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XII ICD Unites International Dermatology Community



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEW CHAPTER.

Our Society's success can be traced through Dr. Evangeline Handog, ISD's Immediate Past President, and her board's hard work and dedication. I am honored to follow in her footsteps. As the new President, I arrived at this point as a dedicated advocate for this Society, its noble goals and members. I personally treasure the many friendships and shared experiences along this path and thank those who have encouraged and supported me.



With special pride, I am privileged to introduce the new Executive Board. I believe this will be a particularly cohesive and productive team.

- Executive Vice President: Marcia Ramos-e-Silva, MD, PhD (Brazil)
- Secretary-General: Nellie Konnikov, MD (USA/Russia)
- Associate Secretary-General: Vinod Sharma, MD (India)
- Treasurer-General: Hassan Galadari, MD (UAE)
- Immediate Past President: Evangeline Handog, MD (Philippines)

I also wish to introduce the Chairs of our committees.

Membership: Jorge Ocampo Candiani, MD (Mexico)

Communications: Jean Bolognia, MD (USA)

International Mentorship:

Martin Kassir, MD (USA/Iran), Chair until Milan, then Co-Chair

Rashmi Sarkar, MD (India), Co-Chair until Milan, then Chair

Regional Meetings:

Shyam Verma, MD (India), Chair until Milan, then Co-Chair

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Community Dermatology: Claire Fuller, MD (United Kingdom)

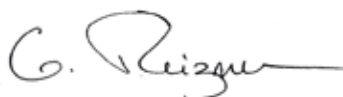
Climate Change: Louise Kronborg Andersen, MD (Denmark)

We have the wind at our backs after the successful International Congress in Buenos Aires with thanks to Drs. Ricardo and Gaston Galimberti. The *International Journal of Dermatology* is a monthly source of academic excellence with Dr. Rokea el-Azhary as our Editor-in-Chief. There are multiple meetings on the horizon including Regional Meetings, Continental Congresses and our next International Congress in Melbourne already being planned by Drs. Dedee Murrell and Rodney Sinclair. We can boast that World Skin Health Day was inaugurated by Dr. Handog, while also celebrating the success of our committees and task forces. These, plus the *ISD Connection*, highlight the many activities and accomplishments of our members.

A special thank you to Dr. Dedee Murrell for chairing the Communications Committee for the past four years. Her energy and commitment helped the *ISD Connection* become the Society's voice linking our members while also successfully guiding our growth into social media.

There is much to be grateful for, as we begin this next chapter together. In future editions of the *ISD Connection*, I will outline the vision and direction of our committees, meetings and task forces. Now onward together to build upon the good work that has been started and the future of international dermatology.

Best regards,



George Reizner, MD
ISD President



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FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Friends,

It is my absolute pleasure to start my second term as your Secretary-General and work with my colleagues on the Executive Board to advance activities of the Society in accordance with ISD's mission. I accepted this position in conformation of my commitment to you and to the Society.



We are building the future on the strong foundation of not only our founding visionaries, but also, on the hard work of our current leaders and members, who maintain and advance ISD within dermatologic communities around the globe. As our President, Dr. Reizner, has mentioned, there are already multiple meetings being planned for you, including regular Regional Meetings, Continental Congresses and the XIII International Congress of Dermatology. These meetings bring together the most prestigious and world renowned dermatologists -- offering an unforgettable opportunity to learn and share expertise, ideas and passion for knowledge that have the potential for changing the lives of many people.

On this note, I am looking forward to seeing you all in Munich, Germany, at the 5th International Summer Academy, where emphasis will be placed on the practical treatment of skin diseases important in daily practice throughout the world and where the entire spectrum of practical dermatology will be addressed. This meeting will provide a lot of opportunities for networking and future collaboration.

In conclusion, I would like to invite all of you, my friends and colleagues, to continue your excellent job of ISD goodwill ambassadors: bring new members, become mentors to young dermatologists, send us pictures from your communities, and actively participate in the life of our Society. Together we can do more to advance dermatology and improve care of our patients throughout the world.

With my sincere regards,

Nellie Konnikov, M.D.

Nellie Konnikov, MD
ISD Secretary-General

IJD Fun Facts

- More than 2,000 articles from more than 80 countries were submitted for publication in 2016
- 430 articles were published in 2016
- 34 different countries are represented in the Editorial Board
- The impact factor of the Journal is getting higher every year due to the quality of the papers being selected for publication



2016 Top Articles Downloaded

Article Title	Volume	2016 Downloads
Diet and acne: a review of the evidence	48	7,593
Blurry halos around tattoos: a new case of "tattoo blow-out"	53	5,162
Review: Ultraviolet radiation and skin cancer	49	4,315
The effect of topical virgin coconut oil on SCORAD index, transepidermal water loss, and skin capacitance in mild to moderate pediatric atopic dermatitis: a randomized, double-blind, clinical trial	53	2,358
Mnemonics in dermatology	45	2,304
Clinical features, diagnosis, and treatment of erythema multiforme: a review for the practicing dermatologist	51	1,779
Language barriers: challenges to quality healthcare	54	1,673
Uremic frost: a harbinger of impending renal failure	55	1,324
Cutaneous polyarteritis nodosa: a comprehensive review	49	1,168
Efficacy of topical application of human breast milk on atopic eczema healing among infants: a randomized clinical trial	54	1,153

XIIth International Congress of Dermatology – A Resounding Success

From April 18-22, 2017, Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the place to be for physicians interested in global dermatology. Encompassing the challenges in precision medicine, the congress presented nine plenary lectures together with over 50 symposia -- ranging from bacterial, mycobacterial, fungal and parasitic diseases to auto-inflammatory disorders, and from neonatal dermatology to aging skin. Sessions unique to this ICD included the best of the *International Journal of Dermatology* and the Maria Duran Symposium, where ISD Past President Dr. Pancho Kerdel delivered the Maria Duran Lecture. An impressive number of dermatologists, 2,309 to be precise, from over 60 countries attended ICD 2017 as did 32 various sponsors from industry.

On the first day of the congress, 10 organizations held well-attended sister society meetings (see list), followed by a grand opening ceremony held at the Palace of Light, Usina del Arte. The keynote lecture on the progress and promise of molecular dermatology, delivered by Dr. Stephen Katz, beautifully set the tone for the remainder of ICD 2017.

The prestigious Castellani-Reis Medal -- the highest honor of the ISD given to an individual for lifetime achievement in international dermatology and contributions to the Society -- was awarded to Dr. Aldo Morrone, in recognition of his numerous volunteer efforts serving underserved populations including refugee populations in Syria, Lebanon and Libya. Dr. Lidia Rudnicka was this year's recipient of the

Maria Duran Medal. She was recognized for her scientific contributions in the areas of hair pathology, trichoscopy and scleroderma.

A particularly inspiring aspect of the meeting was the many presentations by young dermatologists on the last day of the meeting during 14 different sessions entitled "Under the eye of the expert", with topics varying from pigmentary disorders to wound healing. Lively discussions ensued amongst presenters, seasoned professors, and members of the audience.

During the General Assembly, the many contributions of the ISD Officers were recognized. Dr. Oliverio Welsh delivered a heartfelt eulogy for Dr. Ramón Ruiz-Maldonado, a past President of the ISD. In addition, the tireless efforts and incredible organizational skills of Drs. Gaston and Ricardo Galimberti, the Secretary and President, respectively, of ICD 2017, were acknowledged. When asked "What was the most memorable aspect of the meeting?", Gaston said, "The quality of the plenary sessions with outstanding speakers. Plenary sessions were broadcast and all of them were crowded". His father, Ricardo, said, "The opening ceremony at Usina del Arte and the possibility for all Latin American dermatologists to be in close contact with the rest of the dermatology world". For many, a social highlight of the meeting was the gracefully rendered Argentine tango by the ISD President, Dr. Evangeline Handog, at the President's dinner.

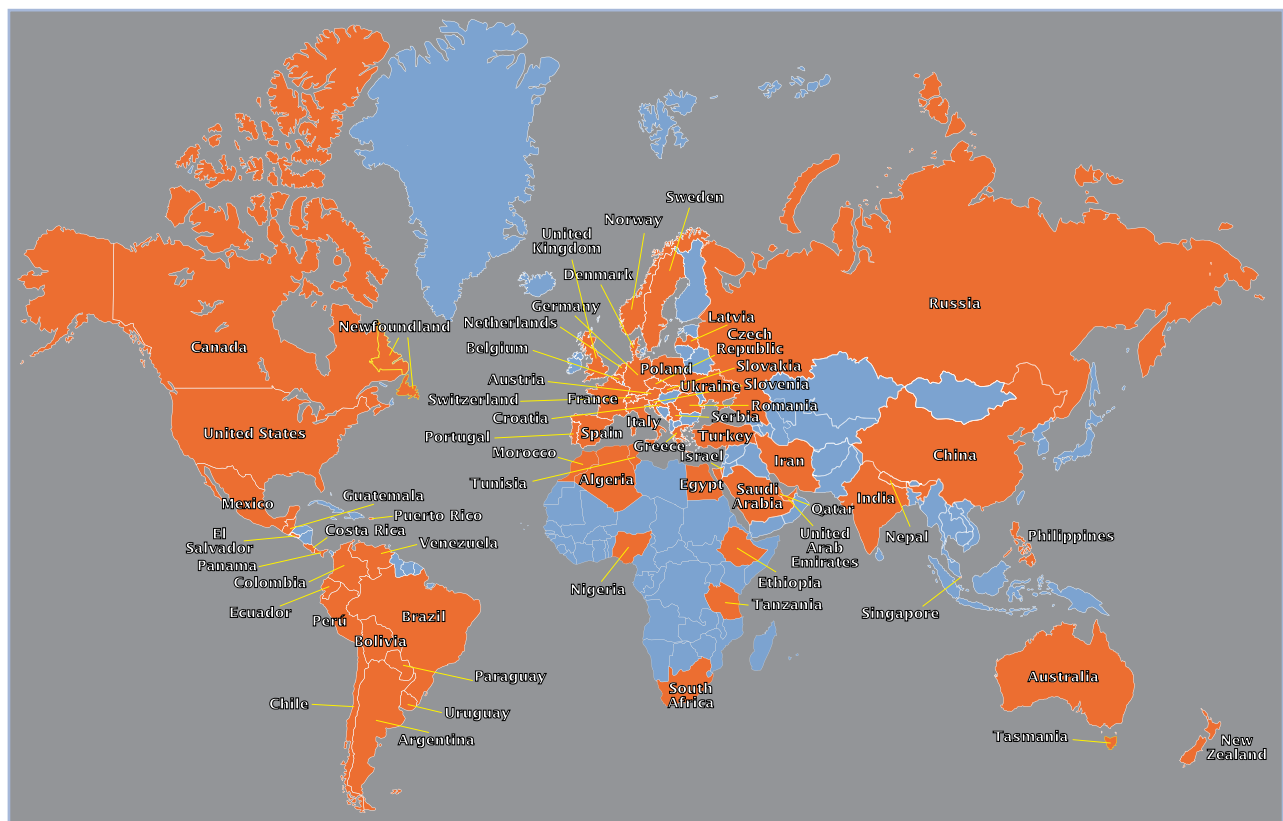
Report submitted by Dr. Jean Bolognia

Sister Society Meetings at ICD 2017

Argentine Society of Dermatology (SAD)
Association for Psychocutaneous Medicine of North America
Brazilian Society of Dermatology
Colegiolbero-Latinoamericano de Dermatología (CILAD)
Dermatological Society of Singapore

International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA)
International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease (ISSVD)
Latin American Society of Photobiology and Photomedicine
North American Clinical Dermatologic Society
Women's Dermatologic Society

Delegates from over 60 countries were represented at the XII ICD





Dr. Evangeline Handog (second from left) and George Reizner (far right) meet with delegates from China, including, Drs. Barry Gao (far left) and Hong Duo-Chen (second from right)



From left to right: Drs. Dan Siegel, Hugo Cabrera, Jean Bologna, Mario Alberto Marini, Hassan Galadari and Cristina Pascuto



Dr. Aldo Morrone (left) is presented with the Castellani-Reis Medal by ISD President Dr. Evangeline Handog (right)



Dr. George Reizner (left), Dr. Evangeline Handog (second from left), Dr. Gaston Galimberti (third from right), Dr. Jean Bologna (second from right), and Dr. Martin Kassir (right) congratulate the 16 scholarship awardees



Attendees from around the world enjoy the opening reception



ISD Executive Director Cindy Froehlich (right) explains the many benefits of ISD membership



From left to right: Drs. Kenneth Tomecki and Dan Siegel



From left to right: Drs. Cristina Pascuto, Luna Azulay, Ricardo Galimberti and Evangeline Handog



Dr. Evangeline Handog performs the Argentine tango



Members and spouses enjoy the festivities at the gala dinner



From left to right: Drs. Marcia Ramos-e-Silva and Jean Bologna



From left to right: Drs. Graciela Manzur, Francis Palisson, Dedee Murrell, John McGrath and Belén Seijas



The ISD Board of Directors



One of many packed sessions



ISD Secretary-General Dr. Nellie Konnikov (left) with ICD 2017 Secretary Dr. Gaston Galimberty



The ISD salutes the dedicated members of the outgoing committee chairs (from left to right): Drs. Rashmi Sarkar, Co-Chair, International Mentorship Committee; Louise Kronborg Andersen, Member, International Mentorship Committee; Mercedes Florez-White, Co-Chair, Maria Duran Committee; Nellie Konnikov, Secretary-General; Thomas Ruzicka, Chair, Membership Committee; Dedee Murrell, Chair, Communications Committee; Martin Kassir, Chair, International Mentorship Committee; Evangeline Handog, President; Percy Naidu, Chair, Regional Meeting Committee; Shyam Verma, Co-Chair, Regional Meeting Committee, and Francisco Kerdel, Immediate Past President and Chair, Fundraising Committee.



From left to right: Drs. Aldo Morrone, Vice Mayor Diego Santilli, Evangeline Handog, Ricardo Galimberti, Cristina Pascuto, Jorge Ocampo-Candiani and Gaston Galimberti



Attendees pack the room for one of the many symposia

IN MEMORIAM

A Tribute to ISD Past President Dr. Ramón Ruiz Maldonado by ISD Board Member Dr. Oliverio Welsh

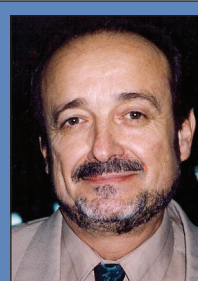
I would like to express a brief tribute to Dr. Ramón Ruiz Maldonado, former President of the International Society of Dermatology, whom I had the pleasure of meeting in 1967 when I was doing my dermatology residency at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. At that time, Ramón was doing subspecialty training in dermatopathology at Wayne County Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, under Dr. Herman Pinkus and Dr. Amir Mehregan.

Ramón was born in Puebla, Mexico, in November 1937. He studied medicine at the School of Medicine of the Universidad Autonoma de Mexico. After finishing his residency at Ladislao de la Pascua Dermatological Center in Mexico City, he continued his subspecialty studies in Paris and Austria.



Dr. Oliverio Welsh delivers a eulogy for Dr. Maldonado at the XII ICD in Argentina

At the beginning of the 1970s, he was offered the position of Head of the Department of Dermatology and Allergies of the National Institute of Pediatrics, and I remembered him telling me that he had no training in pediatric dermatology. I told him then that he was a very brilliant and knowledgeable dermatologist with



Dr. Ramón Ruiz Maldonado November 7, 1937 - April 5, 2017

Dr. Maldonado served the ISD for over 30 years, most notably as President of the V International Congress of Dermatology (1984) in Mexico City and as ISD President from 2004-2008.

training in dermatopathology, and I reminded him that he would be the initiator of pediatric dermatology in Latin America -- which turned out to be prophetic.

Ramón had the great quality of being an excellent clinician, pathologist, and researcher with a keen ability to detect and solve complex dermatological diseases. In pediatric dermatology, he stood out internationally. He published numerous articles, chapters and textbooks and participated in numerous conferences and courses worldwide. As a good polyglot, Ramón spoke seven languages fluently and his pedagogical capacity for teaching and research made him a referent of pediatric dermatology worldwide.

Ramón received numerous awards and honors, and, in Mexico, he was a member of the National Academy of Medicine and was Researcher Level III of the National System of Investigators in Mexico. In my opinion, Ramón was one of the most outstanding academic dermatologists of Mexican dermatology. His numerous alumni in all of Latin America and other parts of the world, many of them in academic positions, confirm his value as a great teacher and friend.

Rest in peace, our friend and teacher.

ISD Celebrates Accomplishments at AAD 2017 Annual Meeting in Orlando

The ISD hosted its annual reception this past February at the AAD 2017 Annual Meeting. ISD members from around the world danced the tango and enjoyed an evening of fine food and camaraderie, with great anticipation in the air for the upcoming XII ICD meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Various ISD committees got together to plan for the next year, with the Editorial Board -- being led very efficiently by Dr. Rokea el-Azhary -- reviewing how the ISD has impacted education all over the world via the *International Journal of Dermatology*. The Editorial Board has members from 34 different countries and over the past year has published important papers from more than 80 countries, serving as a global platform for scientific education and exchange of information.

The reception served as a good opportunity for members to reunite, celebrate and attend to last-minute details for the ICD meeting that was to be held the following month, as well as to commemorate the accomplishments of notable dermatologists from around the world. Specifically, Dr. Harvey Lui awarded the prestigious International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Sigfrid Muller. This award was accepted on Dr. Muller's behalf by ISD President Dr. Evangeline Handog. For decades, Dr. Sigfrid Muller has been interested in international cooperative studies and interchange, participating actively in FIDE which promotes dermatology education and exchange of knowledge, especially for young dermatologists from Latin America. Congratulations, Dr. Muller!

Dr. Handog also relaunched the World Skin Health Day (WSHD) campaign which will ensure that all over the world skin health will be recognized, with special attention paid to the needs of the underprivileged. Drs. Handog, Ricardo Galimberti and Gaston Galimberti, along with the rest of the ICD organizing committee, invited everyone to come to Argentina to learn about precision medicine and enjoy all that Argentina has to offer. This invitation was met with much excitement, and a memorable evening was enjoyed by all!

Report submitted by Dr. Esperanza Welsh



From left to right: Drs. Vangee Handog, Ricardo Galimberti, Jean Bolognia and Francisco Kerdel



From left to right: Drs. Lali Mekokishvili and Nellie Konnikov



From left to right: Dr. Branka Marinovic, Dr. Dedee Murrell and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis



From left to right: Dianne Benedetto, Eileen Tomecki and Dr. Lynn Drake



Dr. Evangeline Handog (right) accepts the ILDS Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Dr. Sigfrid Muller from Dr. Harvey Lui (left)



From left to right: Drs. George Reizner, Yahya Dowlati and Bijan Dowlati



ILDs members dance the night away



From left to right: Drs. Francisco Kerdel, Henry Lim (current president of the AAD), Oliverio Welsh, Ken Tomecki and Seemal Desai

ISD Members Encouraged to Participate in World Skin Health Day

World Skin Health Day is a joint project of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) and the International Society of Dermatology (ISD). The goal of World Skin Health Day is to recognize and promote skin health around the world, and activities are open to all members of the ILDS.

World Skin Health Day can take place on any day of the year, in combination with an ongoing activity or as a stand-alone event. There is no specific date you must adhere to -- you can pick whichever day suits you best!

The choice of activity for World Skin Health Day is left to your society so that you can tailor activities to the needs of your communities.

Many dermatological societies hold action days in which members carry out differing tasks, from skin cancer screenings and sun awareness to community clinics in remote areas. The nature of these activities is determined by the needs of the populations served by the society.

For more details on how to participate in World Skin Health Day, please visit the ISD website at www.intsocderm.org and download the information pack.

The ribbon of the World Skin Health Day logo symbolizes the rainbow of skin tones of all the people in the world.



ISD Hosts Session at Upcoming EADV

ISD members from around the world will gather in Geneva, Switzerland, on September 13 for the ISD Session at the 26th European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology Congress (EADV 2017). This annual ISD session is a well attended event that will attract world-renowned speakers and members from all corners of the world.

The ISD Session will be held at the PALEXPO Geneva Congress Center, Rooms A&B, on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

While session chairs Drs. Lawrence Gibson and Kenneth Tomecki are still finalizing the formal program, the following are a few of the presentations scheduled to date:

“The Mission of the International Society of Dermatology” -- Dr. George Reizner (US)

“In and Out of Africa, Where We Stand in Dermatology Training” -- Dr. Helmut Beltraminelli (Switzerland)

“Climate Change and Dermatology” -- Dr. Louise Andersen (Denmark)

“Update on Displaced Populations” -- Dr. Aldo Morrone (Italy)

“Update on Lichenoid Dermatoses” -- Dr. Markus Braun-Falco (Germany)

“Best of the *International Journal of Dermatology*: Case Reports” -- Dr. David Mehregan (US)

“Best of the *International Journal of Dermatology*: Clinical and Pathological Challenges” -- Dr. Mark Cappel (US)

“Best of the *International Journal of Dermatology*: Reports” -- Dr. Kenneth Tomecki (US)

“Best of the *International Journal of Dermatology*: Reviews” -- Dr. Lawrence Gibson (US)

“Publication in the *International Journal of Dermatology*: Perspectives from an Academic Center” -- Dr. Mark Davis (US)

“Overview of the *International Journal of Dermatology*” -- Dr. Rokea el-Azhary (US)

Be sure to visit the ISD website at www.intsocderm.org for meeting updates!



2017-2018 ISD Meetings Calendar

2017

July 25-29, 2017

5th Munich International Summer Academy of Practical Dermatology

Munich, Germany
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Web Site: <http://isa2017.com/>

September 13, 2017

ISD Session at the EADV

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Palexpo, Rooms A&B
Geneva, Switzerland

October 13-15, 2017

Psoriasis Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
Email: asjaprohic@hotmail.com

November 20-25, 2017

Skin on the Move: Dermatological Diseases and Global Health

Addis Ababa - Mekelle-Shiraro, Ethiopia
Email: skinonthemove201@gmail.com

2018

April 25-27, 2018

Spring Continental Congress of Dermatology

Tehran, Iran
Web Site: www.ccd2018.ir

November 16-18, 2018

6th Continental Congress of Dermatology

Taipei, Taiwan
Web Site: <http://www.tdmt.org>

Save the Date!

November 10-13, 2021

XIII International Congress of Dermatology

Melbourne, Australia

Web Site: <https://www.dermcoll.edu.au/events/2021-international-congress-of-dermatology/>

ISD Immediate Past President Dr. Evangeline Handog Reflects on the ISD Regional Meeting in Croatia

All the while, I thought that it was going to be a sentimental journey to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Ambivalent feelings of excitement and sadness enveloped me. This regional meeting held from February 2-5, 2017, was the last one I would be attending as President of the International Society of Dermatology.

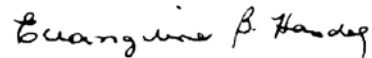
However, immediately at the start of the meeting, happy faces, mostly young and eager ones, greeted me. The host/organizer, Dr. Branka Marinovic, saw to it that everything was in place -- from the varied topics of the invited speakers from many parts of the world to the participants' needs and program per se.

The two-day regional meeting proved to be another venue where knowledge exchange was at its best. It was another honor for me to be a speaker together with my colleagues like Drs. Luca Borradori, Johannes Dayrit, Jerry Shapiro, Lidia Rudnika, Thomas Ruzicka,

Shyam Verma, to name a few. More so, I felt so proud of my Filipino dermatology residents Drs. Jolene Kristine Gatmaitan, Joyce Anne Tan and Francesca Mari Sumilang, who delivered their excellent research very well.

The short tour to the old city was memorable, as the group was able to witness the celebration of the 1,045th anniversary of St. Blaise, a festivity that is very sacred to the Croatians honoring its Patron Saint.

Congratulations!



Evangeline Handog, MD
Immediate Past President, ISD



Dr. Evangeline Handog delivers the welcome message



From left to right: Drs. Johannes Dayrit, Evangeline Handog, Jerry Shapiro, Joyce Anne S. Tan, Francesca Mari P. Sumilang and Jolene Kristine G. Gatmaitan.



Meeting attendees and speakers gather for the festive President's Dinner

ISD Members Participate in 15th Pan Arab League of Dermatologists Congress

The 15th Pan Arab League of Dermatologists Congress and the 4th Palestinian International Congress of Dermatology and Venereology were held in Ramallah, Palestine, last November 8-11, 2016.

The congress was perfectly organized by the team headed by Drs. Riadh Machaal (Palestine) and Kamel Al Shakhra (Palestine), with the participation of eminent speakers from all over the world. The title of a poetry collection of the famous late Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish, “*We have on this land what makes life worth living*”, was the congress’ emblem.

The rich scientific program included a keynote lecture by Dr. Aldo Morrone (Italy), entitled “Dermatology and Human Rights”, which also included his experiences in Africa. It raised many questions about the management of skin diseases in different parts of the world, especially the less developed ones. Dr. Klaus Wolff (Austria) spoke on the many faces of lupus erythematosus. Dr. Andrew Finley (UK) focused on key practical tips on how to successfully discharge outpatients. Dr. Evangeline Handog (Philippines), Immediate Past-President of the International Society of Dermatology, shared valuable insights on melasma and its expected treatments. Dr. Nejib Doss (Tunisia) presented a quiz on captivating cases of nail diseases, while Dr. Brahim Galadari (UAE) focused on the management of dry skin. Dr. Mishko Skerlev (Croatia) spoke about genital lichen sclerosis and HPV vaccines. While many interesting clinical cases

on pediatric dermatology were presented by Dr. Nadia Ismaili (Morocco), Dr. Nikolai Tsankov (Bulgaria) discussed staphylococcal skin infections, including their diagnosis and treatment. Drs. Mohamed Amer (Egypt) and Mahira Al-Sayed (Egypt) dealt with common hair diseases and the management of atopic dermatitis. Equally interesting was the discourse of Drs. Noufal Raboobee (RSA), Davindar Prasad (India) and Yan Valle (Russia) on the various aspects of vitiligo, including its clinical features and management. Dr. Riadh Machaal (Palestine) expounded on what is new in the field of therapeutics in dermatology, and Dr. Torello Lotti (Italy) reflected on what’s new and what’s true in Dermatology in 2016. Acne scarring was expertly discussed by Dr. Andreas Katsambas (Greece).

A wonderful session was dedicated to dermatology in Palestine, where many challenging clinical cases have been observed, and workshops on fillers and botulinum toxin injections were led by Drs. Reem Hammad (Jordan) and Hassan Galadari (UAE).

All attendees went home with fond memories and were deeply touched by the huge efforts made by the organizers to make this event such a success. They were also thoroughly impressed by the standard of dermatology in Palestine.

Report submitted by Dr. Nejib Doss



From left to right: Drs. Aldo Morrone, Nejib Doss and Riadh Machaal



From left to right: Drs. Noufal Raboobee, Evangeline Handog, Andrew Finley and Nejib Doss



From left to right: Drs. Hassan Galadari, Evangeline Handog and Nejib Doss



Opening ceremony

ISD Mentorship Program Brings out the Best in Mentors and Mentorship Awardees

Three Mentors Provide Outstanding Educational Opportunity for Young Indian Dermatologist

For ISD mentorship awardee Dr. Sowmya Kaimal of Bangalore, India, spending eight weeks in Miami, Florida, with three busy dermatologists courtesy of an ISD Category 3 Mentorship Award proved to be an “eye-opening experience”.

Thanks to her three mentors -- Drs. Martin Zaiac, Antonella Tosti and Francisco Kerdel -- Dr. Kaimal observed a broad array of surgical and cosmetic procedures that she plans to incorporate into her practice in Bangalore.

Since Dr. Zaiac sees patients with both cutaneous diseases and cosmetic concerns and has special areas of interest in Mohs surgery and nail disorders, Dr. Kaimal was able to see a fair amount of procedural dermatology at his center including Mohs surgery, nail surgeries, injections of botulinum toxin and fillers, and laser therapy. Although Dr. Kaimal explained that they don't perform Mohs surgery in Bangalore, she learned a few interesting wound closure/suturing techniques from Dr. Zaiac which she could possibly apply to standard excisions of benign skin lesions back in India. In addition, she learned different techniques for doing a nail biopsy.

With Dr. Tosti, Dr. Kaimal saw very interesting cases of hair and nail disorders, as well as contact dermatitis. She also learned basic trichoscopy for scalp disorders, including how to identify and differentiate between various forms of scarring and non-scarring alopecia. While Dr. Kaimal also performs patch testing for contact dermatitis in India, she found it interesting to see the spectrum of common allergens in the U.S. and to observe Dr. Tosti's comprehensive approach to allergen avoidance advice for patients with positive results on patch testing.

Dr. Kerdel's area of interest is complex medical dermatology, and Dr. Kaimal saw some extremely interesting patients with him. She found the monthly grand rounds he organizes at Larkin Community Hospital particularly educational. She also attended grand rounds at the University of Miami Hospital every Wednesday, which was a great opportunity to see some of the most interesting and difficult cases being managed by the residents and faculty.

Since the AAD Annual Meeting was held in nearby Orlando in March 2017, Dr. Kaimal was able to attend the meeting and got the opportunity to present her research paper on “Oral provocation testing in cutaneous adverse drug reactions to antiretroviral and antitubercular therapy: A study at a tertiary care hospital in South India” at the meeting's poster session. During her final week in Miami, Dr. Zaiac was instrumental in giving Dr. Kaimal the opportunity to present a guest lecture on tropical dermatology at grand rounds at the University of Miami -- an enjoyable experience and very well received by the department.

Dr. Kaimal is grateful to the ISD for awarding her this opportunity and appreciates all she learned from her three incredible mentors. She also appreciates the advice of Dr. Rashmi Sarkar (ISD Mentorship Committee member), who reached out to her before the program and briefed her on what to expect, and followed up on her progress during the program and upon completion.

“On the whole, the ISD mentorship program was a fantastic experience. It will probably shape the rest of my career in dermatology!”

-- Dr. Sowmya Kaimal

Young Filipina Dermatologist Finds Exceptional Training in Phototherapy in Thailand

Having seen the beneficial effects of phototherapy in patients during her residency training program in her native Philippine Islands, Dr. Diane V. Lagda always had an interest in this modality for treating a variety of cutaneous diseases.

Her desire to further her knowledge in this field prompted her to apply to the ISD's Mentorship Program, with the hopes of being accepted in one of Thailand's best hospitals -- the King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital. She was thrilled to learn she was accepted for a three-month rotation there from January - March 2017, under the expert guidance of Dr. Pravit Asawanonda.

Once there, Dr. Lagda saw patients with psoriasis, vitiligo, atopic dermatitis and mycosis fungoides who were treated successfully with



Dr. Sowmya Kaimal (far right) with mentor Dr. Martin Zaiac (center) and fellows



Dr. Diane Lagda (left) with mentor Dr. Pravit Asawanonda (right)

phototherapy. Dr. Lagda was not only impressed with the state-of-the-art facilities and up-to-date phototherapy units, but she was moved by how the staff, residents and consultants treated their patients with utmost care and kindness. The valuable lesson that stuck with her the most about Dr. Pravit's encounters with his patients was that he always made sure that his patients were happy every time they left the clinic.

Dr. Lagda thanks the ISD for this priceless opportunity and continuous support. Upon her return to the Philippines at the conclusion of her rotation, she vowed to embody everything she learned from this fellowship and utilize it for the benefit of her patients.

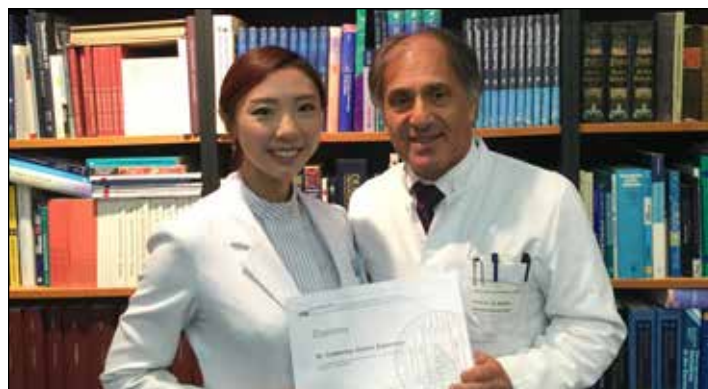
"This exceptional fellowship training in Thailand made a great impact on me not only as a dermatologist but also as a person. I am eternally grateful to the nice staff, kind residents and brilliant consultants for making my stay educational and memorable."

-- Dr. Diane V. Lagda

ISD Mentorship Awardee from Indonesia Gains Knowledge, Networking Opportunities from Training Program in Germany

Having just heard about Dr. Thomas Ruzicka of Ludwig-Maximilian University (LMU), Munich, Germany, through journals and books, Dr. Catherine Jessica Sutantoyo of Indonesia was honored to serve as a mentee in his academically enriched program, thanks to the ISD Mentorship Program.

During her three-month mentorship from February - April 2017, Dr. Sutantoyo was able to attend all subspecialty clinics at LMU's Department of Dermatology and Allergology. Spending most of her stay at the Allergology and Immunology Department since she has a special interest in these areas, Dr. Sutantoyo discovered that the core of their successful treatment is the integration strategy -- meaning that they are not only treating the symptoms, but also looking for the predisposing factors and etiology. She credits high technology devices in combination with the latest therapies for the high level of services offered there. Dr. Sutantoyo also noted that LMU boasts of marvelous research facilities, allowing their physicians to conduct innovative research.



Dr. Catherine Jessica Sutantoyo (left) with mentor Dr. Thomas Ruzicka (right)

The networking opportunities Dr. Sutantoyo experienced were also invaluable, as she met another ISD mentee from Tunisia during her stay, as well as residents from Brazil, Japan, Lithuania, Turkey, Lebanon, Greece and other countries. Meeting like-minded colleagues from many countries with different backgrounds inspired her to broaden her way of thinking and to achieve her goals.

Dr. Sutantoyo thanks Dr. Ruzicka for organizing her training program and appreciated the opportunity to learn directly from him, as well as the other professors, consultants and hospital staff who took extra efforts to teach her and share their expertise, skills and experience. She is grateful to the ISD for providing her such a privileged opportunity, and expresses her sincere gratitude to ISD Immediate Past President Dr. Evangeline Handog -- her consultant during her residency in the Philippines and who always helped and supported her.

"This grant is an important impetus for me to be more productive and contribute to society. It also boosts my confidence to realize my dream in developing my career and serving people in need. As my desire to transfer knowledge, I want to be part of a training institution in my home country, making innovative research and possible collaboration and partnership with other dermatologists around the world."

-- Dr. Catherine Jessica Sutantoyo

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