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Leading the Way: Francisco Kerdel Reflects on Presidency



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The XI International Congress of Dermatology is just around the corner and it marks the beginning of a new set of leaders for the International Society of Dermatology. Over the past three years as president of the Society, I have enjoyed the privilege to work with an outstanding group of dermatologists and people on the executive committee. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize their contributions.



- **Vangee Handog**, our Secretary-General, has embraced the mission of ISD to make it her own. She has worked tirelessly to promote the Society by finding ways to sponsor new resident members, looking for mentorship opportunities for young dermatologists and speaking on behalf of the ISD.
- **Dedee Murrell** stepped into the role as Executive Vice-President and has contributed on the Board of Directors, at ISD Regional Meetings and Continental Congresses and as the chair of the Maria Duran Committee. She is enthusiastic enough to encourage her home dermatological society in Australia to bid on a future ICD.
- Our Assistant Secretary-General, **Luna Azulay-Abulafia**, has a long history of service to the ISD and has represented the ISD in Latin America for a number of years. She supported the ISD with a Sister Society meeting in Brazil and as a frequent speaker at ISD sponsored meetings.
- Having served as Treasurer for 15 years, I understand the responsibilities that **George Reizner** has accepted and has carried out in his usual thoughtful and thorough way.

Under his leadership, the ISD has maintained a healthy bank account despite the worldwide recession.

- **Jana Hercogova** made the transition from President of the X ICD in 2009 to serving as the Communications Committee Chair overseeing the website and the *ISD Connection* newsletter. And she did all this while running for her current position as president of the EADV. Kudos to Jana!
- Last but not least, **Jean Bolognia** has served as the Membership Committee Chair and our membership remained high and steady throughout the years of recession. Not many societies can make that claim. She also brought to the executive committee her experience from years of dedicated service to the AAD.

Finally, I would like to thank Larry Gibson for his tenure as Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Dermatology*. It is a world class journal that we all can be proud to call our own.

To all the new incoming members of the executive committee, I wish all of you the very best in your new positions and thank you for volunteering to lead our great Society in the coming years. Your commitment to ISD is invaluable.

I hope to see many of you in New Delhi at the XI ICD as we celebrate all that is ISD!

Sincerely,



Francisco "Pancho" Kerdel, MD
ISD President

2013 - 14 Meetings Calendar

December 2013

Wednesday, December 4 – Saturday, December 7, 2013

XIth International Congress of Dermatology

New Delhi, India

The XI ICD is the official meeting of the ISD and held every 4 years.

For more information:

www.icddelhi2013.com

March 2014

Monday, March 24, 2014, 5:30 PM

ISD Reception at the AAD

Hyatt Regency Denver

Denver, Colorado, USA

April 2014

Wednesday, April 9 – Friday, April 11, 2014

ISD Regional Meeting

Euro-Asian Association of Dermatovenereologists (EAAD)

Jerusalem, Israel

Contact: knasim@ofakin.co.il

May 2014

Friday, May 30 – Sunday, June 1, 2014

9th Maria M Duran Dermatology Course and ISD Regional Meeting

Cali, Colombia

www.cdederma.com.co

October 2014

Wednesday, October 29 – Friday, October 31, 2014

International Congress of Dermatology, Cosmetic and Laser

Center for Research & Training in Skin Diseases & Leprosy

Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Tehran, Iran

<http://crtSDL.tums.ac.ir>

November 2014

Tuesday, November 4 – Friday, November 7, 2014

4th Continental Congress of Dermatology & 37th Annual Convention of the Philippine Dermatological Society

Edsa Shangri-La Hotel

Mandayong City, Philippines

www.pds.org.ph

FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

MABUHAY!

In the Philippines, *Mabuhay* can mean “Welcome”, “Be well”, “Hello”, “Cheers”, “Long live!” It is like *Shalom* in Hebrew, *Aloha* in Hawaiian, *Viva* in Italian and *Banzai* in Japanese.



I salute the International Society of Dermatology’s leadership, specifically the Executive Committee with Dr. Francisco Kerdel at the helm. I acknowledge the chairs and members of the committees who did their best in performing their duties and responsibilities in spite of their very busy schedules. I thank the membership who believed in the goals of the society and kept faith that this society is worth joining and remaining with. Dr. Lawrence Gibson did a wonderful job with the *International Journal of Dermatology* for more than a decade – quite an accomplishment. We cannot help but credit him for the reason our members continue to belong; continuous education through this publication is invaluable. I recognize the hard work, positive ideas and multitasking efforts of our Executive Director, Ms. Cindy Froehlich. To all of you, my sincere gratitude. You have indeed made my task of being the Secretary-General inspiring and genteel.

This message comes with the enthusiasm and optimism that ISD will soar to greater heights and respect through its

officers, board of directors, and committee members. May I take this opportunity to invite our members to participate in the activities of the Society. So we can serve you better, your input, suggestions, comments and observations are welcome.

The last activity for the year comes with a big celebration of academic and cultural enrichment for all of us. SKINDIA - A GLOBAL PALETTE OF DERMATOLOGY will be experienced by us during the XI International Congress of Dermatology in Delhi, India. Preparations for this event were not easy, but all roads lead now to India to appreciate what has been done in the last four years to more than satisfy our hunger for education and fellowship. See you all there.

Mabuhay!

Evangeline B. Handog, MD
Secretary-General, International Society of Dermatology

P.S. A special thanks for the generous donation made by the ISD to aid the victims of Typhoon Haiyan that ravaged the people of the Philippines earlier this month. If you would like to help those who are still in great need, you can donate via the Philippine Dermatological Society website at <http://www.pds.org.ph>. Thank you.

The ISD proudly recognizes members who are accomplishing great things and fulfilling the mission of the ISD. Congratulations to all! Here’s a sampling of a few recent notables:



Nominated by the ISD, **Dr. Rafael Falabella**, (Colombia) will receive the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) Award – the 2013 Certificate of Appreciation – during the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Annual Meeting in Denver, March 2014.

Dr. Rafael Falabella

Dr. Kanika Sahni (India) published an article with her former ISD mentor **Dr. Martin Kassir** (USA), “Dermfrac™: An innovative new treatment for periorbital melanosis in a dark-skinned male patient,” *Journal of Cutaneous and Aesthetic Surgery*, Vol 6.3, pp. 158-160.



Mentorship awardee Dr. Kanika Sahni (left) and mentor Dr. Martin Kassir (right) during her four-week mentorship in 2012 in Dallas, Texas (USA).



Dr. Rashmi Sarkar

Dr. Rashmi Sarkar (India) was elected the Honorary General Secretary of the National Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL). She will take office in December at ICD-Dermacon and serve from 2014-2016. The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) will also honor Dr. Sarkar at its Recognition Reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting with the “Member Making a Difference” award for her work for the Women’s Dermatologic Society and the Asian Society of Pigment Cell Research.



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ISD Salutes Dr. Francisco Kerdel for Service as ISD President

With the much-anticipated XI ICD in New Delhi, India, only days away, the meeting also will mark the changing of the guard for the dedicated members of the ISD Executive Committee. During his three-year term as ISD President, Francisco “Pancho” Kerdel, MD (USA), has never hesitated to roll up his sleeves and work hard to make the Society stronger and more cohesive than ever.

Perhaps his friend and mentor, former ISD President Sigfrid Muller, MD (USA), said it best, “Pancho has done an excellent job as ISD president during an unsettled time. Being able to work well and get along with everyone, yet get things done, was much needed and will serve as an example to the new officers and committee members.”

One of his most notable accomplishments was implementing a new nominating process for leadership positions. By tasking the nominating committee – chaired by Suzanne Olbricht, MD (USA) – to open the nominating process up to the entire eligible membership and to use reasonable criteria for the selection of candidates, increased transparency was brought to a process in need of updating. Now, new candidates are encouraged to apply and the Society is benefitting from the fresh ideas that these members are bringing to the table.

Aside from his volunteer roles within the ISD, Dr. Kerdel is a nationally and internationally renowned dermatologist specializing in medical dermatology. In Dr. Muller’s opinion, “he is one of the best medical dermatologists/hospitalists in the United States.” Dr. Kerdel founded the Florida Academic Dermatology Centers at the University of Miami Hospital in Miami, Fla., and he treats patients referred to him from across the country, Latin America and the Caribbean.

He is also an active member of the Foundation for International Dermatologic Education (FIDE), where he served as Treasurer-General and is credited with helping revitalize FIDE by recruiting new board members and funding for the organization’s various activities.



Dr. Kerdel (right) announces the appointment of Dr. Suzanne Olbricht (left) as chair of the Nominating Committee during the 2011 ISD Reception at the AAD.



Dr. Kerdel delivering one of many powerful speeches during his presidency.

Here, Dr. Kerdel takes a moment to reflect on his presidency and his plans for the future.

You have been involved with the ISD for more than 20 years and have seen the Society evolve into the world-class membership organization it is today. What are you most impressed with about the ISD?

The ISD is a society dedicated to furthering dermatological education for individuals around the world. In order to achieve this, we have engaged in educational programs in every continent and we publish one of the best clinical journals in dermatology. Over the past few years, we have improved all our educational projects while continuing to serve our individual members.

What accomplishments are you most proud of during your tenure as ISD President?

When I assumed the presidency of the ISD, there were certain areas of uncertainty – which I am glad to say, have now been resolved. I leave the society strong, world recognized and with a very bright future.

The ISD is known for lively international camaraderie among its members. How would you describe the friendships you have made with ISD members over the years?

Over the years, I have been fortunate to meet a large number of individuals dedicated to dermatological education. Some of them have shown tremendous dedication on behalf of the society. We are a friendly and close knit group.

With all the international meetings and workshops held all over the world, you must have added many stamps to your passport over the years. Is there one meeting or trip that stands out in your mind as the most memorable?

The meetings that come to mind were India (New Delhi), 1994, where I assumed the role of treasurer of the society. Similarly, the last continental meeting in South Africa was very special.

Excitement has been building for a while now for the XI ICD in India. What do you anticipate for this meeting, and what changes have you seen in how the Congress has been organized or how the meeting program or activities have grown since the 1994 Congress was held there?

The 1994 congress was truly fantastic and for all these years, I have been looking forward very much to returning to India. I anticipate this meeting to be even better and to have great attendance.

What advice would you give to members who are considering a leadership role within the ISD?

Get involved! There is room for everybody and your work would be much appreciated by everyone. Remember, the most important asset of this society is the individual member.

Now that your presidency is coming to an end, do you have any other interests or professional plans you want to pursue? Do you plan to stay active within the ISD?

"I have been truly blessed and privileged to have served the ISD for this long of a period. In the early days as treasurer, we had to overcome a series of challenges, including financial difficulties. Our Society also did not have an impressive international presence. This has now dramatically changed as we are healthy financially and through our educational programs, our exposure has been tremendous. During my presidency, I have been very fortunate to have a strong executive committee who has worked impressively to improve the Society. To them I owe my deepest gratitude. The Society also owes our thanks to Larry Gibson, MD, who has served as editor of our journal. His work in improving the journal has been tremendous. Lastly, Cindy in our office has served as the mortar to hold all the bricks. Without her, we would all be lost. Again, my sincere thanks."
 – Dr. Francisco Kerdel

I plan to maintain an active role in the society. I have been privileged to serve for all these years and to see the society grow in its sphere of influence around the world. Dermatological education will always remain a high priority in my life.

What is your hope for the ISD in the next 5 years? 10 years?

That we continue to grow and to host an educational event in every corner of the world.



Dr. Sig Muller (right) presents a plaque to Dr. Kerdel (left) for his years of service as ISD Treasurer (from 1999 to 2009).



The installation of ISD officers in 2009. From left to right: Dr. Evangeline Handog (Secretary-General), Dr. Kerdel (Executive VP), and Dr. Torello Lotti (President), joined by ISD Past President Dr. Sig Muller.



ISD members enjoy the local sites during the 2nd Continental Congress of Dermatology (CCD) held in St. Petersburg, Russia, July 2011. From left to right: Dr. George Reizner, Dr. Kerdel, Isabella Kerdel, Dr. Suzanne Olbricht, Dr. Evangeline Handog, and Dr. Maria Calleja.



ISD leaders get together during the 3rd Continental Congress of Dermatology in Durban, South Africa, in October 2012. From left to right: Dr. Larry Gibson (IJD Editor) and Executive Committee members Dr. Luna Azulay Abulafia, Dr. George Reizner, Dr. Dedee Murrell, Dr. Kerdel, Dr. Evangeline Handog, and Dr. Jana Hercogova.



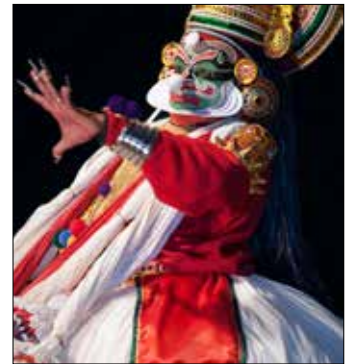
From left to right: Dr. Dedee Murrell, Dr. Kerdel, and Dr. Evangeline Handog.

Countdown to XI ICD: Travel Tips and Meeting Reminders

More than 3,800 delegates will convene in New Delhi, India, for the XI International Congress of Dermatology (ICD), December 4-7, 2013. Those attending will be treated to a smorgasbord of plenary sessions, local sites, regional cuisine and social events.

While the meeting website (<http://www.icddelhi2013.com>) offers detailed information on everything from the scientific program to travel and accommodations, here are a few tips to keep in mind as you prepare for your trip:

- Remember to pack your passport and any important documents you will need for international travel.
- Temperatures in Delhi will range between 15-20° C (59-68° F) during the meeting. Light woolen clothes are recommended.
- Registration is mandatory for all participants. If you haven't registered in advance, please note that checks will not be accepted on site – only cash or credit cards (see meeting website for more details).
- Complimentary official transport will be provided from the following hotels to the conference venue:
 - The Ashok
 - Samrat
 - Janpath
 - Hyatt Regency
 - Le-Meridien
 - The Park
- English is the official language for the Conference and commonly used in all business transactions.
- India is 5 ½ hours ahead of GMT, 4 ½ hours behind Australian Eastern Time and 10 ½ hours ahead of American Eastern Standard Time.
- A superfast airport express metrorail has been put in service to connect the airport with the central part of New Delhi. It is advisable to take a taxi from the airport to the hotel at night.



- Foreign exchange services are located at various convenient locations across terminals. Some banks may charge a service fee for currency exchange. It is recommended that you carry your passport and necessary travel documents if you wish to change currency.
- You are welcome to participate in the 42nd Annual Congress of Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists sessions on Wednesday, December 4, and Thursday, December 5, 2013, at no extra cost. All sessions will be in English.

20th Maghrebian Congress of Dermatology and Venereology Draws World-Renown Speakers

More than 200 registrants from Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Libya, Senegal and Palestine attended the 20th Maghrebian Congress of Dermatology and Venereology in Hammamet, Tunisia, September 5-8, 2013.

The high-level scientific program included the participation of noted speakers, including Drs. J. Shapiro (Canada), O. Chosidow (France), M. Beylot (France), Fatimata Ly (Senegal), R. Machaal (Palestine), and other speakers from North Africa countries. In addition, 311 scientific posters were on display.

Thanks to the support of the ISD, it was possible to arrange the travel of J. Shapiro and to provide 20 new subscriptions for the *International Journal of Dermatology* for young dermatologists from several countries.

The forthcoming Maghrebian Congress will be held in Casablanca, Morocco, in October 2014.



Dr. Jerry Shapiro addresses attendees at the 20th Maghrebian Congress of Dermatology and Venereology.

ISD Pays Tribute to IJD Editor Lawrence Gibson for More than a Decade of Service

To say that the *International Journal of Dermatology (IJD)* has grown by leaps and bounds during Dr. Lawrence Gibson's (USA) 13 years serving as editor would be an understatement. For starters, the Journal experienced explosive growth in submissions from all regions of the world. From a modest 648 submissions in 2001, the Journal received 2,472 submissions in 2012 and the increase in submissions from around the world, including Eastern Europe, Asia, and Africa, has been unprecedented.

This tremendous growth is due in large part to Dr. Gibson's implementation of an online submission and review process that streamlined and hastened the entire editorial process. Now, the editorial board – comprised of 61 members representing 30 countries – can easily access a comprehensive database containing a record of submissions, reviews and other critical information. A far cry from the old log book with handwritten entries used to track submissions.

As Dr. Gibson prepares to retire from his role as *IJD* editor, he leaves incoming editor Dr. Rokea A. El-Azhary with a thriving global publication that has climbed to number 7 in total citations among dermatology journals. In this interview, Dr. Gibson looks back on his years and tenure as *IJD* editor and his hopes for the future of the Journal.

As the editor of the *International Journal of Dermatology (IJD)* for the past 13 years, you have transformed the Journal into a premier medical publication for dermatologists around the world. What changes are you most proud of?

At the time we took over, the Journal was a completely manual process of intake and review and communication was by fax or letter. We had a hard time keeping track of all of the manuscripts and the reviewers, and there was certainly less than global participation in that whole process. We took the Journal into the digital age in all respects and were able to greatly widen the geographic participation since those early days.

Describe your greatest challenges – both internal and external – that you faced over the years.

The greatest internal challenge was to match adequate time and resources with the constant growth of the Journal. I have been most fortunate that the people closest to me at work have



Dr. Gibson (center) among friends Dr. Reizner (left) and Dr. Kerdel (right) in 2009.

been there all along the way and have extended themselves as required to match our growth! Externally, it has been a challenge to ensure the Journal reaches that broad global audience we seek and to make them aware of the opportunities that exist with the Journal as an author, reviewer or as a regular reader.

Of the countless submissions you receive for publication each year, how many articles are actually accepted?

On average, we accept less than 20 percent of the submissions currently.

How difficult is it to “reject” an article?

That part never gets easier. As an editor, I felt we had a mission to help those in developing countries to join the publication process and tried to be as supportive as possible. I relied heavily on peer review to help give several more objective opinions of the work. I believe we were as fair as possible but it's hard for me to judge. I think time will tell.

At times overseeing the Journal must have seemed like a full-time job. How did you find time to balance this volunteer position with your work as a dermatologist?

In the first few years, I would try to set aside specified times to work on the Journal but as we became more global and more electronically based, I found it better to just work on it every day, several times per day: before work, during breaks, lunch time, weekends, etc. It is challenging to keep up as the Journal is always moving and changing, and it is so easy to get behind!

On average, how much time a month would you say that you devoted to editing the Journal?

Since I work on it throughout the day, it is hard to say for sure but I would estimate no less than two to three hours per day and sometimes more.

Has serving as editor of the *IJD* all these years been a highlight of your professional career?

Yes, for sure. It has exceeded all of my expectations in that I have been part of so many people's professional lives. It is so interesting to think about where the manuscript originated, what it must be like working in that area, what it takes to put together a study and to formulate a



An IJD Editorial Board meeting in 2003.

manuscript. By far most of the letters I receive are of a positive nature and those far outweigh any negativity expected from a job where you must “reject” potential contributions. It has been a growth experience in many ways and a vehicle to meet and interact with colleagues worldwide. I feel very privileged.

Now that your tenure as editor is coming to a close, what do you envision for the Journal under the direction of incoming editor Dr. Rokea A. El-Azhary? Any advice you would offer her?

I am very happy for her and pleased that she will have this opportunity. She has discussed several anticipated changes and is already at work on most of them. The challenges will continue mainly in the area of matching resources, including “people power” with the needs of what has become a sizable journal now. The expectations for the Journal are higher now and meeting them will require creative thinking and constant movement. I am not sure I can give her advice beyond her own wisdom – but for sure, reaching out to others and keeping an eye and ear out for new and emerging talent will be one key to success. She already knows this, but I wish I could adequately express my gratitude to all of

those who come along on this journey. This includes the authors, reviewers, editorial board, leadership of the ISD, our editorial staff, Patty Winkels and Melissa Malley and of course, the new editor herself! It is truly a team effort. She has my full support.



Dr. Gibson gathers with ISD colleagues at a meeting in Rochester, MN, in 2001. From left to right: Dr. George Reizner, Dr. Rokea A. El-Azhary, Dr. Coleman Jacobson, Dr. Francisco Kerdel, and Dr. Lawrence Gibson.

ISD Hosts Successful Sister Society Meeting at EADV 2013

The International Society of Dermatology (ISD) held its Sister Society meeting in conjunction with the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) on October 2, 2013, in Istanbul. The program’s theme – “Bridging East and West” – emphasized the important geographic role of this historic city.

Dr. Shyam Verma (India) and Dr. George Reizner (USA) moderated the session that opened with Dr. Evangeline Handog (Philippines) welcoming the audience while also informing them of the many educational programs, upcoming meetings and services provided to ISD members. This was followed by an update on the XI International Congress of Dermatology to be held in New Delhi December 4-7, 2013, by Congress President Dr. Vinod Sharma (India). His update described the exciting educational content and social activities planned, as well as the impressive attendance numbers to date (nearly 3,700 registrants have already made plans to attend, including almost 180 international participants).

Dr. Yahya Dowlati (Iran) then introduced Mohamed Ahmed Al-Kamel (Yemen) who gave a heartfelt report of his ISD sponsored mentorship under Dr. Dowlati’s direction. His personal account reinforced the value of this program for young dermatologists.

The chairs of the session opened the academic portion of the program, with Dr. Abdul-Ghani M. Kibbi (Lebanon) giving a masterful overview of the ancient trade routes and how they facilitated disease movement. Dr. George Reizner addressed a rare form of porphyria unique to Turkey, followed by a presentation by Dr. Alireza Firooz (Iran) on leishmaniasis and its continuing population health burden.

Dr. Shyam Verma described various oral pathologies from chewing beetle nuts, and Dr. Jerry Tan (Canada) identified the need for global unification of acne grading. Dr. Aldo Morrone (Italy) eloquently reflected on his career in caring for underserved mobile populations and his international efforts to better understand the problem. The session concluded with Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Al-Kamel reporting his campaign to heighten awareness of leishmaniasis in Yemen and his work to better coordinate treatment.

The program was well attended and concluded with a renewed understanding of the regional work being done by several ISD members and the historic influence of the silk route.



The faculty of the program with several distinguished session attendees.

Behind the Scenes: An Interview with *ISD Connection* Co-Editors

Each issue of the *ISD Connection* quarterly newsletter is produced under the guidance and leadership of two dedicated co-editors based thousands of miles apart – Dr. Aisha Sethi (US) and Dr. Maria Juliet E. Macarayo (Philippines). Together, they help plan the content by recommending features and sharing news about ISD members and events. Once the content is written, they meticulously review each and every article, caption, letter and meeting notice to ensure the information is accurate and of interest to members.

In this article, the ISD recognizes the efforts of co-editors Dr. Sethi and Dr. Macarayo as they describe their work on the newsletter and their wish list for future issues.

What do you enjoy most about your position as co-editor of the *ISD Connection*?

Juliet: The photos – express a thousand and one words. The articles – reveal much about the authors and the people they serve. The deadlines – always beaten by the great e-interaction of the people in ISD.

Aisha: I enjoy going through the features and content of the newsletter highlighting the various members and activities of the ISD. Plus it's a sincere pleasure to work alongside Karen, Cindy, Juliet, Jana and Vangee and get everyone's input on fine tuning each edition.

Do you have a favorite feature that you enjoy editing?

Juliet: Global Dermatology: Think Global...Act Local.

Aisha: Yes! I started the global dermatology section (think global act local!) in the newsletter a couple of years ago. It's wonderful to go through that section and be inspired by the work of various ISD members globally in their communities.

The newsletter has grown over the years and is now a quarterly publication with regular features and important meeting updates. Is there anything else you would want to add if space was unlimited?

Juliet: A quarterly report by each member nation, so that their achievements will be made known to all. A Photo Art Corner where any member can submit original artistic photos that they themselves took. Members' opinions on how to deal with certain diseases.

Aisha: I would like to add a clinical pearls section or highlight volunteerism by ISD members.

How would you like to see more members contribute to the newsletter?

Juliet: That is a "HIT" goal of every newsletter – to encourage more participation from its members! Articles or experiences with ISD by its members across the nations would be great.

Aisha: I would encourage members to share their clinical pearls, volunteerism work and news-making features with us so that we can highlight their activities.



Dr. Maria Juliet E. Macarayo



Dr. Aisha Sethi

Your role as co-editor of the newsletter is a volunteer position. Tell us about your "day" job as a dermatologist.

Juliet: I am a full-time clinician-dermatologist in Pampanga, a province in the Philippines. Added to this, I serve as the current Secretary of our specialty society (Philippine Dermatological Society), attending to the needs of its 962 members to date. In between, I deliver lectures on various dermatological topics in our country.

Aisha: I am an academic dermatologist and faculty at the University of Chicago so am seeing patients most days of the week with dermatology residents and teaching them in clinic and outside along with medical students. My interests within global health (I have set up a dermatology elective program in Malawi) also have me interacting with colleagues in Africa and Pakistan.

Do you think your position has helped you become more involved in ISD?

Juliet: I do think so. It has helped me understand what ISD is all about.

Aisha: Yes absolutely! I have got to know a lot more about the membership and have met some members who have taken on the role as my mentors which I am very grateful for.

What would you say to a colleague or someone who is interested in becoming a member of ISD?

Juliet: BE A MEMBER OF ISD. BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER. ISD is more than a congregation of dermatologists from different nations. ISD has a soul: "*Into Service for Dermatology*".

Aisha: Become a member and become involved! If possible, become a sponsoring member and share your news and work with us.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2014!



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International Society of Dermatology

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(Month/Day/Year)

Scientific Degree (e.g., M.D., M.B.B.S., Ph.D., M.S., B.S., etc.) _____ Gender: Male Female

1. I wish to join the ISD membership in the following category (please check only one):

Membership Categories:

____ **Regular Member** US \$100.00

This is the regular and usual membership of the Society. Annual dues of US \$100.00 include a subscription to the *International Journal of Dermatology*. May hold elective office and vote.

____ **Associate Member** US \$65.00

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