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## ISD Member Prepares Young Dermatologists for Patient Care in India



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the International Society of Dermatology's Board of Directors, let me express my appreciation to the many contributions of our friend and colleague, Professor Torello Lotti. Putting the Society's interest and well-being first, he recently resigned from the position of President of the ISD to focus on pressing matters that demand his attention in Italy.



As a long-time member and volunteer for the ISD, Torello has served on various committees, as Secretary-General for two terms and most recently as President. He was an enthusiastic spokesperson on behalf of the Society and supported the implementation of new programs like the ISD Mentoring and Maria Duran Awards, the encouragement of Community Dermatology projects, the *ISD Connection* newsletter and ISD Web site. He not only supports the programs on paper, but more importantly he actively participates as a Mentor – giving freely of his time and knowledge.

A world-renowned expert on vitiligo and laser treatments for psoriasis and vitiligo, Professor Lotti's contributions to the literature of dermatology are undisputed. He has authored or co-authored numerous books and book chapters as well as

over 300 articles which have appeared in the *International Journal of Dermatology*, the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, the *Archives of Dermatology*, the *Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology* and the *British Journal of Dermatology*, among others.

We anticipate that Professor Lotti will, in the near future, participate actively in the ISD as a member, volunteer and leader. As the Executive Vice President, the Bylaws require that I complete the term of the outgoing ISD President. I am fortunate that I can accept this task knowing that the foundation is strong, having been laid by my friend, Torello Lotti, who I will call on as special advisor to the presidential office.

Again, we hope all our members will join us in expressing our sincerest appreciation and thanks to his contributions to ISD.

Sincerely,



Francisco Kerdel, MD

President, International Society of Dermatology

Dear colleagues and friends,

Join us at the 2nd Continental Congress of Dermatology to be held in St. Petersburg (Russia) from 6 to 9 July, 2011. The ISD is organizing this Congress for the second time after the successful Congress of Prof. Falabella in Cali, Columbia. Russia has never had the opportunity to host an international event – and the 2nd CCD will be the first one in the history of the Russian Society of Dermatology, the oldest dermatological society in the world (the history goes back 126 years).

The ISD is proud to organize this event particularly in St. Petersburg, the most attractive Russian city for foreigners, during the famous white nights. The Scientific Committee chaired by Prof. Nouri and Prof. Konikov was able to put together a wonderful educational event with two parallel

sessions, which will cover all important issues in dermatology and venereology. Both parallel tracks will be simultaneously translated from English to Russian and vice versa, so all participants are able to enjoy the meeting without any language barriers.

Before the opening ceremony, the Maria Duran Medal lecture will be delivered by Prof. Olbricht. The program will consist of 21 sessions, 9 satellite symposia, poster sessions, and rapid communication. Awards provided by the ISD will allow young dermatology colleagues to attend the Congress. The social dinner will be held in Bellini restaurant, overlooking the Neva River. I am happy to invite you all to St. Petersburg on behalf of the ISD.

Yours truly,

Jana Hercogová, MD, Communications Committee Chair



From left to right: Prof. Kubanova and Jana Hercogova.



Dr. Hercogova and Russian colleagues will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> CCD in St. Petersburg, Russia.

## FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL:

### Integrity Social responsibility Dedication (ISD)



The month of March in the Philippines is the end of the school calendar. Graduation is much awaited not only by the students, but by proud parents as well. Parents look forward to seeing their elementary kids, or high school teens and especially their grown-up college students do the graduation march. It is a very happy occasion, indeed, an important time to celebrate a momentous achievement.

If I were to give a valedictory address, I will start by enumerating the beautiful accomplishments of the International Society of Dermatology (ISD).

#### Integrity

The ISD is governed by a group of people of unquestionable honor and reliability. When put to a test of leadership change, it acted fairly, compassionately and decisively. We admire Prof. Torello Lotti's decision to resign from ISD for personal reasons. He made sure that in the best interest of the Society, he will not allow it to be dysfunctional by a situation not totally controllable at this time. Thank you Prof. Lotti and to the entire Executive Committee.

#### Social Responsibility

The various standing committees of the ISD made sure that all its functions and duties are done well.

- The Communications Committee, chaired by Prof. Jana Hercogova, organized the 2nd Continental Congress of Dermatology forthcoming this July in St. Petersburg, Russia. Check it out at the website.
- The Maria Duran Committee headed by Prof. Dedee Murrell has carefully selected the Maria Duran medalist,

lecturer and fellow for the year 2011.

- The Membership Committee chaired by Prof. Jean Bologna has invited the ISD Board members to be ISD Ambassadors to increase the membership.
- The Mentorship Committee chaired by Dr. Sandra Read has to date approved of 17 mentees who were to learn from their mentors the art and science of dermatology.
- Dr. Sig Muller is passionate about the projects of the Climate Change Task Force. He is set to do another symposium in Brazil.
- Prof. Uwe Wollina has been organizing the regional meetings. We will have Guatemala and Germany meetings this year.
- Prof. Terence Ryan, in cooperation with the International Journal of Dermatology's Editor-in-Chief Prof. Lawrence Gibson, proudly presents the Supplement on Community Dermatology where invited ISD members write about various topics covering Community Dermatology issues.
- Yours truly has been assigned to be the ISD manager for the XI International Congress of Dermatology in India. With Congress President Prof. Vinod Sharma, we promise to have a great Congress in 2013.

#### Dedication

The beauty of an organization is much appreciated if one is able to witness from the inside. I have been an insider for two years now. I have seen the selfless dedication of the Executive Committee members. As I said during the officers' oath taken in Prague, the ISD is like a JEEPNEY ride. It may not be a smooth and luxurious ride, but ISD is going to have a colorful ride to SUCCESS!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

*Evangelina B. Handog*

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## ISD Reception Unites Members at AAD 2011 Annual Meeting in New Orleans

### Board and Committee Updates

The ISD Board of Directors met last February 7, 2011, in New Orleans during the AAD Annual Meeting. During the meeting, Dr. Dedee Murrell (Australia) was appointed to the position of Executive Vice President – which was vacant due to Dr. Francisco Kerdel's (US) transition to ISD President. Other highlights include:

- 2nd Continental Congress of the ISD to be held July 7-9, 2011, in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- Community Dermatology Task Force will distribute a special CD-ROM at the World Congress of Dermatology with articles from the IJD and other features focused on community dermatology. Stop by ISD booth # G 036 to get your copy.
- The Maria Duran Committee selected ...
  - Dr. Suzanne Olbricht (US) as the 2011 Maria Duran Lecturer.
  - Dr. Anaba Ehighe Lonia (Nigeria) as the 2011 Maria Duran Fellow and attendee to the 2nd CCD in St. Petersburg.
  - Dr. Jasna Lipozencic (Croatia) as the 2011 Maria Duran Medalist.
- The Mentorship Committee changed the application deadline from a monthly to a biannual deadline. They will now accept applications every April 15 and October 15 of each year and use the time in-between to focus on the placement of applicants with the right mentors.

### AAD Reception

The ISD reception paid tribute to its host city, New Orleans, with jazz, Mardi Gras beads and gumbo. Dr. Evangeline Handog (Philippines), ISD Secretary-General, reviewed ISD highlights from 2010 and upcoming ISD events. Dr. Kerdel had the pleasure to introduce Dr. Dedee Murrell as the new ISD Executive VP and Dr. Suzanne Olbricht (US) as the Maria Duran Lecturer.

In March 2012, AAD will be in San Diego, California. Please make sure to keep Monday evening open for the ISD Reception! It's a great way to catch up on ISD news and meet old and new friends.



**ISD President Dr. Francisco Kerdel welcomes members and guests.**



**ISD Secretary-General, Dr. Evangeline Handog, reviews past and upcoming ISD events.**



**Group photo from the ISD Board meeting**



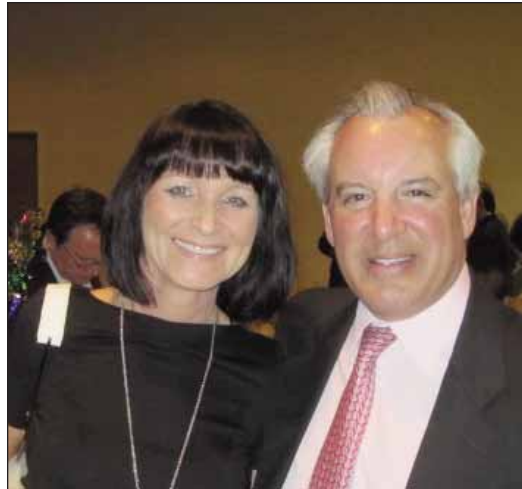
**Dedee Murrell, chair, Maria Duran Committee (left), and Teresita Gabriel, committee member (right), review applicants.**



**Teresita Gabriel (second from left) with other volunteers greets guests at the welcome desk.**



**Sandra Read (left) and Evangeline Handog (right), ISD Secretary-General.**



**Jana Hercogova (left), ISD Communications Chair, and ISD President Dr. Francisco Kerdel (right).**



**From left to right: Evangeline Handog, Secretary-General; Dedee Murrell, Executive Vice-President; and Jean Bolognia, Membership Committee Chair.**



**Mentorship Committee members Martin Kassir (left) and Yahya Dowlati (right).**



**The Maria Duran Committee (first row, from left to right): Tania Cestari (co-chair) and Dedee Murrell (chair); (back row, from left to right): Teresita Gabriel, Rekha Sheth, Anthony Bennedetto, Rokea el-Azhary, and Antonella Tosti.**

## Dr. Rashmi Sarkar Prepares Today's Medical Students for Tomorrow's Challenges in India



### Can you describe the educational experience offered to medical students studying dermatology at Maulana Azad Medical College in New Delhi, India?

Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC) in New Delhi, India, is one of the oldest premier medical colleges in India. The dean, Dr. A.K. Aggarwal, has maintained its high academic standards with his wonderful vision, and former students are working in virtually every part of the world in top medical positions. During their three year postgraduate period in dermatology, students are taught general dermatology, venereology and leprosy in great detail, a curriculum instituted by the Medical Council of India for which they are examined at the end of this period. They rotate through OPDs, wards, leprosy and venereology clinics, while also attending emergency duties. They also attend specialty clinics of pigmentary disorders, contact dermatitis, dermatosurgery, cosmetology and lasers. The head of the department, Dr. Vijay Kumar Garg, makes sure that the teaching program includes seminars, journal clubs, bedside teaching and histopathology. Students attend monthly CMEs of interesting cases organized on a regular basis by the Delhi State Branch of IADVL.

### Do you set aside days or weeks on a regular basis where you operate as a free clinic for patients in need?

Most of the patients attending our hospital are from the middle and lower income groups and, fortunately, consultation and most of the medicines are given free. Even the leprosy and sexually transmitted diseases clinics are free. So, this is an advantage and we are serving patients in need every day – because, barring very few investigations, everything else is free. Additionally, the hospital organizes camps for needy patients in nearby rural areas from time to time in which the doctors participate.

### What kind of conditions/skin disorders do you see on a daily basis?

We do see a large number of patients with skin infections, from fungal infections and molluscum contagiosum to acne and pigmentary disorders. As this is a tertiary hospital, patients also come from rural areas of the adjacent states of North India. While difficult and severe cases are referred for diagnosis and treatment, we also get a good number of vesiculobullous diseases, predominantly pemphigus, and papulosquamous diseases, including severe cases of erythroderma. Many patients from the middle income group come for cosmetic treatment for acne scars, pigmentation problems and keloids. A large number of pediatric dermatoses, including rare genodermatoses, are also referred from different parts of northern India. We also get a

steady number of leprosy patients (with or without reactions), as well as those with sexually transmitted diseases.

### How is your mentorship program unique? What rotations would be included and how many mentees could you sponsor each year?

Being a recent member of the ISD International Mentorship Committee, I and one of our senior faculty members have volunteered for the ISD International Mentorship Program. The mentees would have the unique experience of learning general and tropical dermatology, venereology and sexually transmitted diseases along with a large variety of pigmentary disorders, pediatric dermatoses and several life-threatening dermatoses found in this part of Asia. They would also be rotated in cosmetology and dermatosurgery clinics, besides getting to attend the departmental teaching programs on a daily basis. So, they would get to learn all this under one roof. The department gets observers from different parts of the globe and although there is no fixed number, two or three mentees could possibly attend each year. We do get international visitors to our department, like Dr. Jo Lambert (Belgium) and Dr. Wendy Roberts (California, USA). Along with our departmental members, I had hosted the first Women's Dermatologic Society Networking Reception in India, which was inaugurated by the WDS 2009-2010 President Dr. Wendy Roberts – a very important international event.



Dr. Rashmi Sarkar (right) in the OPD with residents.



Dr. Rashmi Sarkar speaking at the First WDS Networking Reception in India, hosted by the department. From left to right (at table): Dr. Vijay K. Garg, Department Head; Dr. A.K. Aggarwal, Dean, MAMC; and WDS 2009-2010 President Dr. Wendy Roberts.



A departmental teaching session with residents and faculty. From left to right (front row): Dr. Rashmi Sarkar, Dr. Vijay K. Garg, and Dr. Vineet Relhan.



Dr. Sarkar (second from left) and residents in the cosmetology O.T.



Dr. Rashmi Sarkar (India) arranged a meeting in New Delhi in January 2011 for young dermatologists and potential ISD members to meet with Dr. Martin Kassir (USA) during his trip to India. From left to right (standing): Dr. Manish Pahwa, Dr. Anuj Pall, Dr. Deepali Bhardwaj, Dr. Rashmi Sarkar, Dr. Martin Kassir, Dr. Pooja Pahwa, and Dr. Sidharth Sonthalia. From left to right (sitting): Dr. Kanika Sahni, Dr. Sudhanshu Sharma, and Dr. Shruti Dewan.

## ISD Selects Five Scholars to Travel to WCD in Seoul

The ISD is pleased to announce that five dermatologists from five different corners of the world have been selected to attend the World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) 2011 in Seoul, Korea, this May. Each scholar will receive US \$1,500.00, for a total of US \$7,500.00 awarded to these promising young dermatologists. Scholarships will be presented at the ISD Sister Society Meeting in Seoul on May 24, where each scholar will present a short synopsis of their abstracts to meeting attendees. Join ISD in saluting our award recipients for their tremendous achievement!



### Anisha Chandy, MD (India)



Dr. Anisha Chandy of Christian Medical College's Department of Dermatology in India has a keen interest in academic dermatology. She will share her research in Graft versus Host Disease at the WCD, which she believes will break new ground and stimulate further research to differing genetic susceptibility to this disease and give birth to new classification systems in hematodermatology.



### Angelo Massimiliano D'Erme (Italy)



Dr. Angelo Massimiliano D'Erme of the Department of Dermatology, University of Florence, is excited to participate in his first World Congress and considers this opportunity a great way to meet other researchers from every part of the world. He will present research on skin features of Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria Syndrome during the years.



### Judelyn Tan Ty, MD (Philippines)



Dr. Judelyn Tan Ty of Manila Central University FDTMF Hospital is eager to attend the WCD and expand her knowledge of dermatology. She will present a synopsis of her abstract "Phase III randomized controlled trial on the effectiveness of 40% Tannin cream from calamansi (*Citrus microcarpa bunge*) pulp extract versus 1% clotrimazole cream in the treatment of tinea versicolor."



### Perpetua Uchechi Ibekwe, MD (Germany)



Dr. Perpetua Uchechi Ibekwe of the Department of Dermatology at University College Hospital Ibadan, Nigeria, is very interested in research and looking forward to the exposure that the WCD offers young dermatologists, such as herself. Dr. Ibekwe will present research from her abstract "Immunohistochemical detection of the Human Herpesvirus-8 latent nuclear antigen-1 in epidemic Kaposi sarcoma".

### Wendemagegn Embiale Yeshanh, MD (Ethiopia)



Dr. Wendemagegn Embiale Yeshanh of Bahirdar University is the only dermatologist working as an assistant professor at the University and a consultant dermatovenerologist in the teaching hospital serving 7 million people. He looks forward to the opportunity to attend the WCD and present his research, "Mucocutaneous manifestations and their CD4 correlates among pre-ART HIV patients enrolled within ALERT HIV/AIDS cohort groups."

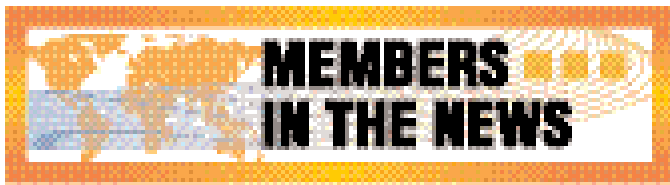
## ISD Welcomes New Individual Sponsoring Members

The ISD's Individual Sponsoring Membership is a wonderful way to support young dermatologists and dermatology programs worldwide.

Becoming an Individual Sponsoring Member (ISM) is easy. Dues are US \$250 per year, which provides all the benefits of a Regular Member to the ISM and allows the ISM to sponsor 2 additional Associate Members (residents from any country, dermatologists from developing countries, including most African, Asian, Eastern European, Central and South American countries). ISMs can either allow ISD to select the sponsored members or they can tell ISD who they would like sponsored.

Don't hesitate...become an ISD Sponsoring Member today!





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

**Dr. Rashmi Sarkar (India)**, member of the International Mentorship Committee, was nominated as the International Representative, Board of Directors, of the Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS). She was also elected as Honorary Secretary of the New Delhi State Branch of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists.

**Dr. Evangeline B. Handog (Philippines)**, ISD Secretary-General and AAD International Board Observer, was selected by the Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS) International Affairs and Awards Committee to receive the WDS International Pioneer Award for Distinguished Women in Dermatology. This award will be presented to Dr. Handog at the 2011 WDS International Leadership Forum in Seoul, South Korea. In addition, Dr. Handog received the Presidential Award from the Philippine Dermatological Society for International Leadership in December 2010.

**Dr. Vermén M. Verallo-Rowell (Philippines)** was elected to become a member of the prestigious American Dermatological Association (ADA). Membership is by nomination by peers and is a reward for work well done. Dr. Verallo-Rowell will be inducted at the ADA Annual Meeting in Napa Valley, CA (USA) in September 2011.

ISD members are also making news at the AAD, including:

**Dr. Daniel M. Siegel, FAAD**, assumed the President-elect position of the American Academy of Dermatology, while fellow ISD member **Dr. Suzanne Connolly** is now AAD's Vice-President (February 4, 2011 New Orleans)

**Dr. Carrie Kovarik, MD, FAAD**, was honored with a Presidential Citation for her work on an AAD Ad Hoc Task Force on Teledermatology and **Dr. James S. Taylor, MD**, also received a Presidential Citation for his work as Chair of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Election Reform.

To share your news with us, please email your entries to [info@intsocderm.org](mailto:info@intsocderm.org).

## ISD Mentorship Program Connects Awardee with Teledermatology Expert

During her recent mentorship program at the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Dermatology, ISD mentorship awardee Dr. Maria Teresa García-Romero of Mexico City was thrilled at the chance to study with Dr. Carrie Kovarik – a notable expert in the field of teledermatology.

Dr. García-Romero was able to gain insight by learning about Dr. Kovarik's large and highly successful teledermatology project in Africa, including how she started it, how it works, the main problems and obstacles of the program, and the benefits it provides patients. Working side-by-side, Dr. García-Romero had the opportunity to review some of the teleconsults and very interesting cases with Dr. Kovarik.

*"Dr. Kovarik is very committed to her project and is an example to me of outstanding interest in community dermatology and bringing our knowledge and skills to less fortunate people."*

– Dr. Maria Teresa García-Romero

In discussing her own teledermatology pilot project that she started last year, Dr. García-Romero learned that some of the problems she has faced are common for Dr. Kovarik as well. Dr. Kovarik's advice on how to overcome these problems was invaluable.

While at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. García-Romero also did rotations in several other specialty clinics in the department, particularly the Clinics on Lymphoma, Pigmented Lesion, Autoimmune Disease, Sexually Transmitted Disease, HIV, Sarcoid, and Pediatric Dermatology. She also worked closely with dermatology attending physician Dr. Victoria Werth, an expert in autoimmune and connective tissue skin disease. Together, they wrote a paper on Interventions for Bullous Pemphigoid, which will eventually be published in the Archives of Dermatology.

Dr. García-Romero is very grateful for this experience and hopes to become a mentor for another young dermatologist one day. She encourages every young dermatologist or dermatology resident to pursue further education and to learn from world-renowned experts in their fields of interest.



Mentor Dr. Carrie Kovarik (left) and mentorship awardee Dr. Maria Teresa García-Romero (right).



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Wednesday, May 25, 2011

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### July 2011

Wednesday, July 6, 2011 - Saturday, July 9, 2011

#### Second Continental Congress of Dermatology St. Petersburg, Russia

2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Congress of Dermatology  
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