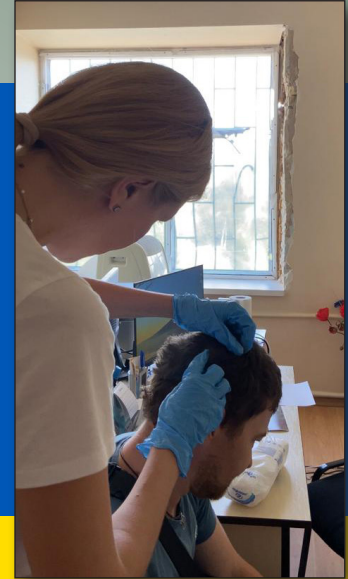


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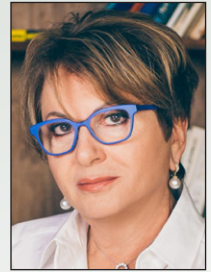
## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I trust we understand and accept the critical importance of our role in providing care to patients to the best of our ability – based on the current knowledge, skills and resources available to us.

In 2022, when the entire world had awakened from COVID-19's virtual existence in Dermatological education and training, ISD instantaneously restarted all its vital activities around the world. Mainly, by actively participating in national and international meetings, sharing knowledge, expertise, and experience in places where there is a critical shortage or lack of resources, we are upholding our mission as one of the principals of our Society.

I would like to bring your attention to just to a few recent ISD events taking place in Hammamet, Tunisia, Tbilisi, Georgia, and Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Well-known speakers from around the world contributed to the overall success of the educational programs. Dermatologists from numerous countries and five continents came to Tunisia and Georgia not only to replenish their pursuit of knowledge, but also for social interaction, networking, unique local cultural and culinary delights. In addition, 27 new members joined ISD from six countries. Please, read the complete reports from these meetings in this issue of *ISD Connection*. In November, ISD representatives will travel to Baku, Azerbaijan, for the 2nd Congress of the Association of Dermatovenerologists of Azerbaijan to participate in the plenary session and co-chair subspecialty sessions. Reports and many fantastic pictures will be shared with you, not to mention interviews with new members from developing countries around the world.



I need to mention that one regional meeting in Lvov, Ukraine, had to be cancelled this year due to military actions of the Russian Federation and the appalling invasion of Ukraine, creating an acute humanitarian crisis. As usual, children and women are always extremely vulnerable in wartime, so the vast majority of international societies issued an official condemnation of the war and invasion – while pledging to help Ukraine's civilian population. The leadership of ISD, with overwhelming support of our membership, donated \$2,500.00 restricted for the dermatological care of women and children. I refer you to page 5 for the full report provided by our ISD Board Member from Ukraine.

In spite of a challenging time in Eastern Europe, let's stay united as Dermatologists Without Borders in our principles to help patients, restating a pledge, The Hippocratic Oath, specifically related to Dermatology: "...to care adequately for the sick....prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure."

With all my heart,

*Nellie Konnikov, M.D.*

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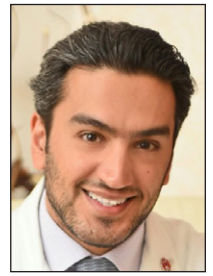
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## FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Colleagues,

An important mission statement of the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) is the dissemination of information and making it available to everyone in the world, especially in areas that are underserved. Through mentorship programs, regional and international congresses, and a journal, the ISD has been able to continue its commitment to that statement.



The *International Journal of Dermatology (IJD)* is the official publication of the ISD. Through the *IJD*, the outreach of the society has become forthright. By continuing to publish high-caliber articles, *IJD* has not only been able to fulfill its goal but has slowly started to climb the ranks of high-impact journals in the field. The number of submissions has grown exponentially. This has also marked a rise in its impact factor and cite score. Please see the article on page 7 to read about the *IJD*'s rising impact factor and overall success. The Society has continued to foster and care for its flagship publication and continues to do so.

It is important that members remain steadfast in the crucial role they play in the journal's success. This can be through actively participating in reviewing articles when asked to do so, sharing the journal or its articles with educational institutions and universities, and, most importantly, submitting articles that showcase the field of dermatology in an international setting.

I would like to thank all those who have worked on making the journal a success, from the typesetter to the editor-in-chief. The *IJD* shall remain an example of how the ISD continues to reach out to its members and engage them.



Hassan Galadari, MD  
Your Secretary-General

### ISD Salutes Newest Corporate Member



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### ISD Recognizes InMed for Sponsoring Over 300 Members

The ISD applauds InMed, a private medical consulting company based in Shanghai, for generously supporting over 300 practitioners with memberships in ISD. InMed has multiple global academic resources to provide professional medical consulting services with the focus on independent medicine education/continuing medical education programs for Chinese Health Care Professionals. This is a remarkable contribution from one sponsor, and ISD is grateful to InMed for the opportunity to welcome these new members. Through our joint collaboration, ISD will be more empowered to boost academic exchange and communication internationally. Thank You!



## Letter from 25th World Congress of Dermatology Singapore Organizers

Dear ISD friends,

Greetings to everyone, we hope you are well and in good spirits. Looking back, it seems like we 'lost' two years of our lives, and I am sure many of us look forward to spreading our wings again.

COVID made planning for the 25th World Congress of Dermatology quite complicated, but we are happy to report that plans are proceeding very well for a face-to-face meeting from the 3rd to the 8th of July 2023 in Singapore.

The comprehensive scientific programme is both broad and deep. There will be 15 keynote lectures, 60 topics covered in 200 sessions, 24 courses, 18 expert forums, 8 controversies in dermatology debates, 5 talks by distinguished speakers, free communication sessions, electronic-posters, late breaker, and residents' sessions, as well as DSS and regional (South-East Asian) dermatology sessions. The teaching faculty comprises over 700 global experts. The 25th WCD will be a learning opportunity par excellence.

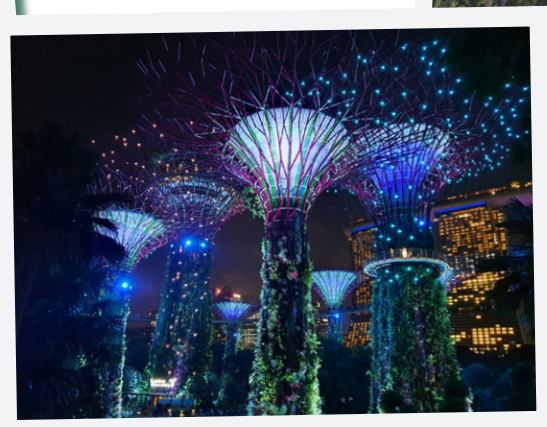
Registrations, abstract submissions, and scholarship applications are open and will remain so until the latest possible time. We recognize that the global economic situation will impact all of us. To mitigate this, we have reduced registration fees for LIC and LMI Countries, introduced generous group registrations, and will provide a significant number of scholarships. We will have more sessions for patient organizations and are also encouraging pharmacists and allied health providers to register.

The 25th WCD will be a networking event for all of us. We are planning for a full programme of exciting social events in spectacular venues, from the welcome reception to the social dinner. Details are available on our website – [www.WCD2023Singapore.org](http://www.WCD2023Singapore.org). It will be an opportunity for us to renew our friendships and make new ones.

Singapore is fully open and is back as a tourist and business destination! Air traffic at the Changi airport will reach 80% of pre-COVID levels by the end of 2022. As more flights are added, including low-cost carriers, fares will become much more affordable next July. Book your hotels early to avoid disappointment. We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful city!

Prof. Roy Chan  
President 25th WCD

A/Prof. LIM Yen Loo  
Secretary General 25th WCD



# International Society of Dermatology Provides Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine

by Prof. Oleksandr Litus, MD

In Ukraine, this year's Independence Day (August 24, 2022) marked a special occasion for the Ukrainian people thanks to the collaboration of the international dermatological community. Under the auspices of the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) and the Ukrainian Academy of Dermatovenereology (UAD), the first free dermatological clinic offering consultations for children and adults was held at the polyclinic of Makarov village, Buchansky district, Kyiv region. During the daylong event, patients were provided with the necessary drugs for treatment.

Leaders of both dermatological organizations graciously volunteered their time to make the event a success. Participants included ISD President Dr. Nellie Konnikov, UAD President Dr. Maryna Anfilova, UAD Vice President Dr. Oleksandr Litus, and UAD members Dr. Mykola Litus (surgeon at the clinic of personalized medicine EuroDerm) and Dr. Yuliya Hryshko (dermatovenereologist at the clinic of personalized medicine EuroDerm).

Approximately two dozen dermatological conditions were diagnosed, ranging from eczema to drug reactions. The patients were also screened with digital Dermoscopy, leading to the detection of several cutaneous malignancies. The consultative reception was attended not only by residents of Makarov, but also by residents of more than a dozen surrounding villages.

We thank the members of the ISD and personally Dr. Konnikov for the opportunity to hold such an important event for Ukrainian patients. We hope that this wonderful experience of helping Ukrainian patients by the ISD can be continued.

## Diagnoses made at consultation

- Psoriasis
- Psoriatic arthritis
- Atopic dermatitis
- Scleroderma
- Pemphigus
- Onychomycosis
- Pyoderma
- Scabies
- Microsporium* infection
- Herpes zoster
- Eczema
- Contact allergic dermatitis
- Dyshidrotic eczema
- Hyperhidrosis of the feet
- Irritant dermatitis
- Seborrheic dermatitis
- Malassezia* infection
- Discoid lupus erythematosus
- Idiopathic guttate hypomelanosis
- Acne
- Dermatophytosis

## Medications administered with funds allocated by ISD

- Topical corticosteroids
- Topical antifungals
- Topical antiparasitics
- Topical antibacterials
- Antiseptics
- Emollients
- Agents for the treatment of hyperhidrosis
- Topical azelaic acid
- Systemic antibiotics
- Systemic antivirals
- Systemic antifungals
- Topical calcineurin inhibitors



Dr. Maryna Anfilova explains a topical treatment to a young girl.



Dr. Maryna Anfilova evaluates a rash on a patient's back and torso.



Dr. Oleksandr Litus examines a patient's toenail.



From left to right: Dr. Yuliya Hryshko, Dr. Mykola Litus, Dr. Maryna Anfilova, and Dr. Oleksandr Litus.

# ISD Hosts Sister Society Meeting at the EADV Congress in Milan 2022

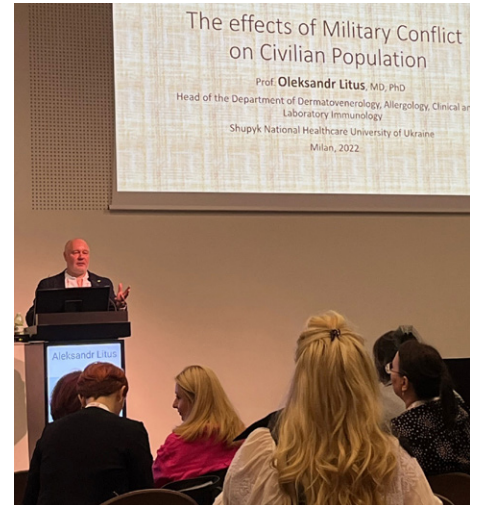
by Dr. Jacek C. Szepietowski, Chair of ISD Education Committee

More than 100 attendees gathered at the ISD's sister society meeting on September 7, 2022, during the EADV Congress in Milan. The Education Committee of ISD managed to recruit great speakers from around the world for its Symposium entitled "Pearls Around the World". The Symposium was chaired by ISD President Dr. Nellie Konnikov (USA) and Chair of the Education Committee Dr. Jacek C. Szepietowski (Poland).

Young and experienced ISD members from Europe, Asia, North America, Africa and Australia discussed hot topics both in medical and aesthetic dermatology. Dr. Monika Fida (Albania) presented exfoliative dermatitis in children and adolescents. Dr. Elaine Co (Philippines) covered the topic of atypical pemphigoid and other blistering diseases. Dr. Noureddine Litaïem (Tunisia) spoke about melanotic lupus erythematosus. Dr. Mina Kang (Australia) discussed the classification and pathogenesis of cutaneous necrosis following sclerotherapy.

Very interesting and stimulating talks were delivered by Dr. Martin Kassir (USA), "Carbon wave: the newest procedure for the treatment of cellulite", Dr. Nino Nishnianidze (Georgia) "Complications of nose corrections with fillers", and Dr. Anwaar Alramthan (Kuwait) "Treatment of dark circles". Prof. Aleksandr Litus from Kyiv, Ukraine, presented an important and emotional lecture on "The Effect of Military Conflict on Civil Populations".

During the symposium, Professor Roderick Hay (UK) received the highest award of ISD – the Castellani-Reiss Medal. The laudation was given by ISD Immediate Past President Dr. George T. Reizner (USA), and the medal was presented by ISD President Dr. Nellie Konnikov.



Dr. Aleksandr Litus delivering his lecture.



Prof. Roderick Hay (center) is presented with the Castellani-Reiss Medal that was awarded to him in 2021. He is joined by ISD President Dr. Nellie Konnikov (left) and ISD Immediate Past President Dr. George Reizner (right).



From left to right: Drs. Marius Anton Ionescu and Jorge Ocampo-Candiani.



The busy ISD booth on the exhibit floor.



From left to right: Drs. Nejib Doss, George Reizner, Asmahane Souissi, and Moez Ben Salem.



From left to right: Drs. Antonio Cristaudo, Aldo Morrone, Nellie Konnikov, and Sanan Karimov.

# International Journal of Dermatology (IJD) Earns Its Highest Impact Factor in Journal's History

The ISD is pleased to announce that the *International Journal of Dermatology (IJD)* achieved its highest impact factor to date in the newly released ratings for 2021. The *IJD's* impact factor rose to an impressive 3.204 in 2021, from 2.736 the previous year. *IJD* is now ranked number 27 of 68 journals. This is the highest impact factor that *IJD* has ever earned, and the first time that *IJD* ranked above 3 in the journal's 61-year history.

Congratulations to *IJD* Editor-in-Chief Dr. Rokea el-Azhary and all the editors and authors who have contributed to the *IJD's* resounding success!

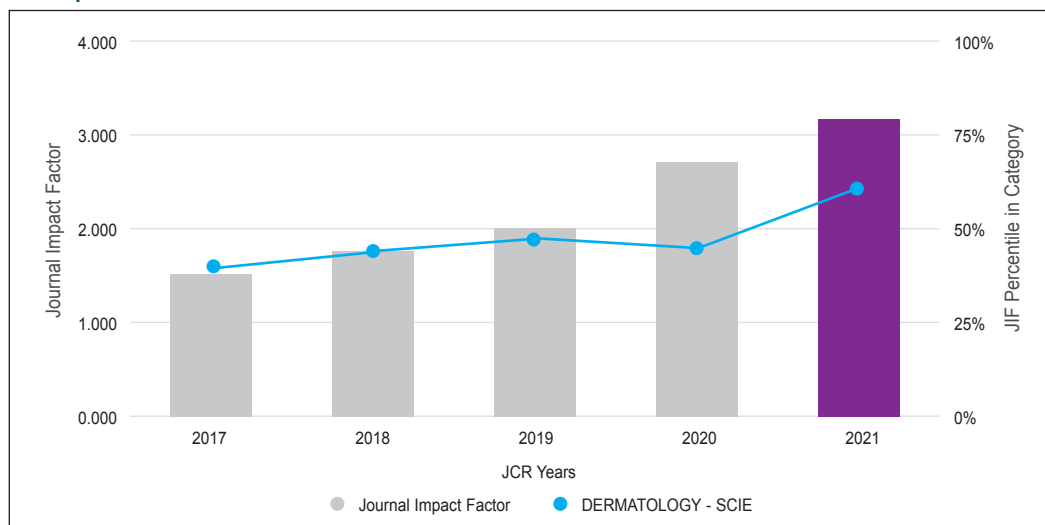
## IJD Impact Factor Articles Ranked

TITLE	CITATION COUNT
Extramammary Paget's disease: a review of the literature	20
Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis-like reactions to checkpoint inhibitors: a systematic review	18
Multidrug-resistant Trichophyton mentagrophytes genotype VIII in an Iranian family with generalized dematophytosis: report of four cases and review of literature	15
Review of safety and efficacy of approved systemic psoriasis therapies	14
The 100 top-cited publications in psoriatic arthritis: a bibliometric analysis	12
Global perspectives for the management of onychomycosis	12
Actinic keratosis - review for clinical practice	11
The banned sunscreen ingredients and their impact on human health: a systematic review	11
Dermoscopy and the experienced clinicians	11
Global burden of psoriasis - comparison of regional and global epidemiology, 1990 to 2017	11

## 2021 IJD Top Articles Downloaded

Article Title	Vol #	Issue #	Downloads
COVID-19 and nail manifestation: be on the lookout for the red half-moon nail sign	59	11	58,878
Leukocytoclastic vasculitis flare following the COVID-19 vaccine	60	8	14,453
Chilblain-like lesions on feet and hands during the COVID-19 Pandemic	59	6	13,052
Pityriasis rosea after mRNA COVID-19 vaccination	60	9	11,884
COVID-19 elbows: first report in Saudi Arabia	59	11	9,317
COVID-19: association with rapidly progressive forms of alopecia areata	60	1	9,251
Review: Ultraviolet radiation and skin cancer	49	9	8,722
New-onset leukocytoclastic vasculitis after COVID-19 vaccine	60	10	8,671
The "Maskne" microbiome – pathophysiology and therapeutics	60	7	7,089
Annular lichen planus associated with coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 disease (COVID-19)	60	2	6,930
Skin-lightening creams used in Durban, South Africa	51	S1	5,796
Black spot poison ivy	53	6	5,698
The effect of topical virgin coconut oil on SCORAD index, transepidermal water loss, and skin capacitance in mild to moderate pediatric atopic dermatitis: a randomized, double-blind, clinical trial	53	1	5,506
Telogen effluvium: a sequela of COVID-19	60	1	5,489
Effect of dutasteride 0.5 mg/d in men with androgenetic alopecia recalcitrant to finasteride	53	11	5,448
Clinical features, diagnosis, and treatment of erythema multiforme: a review for the practicing dermatologist	51	8	4,937
Diet and acne: a review of the evidence	48	4	4,837
Atypical erythema multiforme related to BNT162b2 (Pfizer–BioNTech) COVID-19 vaccine	60	11	4,728
COVID-19-related oral mucosa lesions among confirmed SARS-CoV-2 patients: a systematic review	61	1	4,650
Digital ischemia triggered by coronavirus disease 2019 in a patient under cemiplimab treatment	60	1	4,454

## IJD Impact Factor



# ISD Regional Meeting in Georgia Spotlights Latest Trends in Medical and Aesthetic Dermatology

by Dr. Lali Mekokishvili

Nearly 1,000 participants gathered virtually and in-person at the 3rd International Transcaucasus Congress on Dermatology and Aesthetic Medicine, ITC2022 held in Tbilisi, Georgia, June 16-18, 2022. The meeting is recognized as a regional meeting of the International Society of Dermatology (ISD), accredited by The European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) with 19 European CME credits, and received a grant from the National Science Foundation of Georgia.

Distinguished speakers from around the world contributed to an impressive scientific program, including the latest findings in the areas of dermatosurgery, acne and related disorders, dermatooncology, artificial intelligence in dermatology and autoimmune diseases and allergy on the medical dermatology side. The aesthetic medicine section of the program did not disappoint, as participants engaged in discussions on patient trend requests in 2022 (including lifting, rejuvenation, oval modeling and Insta-Look), updates on skin care and skin quality for successful patient management, and best practices to manage adverse events.

The Congress provided a platform for young colleagues to present challenging clinical cases and research findings. The three best speakers were each awarded an ISD grant, and the author of the best scientific work was awarded the Tbilisi Medical Academy award.

The ISD booth was organized in the exhibition area. ISD President Prof. Nellie Konnikov and Congress President Prof. Lali Mekokishvili spoke during the presentation about ISD and encouraged colleagues to become members. In total, 10 new members joined the ISD during the congress.

ITC2022 has received a great deal of positive feedback from international speakers, delegates, and sponsors as a scientifically important, well-organized meeting with many memorable and enjoyable social events.



Dr. Nellie Konnikov (right) instructs young colleagues from Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Georgia during the course on surgery.



From left to right: Drs. Raimonds Karls, Maka Sirbiladze, Meri Jaliashvili, Lali Mekokishvili, Khatuna Tatishvili, Mariam Paichadze, and Lika Chumbashvili.



The winner of the session of young scientists, Dr. Magdalena Maciejewska, (Poland) (on left) with Dr. Raimonds Karls (Latvia).



Awarding of ISD membership to member of organizing committee, Dr. Nino Nanava, (Georgia) (on right) with Dr. Raimonds Karls (Latvia).



Cutting the Congress cake at the gala dinner, from left to right: Drs. Jaishree Sharad (India), Sanan Karimov (Azerbaijan), Lali Mekokishvili (Georgia), Jacek Szepietowski (Poland), Nellie Konnikov (USA), and Gulnar Batpenova (Kazakhstan).



# Hundreds Gather In-Person for ISD Regional Meeting/32nd Francophone Dermatologists Association (ADF) Meeting in Hammamet, Tunisia

by Dr. Moez Ben Salem

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Francophone Dermatologists Association (ADF), originally scheduled for April 2020 but postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, finally was held May 11-14, 2022, in Hammamet, Tunisia.

This meeting, designated as a regional meeting by the ISD, was attended by 500 delegates, including 350 dermatologists from 24 countries on five continents (Africa, Europe, Asia, America and Australia). A total of 35 exhibitors also participated in this meeting.

Eleven different topics were discussed: allergies, cutaneous infectious diseases, aesthetics, lasers, surgical dermatology,

mucosal diseases, pediatric dermatology, pigmentary disorders, vascular diseases, dermoscopy, and hot topics. In addition, two sessions were devoted to presentations made by 20 young residents who benefited from a scholarship offered by the ADF.

Alongside the scientific program, there was a rich and varied social program with five evening events offered to all delegates, as well as excursions to Tunis, Carthage and Sidi Bousaid.

In addition, memberships were offered to 17 young dermatologists from various African countries, with priority given to those who actively participated in the preparation of the meeting.



From left to right: Drs. Chantal Dangoisse (president of the Francophone Dermatologists Association) and Moez Ben Salem.



From left to right: Dr. Mohamed Denguezli (president of the Tunisian Society of Dermatology), Dr. Nejib Doss, Miss Yasmine Gayed (from MICE Agency), Dr. Dedee Murrell, and Dr. Moez Ben Salem.



From left to right: Drs. Rabenja Rapelanoro, Christophe Hsu, Moez Ben Salem, Mohamed Denguezli, Dedee Murrell, Insaf Mokhtar, and Nejib Doss.



From left to right: Drs. Asmahane Souissi (treasurer of the Tunisian Society of Dermatology) and Moez Ben Salem.

# Mini Reunion of ISD Members in the Philippines: Looking Back as We Leap Forward

by Dr. Ricky Hipolito

Our ever-dynamic Dr. Evangeline Handog (ISD Past President and now Historian) and Dr. Johannes Dayrit (ISD Board Member) brought together members and scholars of the International Society of Dermatology in a joyful reunion on June 12, 2022, in Manila, Philippines. Nearly two dozen members attended in person, with about 10 Indonesian ISD members who trained in the Philippines joining the event via Zoom. After two years of “stay at home” mode, it was all smiles as the exciting afternoon of nostalgia unfolded.

Mother-mentor (as Dr. Handog is fondly called) encouraged the members to renew their membership and to invite others to join the society as well. Through its mentoring program, ISD paved the way for the careers of many young dermatologists from different parts of the country. The experiences and training they garnered through these programs enabled them to make a difference in their communities. Many were also able to establish their clinical practices and advance their careers through the opportunities ISD provided.

After a short enjoyable program, including games, song numbers and lively dance, a sumptuous dinner was served. Dr. Handog invited everyone to the upcoming World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) to be held in Singapore in July 2023.

The attendees were almost inseparable as everyone enjoyed this precious occasion. As they parted ways, it seemed as ‘till we meet again for a cause’ was on everyone’s mind. One cannot help but wonder what lies ahead with what started as a simple gathering of friends.



From left to right: Drs. Julius Gatmaitan, Imee Rajaguguk, Ricky Hipolito, Jerome Acosta, Michelle Manuel, Vangee Handog, Tin Chia-Acosta, Joyce Estanislao, Jerlyn Servas, Charina Pelayo, and Liz Pangilinan.



Standing, from left to right: Drs. Carmelie Macapagal, Judelyn Ty, Ana Santos, Zaza Limcangco, Jerlyn Servas, Joyce Estanislao, Charina Pelayo, Imee Rajaguguk, Kate Villamin, Alex Santos, and Lyka Sayson.  
Seated, from left to right: Drs. Liz Pangilinan, Tin Acosta, Michelle Barcelona, Ivan Singson, Dan Cabugao, Ricky Hipolito, Jerome Acosta, Johannes Dayrit, Vangee Handog, Julius Gatmaitan, Maris Belisario, and Miguel Tan Maralit.

## Behind the Scenes: Getting to Know ISD Board Members

Despite busy professional and personal lives, members of the ISD Board of Directors spend a significant amount of time working to improve the quality of all the benefits the Society offers its members. Their commitment to ISD is unwavering and they clearly play a vital role. Here, meet two new ISD Board Members – **Dr. Paula Luna (Argentina)** and **Dr. Oleksandr Litus (Ukraine)**.

### *Where did you train in dermatology?*

**Dr. Luna:** I trained in Dermatology at the Hospital Churruca and in Pediatric Dermatology at the Hospital Ramos Mejia, both associated with the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**Dr. Litus:** I trained in dermatology at the Bogomolets National Medical University in Kyiv, Ukraine.

### *Where do you practice dermatology?*

**Dr. Luna:** Today I practice Dermatology at the Hospital Aleman and my private practice where I also run clinical trials. Both are in Buenos Aires.

**Dr. Litus:** Currently, I am Head of the Department of Dermatology and Allergology in Shupyk National Healthcare University in Kyiv. I also practice dermatology at the EuroDerm Clinic in Kyiv.

### *What are your areas of interest within dermatology?*

**Dr. Luna:** My main interests are inflammatory skin diseases both in children and adults and neonatal dermatoses.

**Dr. Litus:** My clinical interests in dermatology are focused on general dermatology, more specifically psoriasis, photodermatology, disaster dermatology. Recently, I have been paying a lot of attention to the development of dermatologic surgery in Ukraine.

### *What are your hobbies or interests outside of medicine?*

**Dr. Luna:** Outside of medicine, my main hobbies are field hockey and reading.

**Dr. Litus:** I lead an active life. I like diving, surfing, sailing, and fishing.

### *Why are you a member of the ISD?*

**Dr. Litus:** Dermatology is a rapidly evolving science. I believe that dermatologists all over the world should work together to share their experiences. The greater the skill, the better the chances of providing effective care to our patients.



Dr. Paula Luna  
(Argentina)

*“I am a member of the ISD because I believe that we can all learn from each other, especially if we are open to embrace our differences.”*

– Dr. Paula Luna

### *What 3 words best describe you?*

**Dr. Luna:** Enthusiastic. Optimistic. Cheerful.

**Dr. Litus:** Goal-oriented. Optimistic. Curious.

### *How do you balance your personal life with your busy professional life?*

**Dr. Luna:** This point might actually be hard, but my personal and professional life have grown parallel since the beginning. I have a very supportive husband and two children. The eldest was born during my residency, so she is as old as my career. My parents and in-laws are very involved in this balance, too. I try to be present as much as I can and to give my family and friends quality time.

**Dr. Litus:** I love my job. My professional activity gives me a powerful boost of energy and helps me to enjoy life. I am also grateful to my family for support in all my endeavors.

### *How has ISD impacted your career?*

**Dr. Luna:** ISD has allowed me to meet colleagues from all over the world showing me how different, but yet similar, we are.

**Dr. Litus:** I have been making efforts to encourage as many Ukrainian dermatologists as possible to learn about the ISD and take advantage of the opportunities provided by this professional association.

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### *What do you value most about your involvement in ISD?*

**Dr. Luna:** I value both learning from my fellow dermatologists from other countries as well as being able to represent my country in such an important society.

**Dr. Litus:** The ISD offers a great opportunity to communicate with my outstanding colleagues from around the world.

### *What does ISD offer aspiring young dermatologists?*

**Dr. Luna:** ISD offers a lot! It shows you a new and different world, it allows you to get to know dermatologists from all over the world, different cultures, different backgrounds. It even allows you to be a mentee in other parts of the world and to build a true friendship. It also offers a very interesting and highly reputed journal.

**Dr. Litus:** The ISD is an excellent platform for young professionals to start their scientific career, discover their interests in dermatology, and learn a lot from their more experienced colleagues.

### *What advice would you give to young dermatologists who may be just starting out in their careers?*

**Dr. Luna:** Try to always be passionate at whatever you do. And never forget that we are doing all this effort for our patients.



**Dr. Oleksandr Litus**  
(Ukraine)

*“Starting something new has never been an easy thing to do. Don’t be afraid of anything, ask for advice from more experienced colleagues, be ambitious.”*

– Dr. Oleksandr Litus

### *What would ISD members be surprised to learn about you?*

**Dr. Luna:** Until the very last minute, I hesitated on being a dermatologist or a psychiatrist. That might be the reason I always have mental health in mind when treating my dermatologic patients.

**Dr. Litus:** Apart from treating dermatological patients, I also focus a lot of attention on the social aspects of their lives. I have initiated the Ukrainian Psoriasis Association, a non-governmental social organization that protects the rights of patients with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, as well as their families.

## **ISD Members Give New Meaning to the Old Adage “Where There’s a Will, There’s a Way”**

ISD member Dr. Kidist Yeneneh (Ethiopia), the 2020 Maria Duran Fellowship awardee, was thrilled to be chosen to present at the ISD Sister Society session at the 2022 EADV in Milan. But her excitement quickly turned to uncertainty when she had issues obtaining her visa. After being connected to fellow ISD member Dr. Aldo Morrone (Italy), he helped Dr. Yeneneh get a Schengen visa with no fees that would allow her to travel to Italy within 48 hours. This last-minute miracle was met with yet another hurdle – Dr. Yeneneh was unable to make the meeting due to flight delays in Ethiopia.

To ensure their efforts were not in vain, Dr. Morrone and Dr. Yeneneh worked together to get her to Italy before the visa expired. Although she missed her presentation at EADV, she made it to Italy and enjoyed working in Dr. Morrone’s clinic.



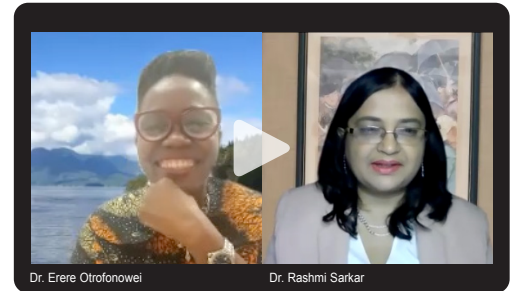
From left to right: Dr. Kidist Yeneneh and dermatologist Dr.ssa Amalia Giglio.

# ISD MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

## ISD Mentorship Program Continues Virtually

Since the start of the pandemic, ISD has continued to offer mentorships in a virtual format to budding dermatologists around the world. Keeping this tradition alive has been a top priority for ISD Mentorship Committee Chair Dr. Rashmi Sarkar (India) and all the wonderful mentors who have worked diligently to adjust their teaching programs to accommodate mentees virtually over the past two years. The ISD is pleased to report that mentorships will resume in person in 2023!

Videos of Dr. Sarkar and former ISD President Dr. Evangeline Handog (Philippines) conducting interviews with two of their recent mentorship awardees are available to view on the ISD website by clicking [here](#).



## 2022 – 2023 ISD Meetings Calendar

### 2022 Meetings

**November 5-6, 2022**  
**ISD Regional Meeting**  
 Baku, Azerbaijan



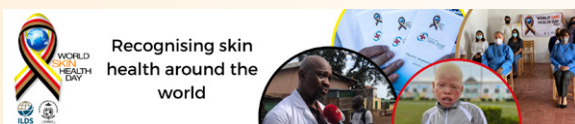
**March 20, 2023**

**ISD Reunion at the AAD**  
 5:30 p.m.  
 Location to be announced  
 New Orleans, LA



### 2023 Meetings

**January 23-26, 2023**  
**World Skin Health Day**  
 Conakry, Guinea



**July 3 – 8, 2023**

**World Congress of Dermatology**  
 Singapore





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