Registration is now OPEN, for the upcoming

23rd World Congress of Dermatology 2015

A message from Vancouver, Canada

Visit us online at www.derm2015.org to register. While you are online, take a moment to visit ‘I’ll Be There’ and see your friends and colleagues from around the world who will be joining you. To date, we have registrants from 55 countries.

Program At A Glance
Please visit the WCD website for exciting updates on the program. Already, we have over 180 scientific sessions confirmed, including Symposia, Workshops, Courses and Controversies. To take part in the educational activities of the WCD, we invite our international colleagues to submit an abstract. The deadline for abstract submissions will be September 12, 2014.

WCD 2015 Keynote Dermatology Lectureships
Leading dermatologists from around the world will present state-of-the-art lectures on hot topics:

- New Stories from the Pemphigus Family, Valeria Aoki (BRA)
- How Do We Prove the Value of Dermatologic Care?, Matthias Augustin (DEU)
- Updated Concepts and Dilemmas in Dermatopathology, Rino Cerio (GBR)
- Using the Skin to Influence Systemic Immunity, Jan Dutz (CAN)
- Recent Advances in Antimicrobial Peptides, Richard Gallo (USA)
- Melanoma Surgery: Sentinel Nodes and Margins in 2015, Tim Johnson (USA)
- Multiphoton Skin Imaging, Kenji Kabashima (JPN)
- Hair Disorders and Ethnicity, Nonhlanhla Khumalo (ZAF)
- Insights from Genetic Hair and Nail Disorders, Mazen Kurban (LBN)
- Exciting Discoveries in Genodermatoses, John McGrath (GBR)
- The World of Contact Dermatitis in 2015, Rosemarie Nixon (AUS)
- What’s Hot in Cosmetic Dermatology?, Kyle K. Seo (KOR)
- Sexually Transmitted Infections: Important Global Trends, Mihael Skerlev (HRV)
- What’s New in Vitiligo?, Flora Xiang (CHN)
- New Surgical Concepts that Every Dermatologist Needs to Know, Chris Zachary (USA)

Visiting Canada
Canada is known for our people’s friendly nature and clean, safe streets. As with any international travel, delegates to the WCD will need a valid passport to enter Canada. Some delegates will require a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV). We recommend all delegates determine if a TRV is required for your country and start the process early, as some countries will take many months to process the TRV applications. Visit our website at www.derm2015.org for TRV Information, updates to the program and other exciting news.
24th World Congress of Dermatology 2019
A message from Beijing, China

The Chinese Society of Dermatology proposes Beijing as the host city for the 24th WCD.

Beijing is a city with more than 3000 years of history and has convenient connections to all parts of the world. The proposed congress venue, China National Convention Center, has hosted several big congresses with over 20,000 participants. The hotels within a 10-minute driving distance can provide 16,000 rooms for attendees.

More than 22,000 Chinese dermatologists are ready to welcome our colleagues and friends from around the world. Beijing will surely inject the 24th WCD with unique experiences. The history, culture and beauty of Beijing are awaiting your exploration.
24th World Congress of Dermatology 2019  
A message from Istanbul, Turkey

The members of the Turkish Society of Dermatology proudly announce our bid to organize the next ILDS World Congress of Dermatology in Istanbul, the city where the continents meet.

Turkey has a unique geography. It is a bridge connecting not only East and West, but also the past and the future. Istanbul, the country’s cultural capital, has been an attractive site for various civilizations since ancient times. Each year the city is visited by millions of travelers, including health professionals attending meetings, who come to catch a glimpse of its ancient city walls and enchanted churches, palaces and mosques, while savoring the delightful tastes of the city’s rich cuisine. Istanbul offers an unforgettable experience with its colorful and dynamic lifestyle. It is also an attractive destination for international meetings with its world class accommodations and convention facilities.

With seven multi-purpose convention centers and three exhibition centers that are large enough to accommodate even the biggest international fairs, Istanbul can easily accommodate large international congresses. With a total of almost 100,000 guestrooms and 94 five-star or deluxe hotels, Istanbul offers meeting planners a variety of options, including top international and domestic hotel brands.

Istanbul offers three separate meeting and exhibition clusters in the Airport District, the Conference Valley and the Golden Horn that can be integrated, augmented by new centers being constructed on both continents, as well as existing centers currently being updated and expanded. Given the unique opportunity afforded by Istanbul’s historic venues and palaces, the city provides meeting planners with a variety of incredible options for creating a truly outstanding event.

Another factor in Istanbul’s success as a congress destination is its easy accessibility from anywhere in the world. Turkish Airlines, a member of the Star Alliance, offers more than 240 direct destination flights to Istanbul and is the World’s #1 airline flying to more countries than any other airlines in the world.

We are looking forward to meeting you all at the 24th World Congress of Dermatology in Istanbul.

Let’s meet, where the continents meet!

Prof. Ertan Yilmaz  
President of Turkish Society of Dermatology
ILDS 2013 Certificate of Appreciation

Olivier Chosidow, Brigitte Dréno and Jean-Hilaire Saurat (ILDS IPP), December 2014

Wolfram Sterry, Evangeline Handog and Dirk Elston at the presentation of Lawrence Gibson’s Certificate in his absence.

Aurelio Falabella, Mrs Ines Falabella, Anna Falabella, Rafael Falabella, Jean Bologna and Evangeline Handog

Wolfram Sterry and Dédée Murrell

Harvey Lui and Jianzhong Zhang
New Member Societies

Applications from the following New Societies were approved by the Board for membership in the ILDS:

**Member Societies**
- Libyan Society of Dermatology and Venereology
- Jordanian Society for Dermatology and Venereology (JSDV)
- Women Dermatologists Italy
- Georgian Association of Dermatovenereologists
- Egyptian Society of Aesthetic Dermatology
- Sudanese Association of Dermatologists
- Oman Dermatology Society

**Affiliated Societies**
- Interregional Teledermatology Society
- European Society for Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus
- International Dermoscopy Society

ILDS 2014 Certificate of Appreciation

At the recent ILDS Board Meeting, the following nominees were awarded the 2014 ILDS Certificate of Appreciation:
- Howard Ira Maibach
- Luis Diaz
- Wilma Fowler Bergfeld
- Martin C. Mihm
- Uwe Wollina
- Masahiro Takigawa
- Vermén M. Verallo-Rowell
- Oliverio Welsh Lozano
- Rafael Isa Isa
- Qianjin Lu
- Vinod Kumar Sharma
- Venkataram Mysore
- Hyung Ok Kim
- Sarolta Kárpáti
- Xinghua Gao
- Anna Gorkiewicz-Petkow
- Baruch Mevorah
- Hsin-Su Yu

Harvey Lui and Xinghua Gao

Harvey Lui and Qianjin Lu

ILDS Young Dermatologist International Achievement Award (YDIAA)

The following nominees were awarded the Young Dermatologist International Achievement Award:

- Hayato Takahashi (Japan)
- Ramot Yuval (Israel)
- April Armstrong (USA)
- Mazen Kurban (Lebanon)
- Jose Rios-Yuil (Panama)
An expanding Programme of Community Dermatology in Mexico

As part of an ongoing and expanding programme for improving dermatological care for communities in Mexico, organised by Dr. Roberto Estrada and Dra. Guadelupe Chavez through the programme of Dermatologia Communitaria (Mexico), the first core course for dermatology health personnel in primary care was held in Taxco on Friday March 7, 2014. This programme attracts the support of the Ministry of Health and el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF) of the State of Guerrero, Mexico. Staff attending the educational sessions consisted of general practitioners, medical interns in the social services and nurses. All were employees of the State Department of Health. The course took place in the General Hospital of Taxco. The work concentrated on the diagnosis and management of the most common dermatoses that health personnel encounter in remote areas of the country. The authorities of the Ministry of Health in the Northern Region, the General Hospital of Taxco and the Chief of Education provided support and welcomed all the participants.

Attendees were invited to attend a clinical dermatology teaching session on the following day in the community of Copalillo, Gro. This is a predominantly Nahuatl community of about 6,500 residents, mainly employed in agriculture or craft work. 155 patients were treated; 46 of the patients (30%) were children and 109 (64%) were over 18 years. The 10 most common dermatoses found in order of frequency were:

- melasma: 27 (17.4%)
- seborrhoeic dermatitis: 23 (14.8%)
- hair loss: 23 (14.8%)
- pityriasis alba: 22 (14.1%)
- actinic dermatitis: 20 (12.9%)
- acne: 16 (10.3%)
- viral warts: 11 (7.0%)
- benign tumors: 10 (6.4%)
- xerosis: 6 (3.8%)
- lichenification: 6 (3.8%)

There were five cases of trichotillomania, a condition noted previously in this community, and a questionnaire designed to investigate the potential reasons for the numbers of cases is being developed.

With the support of Mexican dermatologists, many of whom attend these courses as teachers and supporters, this programme, which was originally confined to the state of Guerrero, is being adopted and modified for use in other Mexican states such as Oaxaca and Chiapas. The programme in Guerrero has been in existence for over 20 years and is designed to provide a rotation of basic dermatological education in different parts of the state in an annual cycle of jornadas that involve teaching basic dermatological skills coupled with clinical treatment sessions. Health workers including recently qualified doctors, pasantes, are encouraged to attend.

The Community Dermatology Programme (Dermatologia Communitaria) is supported by the International Foundation for Dermatology. More information on this work can be found at the following site http://www.cmej.org.za/index.php/cmej/article/view/2810/3085
MEMBERS´ CORNER

Introduction to the Italian Society for Hair Science® – SITRI

The Italian Society for Hair Science® – SITRI – is constituted as a scientific, non-political and non-profit organization and has as its purpose making the Science of Hair a Branch of Scientific Multi-disciplinary Medicine and, more generally, a part of Humanity´s Culture.

This goal is being pursued via multiple initiatives, in particular the promotion of scientific research into the pathology and physiology of the hair and scalp, along with conveying advances in the ‘Science of Hair’ by teaching courses as well as defining reference protocols for research, clinical and laboratory findings, and the treatment of alopecia and other diseases of the scalp. Moreover, in our meetings and activities we verify the effectiveness and rationality of trichological therapies proposed by the pharmaceutical and cosmetics industries including the quality, rationality and safety of the products offered. We seek coordination with these pharmaceutical and cosmetics industries in order to achieve a scientific rationalization of the whole sector. Through joint discussions, we explore the scientific activities of various companies interested in the science of hair.

Our aim is also to give the members a point of reference and scientific support in their daily activities in Italy and in the world in the field of Science of Hair, to update the information and the knowledge of the Shareholders and to report to the Members, Patients and the Public any fraud in the field of trichology.

SITRI® is the official abbreviation and copyrighted logo for the ‘Italian Society of Trichology’.

Tricotitalia® is the registered name for the educational-scientific sector of the SITRI Society, which is also associated with other health practitioners (non-medical) of hair science and ‘Aesthetic Operators’ of Science of Hair.

In our meetings we invite all members to undertake, according to their ability, the study of trichology, to engage in active research and/or passive learning thru live courses and workshops and to interact via conferences and future publications in the field of trichology.

The latest SITRI Meeting took place in Rome, Italy on Jan 21 2013, on the occasion of the Feast Day of the Italian Saint Agnese, Patron and Protector of Trichology, with a Conference in the Hall of the Popes at the Monumental Complex of St. Agnes Outside the Walls in Rome. The speakers were Professors Alfredo Rossi, Andrea Marliani, Enrico Bruschini, Torello Lotti and Umberto Nardi.

After the Conference, the Speakers and SITRI members visited the Mausoleum of Constance, the Catacombs, and the Holy Sepulchre of Saint Agnese, in the Society’s spirit of joining medical and culture fields, a natural attitude in Italy, with the ever astounding gifts of our Nation’s cultural treasures.
World Skin Health Day in the Philippines

Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS)

The International Society of Dermatology (ISD) celebrated WORLD SKIN HEALTH DAY in six different locations throughout the Philippine Islands in December 2013. Spearheaded by Drs. Evangeline B. Handog, Rosalina Nadela, Asuncion Mendoza, Judith Eusebio, Bernadette Villaflor, and Rosario Eusebio, ISD members and residents, in cooperation with colleagues from the Philippine Dermatological Society, conducted medical missions and educational campaigns. Over one thousand patients, the majority of whom were elementary school children, were examined and treated for various skin conditions, in particular pyodermas and fungal infections. The areas served included the far northwest province of Pangasinan, the National capital region, the southern Tagalog region, and the southern island of Negros. Institutionalized mentally challenged patients were also a focus of one of the medical missions.

WORLD SKIN HEALTH DAY is a joint project of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) and the ISD. One of its goals is to bring dermatologists closer to the underserved sectors of society in order to provide health care and education.

Respectfully submitted by,
Evangeline B. Handog, MD
President, International Society of Dermatology
Indian Society of Teledermatology (INSTED) initiated ‘MATSA’

Indian Society of Teledermatology (INSTED) initiated ‘MATSA’ – the Movement Against Topical Steroid Abuse – at the World Skin Health Day with the theme ‘Pursuing Global Skin Health’ observed on 9th February 2014 at Chennai, India. The World Skin Health Day for this year included an International Dermatology Update organized by INSTED in partnership with Chennai City Chapter of Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists & Leprologists. During this event the CME focused on ‘Recent Updates’. Prof. Jayakar Thomas, President, International Society of Teledermatology and Indian Society of Teledermatology introduced ‘MATSA’ – the Movement Against Topical Steroid Abuse. He expressed that as dermatologists we can ill-afford to work without topical steroids. Our objective is to reach all grades of health care providers and preach the abuse of topical steroids, he vehemently added. The crux of this message was appreciated in a big way by the officer of the Indian Administrative Services who, in his message, promised to help this movement succeed and to do whatever is possible from the administrators' end to reach this objective. The chief guest, a senior administrator of the State Public Health Department, assured to help this movement reach the target. The chief faculty, Prof. Jayakar Thomas along with the audience pledged that „We have the duty to teach the use of topical steroids and the duty to preach against their abuse” (see photo). He also undertook the ‘HALT PSORIASIS’ program in continuation to the earlier oath taken by INSTED, „We, the health care providers have the duty to see that every patient with psoriasis is helped to live his/her normal span of life in perfect health” and a booklet on ‘Psoriasis: some questions answered’, released at the World Psoriasis Day 2013, was distributed.


Observation of World Leprosy Day:
INSTED joined the Government Villupuram Medical College to observe World Leprosy Day on the 30th January 2014, when a special screening camp was conducted under the leadership of Prof. Parimalam Kumar, the Vice-President of INSTED. An awareness program was organized for patients and public to teach and create awareness about the disease and usefulness of early detection and management in preventing complications, particularly deformity. Free screening camps were conducted in Chennai by Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Secretary, INSTED and Dr. Renuka Ramakrishnan, Treasurer, to detect cases of Leprosy.
Teaching Dermatologic Surgery
Are you interested in teaching abroad?

Are you interested in teaching dermatologic surgery abroad? Or would you like an expert in dermatologic surgery to visit your country? The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery International Traveling Mentorship Program (ITMP) enhances the exchange of information and body of knowledge of dermatologic surgery between the U.S. and international communities of dermatologic surgeons. Each year, ASDS facilitates international education by allowing dermatologic surgeons to visit a host institution in another country or host a dermatologic surgeon from another country at no charge for a defined period of teaching, surgical demonstration and table-side exchange. Qualified mentors and hosts must be active members of the ASDS or other approved international societies, and provide required information for approval by the ASDS International Traveling Mentorship Program (ITMP) Work Group. Mentors and hosts are encouraged to apply at any time.

To receive more information about the program and apply online, please visit http://www.asds.net/itmp/.
European Society for Dermatology and Psychiatry (ESDaP)

Dennis Linder - ESDaP President
Dennis Linder, MD, MSc, dermatologist and mathematician, is the new ESDaP President for the years 2013-2015, following the presidency of Dr John De Korte (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), and preceding Prof Uwe Gieler’s (Giessen, Germany) presidency. Dennis Linder, a dermatologist in private practice in Venice, Italy, is a lecturer at University of Padua Medical School and at the Medical University of Graz. His interests range from Medical Humanities to Psychodermatology, Dermatoepidemiology, Doctor Patient Communication and Life Course Epidemiology.

Florence Dalgard
Florence Dalgard is a dermatologist based in Oslo. Over the last 10 years she has contributed to the development of psychodermatology as a rigorous scientific discipline in Europe with a combination of solid scientific approach as an epidemiologist and background in humanities.

The main objective of her research body is to explore ways of assessing the burden of chronic skin disease at population level as well as at individual level. She is currently the project leader of an on-going European Multicenter Study with the title „Depression, anxiety, quality of life and attachment in common skin diseases. A European multicenter Study”. The core working group is Uwe Gieler and Jörg Kupfer from Germany, Lucia Tomas-Aragones from Spain and Lars Lien from Oslo. The participating colleagues are all members of the ESDaP from 14 countries in Europe.

Laurent Misery
Laurent Misery is professor of dermatology, head of the department of dermatology at the University Hospital of Brest and director of the laboratory of neurosciences of the University of Brest. He is also president of the French Group of Psycho-Dermatology. He is well-known for his clinical works about pruritus and psychodermatology. From the biological point of view, he has invented models of co-cultures of neurons and skin cells, that are in vitro models to study relationship between skin and the nervous system.