Dr. Koushik Lahiri as the Organizing Chair.

The Vitiligo Non-Cultured Melanocyte Transfer Workshop with faculty, Drs. Somesh Gupta, Deepak Mohana and Kanika Sahni.

## 2018 ISD Meetings Calendar

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ISD Communications Committee Works to Spread the News on ISD Activities

The Communications Committee is charged with providing valuable information to ISD members in a timely fashion. Multiple forms of communication are utilized to achieve this goal, from the ISD Connection to the website and social media. The members of the committee are Jean Bolognia, MD (Chair), Brittany Buhalog, MD (Young Member), Evangeline Handog, MD, Seemal Desai, MD, Ma. Juliet Macarayo, MD (Assistant Editor of the ISD Newsletter), Roberto Pascual, MD (Website Editor), Mary Thomas, MD (Social Media Editor), and Esperanza Welsh, MD (Editor of the ISD Newsletter). Nellie Konnikov, MD, Secretary-General of the ISD, serves as an ex-officio member.

Over the past year, the committee reviewed the ISD website and made several suggestions for improvements and reorganization. An example of the latter is placing all available scholarships in one section on the website for easy access by young members. In our recent committee meeting at the AAD in San Diego, Dr. Pascual outlined ways to increase the interactivity of the website. It was also suggested that videos (as well as photographs) be requested from the organizers of Regional Meetings and Continental Congresses. This coming year, the history of the ISD, entitled Golden Jubilee, will be added to the website. Vincent Cipollaro, MD, Past Historian, compiled this history to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first organizational meeting of the ISD.

Both as a cost-cutting measure and as a means of “going green”, the ISD Connection newsletter will only be distributed to members in an electronic format twice yearly. The editorial team, which includes the “tag team” of Drs. Esperanza Welsh and Ma. Juliet Macarayo, has been functioning as a cohesive unit, co-editing submitted articles and brainstorming new ideas. Over the next several editions, updates on the activities of the various ISD committees will be provided and each edition will feature exciting news from the International Journal of Dermatology (IJD). We will continue to interview members of the Board of Directors, having received positive feedback regarding this section of the newsletter. It is noteworthy that Esperanza Welsh single-handedly composes a Spanish language version of the newsletter once yearly, with the most recent edition featuring a tribute to our Past-President, Dr. Ramón Ruiz Maldonado, the famous Mexican pediatric dermatologist.

As social media has become a bigger part of our lives, the ISD has increased its presence in this space under the leadership of Dr. Mary Thomas. The ISD communicates various updates via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We welcome ISD members to become followers and to submit photographs and updates of professional activities. In the coming year, under the direction of our young member Dr. Brittany Buhalog, the committee plans to focus on enhancing the synergy between ISD social media and the IJD. At our recent Communications Committee meeting in San Diego, the level of energy was palpable and new ideas were plentiful. We agreed to meet yearly at the annual AAD meeting and to hold conference calls as needed.

All members are encouraged to follow us @intsocderm on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and to submit photographs and updates of professional activities.
Behind the Scenes: Getting to Know the New 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 to members. Whether it’s planning premier educational offerings in all corners of the world or enhancing communication with members via the ISD website, social media, ISD Connection and the IJD, ISD Board Members play a vital role in all aspects of the ISD.

In the Fall 2017 issue of ISD Connection, four new members of the ISD Board of Directors were introduced to the membership. Here, we profile another four new ISD Board Members who are already making an impact on ISD -- Drs. Rodney Sinclair (Australia), David Mehregan (United States), Sudip Das (India) and Olivier Chosidow (France).

**Dr. Sinclair**, where did you train in dermatology?
RS: In Melbourne, Australia, and Oxford in England.

Where do you practice dermatology?
Dr. Rodney Sinclair (Australia), David Mehregan (United States), Sudip Das (India) and Olivier Chosidow (France).

**What are your areas of interest within dermatology?**
RS: Hair, nails, medical dermatology, and skin cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Why are you a member of the ISD?
RS: To be a part of the future of dermatology. The whole is much greater than the sum of the parts.

**What are your hobbies or interests outside of medicine?**
RS: I still play hockey and cricket. I am too old now for Australian rules football.

What 3 words best describe you?

How do you balance your personal life with your busy professional life?
RS: I try not to work at home. I prefer to leave my work at work and switch off when at home.

**How has ISD impacted your career?**
RS: When I first moved to Oxford as a junior dermatology registrar, I lived with Terence Ryan in his house. His involvement with the ISD and international dermatology inspired me enormously.

What do you value most about your involvement in ISD?
RS: The opportunity to think globally about what I do rather than just locally.

**What does ISD offer aspiring young dermatologists?**
RS: An opportunity to think deeply about the work we do and the impact it has on peoples' lives; membership in a global community of dermatologists, patients and education.

What advice would you give to young dermatologists who may just be starting out in their careers?
RS: Learn everything you can while you are training and then continue learning -- even the minute details will be valuable and help you out of a challenging situation. If you get an opportunity to be involved in clinical trials, do so, as it lets you see what is coming next.

What would ISD members be surprised to learn about you?
RS: My father was German and migrated to Australia in 1937, and my mother is Dutch and migrated to Australia in 1960. I was born in Melbourne and have lived here all of my life apart for three years studying at Oxford in the early 1990s. I graduated as a dermatologist in 1995 and took over for Robin Marks as the Professor of Dermatology at the University of Melbourne in 2004.

**Dr. Mehregan**, what would ISD members be surprised to learn about you?
DM: I was introduced to the ISD by Drs. Daniel Su and Sig Muller. They were my mentors early on in my involvement in the ISD.

Why are you a member of the ISD and how has this membership impacted your career?
DM: Membership in the ISD has allowed me to travel around the world and meet outstanding dermatologists from many different countries who have taught me a number of things that I may not have been exposed to or learned in my practice in the United States.

**What do you value most about your involvement in the ISD?**
DM: The chance to meet other active and outgoing dermatologists around the world and form lifelong friendships.

What does ISD offer aspiring young dermatologists?
DM: The chance to meet wonderful dermatologists from around the world who have a passion for teaching.

What advice would you give to young dermatologists who may just be starting out in their careers?
DM: Each patient you treat has a unique experience. Never fall into a dull routine.

Where did you train in dermatology and where do you practice at present?
DM: I trained at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. At present, I practice at Pinkus Dermatopathology Laboratory and Wayne State University Department of Dermatology.

**What are your areas of interest within Dermatology?**
DM: Inflammatory conditions, melanocytic lesions and adnexal tumors.
How do you balance your personal life with your busy professional life, and what are your hobbies or interests outside of medicine?
DM: I travel extensively, which allows me to have time away from the practice of dermatology. I am an avid skier and fisherman.

What 3 words best describe you?

Dr. Das, why are you a member of the ISD?
SD: I am a member of the AAD, EADV, ISD and IADVL. By becoming a member, you develop international liaisons and relationships where you can develop your personal area as well as the world at large.

How has ISD impacted your career?
SD: ISD has widened my horizons of activity. I have a keen interest in dermatologic activity in this part of world, particularly community dermatology.

Where did you train in dermatology and where do you practice dermatology?
SD: I trained in AIIMS, New Delhi, and I practice in Kolkata, West Bengal, India.

What are your areas of interest within dermatology?
SD: My areas of interest are CADR, psoriasis, biologics, immunosuppressives in dermatology, fungal diseases, and vitiligo.

How do you balance your personal life with your busy professional life?
SD: Thanks to God, I have a very cooperative wife and lovely kids -- one son and one daughter -- who take my work as theirs and help me in whatever way they can.

What are your hobbies or interests outside of medicine? Any fun facts?
SD: Reading detective novels and listening to ghazals, a type of Indian music.

What would ISD members be surprised to learn about you?
SD: I organized DERMACON 2017, the largest dermatologic conference, which took place in January 2017 in Kolkata, India. The conference was attended by nearly 785 international and over 4,100 national delegates. I also have been a member of the American Academy of Dermatology's (AAD's) International Affairs Committee and Retinoid Task Force.

What 3 words best describe you?
SD: I try to upgrade, diligent and do work honestly.

What does ISD offer aspiring young dermatologists, and what advice would you give to young dermatologists who may be just starting out in their careers?
SD: ISD offers young dermatologists a platform to work upon and gives them research impetus. My advice would be to stick to ethical practice and follow evidence-based medicine and, above all, treat seniors with respect even if you do not agree.

Dr. Chosidow, how has ISD impacted your career?
OC: Being interested in infectious and tropical dermatology since a young age, I remember reading the IJD with a lot of interest when I was an assistant professor -- supporting the notion that others might also be involved in that subspeciality.

What do you value most about your involvement in ISD, and why are you a member of ISD?
OC: I value the increasing notoriety of ISD among the French-speaking dermatology community. Membership in ISD allows for the rare opportunity to mix friendships and global dermatology.

How do you balance your personal life with your busy professional life?
OC: I need 30 more years of psychoanalysis to reach this objective.

What does ISD offer aspiring young dermatologists who may be just starting out in their careers?
OC: A global view of dermatology with multicultural and open-minded colleagues from all around the world.

What advice would you give to young dermatologists who may be just starting out in their careers?
OC: To be an excellent clinician, as it will offer the main questions of research, energy of patient care and an opportunity for teaching and sharing experience and knowledge.

Where did you train in dermatology?
OC: Paris Medical School, France.

Where do you practice dermatology?
OC: Henri-Mondor Hospital in Créteil (close to Paris), France.

What are your areas of interest within dermatology?
OC: Medical dermatology, including infectious dermatology (from scabies to necrotizing fasciitis), life-threatening dermatosis such as severe cutaneous adverse reactions to drugs, and therapeutics in dermatology (e.g., RCTs).

What would ISD members be surprised to learn about you?
OC: I wore ties every working day for at least 10 years.

What 3 words best describe you?
OC: Mind of mentor. Perfectionist. Inability to tolerate injustice.

What are your hobbies or interests outside of medicine? Any fun facts?
OC: Watching movies again and again! That’s why I recommended to myself and my friends to watch once more Groucho Marx in Duck Soup when reaching any new position.
IJD in the News

The *International Journal of Dermatology* is clearly a jewel in the crown of the ISD. Our journal has experienced a consistently rising impact factor, now at a record high of 1.56. This reflects the hard work of Dr. Rokea el-Azhary, Editor-in-Chief, and her Editorial Board.

- Important articles from many countries around the world are included for publication.
- Over the past few years, the journal has significantly decreased its time-to-publication time.
- The current acceptance rate is 13.5%.
- The downloading of articles increased by 9% compared to last year.

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Australia has been selected to host the XIII International Congress of Dermatology, 2021. It will be held in Melbourne, Australia’s second largest city, in the exciting new Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. An organising committee is being established, with Professor Dedee Murrell, FACD, as President and Professor Rod Sinclair, FACD as Secretary-General. The other members of the committee will be announced in due course. A website with regular news updates, will shortly be established. For more information, contact Roshan Riddell: roshan@dermcoll.edu.au
Prof. Ncoza C. Dlova (South Africa) was appointed Dean and Head of the School of Clinical Medicine at the Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine in Durban, South Africa, effective January 2018. She is the first African female physician and second woman to take this position in the 70-year history of the medical school. She is also the first dermatologist to take a Deanship position in South Africa.

Dr. Wilma Bergfeld (USA) was awarded the President’s Plaque at the 2017 World Congress for Hair Research in Kyoto, Japan.

Dr. Marcia Ramos-e-Silva (Brazil) received the Medal of Dermatology at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

Dr. Suzanne Olbricht (USA) was installed as President of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) at the 2018 AAD Annual Meeting in February.

ISD Treasurer Dr. Hassan Galadari (UAE), ISD Immediate Past President Dr. Evangeline Handog (Philippines) and ISD President Dr. George Reizner (USA) were awarded the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Presidential Citations during a ceremony at the 2018 AAD Annual Meeting. They were honoured in recognition of their efforts in advancing dermatology by fostering international collaboration.

From left to right: Drs. Hassan Galadari, Barbara Mathes (Secretary-Treasurer of the AAD), Evangeline Handog and George Reizner.

**ISD Member Brings Dermatology to the University of The Gambia in West Africa**

Prof. Nejib Doss (Tunisia) was invited by the University of The Gambia (Medical School and Allied Sciences) in Gambia, West Africa, to teach dermatology to 22 medical students. With the exception of one dermatologist from Cuba working in the polyclinic at the medical school, there are no dermatologists to serve the 2 million people living in The Gambia.

During his 10-day stay in February 2018, Prof. Doss taught students the fundamentals of diagnosing and treating a wide array of dermatologic conditions, including elementary skin lesions, cutaneous fungal and bacterial infections, cutaneous leishmaniasis, and psoriasis. The high prevalence of misuse of topical corticosteroids and depigmentation procedures -- not only in The Gambia but in nearly the whole Sub-Saharan area -- also was addressed.

Prof. Doss (first row, center) with medical students at the University of The Gambia.

Prof Doss (second from right) with medical staff in the Dermatology Clinic.
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