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A Job Well Done: ISD Salutes President Evangeline Handog



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

A BEAUTIFUL AFFAIR WITH ISD

In our February 2014 issue of the *ISD Connection*, I shared the letter submitted to the nomination committee in consideration for my presidency. And I wrote:

"I am blessed and grateful to have the opportunity to serve ISD. Sharing one's organizational skill and infectious dedication are both exigent and inspiring. The tasks made me strong to say the least. Time management became an important lesson because aside from being a practicing dermatologist and Chair of the Department of the Dermatology in Asian Hospital, I am first and foremost a wife, a mother to three wonderful children and a daughter to my loving mom.

Knowing that ISD can flourish in terms of member empowerment, education and promotion of dermatology around the world, I hope to be a blessing to the society by being in the Executive Committee once more. It is a beautiful affair!"

How time flies! To those who have worked alongside with me as ISD President, to the past officers who have contributed to the



leadership, to the Executive Committee members and Board of Directors who supported and guided me, to the standing committees and ad hoc committees who made sure the goals of ISD are in place, to the Editor-in-Chief and editorial board of *IJD*, to our Executive Director and staff, a resounding *SALAMAT PO!* You have helped me make ISD what it is today, standing strong with integrity and dedication to dermatology service worldwide.

I would like to encourage our members to keep their faith in the upcoming leadership. Please make yourselves visible in the activities of ISD. Your ardent cooperation and support will certainly make ISD a beautiful affair to keep and share.

MABUHAY!

Evangelina B. Handog, MD
ISD President

Dear Colleagues:

There is good news for the world of dermatology! We are less than two months away from April 18th. This is an important date for the dermatology world and for the doctors who want to expand their knowledge on skin diseases, for it signals the beginning of the XII International Congress of Dermatology (ICD). In 2017, the XII ICD will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from April 18th to April 22nd. It will be organized by the ISD and hosted by the SAD (Sociedad Argentina de Dermatología).

We invite you to visit our webpage (www.icd2017.com.ar) to get acquainted with our scientific program and with the tourist wonders you will have the chance to experience. In the plenary sessions, you may enjoy the presentations of great scientists such as Jean Bolognia

(USA), Ervin Epstein (USA), Gianpiero Girolomoni (Italy), Roderick James Hay (UK), Stephen I. Katz (USA), Francisco Kerdel (USA), James Krueger (USA), Teri Manolio (USA), John McGrath (UK), Darrell Rigel (USA), and Hensin Tsao (USA), to name a few. You can't miss it! Thank you for participating in the XII ICD! For more information, please visit the following links: <https://www.facebook.com/ICD2017>, <https://twitter.com/ICD2017>, <https://www.instagram.com/icd2017/>

Dr. Ricardo Galimberti
President, XII ICD



Dr. Ricardo Galimberti



FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Friends,

With great optimism, I join the international community of dermatologists looking forward to the year 2017 to bring progress in dermatological care to all corners of the world -- particularly advancing the progress in teaching, research, and the practice of dermatology.



Almost four years ago, I started as your Secretary-General, certainly to continue a wonderful job my immediate predecessor, Vangee Handog, has successfully started. In addition, the leadership had set up a few ambitious goals for the Executive Committee to tackle. These included extending ISD presence and having regional meetings on a regular basis, sharing our commitment and enthusiasm on behalf of the Society, expanding communication through social media, and increasing activities of the Society in the spirit of supporting, endorsing, and promoting the future leaders in dermatology.

This is still one of the central missions of ISD, and the one that is near and dear to my heart: nurture future leaders from the underserved, underfunded, and most-needed corners of the world. We are proud to report to you that through the Society's Mentorship Program, numerous young dermatologists spend one to three months with leading experts representing all fields of our specialty. Their reports on the impact of and benefits from the ISD Mentorship Program will continue to be regularly featured in our newsletter. I

would continue to encourage you, my friends and colleagues, to become an ISD sponsor and mentor to young, motivated, and ambitious dermatologists from developing countries.

In addition, advocating ISD as a primary society for the international community of dermatologists underscores the importance of welcoming new members who join us at regional, national, and international meetings. Thanks to meticulously planned ISD sponsored events in Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East over the last four years, young dermatologists from Philippines, Georgia, Kazakhstan, China, Ukraine, Cuba, and United Arab Emirates have joined our Society. Special kudos to members of the ISD Communications Committee who thrive to bring up-to-date news to our members, via the ISD Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram, and our quarterly newsletter. To date, we are a global vibrant society geared to bring us together from all corners of the world to provide the best care possible to our patients.

Four years ago, I accepted my position with honor and accountability to the membership. Now I pledge to continue to serve ISD and wholeheartedly support its objectives in the future.

With my sincere regards,

Nellie Konnikov, M.D.

Nellie Konnikov, MD
ISD Secretary-General

2017 ISD Meetings Calendar

March 6, 2017

ISD Reunion at the AAD
Monday, March 6 - 5:30 PM
Hilton Orlando, Orlando, Florida USA

April 18-22, 2017

XII International Congress of Dermatology
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Web site: <http://www.icd2017.com.ar/>

June 15-16, 2017

V Eurasian Congress of Dermatology, Cosmetology, and Aesthetic Medicine
Astana, Kazakhstan (Hotel Duman)
Web site: <http://www.kadd.kz/>



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ISD Salutes President Dr. Evangeline Handog for Years of Service Leading ISD

Over the past four years, ISD President Dr. Evangeline Handog led the ISD with incredible grace, wisdom, and resolve. Her tenure as President included many notable achievements, including uniting and expanding a membership committed to the values of ISD.

Perhaps her friend and colleague ISD Executive Vice President Dr. Jean Bolognia explained it best, *“For over a decade, Dr. Evangeline ‘Vangee’ Handog has been the heart and soul of the ISD, first serving as Secretary-General and then as President. She is the founding chair of the ISD Mentorship Program. In addition, Vangee has traveled the world representing the ISD with aplomb. Along with her gracious Filipina and Filipino colleagues, she hosted our 4th Continental Congress of Dermatology as well. As we say goodbye to Vangee as our President, we thank her for her great ideas, tireless energy, and intense dedication to the ISD. We also know she will always be available for counsel and encouragement when it comes to the workings of the ISD.”*

As the first woman President of ISD, Dr. Handog indeed made history and brought tenacity and determination to the table that served ISD well. Her longtime friend and ISD member Dr. Suzanne Olbricht described it this way, *“Vangee Handog = Dermatologic Dynamo. The classic use of the word dynamo is for a machine that creates energy. That is what our beloved Vangee does: she works tirelessly and creates energy and excitement at the ISD, within the Filipino dermatological community, and among her friends and family. Thank you Vangee!”*

ISD Immediate Past President Dr. Francisco Kerdel summed it up well, *“The International Society of Dermatology owes a great debt of gratitude to our outgoing president, Dr. Evangeline Handog. Dr. Handog has shown dedication and leadership during her tenure. She will be remembered for all the new programs undertaken by the Society during her time as Secretary-General and President. I am sure she will remain involved and we thank her for all her hard work.”*

In the following interview, Dr. Handog reflects on her greatest achievements and what lies ahead for her when she passes the torch to the next ISD President.

You have served on the ISD Executive Committee for the last eight years, first as Secretary-General and now as President. How has the ISD evolved during this time and what stands out to you as the most notable achievements of the Society?

If I am to compare ISD's evolution to that of a butterfly's life stages, I can say that it has now metamorphosed into a beautiful and colorful creature out of its cocoon, spreading its wings and soaring high.

ISD's transparency, thoughtful volunteerism, teamwork and positive involvement of the board and the nine standing committees made all the projects of the Society successful. I couldn't be more proud and happy.

One of your goals as President was to ensure that education is first and foremost. How did you work to accomplish this goal?

Education is very vital to ISD. The *International Journal of Dermatology* has really escalated in terms of quality, manuscript submissions and readership. The Mentorship Program never failed in its goal to mold the skills of many dermatologists, thanks to the selfless mentors. The Global and Maria Duran Awards continued to recognize leaders in the field. More regional meetings in many parts of the world have been set during this term. We had two very successful Continental Congresses (Philippines and Dubai) and now the upcoming International Congress of Dermatology in Buenos Aires is expected to be phenomenal. I am ever grateful and cognizant of the magnanimous efforts that the organizing committees and their chairs have done to make all of these projects and congresses unforgettable.

Volunteerism is very important to you, particularly your work training young dermatologists. How gratifying is it knowing that you are helping to train the future of our specialty?

Like a mother looking over her child, it is very gratifying to see that your child has developed under your tutelage. To see the young aspiring dermatology residents, manage correctly the conditions of their patients, is so rewarding. On my end, it gives me much pleasure to show them the right approach to “treat” patients, alleviating their anxieties and comforting them with tender loving care.



Dr. Evangeline Handog with members of the ISD Board of Directors

You traveled extensively during your presidency, representing the ISD at numerous regional meetings and dermatologic society conferences. What are a few of your fondest memories of these gatherings?

It has been an honor to represent ISD in every conference. Every gathering will be a memory to keep and remember. Traveling may be taxing, but at the end of the day, I am grateful in having all of these opportunities to make ISD felt and known to all our colleagues. Perhaps what I will always remember is the appreciation I felt whenever young dermatologists requested photo shots with me. I shall always be humbled of their recognition.

The ISD is known for lively international camaraderie among its members. Describe the friendships you have made with ISD members over the years and the importance of these relationships.

Only one word: PRICELESS! I have kept and grown with my beautiful friends who have always supported and guided me. I have met and created new friends along the path of this leadership. I am blessed.

The XII ICD in Argentina is right around the corner? What aspect of the meeting are you most looking forward to?

Aside from the excellent scientific program and the beautiful places to visit in Argentina, I am looking forward to the General Assembly when the new leadership will be elected by the members. I shall pass on the baton to the next President.



Traveling with ISD colleagues (from left to right): Drs. Suzanne Olbricht, Evangeline Handog, Jean Bolognia and Marcia Ramos-e-Silva.



Dr. Evangeline Handog in Dubai with ISD members and Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, and Ruler of Dubai.



ISD Executive Committee members (from left to right): Drs. Marcia Ramos-e-Silva, Francisco Kerdel, Jean Bolognia, Evangeline Handog, Nellie Konnikov, George Reizner, Dedee Murrell, and Thomas Ruzicka.



Elected to join the American Dermatological Association (ADA) as international honorary member (from left to right): Drs. Lawrence Gibson, Rokea A. el-Azhary, Jorge Ocampo Candiani, Evangeline Handog, George Reizner, and Harvey Lui.

Juggling your personal and professional life with your ISD responsibilities must have been challenging at times. What advice would you give to the next President of the ISD?

Being President of any organization is never easy. Excellent minds are quite difficult to handle at times. My advice: Set doable goals early. Listen to each voice. Weigh all options. Delegate tasks. Have a clear mind and heart. Then decide what is best for each situation. Do not forget your faith, yourself and your family at the end of each day. Always look forward and positively. Smile!

Now that your presidency is coming to an end, what is on the horizon for you? Is there another goal you want to achieve outside of ISD or hobbies that you want to pursue?

I did not plan my ISD presidency, it just came with God's grace. I shall always be grateful that in the history of ISD, I will be remembered as its first woman president.

What comes next? I hope to be involved with the ILDS more, with the World Skin Health Day project being a brainchild of ISD since three years ago. I will still be collecting bells as I travel, and will probably still be dancing the rumba and the tango to keep fit and graceful.



With her greatest support team: FAMILY!



Surprised and grateful for her Maria Duran Medal (from left to right: with current and former members of the Maria Duran Committee) Drs. Nino Benedetto, Suzanne Olbricht, Jean Bolognia, Tania Cestari, Esperanza Welsh, Mercedes Flores White (co-chair, Maria Duran Committee), Evangeline Handog, Marcia Ramos-e-Silva, Dedee Murrell, and Rokea el-Azhary.



With her beloved team from the Research Institute of Tropical Medicine, Philippines (from left to right): Drs. Alexander Castillo, Johannes Dayrit, Clarrise Mendoza, Leilani Senador, Ma. Teresita Gabriel, Evangeline Handog, Socouer Oblepieas, Gracia Teodosio and Reynaldo Ugalde.



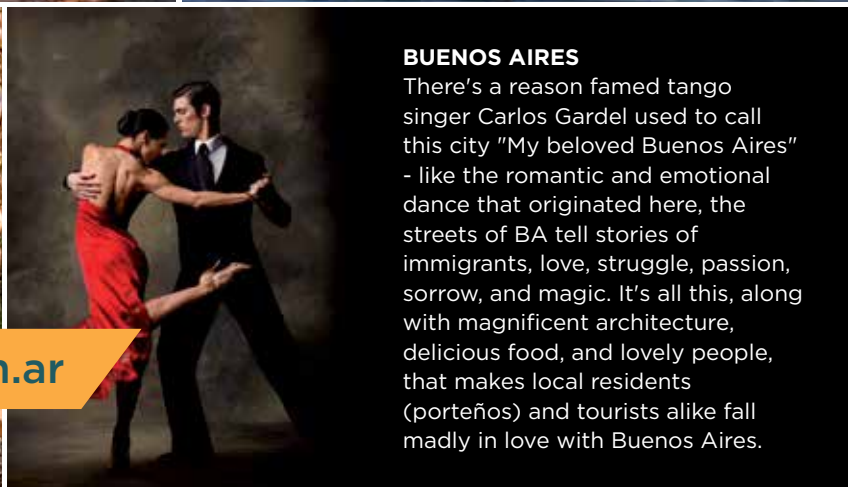
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DERMATOLOGY**

Some might call Argentina the 'Paris of South America.' Others may refer to it as a cultural hybrid that brings together a variety of people and backgrounds. However you choose to look at it, it's no secret that Argentina is a destination worth exploring

YOUR TRIP TO ARGENTINA



Argentina has many attractions that could claim the title of natural wonders of the world: the prodigious waterfalls of **Iguazú**; the spectacular **Glaciar Perito Moreno**; unforgettable whale-watching off **Península Valdés**; or the handsome lakes and mountains around **Bariloche** - indeed, **Patagonia** in general. Yet many of the country's most rewarding destinations are also its least known, such as **Antofagasta de la Sierra**, a remote village set amid frozen lakes mottled pink with flamingoes.



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ISD Members Expand Reach of Dermatologic Care in South Africa with Unique Training Program

Working in partnership with 11 dermatologists and 5 dermatology residents from the Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa, ISD members and colleagues Profs. Ncoza Dlova and Anisa Mosam -- assisted by Drs. Korashia Hoosen and Antoinette Chateau -- championed the Primary Health Care Dermatology Outreach Programme in the province of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, May 3-6, 2016. This ambitious project was an initiative and partnership between the Vaseline Healing Project and the Dermatology Department at the Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine, which trained 372 participants (250 nurses, 81 medical officers, 31 medical students, and 10 regional health officers and hospital staff) in diagnosing and treating common skin conditions.

Prof. Dlova shares details of the unique program and plans for future outreach efforts in other South African provinces.

Is basic dermatologic care lacking in parts of South Africa and, if so, how are skin conditions treated if not by a dermatologist?

The Republic of South Africa has approximately 50.6 million inhabitants, with KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) being the second most populous province with 10.8 million (21.4%) dwellers. A total of 220 dermatologists practice in South Africa, with a ratio of 1 dermatologist: 216,000 people. As of 2016, only 43 dermatologists are based in KZN, with a ratio of 1 dermatologist: 245,000 people, with most of the KZN dermatologists practicing in the private sector (70%), whilst only 30%, are based in the public sector. Of the private dermatologists, 97% are centralized in urban areas with only 3% who provide services in rural areas.

Most patients are seen and treated by primary health care physicians, and it is therefore crucial that this sector is well trained



Profs. Dlova (right) and Mosam (left) showing some basic treatment pearls and procedures to the attendees.

in terms of assessing, diagnosing, treating and referring patients to tertiary referral centres which are far and few between. Since there are no government-assisted programs to implement dermatologic training, we are grateful to the Vaseline Healing Project for their support and partnership of this program -- to which they have committed even in other provinces.

How did you decide which skin conditions to cover during this outreach project?

In an effort to address their specific needs, the primary health care physicians were requested to provide a list of skin conditions which they would like to be covered during the mission project. Together with our staff, we educated participants about various topics in dermatology, such as recognizing and treating infections, eczema, acne, scabies, skin infections, HIV-related skin conditions and when to refer patients.

Where were the training sessions conducted?

The trainings were conducted at three different sites over the course of three days -- on May 3, 2016, at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital, Nurses' Reception Hall in Durban; on May 5, 2016, at KwaZulu-Natal District Health Office in Pietermaritzburg; and on May 6, 2016, at Salt Rock Hotel, Dolphin Coast, in iLembe District. Each participant received a copy of a handbook covering the common skin conditions discussed as well as an atlas on "HIV and Skin" written by myself and Prof. Mosam.

Did the program provide any free patient care?

Dermatological evaluations and treatment were provided free of charge to 144 patients at the KwaZulu-Natal District Health Office on May 4, 2016, where 75 medical students were present to observe us providing medical care and giving lectures to the primary health care physicians. Patients were evaluated and treated for acne, eczema, skin infections (bacterial, fungal and viral), skin pigmentation disorders, and HIV-related skin conditions (molluscum contagiosum, warts, etc.,).

What feedback did you receive from attendees?

The feedback from the attendees was very positive, and they all found the mission to be very helpful for their daily clinic practice. Hopefully this will reduce the number of referrals to tertiary hospitals. A post-mission training research study is also being conducted to assess the impact of the training on clinical acumen and management of patients.



Medical students with Dr. Khoza, learning and assisting during the treatment day.

Are any future outreach programs planned at this time?

Prof. Mosam and I, in partnership with Drs. Mankahla and Limba, are planning another outreach for the Eastern Cape Province in 2017, and Direct Relief has already confirmed their partnership and commitment to this beneficial course. We are eternally grateful to the Vaseline Healing Project and Direct Relief for their generous support of this great initiative, which aims to bring dermatology to the community and rural outskirts of South Africa. Members of the South African Women's Dermatology Society (WDS), of which I'm president, have also shown a keen interest to partake in future training missions.

If an ISD member is considering conducting a similar outreach program in their region of the world, what is the most important piece of advice you would offer?

There are many aspects that members should keep in mind. They need to find out from the primary health care practitioners what their essential needs are in terms of the scope of conditions that should be covered, as well as have a committed team of local dermatologists to work on the program. They also need to have a rough idea of local skin disease prevalence to ensure that these are covered in detail in the program. It's also important to have committed people to work with on the ground, both from the primary health care sector and local municipalities. Provide reading material and handouts to refer to and take home, and issue a certificate of attendance for attendees. I also would recommend that members plan in advance to ensure venues are suitable for the lectures, and include practical sections to demonstrate simple bedside dermatology procedures. Request special leave in advance to ensure the doctors are able to reduce bookings and attend the workshops, and be sure to leave enough time for questions and interaction after each lecture.



Members of the ISD who organized the primary health care outreach programme in South Africa together with UKZN dermatologists who assisted in the outreach. From left to right: Prof. Anisa Mosam (ISD member), Dr. Levashni Naidoo, Dr. Khumo Duze, Prof. Ncoza Dlova (ISD member) and Dr. Mthobisi Mazibuko.



Dr. Z Mkhize (first row left) awaiting to give her lecture in the fully packed lecture room.

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See you there!

ISD Regional Meeting in Georgia Features Wide Array of Educational Offerings

Organized by the Georgian Association of Photodermatology and Skin Cancer (GAPSC), supported by Caucasus International University (CIU), and designated as a regional meeting by the International Society of Dermatology, the 2nd International Transcaucasus Congress on Photodermatology and Skin Cancer was held in Tbilisi, capital of Georgia, October 27-29, 2016.

Congress President Prof. Lali Mekokishvili (Georgia) welcomed everyone at the opening ceremony and formally introduced Prof. Nellie Konnikov (US/Russia), ISD Secretary-General, and Prof. Thomas Ruzicka (Germany), ISD Membership Committee Chair. Prof. Konnikov greeted all participants on behalf of ISD and gave a short slide presentation highlighting the mission and objectives of International Society of Dermatology, its role in supporting regional meetings, community projects, and mentorship program for young dermatologists. The ISD booth was set up in the exhibition area with ISD pins, promotional materials, and membership applications available for all participants.

The Congress offered outstanding educational opportunities in many subspecialties of dermatology, including dermo-oncology, dermoscopy, pediatric dermatology, allergy and immunity, and aesthetic dermatology for about 250 participants from Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Ukraine, Latvia, Lithuania, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Denmark, and Germany. The European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) conferred 18 European CME credits to this event.

A total of 36 faculty members participated in the Congress, among them many well-known speakers from the United States, Europe, Asia, and Africa, who presented the latest scientific data and practical information. The scientific program consisted of 12 scientific sessions, three workshops, two practical courses in dermoscopy and live demonstration in aesthetic dermatology. In addition, the special session was devoted to 10 case presentations by young dermatologists chosen by a panel of experts from almost 40 applicants representing many countries.



From left to right: Prof. Nellie Konnikov and Dr. Magdalina Al-Nagash during the Plenary Session

A pre-Congress course in dermoscopy was held by the internationally recognized expert Dr. Raimonds Karls (Latvia) and was met with enthusiasm from all the participants. Dr. Giuseppe Argenziano (Italy), Past President of the International Dermoscopy Society, passionately spoke about the great role and potential of dermoscopy in managing skin lesions.

A special session was dedicated to “World Psoriasis Day”. Professor Sanan Karimov (Azerbaijan), co-president of the Congress, Prof. Maia Datuashvili (Georgia) and Prof. Tinatin Chikovani (Georgia) reviewed current data on the pathogenesis and treatment of psoriasis.

The ISD supported the scientific part of the Congress. The popular joint session of ISD and GAPSC was standing room only and included leading experts in procedural dermatology and oncology followed by the open discussions on the international standards in treatment of skin cancer, facilitated by Drs. Bohdan Litvinenko (Ukraine), Ruzicka and Konnikov. Engaging discussion took place between Professors Konnikov and Ruzicka on the role of dermatologic surgery versus non-surgical methods of treatment in dermatology.

A special session in the program was dedicated to hot topics in pediatric dermatology. The legendary scientist Prof. Rudolf Happle (Germany) gave a plenary lecture on genodermatosis and shared outstanding clinical cases from pediatric practice. He described many new syndromes and revisited many old diseases under his personal and critical scope.

Prof. Veronique del Marmol (Belgium), chair of Euromelanoma, and fellow chairs of Euromelanoma from different EU countries, presented their results of the world’s largest skin cancer prevention project. The Congress offered a great opportunity for representatives from post-Soviet countries to join the Euromelanoma.

The 2nd International Transcaucasus Congress on Photodermatology and Skin Cancer had an overwhelming positive feedback from delegates and sponsors. The Congress was graded as a meeting with a highest level of quality of location, organization, scientific value, practical applications, and social programs for all participants.

Report submitted by Prof. Lali Mekokishvili



Congress President Prof. Lali Mekokishvili awards Professor Thomas Ruzicka with the diploma of Honorary Member of the National Society of Photodermatology and Skin Cancer



Congress local organizing team, from left to right: Cisia Samadashvili, Dr. Tamar Kamkhadze, Prof. Lali Mekokishvili, Prof. Maia Datuashvili, Dr. Neli Bakuradze and Dr. Neli Keshelashvili



From left to right: Congress Co-President Prof. Sanan Karimov, Scientific Committee Member Prof. Nellie Konnikov, Prof. Maia Datuashvili, Congress President Prof. Lali Mekokishvili, Prof. Tinatin Chikovani and Prof. Alexander Katsitadze

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The ISD proudly recognizes members who are accomplishing great things and fulfilling the mission of the ISD. Congratulations to all!

Prof. Branka Marinovic (Croatia), a member of the ISD Communications Committee, was inagurated into the American Dermatological Association (ADA). She was nominated by fellow ISD Communications Committee member Dr. Wilma Bergfeld (US).



Dr. Wilma Bergfeld (left) and Prof. Branka Marinovic (right)

Prof. Marinovic has also been elected the representative of the EADV Board of Directors to the Executive of the EADV.

Prof. Dedee Murrell (Australia/UK), Chair of the ISD Communications Committee, was nominated and elected to The Athenaeum, a society in England for leaders in the Sciences, Literature and the Arts. Founded in 1824, it started admitting women in 2002. Its membership includes 52 Nobel Prize winners.



Dr. Dedee Murrell



The Athenaeum membership card

Dr. Rashmi Sarkar (India), Director, Co-Chair of the ISD Education Committee and Member of the ISD Mentorship Committee, was elected as President Elect of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL) Delhi State Branch.



Dr. Rashmi Sarkar



Dr. Ma. Angela Lavadia

Dr. Ma. Angela Lavadia (Philippines), Member of the ISD Mentorship Committee, was elected President of the Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS).

ISD Member **Dr. Lidia Rudnicka** (Poland) is the new President of the Polish Dermatological Society.



Dr. Lidia Rudnicka



Prof. Luca Borradori

Prof. Luca Borradori (Switzerland), Vice President, Co-Chair of the ISD Education Committee and Member of the ISD Mentorship Committee and the Nominating Committee, is the new President of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV).

ISD Member **Dr. Henry Lim** (US) will be installed as President of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) at its 2017 Annual Meeting in March.



Dr. Henry Lim



Dr. Harvey Lui

ISD Member **Dr. Harvey Lui** (British Columbia) is the new President of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS).

ISD Holds Sister Society Meeting at 25th EADV Congress in Vienna

The ISD Education Committee, chaired by Dr. Larry Gibson (US), organized a Sister Society meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at the 25th EADV Congress in Vienna, Austria, which was open to both ISD members and guests.



The one-day session was a mix of updates from the ISD on Climate Change from Dr. Louise Andersen Kronberg (Denmark) and a thoughtful commentary from Dr. Rokea el-Azhary, the Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Dermatology (IJD)*, concerning how the journal integrates the global mission of the ISD into its editorial decisions.

Other speakers included Dr. Nellie Konnikov (Russia/US) on “Why and When TeleDermatology Makes Sense” and Dr. Dedee Murrell (Australia/UK) on “How Do Genes Interplay with Environment in Pemphigus?”

Finally, Dr. Gibson led a review of articles published in recent months from the *IJD*. Selected articles will be comprised of reviews (Dr. Gibson), original reports (Dr. Kenneth Tomecki, US) and case reports (Dr. David Mehregan, US). Subjects taken from the review

articles included recommendations for vaccination and antibiotic prophylaxis in patients with immunobullous diseases, as well as newer developments in the treatment of non-melanoma skin cancers. The audience gained a better appreciation of the diversity of topics available in the *IJD*.

In addition, the ISD participated in the EADV exhibits to greet current members and welcome six new members.



Dr. Jana Hercogova (left) and Dr. Evangeline Handog (right)



From left to right: AAD President-Elect Dr. Henry Lim, ISD President Dr. Evangeline Handog and ILDS President Dr. Harvey Lui



ISD President Dr. Evangeline Handog (third from right) and ISD Executive Director Cindy Froehlich (second from right) with meeting attendees at the EADV's President's Dinner



Dr. Lawrence Gibson



ISD Remembers Dr. Arnold Pieter Oranje (Netherlands), 1948-2016: Paragon of Pediatric Dermatology

A Tribute by ISD Board of Directors Member Prof. Robert A. Schwartz (USA)

Let Us Hurry (Śpieszmy Się)

*Let us hurry to love people they depart so quickly
Leaving only their shoes and silence on the phone
Only what is unimportant tends to drag like a cow
The most important is so fast that happens in
split-second
Silence that follows - normal and unbearable
Is like a clarity born straight from despair
When we think about someone who is no longer
with us*

Jan Twardowski (1915–2006)

Polish poet and priest

Translated by Pawel Maciejewski

Arnold Pieter Oranje, MD, PhD, an internationally respected beloved leader of pediatric dermatology, died on October 19, 2016, after collapsing while jogging, suffering a massive myocardial infarction. He was professor at Erasmus Medical Center in Rotterdam, the former President of the Dutch Society for Pediatric Dermatology and of the European Society for Pediatric Dermatology, loving husband for 42 years and much more. How does one measure a life? It is more than his 400 publications, his recognition including the Order of Orange-Nassau, his books, including multiple editions of his classic *Textbook of Pediatric Dermatology* and his latest one, entitled *Practical Pediatric Dermatology*, with Nawaf Al-Mutairi and Tor Shwyder!



Arnold and Carla relaxing on beach New Year's Day 2014

Arnold brought his joyfulness and love of learning and teaching with him every day for those of us fortunate to be at events or on programs with him. He was a dynamic educator who was blessed to spend his entire career -- medical school, dermatology residency, PhD in microbiology and professorship -- all at the same institution, Erasmus University Medical Center Rotterdam, the Netherlands. He completed his training in dermatology and venereology there in 1979. He was a consultant in General Dermatology and Pediatric Dermatology and Professor in Pediatric Dermatology. A former Head of the Department, he was also a prolific writer and editor, who was also co-founder and Secretary of the Dutch Society for the Study of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, founder and President of the Dutch-

Belgian Society for Pediatric Dermatology, Secretary and President of the European Society for Pediatric Dermatology, International Associate Editor of the journal *Pediatric Dermatology*, and much more.

Arnold had officially retired as professor in 2013 and was emeritus since then, yet he retained an active full-time schedule. He travelled to many conferences to lecture. Many of us will remember him from dermatology meetings for his impactful presentations.

I will long recall him in 2010 commencing the 2nd Kuwait International Pediatric Dermatology Symposium by orating on neonatal rashes, recommending the simple Tzanck smear as an often forgotten yet beneficial diagnostic test and his lecture at the 69th Annual Meeting of the AAD in New Orleans in 2011, in which he delineated signs of child abuse. To be on an academic program with Arnold was a wonderful experience. To have written chapters for his books was a great honor. His hearty smile and elegant demeanor were unforgettable. The academic world shares its sorrow with his widow Carla Coors and their two children, Floris and Marleen.



From left to right: Antonio Torrello, Margarita M. Larralde, Robert A. Schwartz and Arnold P. Oranje ebulliently relaxing in Kuwait (2014)



From left to right: Kuwait 4th International Pediatric Dermatology (2012): John McGrath, Conference Chair Dr. Nawaf Al-Mutairi, Arnold P. Oranje, Abdulwahab Al-Fouzan, Robert A. Schwartz, and Antonio Torrello ready for the opening ceremony (*Int J Dermatol* 52: 126-127, 2013)



Arnold Oranje (center) at the ISD Reunion at the 2015 AAD Annual Meeting with fellow ISD members.

Young African Dermatologist Benefits from ISD Mentorship Program in India

Long before ISD mentorship awardee Dr. Omololu Enigbokan of Nigeria even dreamt of traveling to India for a mentorship program, he remembered Prof. Adebola Ogunbiyi recommending this unique learning opportunity to young dermatologists, including himself, eager to enhance their dermatologic training. After following her advice and applying to the ISD, Dr. Omololu was accepted as a mentee and began his four-week training with mentor Dr. Rashmi Sarkar at Maulana Azad Medical College and associated Lok Nayak Hospital, New Delhi, India, in October 2016.

From the moment he arrived in India, Dr. Omololu experienced a warm welcome and was immediately introduced to the dermatology department, residents and consultants. The wonderful hospitality he received was complemented with a vast reservoir of learning opportunities in both clinical and procedural dermatology. Clinic days with Dr. Sarkar proved rewarding, as Dr. Omololu found the discussions on diagnoses and patient management sharpened his diagnostic and clinical skills.

Dr. Omololu gained knowledge from rotations in leprosy and vitiligo clinics, as well as participating in dermatologic procedures -- including chemical peels -- and a tremendous experience in the dermatopathology session. Before his visit to India, Dr. Omololu had been considering chemical peels for some of his patients, but with some hesitation. However, he became confident and comfortable performing chemical peels after watching several sessions on peeling, including the practical sessions he had on the procedure with Dr. Sarkar. Currently, Dr. Omololu is using his experience to work on starting chemical peels at his clinic for some of his patients that could benefit from the procedure.

Another highlight of Dr. Omololu's stay was having the opportunity to attend the Symposium on Pediatric Dermatology of IADVL, Delhi State Branch on pediatric dermatology, which was filled with vast knowledge and experience from experts in different fields of pediatric dermatology.

Dr. Omololu is firstly grateful to God for giving him this opportunity. He immensely thanks the ISD and the ISD Mentorship Committee for considering him for this program, as well as his mentor Dr. Rashmi Sarkar, Dr. Vijay Garg, Head of the Department of Dermatology, Dr. Vikrant Choubey and all the other staff members of the department. He credits the warm reception he received on his first day and throughout his stay for creating a good atmosphere that encouraged the learning process.

The ISD's mentorship program is available to young dermatologists from underdeveloped countries, who have been ISD members for 3 years. They will devote one to three months training with an ISD mentor to gain new knowledge in a particular area. A modest stipend of up to \$3,000 USD is provided. See the website for application details.

"Prof. Adebola Ogunbiyi, I say a big thank you for introducing me to this great experience, and I have decided to follow your pathway by encouraging every young dermatologist to apply for this program like you always do. I look forward to more exciting opportunities like this in the field of dermatology."

-- Dr. Omololu Enigbokan



Dr. Omololu Enigbokan (right) with mentor Dr. Rashmi Sarkar (left)



Dr. Omololu Enigbokan (third from right) and mentor Dr. Rashmi Sarkar (center) with dermatology residents from Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi.



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