

## ISD Takes Over Bourbon Street at AAD 2023



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the spring issue of our newsletter, covering an abundance of updates and news. You will find numerous pictures reflecting the professional and social lives of our members, specifically an extensive report on the AAD conference in New Orleans in March. The ISD Sister Society session at the AAD was well attended and once again demonstrated our commitment to inviting young members to present their research and clinical experience. The annual ISD Reunion took place on the last day of the meeting, culminating in a dancing march along the streets of the French Quarter. The venue, food, drinks, social networking, and ambiance of the party was thoroughly enjoyed by members and guests.

The leadership of ISD had ambitious plans for the first half of 2023, concentrating on co-sponsoring and participating in many international meetings. It is one of ISD's overriding objectives to bring together dermatologists from around the world to share, inspire, and empower local societies to partner with ISD in an effort to combat skin diseases. This partnership is based on mutual respect, understanding, inclusion and diversity. I am happy to report to you that our membership has steadily grown over the last year and increased by 50% since June 2022. Currently, we have

members representing 101 countries of the world! At ISD, we strive to be a member-centric organization. With that in mind, we would like to hear your thoughts and encourage you to contact us with your initiatives, ambitions, and challenges.



The ISD Regional Meeting Committee approved, and the Executive Committee confirmed, to co-sponsor three regional meetings: in Athens, Greece; Izmir, Turkey; and Astana, Kazakhstan. In addition, ISD plans to host Sister Society sessions at the World Congress in Singapore and the EADV Congress in Berlin in the coming months. Kudos to 13 young dermatologists from 12 countries who were awarded ISD Global Education Travel Grants to attend WCD and present their work.

Personally, I am very excited and looking forward to seeing many of you in Singapore at the World Congress of Dermatology 2023!

With all my heart,

*Nellie Konnikov, M.D.*

Nellie Konnikov, MD  
President, International Society of Dermatology

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow ISD Members,

The Executive Committee of the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) is glad to announce that effective May 3, 2023, the ISD is under new management headed by Triumph Group International (TGI).

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TGI is headquartered in Europe with offices in Brussels, London, Rome, Milan, New York, Doha, Riyadh, Shanghai, Singapore, and Jakarta. Its worldwide presence reflects our ambition to increase our global footprint and to serve our diverse international dermatology community.

The transition is being led by local Managing Director Ms. Dominique Dubru, and the team can be reached at [isdsecretariat@thetriumph.com](mailto:isdsecretariat@thetriumph.com)

Best regards,

Nellie Konnikov, MD - ISD President



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# ISD Resources Help Shape Dermatology Around the World

By Dr. Martin Kassir, ISD Treasurer-General

We ordinarily do not have the Treasurer's Report in our newsletter, but so much has happened in the last two years that we thought it would be of interest to the ISD family. The ISD's finances have undergone a lot of change and modernization. We have changed banks and currently enjoy better terms and personalized service. All of our transactions are now on QuickBooks for fast access and review by any interested Board members. We also have a new bookkeeper, versed in non-profit organizations and a more robust system of checks and balances for payments to our vendors.

Now for ISD's impact around the globe! We are thrilled to report that through our Global Outreach Task Force, we have fully funded a young doctor from Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) to be trained in dermatology in Durban, South Africa. After completing his 4-year residency, he will be only the second dermatologist in his country (see article on p. 8)! In addition, we have forged a relationship with the World Health Organization (WHO) and have funding to help trouble spots around the globe. We are currently evaluating an outbreak of leg ulcers in Ghana and whether funding will expedite treatment in that region. All this, of course, is in addition to supporting regional meetings and providing travel support for young dermatologists as we do every year. One of this year's meetings is in Kazakhstan, and we are supporting young dermatologists for travel to the World Congress of Dermatology in Singapore in July 2023. These are just some of the highlights of ISD dollars having an impact all over the globe!

At the recent AAD meeting in New Orleans, we also took many steps to both showcase the ISD's present and invest in its future. We had the most fabulous reunion (see separate article on pages 4-5). At our Board meeting, we introduced our future *IJD* Editor-in-Chief, Professor Lajos Kemény from Hungary. He is bright, energetic, and full of ideas on how to move the Journal forward over the next 5 years. We could not be more excited about Professor Kemény joining the ISD family! At the AAD we also hosted a dinner for future leaders in the ISD that included young dermatologists from Nepal, Poland, Brazil, Israel and the U.S. Be looking for these young stars to shine in the very near future! We met with experts in AI (Artificial Intelligence) in New Orleans and discussed the many ways AI is, and can be, used to improve skin care all over the world. Finally, we met and approved a new and updated website to reflect today's needs and to better service our members.

I hope this gives all of you a better feel for what's happening, what's coming, and how ISD is using its assets to better serve our membership. Don't forget to renew your membership and ask your friends to become ISD members. If you want to make an impact on dermatologic care around the world, here is your chance!



ISD Treasurer-General  
Dr. Martin Kassir



From left to right: Drs. Rashmi Sarkar, Nellie Konnikov, Jean Bolognia, and Evangeline Handog.



From left to right: Drs. Margarita Laralde and Jorge Ocampo-Candiani.



Dr. José Dario Martínez Villarreal



New *IJD* Editor-in-Chief Dr. Lajos Kemény (center) with Drs. Jacek Szepletowski (left) and Leopoldo Santos (right).



Members of the ISD Board of Directors, front row, from left to right: Drs. Abdul Kibbi, Robert Schwartz, Jean Bolognia, George Reizner, Esperanza Welsh, Hassan Galadari, Nellie Konnikov, Jorge Ocampo-Candiani, Martin Kassir, Rashmi Sarkar, and Rod Sinclair. Back row, from left to right: Drs. Keyvan Nouri, Dan Siegel, José Dario Martínez Villarreal, Lajos Kemény, Adebola Ogunbiyi, Evangeline Handog, Paula Luna, Koushik Lahiri, Seemal Desai, Jacek Szepletowski, Leopoldo Santos, Mustafa Sahin, Marius-Anton Ionescu, Alin Tatu, Rokea el-Azhary, Larry Gibson, and Dedee Murrell.





## ISD Takes Over Bourbon Street at AAD 2023 Annual Meeting in New Orleans

*By Dr. Martin Kassir, ISD Treasurer-General*

This year's AAD Meeting in New Orleans was truly special for the ISD. After the pandemic, this was the first meeting where we were back in full swing and welcomed a large contingent of our international members.

We really wanted to make this year's ISD Reunion not just memorable, but UNFORGETTABLE! We chose the legendary Galatoire's on Bourbon Street as the venue with a fabulous dinner, drinks, and entertainment. In addition, we organized a parade around Bourbon Street complete with a band and police escort! The rest, as they say, is history.

I have been to almost 30 AAD Meetings and have never seen a party like this. Just have a look at the photos and you will see: a case of *res ipsa loquitur*... For those of you who were there, you will never forget it. If you were not, make a note to NEVER miss another ISD Reunion!

Click [here](#) to join the ISD.



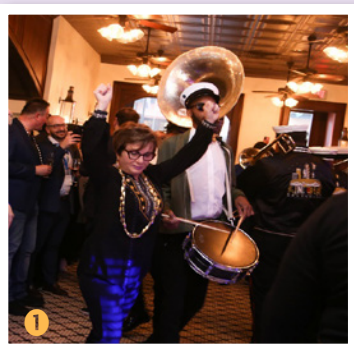
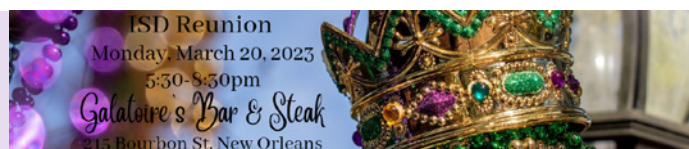
1. ISD takes over Bourbon Street. 2. From left to right: Dr. Emmanuel Sanchez Meza, Dr. Alejandra Segarra, ISD Executive Director Tara Winton, Dr. Estafania Boland Rodriguez, Dr. Cesar Villarreal, and Dr. Montserrat Escamilla. 3. From left to right: Drs. Jorge Ocampo-Candiani, Lajos Kemény, Nellie Konnikov, Hassan Galadari, Jerry Shapiro, Keyvan Nouri, Ricardo Pérez Alfonso, Mustafa Sahin, and Koushik Lahiri. 4. From left to right (center): Drs. Dedee Murrell and Branka Marinović.

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1. ISD President Dr. Nellie Konnikov. 2. From left to right: ISD President Dr. Nellie Konnikov and AAD President-Elect Dr. Seemal Desai. 3. From left to right: ILDS Executive Director Arpita Bhose with ILDS colleagues Caroline Bach and Emma van Rooijen. 4. Dr. Jacek Szepletowski (center) and fellow partygoers from Poland. 5. From left to right: Drs. Nellie Konnikov and Martin Kassir. 6. From left to right: Drs. Jean Bolognia, Erick Bravo, Brunilda Bardhi, and Esperanza Welsh. 7. Revelers enjoy dancing the night away. 8. From left to right: ISD Executive Director Tara Winton, Drs. Piotr Krajewski (a 2023 ISD mentee from Poland) and Lina Tsoukas (who will be his mentor in Chicago). Drs. Krajewski and Tsoukas got to meet in person in New Orleans before the start of their mentorship program. 9. From left to right: Drs. Lajos Kemény and Jean Bolognia enjoy parading down Bourbon Street with colleagues. 10. From left to right: Dr. Nellie Konnikov, Dr. Brunilda Bardhi, Grand Marshal, Dr. Hassan Galadari, Dr. Martin Kassir, and Dr. Ewa Wesolowska-Szepletowska.

## Dr. Lajos Kemény Takes the Reins as New Editor-in-Chief of *IJD*

The *International Journal of Dermatology* (*IJD*) is proud to welcome Dr. Lajos Kemény, longtime chairman of the Department of Dermatology and Allergology at the University of Szeged, Hungary, as its new editor-in-chief. Having spent more than 30 years in clinical dermatology, Dr. Kemény is particularly interested in translational research – bringing scientific results from the bench to the bedside. Here, he shares his goals for the *IJD*.

### *What are your goals for the *IJD*? Do you hope to increase submissions from any certain areas of the world?*

In our quest to connect more colleagues, including dermatologists from developing countries, **we must increase the visibility** of the journal and the ISD. One approach could be the introduction of *IJD Journal Watch*, involving audio and video content about recent publications on the journal's website, which could increase attention surrounding the articles published in *IJD*. I plan to send out a monthly *IJD Newsletter* with a summary of “hot topic” articles to raise interest in our published papers.

As the Journal Impact Factor (IF) is still regarded as the main scientometric parameter for scholarly journal rankings, we aim to **improve the IF for *IJD***, indicating a higher international journal position. In our rapidly changing publishing environment, we also must consider increasing **our Open Access (OA) publications**. As the success of OA articles are associated with more citations, these also hold a higher impact, reach, and visibility than papers with restricted access. Keeping the Article Processing Charge (APC) for OA publications in mind, support and counsel of authors from low-income countries through waived or, at least, reduced fees is paramount here.

### *The *IJD*'s impact factor has continually increased over the years. Can you briefly comment on the significance of that increase?*

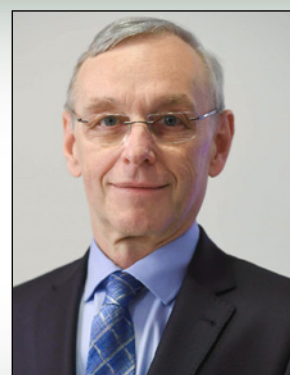
Under the direction of the *IJD*'s previous editors, the **Journal Impact Factor (IF)** and citation counts demonstrate a steady upward trend. In 2021, the Journal's IF score reached **3.204**, based on the Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate 2022), **ranking 27/69** in dermatology. The 20 most cited *IJD* documents in 2020–2021 included 10 COVID-19 papers and seven reviews. Several other medical journals also observed a comparable increase in their IF scores, due to the highly cited nature of COVID-19 publications. It might not prove as easy to maintain this increased IF after the pandemic. However, the search to identify similar “hot topic” areas must continue, e.g., artificial intelligence in order to secure a stable presence in mainstream research, as well as in advanced areas of clinical publishing.

### *If an ISD member wants to get involved as a reviewer or editor of *IJD*, what advice would you offer them?*

Considering the growing number of medical journals being circulated in the publishing sector at present, active reviewers today receive hundreds of manuscript requests to engage with. In such a hastily progressing publishing environment, selecting which journal to participate and put your trust in – be that as reviewer or editor – is no easy feat. *IJD* is a distinguished global dermatology journal, governed by an established society and headed by leaders of international prominence. Any reviewer or editor will be thoroughly acknowledged and endorsed for their work with *IJD*, as has been customary throughout the Journal's long-standing history.

*“New initiatives and a proactive mindset are what *IJD* intends to build on, enhancing the visibility and influence of accepted manuscripts.”*

– Dr. Lajos Kemény



Dr. Lajos Kemény





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## ISD MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

### ISD Mentorship Program Welcomes 20 ISD Members for In-Person Mentorships in 2023

By Dr. Rashmi Sarkar, Chair, ISD Mentorship Committee

After two years of the COVID-19 pandemic that prompted the ISD Mentorship Program to go virtual, the ISD Mentorship Committee announced the return of traditional in-person mentorships beginning in 2023.

The Mentorship Committee had a wonderful response by the members of ISD, with a total of 36 applicants that included the largest number from India, Philippines, Brazil, and Nigeria. Applications were meticulously reviewed by the committee, and 17 applicants were selected in Category 1 (ISD grants \$1,000 USD per month up to maximum 2 months for travel support), and 3 applicants in Category 2 (Sponsored). Sixteen of the applicants have been offered the option of the Virtual Mentorship Program. The ISD Mentorship Program matches each mentee with a requested mentor in their area of expertise or special interest.

The ISD Mentorship Committee accepts 2 mentees from each country in Category 1. The selected mentees are expected to complete their mentorship in 2023. Currently, both the in-person and virtual Mentorship Programs are continuing. In order to raise awareness of the ISD Mentorship Program, Dr. Rashmi Sarkar has written an article about it in the WCD 2023 Newsletter, March-April 2023, in News from Global Experts. Dr. Martin Kassir and Dr. Sarkar spoke about it in the collaborative IADVL-ISD Webinar on October 2, 2022.

The deadline to apply for the 2024 ISD Mentorship Program is October 1, 2023, and the application is available at [Mentorship | International Society of Dermatology \(intsocderm.org\)](https://mentorship.intsocderm.org).



From left to right: ISD mentorship awardee Dr. Temitayo Aina of Nigeria and Dr. Rashmi Sarkar, ISD Mentorship Committee Chair, met at AAD 2023 in New Orleans. Dr. Aina was awarded a mentorship program in 2019 but could not complete it in-person due to the COVID-19 pandemic, thus she will complete her program later this year.

### ISD Awards Inaugural Underserved Regional 4-Year Residency Scholarship Award to Dr. Denzel Bhembe of Eswatini

In an effort to provide a platform to train dermatologists from countries where there are a limited number of dermatologists, or none at all, to serve the population, the ISD has created the Underserved Regional Residency Scholarship Award that grants a \$5,000 per year scholarship over four years to a nominated recipient.

The recipient of the inaugural award is Dr. Denzel Bhembe, a young medical doctor from Eswatini who has shown great interest in dermatology. Currently, Eswatini has only one dermatologist for a population of approximately 1.2 million people.

Prof. Ncoza Dlova (South Africa), member of the ISD Global Outreach Task Force, and Dr. Martin Kassir (USA), ISD Treasurer-General and Founding Chair of the Global Outreach Task Force, collaborated on implementing this program for the last five years. Following an intensive review process to determine the African countries in greatest need of dermatologists, Eswatini was selected and medical colleagues in the country were contacted to recommend nominees for this award. Dr. Bhembe was unanimously selected for this nomination.

“Dr. Bhembe is an intelligent, capable, dedicated, and tenacious doctor who is passionate about changing the landscape of dermatology in his country, Eswatini,” said Dr. Dlova. “An aspiring early career academic, Dr. Bhembe’s kind disposition, empathy and humility make him a favorite to all staff and patients. He is committed to serving the under-resourced population of his country and has a clear vision of how he wants to grow and develop dermatology in Eswatini.”

Dr. Bhembe will train with Dr. Dlova and her colleagues at the Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine, University of Kwazulu-Natal, in Durban, South Africa. The four-year specialist fellowship in South Africa (SA), FC Derm (SA), has a national curriculum and examination by the College of Dermatologists of SA. It consists of two parts – Part 1 (anatomy and histology of skin, general physiology and general pathology) and Part 2 (clinical dermatology and dermatopathology).

On behalf of the ISD, Dr. Dlova expressed her gratitude to Eswatini citizen Dr. Keith Shongwe for assisting and facilitating this initiative.

Congratulations to Dr. Bhembe!





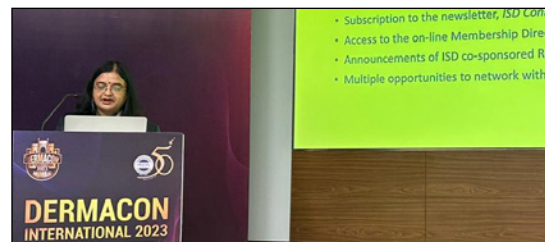
## ISD-IADVL Sister Society Meeting Held on February 25 at DERMACON International 2023 in Mumbai

By Dr. Vinay Keshavamurthy and Prof. Rashmi Sarkar

The first time a sister society meeting of the ISD was held in conjunction with the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL) at DERMACON was a resounding success. Prof. Rashmi Sarkar, a member of the ISD Board of Directors, served as the president of the IADVL's golden jubilee anniversary year and was instrumental in organizing this memorable educational event, which she co-chaired with Dr. Vinay Keshavamurthy.

Around 200 delegates gathered for the ISD-IADVL sister society meeting, which was based on the theme "Skin of Color" that included presentations focusing on dermatoses unique to the sub-continent and in pigmented skin phototypes. Speakers included Dr. Seemal R Desai, president-elect of American Academy of Dermatology; Dr. Kaushik Lahiri, Dr. Trilok Raj Tejasvi, Dr. Aseem Sharma, Dr. Madhulika Mhatre, Dr. Kanika Sahni, Dr. Gitesh Sawatkar and Dr. Preeti Nayak. Topics included new developments in the medical management of vitiligo, topical treatments for melasma, a consensus statement on acquired dermal macular hyperpigmentation, and a panel discussion on difficult case scenarios in skin of color. In addition, Dr. Nayak shared her experience as a mentee in the ISD Mentorship program and encouraged the audience – particularly postgraduates – to become members of ISD.

A special thank you to the contributions of ISD EC Members, especially President Dr. Nellie Konnikov, and Dr. Jacek Szepietowski, Chair, ISD Education Committee; organizing committee of DERMACON International Dr. Vinay Saraf, Dr. KE Mukadam, Dr. Uday Khopkar, Dr. Shital Poojary, Dr. Anuj Pall, and Ms. Tara Winton for the technical and organizational support provided.



Prof. Rashmi Sarkar speaking on the ISD-IADVL connection.



Dr. Seemal Desai presents recent advances in the medical management of vitiligo.



From left to right: Speakers Drs. Aseem Sharma, Preeti B Nayak, Seemal Desai, Rashmi Sarkar, Koushik Lahiri, Kanika Sahni, Vinay Keshavamurthy, Madhulika Mhatre and Gitesh Sawatkar.

## 2023 ISD Meetings Calendar



May 30-31, 2023  
ISD Regional Meeting in Kazakhstan



June 20-23, 2023  
ISD Regional Meeting in Nigeria



July 3-8, 2023  
World Congress of Dermatology  
Singapore

## 8th International Congress “Skin on the Move” Held in Ethiopia, Nov. 21-26, 2022

By Dr. Nejib Doss and Prof. Aldo Morrone

The 8th International Congress “*Skin on the Move. Tropical Neglected Skin Diseases, Global Health and COVID-19 Pandemic*”, was held November 21-26, 2022, in Ethiopia by the San Gallicano Dermatological Institute (Rome), in collaboration with the Wolaita Sodo University Teaching Referral Hospital (Sodo) and the St. Paul’s Hospital Millennium Medical College of Health Science (Addis Ababa). Due to the terrible war that is ravaging the region of Tigray, this 8th International Congress was held first in Addis and then in the south (Arba Minch and Sodo).

The conductor and president of this wonderful Congress was ISD member Prof. Aldo Morrone, Scientific Director of San Gallicano Dermatological Institute, Rome, Italy. The participants were so grateful to the support of the Embassy of Italy in Ethiopia and Wolaita Sodo University.

The scientific program focused on tropical diseases and other common conditions, including their management in countries with limited resources. Many colleagues from Italy, Ethiopia, Netherlands (Ben Naafs), Tunisia (Nejib Doss), and Tanzania (John E. Masenga) took part in this international scientific event. Sharing their experience and knowledge proved to be a priceless opportunity.

The Opening Ceremony was held in Addis Ababa as the guest of the Italian Cultural Institute. Its director, Kumurzhi Semen, gave his precious support in the organization of the lectures. The president, Prof. Morrone, inaugurated the Congress by insisting on San Gallicano’s commitment to Africa, a story that began 40 years ago and continues today. In recent years, the Institute and Prof. Morrone have contributed significantly to improving the quality of life of these populations through the construction of hospitals and institutes, the purchase of medical and technological instruments, and the training of doctors and nurses. Prof. Bernard Naafs, honorary president of the Congress, illustrated the main differences between light and dark skin, while Dr. Paola Monari from Brescia shared her experience in Tigray and her epidemiological studies in this region.

The Italian Ambassador in Ethiopia, the Honorable Agostino Palese, attended the opening ceremony and in the evening hosted the participants in its magnificent Embassy for the dinner. Live patient viewing and subsequent discussions, as well as hospital visits at St. Paul’s Hospital were among the scientific activities of the Congress.

The second part of the Congress took place in the South, Arba Minch and Sodo. A visit was organized to a Rural Health Center in Sodo, where care had been provided for some patients suffering from many inflammatory and infectious diseases. Among these diseases, podoconiosis – a geochemical disease occurring in individuals exposed to red clay soil of volcanic origin – is the main problem and very badly managed. This disabling disease can be prevented simply by wearing shoes and regular feet washing. During the Congress, special emphasis was placed on tropical and neglected diseases (scabies, leprosy, anthrax, cutaneous leishmaniasis, etc.).

Taking part in such activities is highly recommended to have an idea about these local realities and to realize how far many populations are from the last medical technology, targeted therapies and specific investigations.

For a better and sustainable development in our world, we should move together and never leave others on the side of the road.



From left to right: Prof. Aldo Morrone, Dr. Nejib Doss and Dr. Ben Naafs



Meeting participants (dermatologists and residents) gather outside of the Italian Cultural Institute.



## Behind the Scenes: Getting to Know ISD Board Members

Despite busy professional and personal lives, members of the ISD Board of Directors spend a significant amount of time working to improve the quality of all the benefits the Society offers its members. Their commitment to ISD is unwavering and they clearly play a vital role. Here, meet two new ISD Board Members – **Drs. Mohammad Rafiqul Mowla (Bangladesh)** and **José Dario Martínez Villarreal (Mexico)**.

### *Where did you train in dermatology?*

**Dr. Mowla:** Chittagong Medical College in Bangladesh.

**Dr. Martínez:** I did my residency in dermatology at General Hospital at Mexico City, followed by a fellowship in dermatology at the University of Miami in Miami, Florida.

### *Where do you practice dermatology?*

**Dr. Mowla:** At present, I am the supervisor of all my MD and PhD students at Chittagong Medical College (CMC) in Bangladesh. This year, I was designated as a mentor by the International Psoriasis Council (IPC) and a mentee would be placed at CMC with me. However, I was recently transferred to another medical college where resources are lacking and the IPC program was discontinued. Sometimes it is difficult to do scientific work in a developing country.

**Dr. Martínez:** I practice medicine and dermatology as a professor at University Hospital, UANL, Monterrey, Mexico, and I have my private practice at Christus Muguerza Hospital in Monterrey, Mexico.

### *What are your areas of interest within dermatology?*

**Dr. Mowla:** Psoriasis, lupus erythematosus, leprosy, scabies and STIs.

**Dr. Martínez:** My areas of interest are ID, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, immunobullous diseases, urticaria and SCARs.

### *Why are you a member of the ISD?*

**Dr. Mowla:** To promote dermatology worldwide and, at the same time, to develop my career by improving my skill and efficiency through sharing updated knowledge with esteemed senior international dermatology colleagues. I welcome the opportunity to actively participate in international congresses that bring together the diverse and like-minded global dermatology community.

**Dr. Martínez:** I am a member of ISD because I am interested in exchanging knowledge with colleagues from around the world.

### *What are your hobbies or interests outside of medicine?*

**Dr. Mowla:** Volunteering in charitable work, gardening, exercising, and swimming.

**Dr. Martínez:** I like sports, I play softball, I like music, and I go to rock/heavy metal concerts.

### *What 3 words best describe you?*

**Dr. Mowla:** Organized. Devoted. Ethical.

**Dr. Martínez:** I am a passionate, cheerful and grateful person.

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

**Dr. Mowla:** By prioritizing the task and following the routine compassionately.

**Dr. Martínez:** I tried to balance my work with my hobbies, enjoying each one at a time.

### *How has ISD impacted your career?*

**Dr. Mowla:** I was awarded the Global Education Award at ICD 2013, Delhi, and it inspires me enormously as a first Bangladeshi awardee. By attending congresses, I come across a lot of global legendary dermatologists and this helps me in networking and effective collaborative research and ultimately shaping my career.

**Dr. Martínez:** ISD has opened doors for me, along with the opportunity to know more colleagues from other countries.

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Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Mowla, Bangladesh

*“Try to be a Medical Dermatologist rather than an Aesthetic Dermatologist and be respectful to your parents, mentors, and teachers. Remember ‘Everything worth doing takes time and effort’.”*

– Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Mowla



Dr. José Dario Martínez Villarreal, Mexico

*“ISD offers young dermatologists opportunities around the world and opens many doors.”*

– Dr. José Dario Martínez Villarreal

## Getting to Know ISD Board Members

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### *What do you value most about your involvement in ISD?*

**Dr. Mowla:** At present, I am working as an External Educational Supervisor at RDTC, Tanzania. I am so proud that ISD elected me as a Director of the ISD Board. All (past and present) ISD Presidents and Secretary-Generals helped me tremendously in this gesture. I must thank Prof. Jacek Szepietowski who included me as one of the members of the Education Committee. I would like to express my indebtedness and gratitude to all my senior and junior international colleagues of ISD.

**Dr. Martínez:** Interacting with my colleagues from afar and meeting interesting people.

### *What does ISD offer aspiring young dermatologists?*

**Dr. Mowla:** Currently, ISD is offering Global Education Awards and Maria Duran Fellowship programs. These scholarships/grants should be increased in numbers with more inclusion of young candidates from developing countries which is of paramount importance to promote dermatology globally, particularly in the underserved areas.

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

**Dr. Martínez:** My advice is to maintain contact with professors and mentors for possible rotations.

### *What would ISD members be surprised to learn about you?*

**Dr. Mowla:** I played professional badminton in my 20s.

**Dr. Martínez:** When I was in my late teens, I was a very good baseball player. I was a pitcher, and my fastball ranges were 86-88 mph. My mom didn't let me sign with a professional baseball team in Mexico when they tried to recruit me, so after that I studied medicine and eventually became a dermatologist. I still like to play softball, and my team won two championships in a row.



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