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2nd ILDS World Skin Summit

10-12 June 2018, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

The Summit is a special and unique global event that will involve the leaders of ILDS Member Societies. The goal is to work together towards a vision of attaining the best possible skin health for all people around the world. The Summit will provide an educational forum for sharing and discussion, enabling leaders in dermatology to consider and develop strategies to improve skin health at local, national, regional and global levels.

Through an interactive programme with plenary and workshop sessions and social activities delegates will:

- Identify challenges and develop skills and knowledge to tackle challenges in their country and/or disease area
- Meet fellow dermatology leaders, share experiences and strengthen networks
- Develop common strategies to improve global skin health
- Learn about ILDS strategies, projects and collaborations and opportunities for engagement

Please visit <https://www.WorldSkinSummit.com> for more details.



World Skin Health Day 2017 Update

More ILDS Member Societies have been holding World Skin Health Day 2017 events. The aim of the campaign is to recognise and promote skin health around the world. So, please help us make this a truly global message and combine another activity you are already doing with World Skin Health Day. There is no specific date; you can pick whichever day suits your organisation best!



In July the Philippine Dermatological Society held its 1st National Eczema Congress and Fair: “Sama Sama Laban sa Eczema”. This activity highlighted the Philippine Dermatological Society’s 65th Anniversary and was organized in collaboration with the International Society of Dermatology’s World Skin Health Day. The event was kicked off by welcoming remarks by PDS President, Dr. Ma. Angela Lavadia. This was followed by several interactive lectures on eczema – how it is affected by factors such as the sun, sports, environment, psychological stress and work together with its management.

During the event, residents and consultants from the PDS-accredited institutions gave free skin consultations to the mall employees and the general public. There were also commercial exhibitors with booths who gave out samples. In between the lectures, there were games and dances with special participation by celebrity guests to keep the momentum alive. The 1st National Eczema Congress and Fair was a day filled with learning and happy memories as shown by the cheerful faces and words of thanks from the patients and attendees.



In October the French Society of Dermatology held a day of workshops for students to learn about careers in clinical research and the impact of skin disease. In the morning there were workshops about clinical research (first year of medical school, skin biology engineers, researchers, clinical researchers, study coordinators, academic/hospital based physicians). This was attended by 45 high school students and three teachers and was run by Prof Nathalie Rives (Rouen University in Normandie), Dr Delphine Picoche (Rouen University Hospital Normandie) and Prof Pascal Joly, President of the FSD.

In the afternoon, plenary sessions provided information about skin disease impact. Major national public health strategies in dermatology (sexual health, skin cancer prevention, acne) were presented. More than 100 high school students and five teachers participated in these sessions which were run by Prof Marie-Thérèse Leccia (CHU Grenoble), Olivier Chosidow (CHU Mondor Créteil) and Nicolas Dupin (CHU Cochin Tarnier).

Register your society to take part in World Skin Health Day at <https://www.WorldSkinDay.org>

Progress in the Development of the Global Psoriasis Atlas

The Global Psoriasis Atlas (GPA), one of ILDS' flagship projects, is running full steam ahead since its official start on 1 April 2017. Professor Chris Griffiths, GPA Director, is working with workstream leads Dr Darren Ashcroft, Manchester University, and Professor Mattias Augustin, Hamburg University. The administrative team is now also in place with a full-time Programme Manager, Rebekah Swan, at Manchester University and a part-time Project Manager, Caroline Bach, at the ILDS Secretariat in London, UK.



The project team has been working hard to secure 17 regional co-ordinators who will help identify and collate data sources from around the world. The co-ordinators met for the first time at the GPA Steering Committee Meeting which took place in Geneva in September. The GPA Board of Governors (chaired by ILDS President, Professor Harvey Lui) also held their first Board Meeting. This was an opportunity to review progress reports on the work of the project partners, the project delivery timetable and future workplans. The next meetings will be during the American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting, February 2018 in San Diego, USA.

Over the next 12 months the GPA Project will complete a systematic review on global incidence and prevalence to support the development of a prototype GPA.

To find out more about the GPA please visit <http://www.GlobalPsoriasisAtlas.com>

World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) 2019 Update



From left to right: Jean Bologna, Harvey Lui, Kitty Peris and Giovanni Pellacani.

WCD President, Prof. Giovanni Pellacani, and WCD Secretary General, Prof. Kitty Peris, have been as busy as ever making arrangements for Milan 2019. You may have seen them in Salvador de Bahia at the Brazilian Society of Dermatology's 72nd Congress or joined them at the WCD reception during the European Academy of Dermatology and Venerology Congress in Geneva 5-7pm, Friday 15 September. Your next opportunity to find out more about WCD2019 will be at the American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting 16-20 February 2018 in San Diego, Booth 4952.

Don't forget to sign up for early bird registration. Abstract submissions are also open. You can find more details at <https://wcd2019milan.org> or follow us on Twitter and Facebook for updates: [@wcd2019milan](https://twitter.com/wcd2019milan)



ILDS DermLink Update

ILDS DermLink is a grants programme that provides ILDS Member Societies with financial support to improve dermatology in resource-poor settings.

In June 2016, the ILDS named the three recipients of ILDS DermLink grants totalling \$13,000. The three recipients were based in Brazil, Cambodia and the Philippines. They each had 12 months to complete their proposed projects and we are pleased to share their activities with you here.

Sporotrichosis Action Day in Brazil

Colégio Ibero Latino Americano de Dermatologia (CILAD) held an Action Day Against Sporotrichosis with the help of 50 volunteers in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The aim of the project was to bring together owners with infected cats and dogs, to provide better education and holistic treatment, as well as training dermatologists. The action day was attended by 2,000 owners of 250 cats and dogs, and the symposium was attended by 500 dermatologists.



Dermatological Care in Remote Cambodia

The German Society of Dermatology applied for a grant to support work in Cambodia. DermLink grant activities do not always need to take place in the same country as the Member Society. This grant allowed for two field trips to be conducted during the period. The first, in November, saw 11 physicians, nurses and students from the new department of Dermatology at Preah Kossamak hospital travel to Kroch Meas Commune (about 80km west of Phnom Penh). They saw 261 patients. The second, in April 2017, saw a task force of 25 arrange a day-clinic in Mesor Prochan Village (140km South East of Phnom Penh); 315 people were seen at this clinic.

A wide variety of dermatological issues were seen varying from aesthetic to advanced basal cell carcinomas and late systemic sclerosis. All medicines and consultations were provided free of charge, and local staff had the opportunity to assist with the consultations benefiting from the experience and training of the specialist team. The grant covered costs associated with travel, medicines and basic laboratory equipment.

Purchase of Diagnostic Equipment in the Philippines

The International Society of Dermatology applied to ILDS DermLink on behalf of the Immunodermatology Unit and the Department of Dermatology at the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) in Alabang, Philippines. An increasing cohort of patients are presenting at the RITM with autoimmune blistering diseases but the equipment for diagnosis and monitoring only existed in Manila.

The ILDS DermLink grant awarded to the RITM allowed them to purchase an immunofluorescence microscope and camera. By the end of the year, they had processed 51 specimens and are accepting referrals from other dermatologists in the southern regions of the Philippines. The microscope is helping not just with diagnostics but also with the training of dermatology residents.



ILDS DermLink 2017 saw another seven projects nominated for support. The International Foundation for Dermatology is delighted that the following three Member Society proposals will each receive \$5,000.

- Philippine Dermatological Society nominating the Philippine General Hospital to develop mobile phone tele-dermatology
- British Association of Dermatologists nominating the National Podoconiosis Action Network (NaPAN) to run a 4-day training workshop for their lymphedema self-help group in Ethiopia
- Nigerian Association of Dermatologists to treat patients in migrant camps

Activity reports will be shared in future newsletters. ILDS DermLink 2018 is now open for nominations.

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Please send your [application form \(pdf\)](#) to DermLink@ILDS.org

Sincere thanks to all our IFD donors in 2017

The work of the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) including our support for the Regional Dermatology Training Centre in Tanzania would not have been possible in 2017 without the generous support from our donors. We would like to extend our sincere thanks and acknowledge your important contributions.

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Individual donors

We are extremely grateful to the individuals who have made personal donations in support of our work.

Donations, of all sizes, make a significant difference to the work that the IFD can support and to the improvement of skin health for people in resource poor settings around the world. We hope that your society would be interested to contribute in 2018. Please contact the ILDS office to discuss the opportunities for support and engagement by emailing [Katie Barretta on operations@ILDS.org](mailto:operations@ILDS.org)



ILDS 2017 Certificate of Appreciation Presentations

Giuseppe Argenziano

International Dermoscopy Society – International Leadership

Prof Giuseppe Argenziano is one of the most well-known experts in the field of skin cancer diagnosis and has made enormous contributions to teach and spread the use of dermoscopy worldwide. He has been one of the founding members of the International Dermoscopy Society and served as Secretary for six years and as President of the Society for six more years. Over the past 20 years he has supervised over 100 foreign students and 40 residents in Dermatology, established scientific collaborations with more than 200 colleagues from more than 30 nations, and organised more than 50 national and international scientific activities, courses and conferences (such as the Consensus Net Meeting on Dermoscopy and the First Congress of the International Dermoscopy Society).

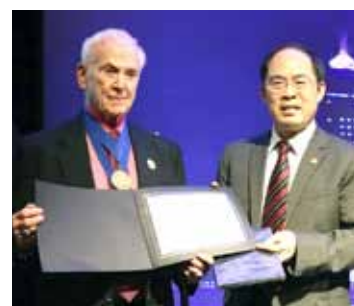
Prof Argenziano has authored more than 400 full scientific articles and produced landmark primary publications and books in the field of dermoscopy. Over the past 20 years he has been invited as speaker and/or chairman in more than 500 national and international conferences in the field of dermatology. Due to his significant contributions that dermoscopy has become a standard tool in the diagnosis of skin cancer.



Lawrence Field

Dermatologic & Aesthetic Surgery International League – International Leadership

Prof Lawrence Field has been and continues to be a pioneer amongst pioneers, a mentor to so many around the world that he calls most of the dermatologists he has taught “my kids” and his kids just call him “prof”. Prof Field was one of the original group of physicians who introduced liposuction to the world. He has battled with every specialty group in every country of the world to demonstrate that dermatologists, and those properly trained, are, in fact, some of the most qualified physicians to perform this procedure and he has taught the techniques in every corner of the world. Approaching the age of 90, he still teaches at international meetings when he can. Prof Field has contributed greatly to the specialty. He has published 100s of peer-reviewed articles in dermatologic surgery and has given 1000s of lectures all over the world.



Peter Friedmann

British Association of Dermatologists – International Leadership

Prof Peter Friedmann has made a major contribution to the development of dermatology services in Ethiopia. His work, which is carried out without financial reward, and his commitment have encouraged many UK dermatologists to contribute to the teaching programme. In 2005, following a distinguished career in research and academic dermatology Prof Friedmann was invited by Dr Dagnachew, Head of Dermatology Department in Addis Ababa University to help set up and activate a Dermatology Training Programme in Ethiopia where 22 Dermatologists served a nation of 70 million. They devised a three-year training programme, aimed at educating GPs and giving them the relevant specialised knowledge of dermatology to enable them to practice independently as consultants. Over the 10 years since the start of the programme, up to 10 trainees graduate from the programme each year and the number of Dermatologists has now reached over 100. The programme has become self-sustaining with sufficient knowledge and experience among the local University-appointed Dermatologists (who have all come through the programme). External Lecturers are still involved in the teaching and examining the trainees. The graduates from the programme are now starting to populate Hospital/health-care centres in key centres across the country and the population (now 80 million) is for the first time starting to have access to dermatological services.



Kin Fon Leong

Dermatological Society of Malaysia – Humanitarian Dermatology Award

Dr Kin Fon Leong is a senior Paediatric Dermatologist currently attached to the Institute of Paediatrics, Kuala Lumpur. Since 2004, Dr Leong has contributed his time and effort to serve as a volunteer doctor in disaster-stricken countries, where he has travelled extensively across continents to those in need. In addition to his humanitarian works, Dr Leong is also a much sought-after speaker in the field of paediatric dermatology, and has been invited to speak at various national and international meetings. He regularly organises courses to educate doctors and he is also a trainer and coordinator for the national paediatric dermatology course in Malaysia. Dr Leong is the author of three books on Childhood Dermatoses and has also contributed to a chapter in Paediatric Skin of Colour. He is also actively involved in research.



Susan Lewis-Jones

British Association of Dermatologists – Humanitarian Dermatology Award

As part of an initiative funded by the British Council led by Prof Peter Friedman, Dr Susan Lewis-Jones was appointed as lecturer in dermatology (unpaid) to Addis Ababa University in 2009 and asked to set up a teaching program/curriculum for Paediatric dermatology for trainee dermatologists. Over the last decade this has resulted in over 100 trained dermatologists in Ethiopia. For the last three years Dr Lewis-Jones has acted as an external examiner for the end of year exams for trainees in dermatology in Addis Ababa. The Department in Addis was keen to set up paediatric dermatology as a subspecialty and asked Dr Lewis-Jones to be the lead on this. Their aim is to train 2-3 consultants as paediatric dermatologists in order to be self-sufficient for future training. Dr Lewis-Jones has undertaken to arrange and oversee a 2-year program of training, which will involve Paediatric dermatologists from the UK BSPD visiting Addis for training purposes, with 1 colleague staying for 6 weeks. It is also planned that the Consultants-in-training will spend at least 12 months overseas and some UK centres such as St Johns have agreed to collaborate with Dr Lewis-Jones. Some training will take place electronically using UK colleagues e.g. case studies.



New Member Societies

Applications from the following new societies were approved by the Board for membership in the ILDS. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the following societies to the ILDS community.

Member Societies



Angolan College of Dermatology & Venerology



Philippine Academy of Dermatological Surgery Foundation

Affiliated Societies

Francophone African Society of Dermatology



Latin American Society for Paediatric Dermatology

Observer Societies



African Society of Dermatology and Venerology

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Dermatological Society of Malaysia (PDM)

First National Epidermolysis Bullosa Workshop

The Paediatric Dermatology Unit, in collaboration with Dermatological Society of Malaysia and DEBRA Malaysia, organized the first National Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) Workshop 14-15 September 2017 at the Paediatric Institute, Kuala Lumpur Hospital.

The main objective of the EB workshop was to update and educate healthcare professionals (HCP) and patients on clinical care. The programme was comprehensive, covering various aspects of EB care from multiple disciplines including paediatric dermatologist, dentist, pain specialist, nurse specialist, dietitian, psychologist and medical social worker. The **"Meet the Expert"** session was lively and interactive, where panels of experts were challenged with many questions and doubts.

The organisers had arranged two EB volunteers, a 41-year-old lady with EB – Dowling Meara and a 4-year-old girl with dystrophic EB for demonstrations on dressings techniques. This allowed the participants to share and discuss their experiences and learn from others on how to treat specific patients and wounds.

The workshop was well attended by 55 nurses and 13 families from various parts of Malaysia. The HCPs were assigned to **'adopt an EB family'** and were involved in all the social activities with their EB family throughout the workshop. This gave the HCPs opportunities to better understand EB clinically, emotionally and psychosocially.

Most importantly, the workshop allowed patients to meet new families and connect with others. DEBRA Malaysia had organised fun activities for children while providing ample socialising time for the adults. The families also participated in a questionnaire study on QoL in children and families with EB, which will be shared with the medical community at large. The event was a great success.

Dr. Sabeera Begum MBBS MPaeds
Dermatological Society of Malaysia (PDM)



Group photo with participants, nurses and EB patients with their family members. Madam Khatijah (DEBRA secretary) and Ms Yeap Poh Keok (adult EB patient) cutting the cake marking the third anniversary celebration of DEBRA Malaysia.

Interregional Society of Teledermatology

1st International Conference of Infections and Anti-Infection Control in Dermatology



Prof Vsevolod Georgievich Akimov delivers an honorary lecture on Tropical Dermatology

The first International Conference on 'Infections and Anti-Infection Control in Dermatology' took place in Moscow, Russia, 20-21 September 2017. The conference was organised by the All-Russian National Academy of Dermatology together with Interregional Society of Teledermatology. Over 600 delegates from Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Poland participated with 85 oral and e-paper presentations.

The plenary sessions of the Conference were dedicated to research on cutaneous microbiome, primary and adaptive immunity against superficial infections, and control of infestations in major cities in Eurasia. The breakout sessions of the conference focused on the topics of antimicrobial therapy and resistance, managing superficial bacterial and fungal infections most prevalent in Eurasia and cutaneous infestations and disease caused by arthropods and insects. Two sessions were dedicated to leishmaniasis and Lyme disease. The workshops on cutaneous spectrum of mycobacterial disease and overcoming microbial resistance were specially noted by participants.

The Academy Medal was awarded to Prof Vsevolod Akimov for a lifelong career in dermatology, infectiology and medical mycology, as well as his 12-year service in Africa under the UN.

Prof Alexey Sergeev, MD, Ph.D., D.Sc.Med.
President, Interregional Society of Teledermatology

Skin of Color Society Update

The **Skin of Color Society (SOCS)** recently organized two sessions at two international meetings. The goal of these collaborative efforts was to expose a larger group of physicians to the SOCS Mission and to expand educational offerings in an attempt to educate the dermatology community on dermatological issues that occur more in people with pigmented skin. The SOCS leadership hopes that through these efforts SOCS can foster international collegiality and understanding of the changes in national and regional demographics, as well as international population shifts, underscoring the need and importance of a thorough understanding of skin of color.

The **International Pigment Cell Conference (IPCC)**, 26-30 August 2017, in Denver attracted scientists and clinicians from around the world to share the latest developments in pigment cells, melanoma and melanocyte research. It was the only international melanoma meeting held in North America in 2017. Dr Seemal Desai, SOCS President, moderated a panel at the pre-conference called Challenging Pigmentary Disorders and Skin of Color. Approximately one hundred physicians attended the SOCS session.

The **5-Continent-Congress (5CC 2017)**, 31 Aug – 3 Sep 2017, in Barcelona comprised of an international group of highly acclaimed dermatologists and plastic surgeons who are key opinion leaders in their fields. Since the first edition in 2009 in Nice, the 5CC is known as a highly professional conference dedicated to innovations and controversies in the field of aesthetic medicine accompanied by an unparalleled pre- and post-conference program.

The dermatology community may be faced with cutaneous diseases that occur more often in people with pigmented skin, present differently, are inadequately understood, or are unique to this population. Through collaborative efforts like these, SOCS is working to increase the body of education concerning skin of color in an attempt to meet the needs of the expanding skin of color population.



From Left to Right: Drs John Harris, Nada Elbuluk, Amy McMichael, Immediate Past President, Seemal Desai, President, Pearl Grimes, Amit Pandya and Iltefat Hamzavi

Introducing International Psoriasis Council's International Fellowship Program

The International Psoriasis Council (IPC) is pleased to announce a new one-year fellowship program for early career clinicians and scientists to gain clinical, research and educational skills that further their careers as psoriasis leaders.



Advancing Knowledge
Enhancing Care

On-Line Education Programs Now Available

Accredited education programs designed for clinicians managing patients with psoriasis are now available on the IPC website. Delivered by international experts, they explore patient behavioral factors, comorbidities, individualized treatment approaches, and new treatment therapies.

New IPC Scientific Publications Available for Free Download

■ "Global State of Psoriasis Epidemiology: A Workshop Report" in the *British Journal of Dermatology* reviews, results from an IPC program focused on global health challenges in psoriasis epidemiology. It also highlights the ambitious plan for a web-based Global Psoriasis Atlas (GPA) database that will document the prevalence and incidence of psoriasis worldwide. The workshop followed the release of the WHO global report on psoriasis in 2016.

■ "Safety of Systemic Agents for the Treatment of Pediatric Psoriasis" in *JAMA Dermatology* assesses patterns of use and relative risks of systemic agents for moderate to severe psoriasis in children. It reviews a retrospective pediatric registry study performed through a collaboration of the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA) and the European Working Group on Pediatric Psoriasis (EWGPP). This work was supported in part by IPC and included IPC councilor investigators.

■ A collaborative genetic study initiated and largely IPC-funded examined common and rare psoriasis-associated gene-centric variation in approximately 30,000 individuals of European descent. The study entitled, "Exome-wide association study reveals novel psoriasis susceptibility locus at TNFSF15 and rare protective alleles in genes contributing to type I IFN signaling," was published in the journal *Human Molecular Genetics*.



Faculty from "Advancing in Psoriasis: A Focus on Emerging Therapies and Approaches to Treatment" a CME program held in Geneva, Switzerland, at the EADV Congress and now available on the IPC website. From left to right: Mark Lebwohl, Claudia de la Cruz, and Peter van de Kerkhof.

20th Congress of the Serbian Association of Dermatovenereologists (SADV)

The 20th congress of the SADV was held in Belgrade 18-20 May 2017. 437 participants attended the Congress from 20 countries. Over the three days there were 29 invited speakers from Europe and USA and 10 from Serbia, who presented some of the latest developments and systematic reviews in dermatology, autoimmune bullous diseases, inflammatory dermatoses and aesthetic dermatology.

During the Congress we reminded ourselves of the pioneers of modern dermatology in Serbia and celebrated our Association's 90th anniversary. The first SADV Lifetime Achievement Award was presented at the Congress to Professor Danilo Stevanovic.

Prof Dr Zeljko Mijuskovic
President, Serbian Association of Dermatovenereologists



Opening ceremony, Belgrade City Hall

And Finally

Dates for your Diary

The 24th World Congress of Dermatology (2019) registration and abstract submission are now open!

We are delighted to announce that registration for the 24th World Congress of Dermatology opens this month.

For more details visit <https://www.wcd2019milan.org> and follow us on Twitter and Facebook for updates.

- 31 December 2017** ILDS Society Information Update Forms return deadline
- 17 February 2018** 24th WCD/ILDS Reception at the American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting, San Diego, USA
- 03 April 2018** Certificate of Appreciation nominations deadline
- 03 April 2018** Young Dermatologist Achievement Award nomination deadline
- 03 April 2018** ILDS Dermlink application deadline
- 10-12 June 2018** 2nd ILDS World Skin Summit

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