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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends and colleagues,

The ISD held its annual meetings during the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) meeting in Washington, D.C. These were highly productive with many positive developments.

Some highlights include signing the contract for the 2021 International Congress of

Dermatology to be held in Melbourne, Australia. Drs. Dedee Murrell and Rod Sinclair, along with Mr. Tim Wills, presented an update on the meeting's preparations, hotels, venue and Melbourne attractions. The Scientific Committee, led by Dr. John McGrath, also met during the AAD and made significant progress towards the Congress's academic program.

Dr. Hassan Galadari, ISD Treasurer General, reported an increase in revenues from the *International Journal of Dermatology* and from our certificates of deposit. The Fundraising Committee, chaired by Dr. Gaston Galimberti, proposed corporate memberships to create a new income stream. Our gradual increase in financial stability allows us to support our many current programs while updating the home office and incrementally planning for our future. Thank you, Hassan and Gaston.

Dr. Galadari also proposed updated contracts for the International and Continental Congresses. These new and clearer documents will soon be available on the ISD website. Members are especially encouraged to review these and consider bidding for the 2020 Continental Congress.



Dr. Rokea el-Azhary, Editor-in-Chief of the *IJD*, reported the work of the Editorial Board and the editorial office. Submissions are up, reviews are done quicker, a supplement may be on the horizon, and Dr. el-Azhary announced the "Reviewer of the Year", Dr. Julia Lehman (featured on p. 9). She was recognized for completing a record 22 reviews in 2018. The *IJD* continues to be a great source of pride and an important point of credibility amongst our peers and in academic circles. Congratulations to Rokea and Julia for the *IJD*'s continued success!

The BOD meeting was followed by the ISD's first strategic planning session. The afternoon was a dynamic look at the Society's vision, mission and goals. The results will be translated into documents that will help guide our Society into the next decade. This was an opportunity to reflect on and update our Society's direction and to keep us relevant to our members.

Our Society is making great strides through the work of many. We are a Society guided by noble ideals and positioned for a changing world. As we look to 2019 and beyond, let's continue this work together.

Sincerely,

George Reizner

President, International Society of Dermatology





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FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Friends.

I believe Spring is nature's way of awakening and the quest for a new beginning. So, to no surprise, the leadership of our Society -- including members of the Board of Directors and VPs -- got together for a half-day Strategic Planning Retreat during the recent AAD in Washington. ISD President Dr.



George Reizner and the Executive Committee felt that it was timely and very important for us to evaluate where our Society is right now and to develop tactical plans for the future growth of ISD.

During a working lunch, two special speakers shared their insights with the audience. Dr. Harvey Lui, ILDS President, highlighted close connections between the ISD and ILDS and underlined challenges facing us globally. Dermatologist Dr. Boris Lushniak, current Dean of the University of Maryland School of Public Health and retired United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Rear Admiral who served as acting Surgeon General from 2013-2014, articulated a "Call to Action to Prevent Skin Cancer". Dr. Lushniak discussed his passion for public health, the importance of prevention, and how the ISD can contribute to advocacy for access to appropriate and cost-effective care for all individuals. He then concluded his presentation by bringing awareness to global volunteerism by non-profit organizations, including the ISD.

The Strategic Planning session that followed was a well-planned opportunity to step out of our daily routine to analyze our strengths and opportunities, discuss new ideas, and evaluate and expand our mission and other ISD-related issues. It was a dynamic and interactive learning exercise that made us consider opposite views and coordinate, share and defend our ideas.

The challenging task was to focus our energy on how to maintain and expand ISD projects with limited resources. Once again, it was noted that outreach and a marketing strategy are essential for increasing membership in our Society. The expert facilitator divided us into small groups and rotated members of the groups, allowing us all the chance to work with each other. By the end of the session, although tired, we were happy to be able to define our vision for the Society and to summarize ISD core values.

Certainly, it was only the beginning and the work will not stop there. In the next few months, two newly created task forces -- appointed by the ISD President -- will: (1) refine the mission, vision and values of the ISD; and (2) define the "BIG" goals of the ISD to help direct our efforts. In addition, the Bylaws and Administrative Regulations Committee, chaired by Dr. Larry Gibson, will be reviewing these documents to see if any changes will be required to bring them in line with our mission.

Although it was a busy Monday afternoon, we all rushed to our rooms to change into evening attire for the one-of-a-kind "ISD Rocks" party! It was well attended and filled with music, schmoozing, laughter, and dancing. I was so happy to see my friends and colleagues there, as well as snap a dozen of selfies and share them via Facebook and Twitter.

I am already looking forward to seeing you at our future 2019 regional meetings and, no doubt, at the World Congress of Dermatology in Milan.

My warmest regards,

Nelli Kouever, M.D.

Nellie Konnikov Your Secretary-General



Australia has been selected to host the XIII International Congress of Dermatology, 2021. It will be held in Melbourne, Australia's second largest city, in the exciting new Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

An organising committee is being established, with Professor Dedee Murrell, FACD, as President and Professor Rod Sinclair, FACD, as Secretary-General. The other members of the committee will be announced in due course.

A website with regular news updates will shortly be established.

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ISD Hosts Committee Meetings, Strategic Planning Session and Evening Reception at AAD in Washington, DC

The annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology (March 1-5, 2019) once again served as a meeting point for dermatologists worldwide. The International Society of Dermatology (ISD) was an active participant and its presence could be found in educational sessions, meetings, and the exhibit hall.

All of the ISD committees held meetings at the AAD, from Friday to Sunday, to review the previous year's accomplishments and to plan for the upcoming year. On Monday, our meetings started with the Executive Committee followed by the full Board of Directors. A working lunch, which featured speakers Drs. Harvey Lui, President of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS), and Boris Lushniak, a dermatologist and former US Acting Surgeon General, provided a starting point for a longer discussion on the mission, vision and values of the ISD.

The afternoon session focused on strategic planning for the ISD, beginning with a review of what is the mission and vision of the ISD. This interactive session provided the start for the planning process, which will continue throughout the year. Members will be receiving a series of survey questions to help guide this process.

The day ended with the always lively ISD Reception, where Dr. Harvey Lui of the ILDS presented Dr. Suzanne Olbricht with the ILDS Certificate of Appreciation (COA). Although, Dr. Olbricht was the President of the AAD, she was nominated by ISD for the COA for her service on the Nomination Committee.

ISD members and guests also learned about plans for the 2021 International Congress of Dermatology, which will be held in Melbourne, Australia, November 10-13, 2021.

Board Meeting/Strategic Planning Session



Dr. Martin Kassir, Chair, International Mentorship Committee



Dr. Shyam Verma, Chair, Regional Meetings Committee



From left to right: Drs. Margarita Larralde, Nellie Konnikov, Jacek Szepietowski and Lali Mekokishvili



From left to right: Drs. Esperanza Welsh, Nellie Konnikov, Rokea el-Azhary and Lali Mekokishvili



Dr. Hassan Galadari, ISD Treasurer



Dr. Helmut Beltraminelli, Chair, Community Dermatology Committee



Cindy Froehlich busily taking notes during the ISD Board of Directors meeting.



ISD President Dr. George Reizner



Dr. Adebola Ogunbiyi, Board Member



From left to right: Drs. Louise Kronborg Andersen, Abdul-Ghani Kibbi, Sujith Prasad Kumarasinghe and Evangeline Handog



Dr. Rokea el-Azhary, Editor-in-Chief, IJD



ISD Board of Directors. From left to right (front row): Drs. Esperanza Welsh, Rokea el-Azhary, Dedee Murrell, Hassan Galadari, Nellie Konnikov, George Reizner, Margarita Larralde, Louise Kronborg Andersen, Jorge Ocampo-Candiani, and Evangeline Handog. From left to right (second row): Drs. Adebola Ogunbiyi, Rodney Sinclair, Koushik Lahiri, Vinod Sharma, Jacek Szepietowski, Shyam Verma, and Daniel Siegel. From left to right (third row): Drs. Helmut Beltraminelli, S. Prasad Kumarasinghe, Jean Bolognia, Martin Kassir, Lali Mekokishvili, Abdul-Ghani Kibbi, Lawrence Gibson, and Luis Castro.



Dr. Jorge Ocampo-Candiani, Chair, Membership Committee



From left to right: Tara Winton, Drs. Margarita Larralde, Paula Luna and new ISD member Andrew Alexis signing up for membership at the ISD booth at the AAD.



Dr. Esperanza Welsh, Editor, *ISD Connections*



From left to right: Drs. Harvey Lui, Vinod Sharma, George Reizner, Esperanza Welsh, Koushik Lahiri, Boris Lushniak and Shyam Verma



Dr. Jacek Szepietowski, Chair, Education Committee



ISD Board of Directors participate in the Strategic Planning Session. Seated (from left to right): Drs. Jean Bolognia, Tizita Kidane, Adebola Ogunbiyi, Rokea el-Azhary, Lali Mekokishvili, Ms. Dawn Rhine (the facilitator), Nellie Konnikov, Evangeline Handog, Louise Kronborg Andersen, Esperanza Welsh, and ISD Executive Director Cindy Froehlich. Back row (from left to right): Drs. Luis Castro, Rodney Sinclair, Helmut Beltraminelli, Hassan Galadari, Sujith Prasad Kumarasinghe, George Reizner, Barry Gao, Vinod Sharma, Lawrence Gibson, Koushik Lahiri, Jorge Ocampo-Candiani, and Jacek Szepietowski

ISD Reception



From left to right: Drs. Dedee Murrell, Ben Daniel, Heather Cohn Rishel and Zac Boyce



From left to right: Mrs. Dowlati, Drs. Yahya Dowlati, Neda Ghiam and Francesco Kerdel



From left to right: Drs. Nellie Konnikov and Mary Thomas



From left to right: Drs. Lawrence Chukwudi Nwabudike, Sujith Prasad Kumarasinghe and Roy Chan



From left to right: Drs. Tizita Yosef and Amel Beshir



Drs. Dedee Murrell and Rodney Sinclair share plans for the XIII ICD in Melbourne.



From left to right: Drs. Emel Erdal, Mustafa Sahin, Evangeline Handog and Gülsüm Gencoglan



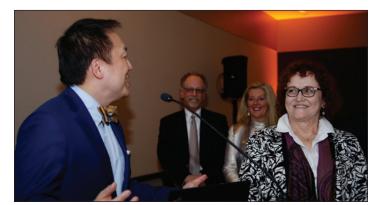
Dr. Nellie Konnikov, Secretary-General of ISD, describing the accomplishments of the previous year.

A good time had by all

















ISD Participates in 41st Annual Meeting of the Philippine Dermatological Society

Over a thousand dermatologists gathered in Manila for the 41st Annual Meeting of the Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS), which was held November 6-9, 2018, at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel. This was a regional meeting of the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) and represented the most recent in a series of such meetings held here. It was a fast-paced program of lectures, professional demonstrations, and social events. The ISD was represented by Drs. George Reizner, Nellie Konnikov, and Marcia Ramos-e-Silva. Each delivered plenary lectures plus other talks ranging from melanoma and teledermatology to tropical diseases and treatment of non-melanoma skin cancers. The ISD was also represented by Dr. Evangeline Handog, ISD Immediate Past-President, who lectured on vitiligo.

Within the ISD, the Philippines has one of the largest number of members, with 187 currently. It is also the source of a number of successful mentees in the ISD mentorship program, recipients of Maria Duran fellowships, and members of various ISD committees. Manila was also the site of the 4th Continental Congress of Dermatology in 2014. During the conference, the special PDS-ISD relationship was actively celebrated and 82 new or renewed memberships were realized on site.

A separate ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Skin Museum. This traveling display is the brainchild of Dr. Ma. Angela Lavadia, President of the PDS. It is an educational tool that is aimed at a wide audience and stresses the importance of healthy skin and its normal variations, as well as common diseases. This ceremony was coupled with World Skin Health Day, a global combined effort of the ISD and the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS).

A social highlight of the meeting was the Fellowship Night, a celebration of the Filipino culture and heritage and consisted of various musical numbers. The evening's entertainment was made even more memorable by the performance of song and vibrant dance numbers by several of the PDS members!



From left to right: First Row (first 3 standing) -- Drs. Ma. Lourdes Palmero, Cecilia Rosete, Purita Paz-Lao; (seated) Drs. George Reizer, Ma. Angela Lavadia, and Marcia Ramos-e-Silva Second Row (back of the first front 3 standing) -- Drs. Blossom Chan, Bernadette Arcilla; Evangeline Handog, Nellie Konnikov, Krisinda Dim-Jamora, and Arnold Yu Third Row -- Drs. Pin Chi Chiu, Jasmin Jamora, Davik Luk, and Julie Pabico

All in attendance were witness to the close ISD-PDS bond. The shared goals of education, promotion of young dermatologists, and a dedication to patients were strong themes.





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Dr. George Reizner

The meeting was a wonderful success as we collectively take our "hats off" to Dr. Handog, the PDS Board of Directors, and the Organizing Committee for their hard work, innovative ideas, and promotion of the ISD missions.



From left to right: Drs. Geraldine Banate, Sharon Lim, Christina Raissa Pasion and Ivan Singzon



Fellowship Night festivities



Drs. George Reizner (second from left) and Marcia Ramos-e-Silva (third from left) awarded with PDS Honorary Membership. From left to right: Drs. Christene Pearl Arandia, Ma. Angela Lavadia, Purita Paz Lao and Cecilia Rosete.

Hats Off to ISD for Successful, **Fun-Filled Fundraiser**

Held in Manila immediately following the recently concluded 41st Annual Convention of the Philippine Dermatological Society and the **International Society of Dermatology** Regional Meeting, "Hats Off to ISD" was a fundraising event for the benefit of the ISD's mentorship program. Conceptualized and organized by Dr. Evangeline Handog, ISD Immediate Past President, it was a special night of fun,

food and entertainment -- all for a worthwhile cause.

Organizing the event required months of preparation, but it was worth all the hard work. On the evening of November 10, 2018,

the Grand Ballroom of the Bellevue Hotel was filled with dermatologists. residents and friends who gathered to celebrate and enjoy an evening of music and art. Colorful hats worn by all the guests were a sight to behold! A specially prepared, energetic dance routine performed by the consultants and residents from the Dermatology Department of the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine was a true demonstration of talent. For the finale, Dr. Handog hailed admiration from the crowd with her terpsichorean exhibition of a bouncy Latin number.



Dr. George Reizner, ISD **President**

A first and a feat to emulate -- all for the love of ISD! Hats Off to ISD! Report submitted by Dr. Evangeline Handog







Benz Sulla and Dr. Evangeline Handog light up the dance floor

IID Announces 2018 Reviewer of the Year

ISD member Dr. Julia Lehman, Laboratory Director of Mayo Clinic Immunodermatology Laboratory in Rochester, Minn., was named the International Journal of Dermatology (IJD) 2018 Reviewer of the Year, IJD Editor-in-Chief Dr. Rokea el-Azhary bestowed this honor to Dr. Lehman in recognition of her achievement of completing a record 22 reviews in 2018.

Here, Dr. Lehman shares firsthand her methodology in reviewing *IJD* submissions.

"When reviewing papers, I usually start by performing a brief literature search to get an idea of how much has been published on a particular topic. Next, I read through the *abstract* carefully. It is here that the authors can convince the reader of the need for their study and convey novel or important findings. Whether conclusions are supported by data, and whether they can be realistically drawn based on the design of the study, is an important element. Then, I read the manuscript carefully and allow authors to make the case for the need for their study in the introduction. When reading the methods, I pay close attention to whether they are described well Dr. Julia Lehman, IJD Reviewer of the Year enough to be reproduced by other investigators and that the methods are appropriate to answer



the question posed in the introduction. When assessing the *results* section, I look for a result corresponding to each item listed in the methods. Wherever possible, it is helpful when results are entered into concise tables rather than presented in a lengthier list format within the text. The *discussion* should frame results in the context of existing knowledge and should advocate for how the present study adds something new. Neither the introduction nor the discussion need to be lengthy; in fact, the more precise and targeted the message, the better. Finally, I study the figures and tables to ensure that they accurately depict what is described in the manuscript and are easy to interpret by readers.

Making a judgment on the fate of manuscripts can be very difficult, particularly given how much time and effort goes into putting them together. However, I see it as a privilege (as well as a duty) to participate in the peer review process and appreciate others who also volunteer their time to support the mission."



Abundant Learning Opportunities Inspire Young Mentee from India

Feeling extremely fortunate to have been chosen for the prestigious ISD Mentorship Program, Dr. Indrashis Podder of India selected to hone his dermatology skills under global mentor Professor Thomas Ruzicka at Ludwig Maximillian University in Munich, Germany. Dr. Podder appreciated the guidance of Professor Rashmi Sarkar (India), who was kind enough to offer her assistance in obtaining this mentorship experience.



Dr. Indrashis Podder (left) with mentor Prof. Thomas Ruzicka

Greatly impressed by the dermatology department's seven-story building dedicated to dermatology (something quite unthinkable in his part of the world), Dr. Podder noted that all types of dermatologic disorders are managed here -- from inflammatory disorders and infectious diseases to vascular disorders, complex drug reactions and cutaneous malignancies. Interestingly, in Germany, all forms of skin cancer, venous disorders and allergic disorders, including milder cases of asthma, are managed by dermatologists. In India, Dr. Podder explained that these patients are referred to oncologists, surgeons and internists, respectively, after the initial diagnosis. Unlike in India, there is no department dedicated to leprosy here -- as it has been almost eradicated from this region of the world.

In the separate sub-departments dedicated to oncology, phlebology and allergy, Dr. Podder observed how both evaluation and various forms of treatments are provided, including chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy, laser ablation of varicose veins, and desensitization. He was also impressed by the center's unique ability to detect allergens and pollens in the air each day, with results announced on the local radio. In addition, there are specialized clinics dedicated to STIs, psoriasis and hair.

Diagnostic procedures ranged from more simple prick, patch and intracutaneous tests to more complex basophil and T-lymphocyte activation tests to sophisticated genetic analysis and confocal microscopy. The dermatologic surgery department deserves special mention, as they perform lymph node dissections in addition to excisions of cutaneous malignancies followed by various forms of reconstruction, including flaps.

Dr. Podder learned a lot from all the members of the faculty, especially the finer nuances of managing dermatologic conditions. He also attended the daily case presentations, where he learned about uncommon presentations of skin diseases. Besides the education, Dr. Podder really enjoyed the charming and historic city of Munich, especially its one-of-a-kind Oktoberfest!

"This mentorship has been one of the best learning opportunities I have had in my career. My time in this extraordinary center will always, in the future, inspire me to be a better dermatologist. I tried to imbibe the maximum amount of knowledge from my stay here, and I intend to apply it holistically for the benefit of my native country and my patients."

-- Dr. Indrashis Podder

Dermatosurgery Training in Poland Gives ISD Mentorship Awardee New

Skills to Implement in Ethiopia

During her three-month training in dermatosurgery in the Department of Dermatology, Venereology, and Allergology at the Wroclaw Medical University in Wroclaw, Poland, Dr. Tizita Yosef of Ethiopia appreciated the efforts of her mentor and Chair of the Department, Professor Dr. Jacek C. Szepietowski.



Dr. Tizita Yosef (left) with mentor Dr. Jacek C. Szepietowski

In the Dermatovenereology Department at her medical school in Ethiopia, subspecialty programs are lacking in this relatively young department, and there is no official way to become a dermatologic surgeon. One way of accomplishing subspecialty training is to be a visiting scholar at a world-class medical center.

During her stay in Poland, Dr. Yosef was integrated into the daily activities of the dermatosurgery unit, observing and assisting in a variety of surgical cases, from the preoperative evaluation to the actual surgery to the postoperative care. They excised benign and malignant skin tumors, performed different types of biopsies (e.g. of the nail unit), and corrected scars and rhinophyma. She also had the opportunity to train in cryosurgery, electrosurgery, laser surgery, and Mohs micrographic surgery, observing firsthand how a multidisciplinary approach to patient care that includes plastic surgeons provides optimal support for complex and difficult cases.

In addition, Dr. Yosef had the opportunity to participate in the general dermatology clinic, allowing her to renew her enthusiasm for her profession by observing a different way of practicing dermatology. She found the entire staff in the department to be friendly, welcoming, and truly passionate about pursuing their goals.

Whilst in Wroclaw, Dr. Yosef attended several scientific meetings including an ISD Regional Meeting where she was thrilled to meet the President of the ISD, Dr. George Reizner. This provided her with the opportunity to state how important the ISD mentorship program was to her.

"I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Professor Dr. Jacek C. Szepietowski for being my very supportive mentor. I will be forever grateful for his generous guidance and kindness. This ISD scholarship will now allow me to institute new ways of teaching and practicing skin surgery in Ethiopia."

-- Dr. Tizita Yosef

First Mentorship Awardee from Kazakhstan Hones New Skills in the U.S.

Being selected as the first ISD mentorship awardee from Kazakhstan was a great honor and fabulous experience for Dr. Alma Aimoldina. The two months of training with her mentor, Dr. Nellie Konnikov, at the VA Healthcare System in Boston provided her with the opportunity to gain an enormous amount of knowledge and to enhance her diagnostic abilities.



Dr. Alma Aimoldina (right) with her mentor, Dr. Nellie Konnikov.

As a young professional, Dr. Aimoldina was very excited to receive training in skin biopsy techniques, medical

dermatology, and dermatopathology given that she wanted to master these important skills and to incorporate them into her future practice. As an Instructor in the Department of Dermatovenereology at Astana Medical University, she also benefited by becoming familiar with the innovative methods and techniques employed in medical education in the U.S. She plans to utilize them when teaching her students in Kazakhstan.

She enjoyed learning about suturing techniques after punch biopsies, which represented a new skill for her. In addition, Dr. Konnikov arranged for her to attend a weekly session with Dr. Meera Mahalingham and the dermatology residents. She studied the histologic features of various skin tumors, including melanocytic nevi, cutaneous melanomas and hemangiomas.

Dr. Aimoldina also practiced medical dermatology with both residents and nurse practitioners. Under the guidance of Drs. Daniel Loo and Stephanie Liu, she examined patients with common skin problems such as warts, acne, seborrheic keratoses, and dermatitis. Every third Wednesday of the month, she participated in the Dermatology Grand Rounds, which she found to be very impressive. Dr. Aimoldina witnessed how the residents were taught to perform accurate differential diagnoses and be responsible for their clinical decisions.

Under the personal supervision of Dr. Konnikov, she assisted in multiple procedures, including injections, laser therapy of telangiectasias, tattoo removal, and facial volume restoration. On Wednesdays, she also observed complex surgical procedures, thanks to Dr. Emily Ruiz. Lastly, Dr. Aimoldina was able to present "Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus" and "Androgenetic Alopecia", where she outlined the major aspects of these skin disorders.

"Receiving the ISD Mentorship Award allowed me to grow professionally and I will be forever thankful to Prof. Konnikov personally and the ISD Mentorship Committee."

-- Dr. Alma Aimoldina

Mentee from Ukraine Appreciates Hands-On Training in U.S.

For ISD mentee Dr. Nataliia Zhovta of Ukraine, she felt fortunate to have been selected to participate in the ISD Mentorship program. Her mentor, Dr. Nellie Konnikov, Chief of Dermatology in the VA Boston Health Care System, devised a very comprehensive educational program for her that even exceeded her expectations.



Dr. Nataliia Zhovta (left) with mentor Dr. Nellie Konnikov (right)

By enhancing her knowledge of cutaneous oncology and the management of non-melanoma skin

cancers (NMSCs) and inflammatory skin diseases, Dr. Zhovta could then integrate this knowledge into her routine practice.

The program included everything from A to Z, from establishing an accurate paradigm for the management of NMSCs to appropriate biopsy techniques. In the Ukraine, dermatologists have minimal training in dermatopathology, but Dr. Zhovta believes that clinicians should have at least a basic knowledge of dermatopathology. During her two-month visit, Dr. Zhovta had the opportunity to establish clinicopathological correlations in the VA patients she had seen – a priceless experience for any clinician.

Dr. Zhovta credits Dr. Konnikov for really making her feel like part of the team at the VA Medical Center and not just a superficial observer. For example, she was able to get hands-on experience in photodynamic therapy for the field treatment of actinic keratoses, as well as learn about the use of various lasers. Working with residents from three excellent training programs (Harvard. Boston University, Tufts University) and attending their Grand Rounds provided insights into how interactions within the Ukrainian dermatologic community can be improved.

After completing this program, Dr. Zhovta feels more confident as a specialist and will integrate this acquired knowledge into her practice.

"Without the financial support of the ISD, this experience would not have been possible for me. I encourage all young specialists to become ISD members and have this unique chance to explore dermatology!"

-- Dr. Nataliia Zhovta

ISD Hosts Successful 6th Continental Congress of Dermatology in Taipei, Taiwan

The International Society of Dermatology (ISD) held the 6th Continental Congress of Dermatology from November 16-18, 2018, in Taipei in conjunction with the 44th Annual Meeting of the Taiwanese Dermatological Association (TDA), the 2018 Medical Mycology Treatment Network, and the 6th Taiwan Dermatopathology Conference. The combined meeting was hosted by the Honorary Congress Presidents, Drs. Ji-Chen Ho and Wen-Hung Chung, the Conference Secretary, Dr. Yao-Yu Chang, and the Congress Chair, Dr. Jason CH Yang.

This remarkably successful Congress was the first ISD-associated meeting to be held in Taiwan. There were approximately 1,200 registrants as well as a total of 221 speakers, including over 100 international lecturers. Kudos to our Taiwanese hosts for organizing such a world class meeting.

The ISD was represented by Drs. George Reizner, President, USA; Marcia Ramos-e-Silva, Executive Vice President, Brazil; Nellie Konnikov, Secretary General, USA; Hassan Galadari, Treasurer, UAE; Vinod Sharma, Assistant Secretary General, India; and Evangeline Handog, Immediate Past President, Philippines. Several members of the Board of Directors also attended the meeting, including Drs. Koushik Lahiri, India; Lali Mekokishvili, Georgia; Dedee Murrell, Australia; and Shyam Verma, India. Dr. John McGrath, Chair of the Scientific Committee for the XIIIth International Congress of Dermatology to be held November 10-13, 2021, in Melbourne, Australia, also spoke. A total of 28 new ISD members were registered at the meeting. A highlight of one of the plenary sessions was the Maria Duran Lecture, which was delivered by Dr. Evangeline Handog. Her presentation entitled "Oral Skin Lightening Agents: Do they work?" examined the changing treatment landscape and was based upon her personal experience and the scientific literature. This presentation honored the memory of the Society's past Executive Vice President who was from Colombia.



From left to right: Drs. George Reizner, Nellie Konnikov, Lali Mekokishvili, Marianna Drozhdina, and Marcia Ramos-e-Silva



ISD members and friends gather for the gala dinner

The ISD provided support for speakers in addition to memberships and scholarships for young dermatologists. The latter included 13 Global Education Awards and two Maria Duran Fellowships, which were awarded to individuals from 10 different countries. Each young dermatologist was given an ISD travel grant of \$1,000 USD plus the TDA waived their registration fee and helped provide housing. The 15 awardees were also given a one-year membership to the ISD.

The city of Taipei offered many opportunities to sample the culture and flavors of Taiwan. In addition, the gala dinner featured both contemporary and traditional music and aboriginal dance. There were also day trips to the National Palace Museum, a Buddhist monastery, and the unusual rock formations of the northern coast. Equally important, there was time to network, meet new colleagues and reinforce seasoned friendships.

The number, quality and variety of topics and speakers made this one of the ISD's most successful meetings. This skillfully organized Congress blended professional, educational and personal objectives and reconfirmed our shared commitment to patient care and international cooperation. We praise and pay tribute to our colleagues and hosts, Drs. Yang and Chang.



From left to right: Drs. George Reizner, Emily Shao, Frank Po-Chao Chiu, and Nellie Konnikov



Global Education awardees are honored (from left to right): Drs. Ayush Jha (Nepal), Fatma Jendoubi (Tunisia), Ana Maria Draganita (Romania), Asma Toumi (Tunisia), Veronica Uy (Philippines), Shivani Reddy (USA), Nellie Konnikov, Jason Yang, George Reizner, Shashank Bhargava (India), Mehak Singh (India), Nathalia Malvehy (Colombia), Anil Kumar Bhatta (Nepal), and Frank Po-Chao Chiu (Australia)



Dr. Evangeline Handog received the Maria Duran Lectureship from Dr. George Reizner



From left to right: Drs. Vaishnavi Gowda (India), Nellie Konnikov, Grace Monica Ibaviosa (Philippines) and George Reizner. Drs. Gowda and Ibaviosa were presented with the 2018 Maria Duran Fellowships.



ISD Global Education Award winner Dr. Shashank Bhargava (India) meets Dr. Evangeline Handog, whom he credits for guiding him to become a member of ISD.



From left to right (back row): Drs. Vinod Sharma, Koushik Lahiri, Marcia Ramos-e-Silva, Jason Yang, Yao-Yu Chang, George Reizner, Hassan Galadari, Dedee Murrell and Shyam Verma. From left to right (front row): Drs. Nellie Konnikov, Vangee Handog and Lali Mekokishvili.

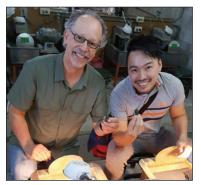
Post Congress Tour to Hualien

Nineteen Congress speakers and guests were accompanied by 11 Taiwanese hosts on a three-day excursion to Hualien. Dr. Yao-Yu Chang, Congress Secretary, escorted the group and the itinerary was based upon recommendations by Dr. Jason CH Yang, the Congress Chair. This historic and ruggedly beautiful region is the gateway to Karoko National Park. The latter is noted for its steep narrow gorges etched from granite and is accessible only via a road that is an engineering marvel.

The group stayed in luxurious accommodations within the park the first night, allowing them to visit some of the most beautiful sites including hiking the Shakadang Trail, Chihsingtan Beach, Qixingtan ocean park, and countless breathtaking vistas. The second day started with a planned hike to a tunnel waterfall that later included Swallow Canyon, the narrowest section of this unique gorge with water springing directly from the rocks. The second night was spent at a bed and breakfast that captured the serenity and comfort of a Balinese resort.

The final day began with a visit to the last remaining jade factory where the group was encouraged to create a jade memento with assistance from the workshop staff. Everyone industriously sanded, ground and polished their own creation that was then attached to a necklace. A fitting souvenir of this jewel-like corner of Taiwan.

Throughout the visit, the travelers were treated to delicious regional cuisine with every detail carefully orchestrated for their enjoyment and comfort. All were grateful to Drs. Chang and Yang and the many young dermatologists who made this grand tour possible. In addition to cementing an appreciation for this country's beauty and diversity, the experience resulted in enhanced fellowship within our global dermatology community and, more importantly, highlighted the kindness and hospitality of our hosts.



Proud of their newly crafted warrior jade, Drs. George Reizner (left) and Yao-Yu Chang.



The post meeting tour group and guests take in the local sites.



Our super host, Dr. Yao-Yu Chang, Congress Secretary

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 three ISD Board Members -- Drs. S. Prasad Kumarasinghe (Australia), Margarita Larralde (Argentina), and Mojakgomo Hendrick Motswaledi (South Africa).

Dr. Kumarasinghe, where did you train in dermatology?

PK: I had my training in dermatology in Sri Lanka and Australia.

Where do you practice dermatology? **PK:** Currently, I practice in Perth, Western

Australia, and serve as a clinical professor at the University of Western Australia. I previously practiced as a dermatologist in Sri Lanka and Singapore.



Dr. S. Prasad Kumarasinghe

What are your areas of interest within dermatology? **PK:** My interests include pigmentary disorders and skin infections.

Why are you a member of the ISD?

PK: ISD offers the opportunity to interact with dermatologists from other parts of the world, to share my enthusiasm, knowledge and skills with others, and to support the ISD service projects.

What are your hobbies or interests outside of medicine?

PK: I enjoy badminton and photography.

What 3 words best describe you?

PK: Friendly. Kind. Effective.

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

PK: I prioritize my tasks. I have been fortunate to have an understanding wife and three great children.

How has ISD impacted your career?

PK: The first International Dermatology Congress I participated in was the 7th ICD held in New Delhi in 1994, where I presented two papers. I was invited to present by the ICD Congress Chair, the late Prof. Lalit Bhutani. This meeting provided a big boost to my interest in tropical dermatology. Many of the wonderful people I met at this meeting in India are close friends, even now.

The interactions with ISD have made it easier for me to understand different viewpoints within global dermatology. I have met many beautiful people from diverse parts of the world through the ISD. I was the co-convener of the First International Tropical Dermatology Conference held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in 2016. It was also supported by the ISD. The meeting was such a success that the Second International Tropical Dermatology Conference is being organized by the Sri Lanka College of Dermatologists to be held in 2020.

In the early days of my career, the first academic papers I published in an international journal were in the *International Journal of Dermatology (IJD)*. This encouraged me to continue my research interests.

What do you value most about your involvement in ISD?

PK: Interacting with dermatologists from various parts of the world and being able to visit many different countries for ISD meetings is of great value to me.

As a director of the ISD Board and as an *IJD* editorial board member, I can effectively contribute to the ISD. Now, I am also able to assist the organizers of the International Congress of Dermatology to be held in Australia in 2021.

What does ISD offer aspiring young dermatologists? **PK:** ISD offers young dermatologists a global vision and a platform for meeting renowned dermatologists from around the world. They can also take part in service projects and meetings.

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

PK: Always do the right thing for your patients. Be open-minded, work hard, think rationally, do research and publish your work to share with others.

What would ISD members be surprised to learn about you?

PK: I have worked as a consultant dermatologist in three countries -- Sri Lanka, Singapore and Australia (current).

Dr. Larralde, where did you train in dermatology?

ML: I did my specialization in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the Ramos Mejia University Hospital.

Where do you practice dermatology?

ML: I currently practice dermatology at the Ramos Mejia Hospital, which is a public institution, and at the German Hospital, which is private.



Dr. Margarita Larralde

What are your areas of interest within dermatology?

ML: My main areas of interest are pediatric dermatology, neonatology and genodermatoses.

Why are you a member of the ISD?

ML: I am a member of the ISD because it's a society which opens the doors to a wider international community of fellow dermatologists.

What are your hobbies or interests outside of medicine?

ML: My hobbies are tennis, music and literature.

What 3 words best describe you?

ML: Precise. Hardworking. Optimistic.

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

ML: It's a delicate balance between my family and work, but I'd have to say that my family is my support system.

How has ISD impacted your career?

ML: ISD has had a tremendously positive impact, enabling me to connect with people from different regions and cultures from all over the world.

What do you value most about your involvement in ISD?

ML: One of the things I value most is that ISD supports all types of countries and includes both developed and developing countries -- making it a multicultural society. I also appreciate being involved and taking part in its Regional Meetings.

What does ISD offer aspiring young dermatologists?

ML: I believe that the ISD offers young dermatologists the possibility of connecting with people from other countries and experiencing a variety of different cultures.

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

ML: I think the most relevant advice is that reading should always be accompanied by practice and that research opens one's mind.

What would ISD members be surprised to learn about you?

ML: One of the most surprising things people don't know about me is that I originally started as a pediatrician.

Dr. Motswaledi, where did you train in dermatology?

MHM: I trained in dermatology in South Africa at the Medical University of Southern Africa (Medunsa).

Where do you practice dermatology? MHM: I practice as a dermatologist at Dr. George Mukhari Academic Hospital in Pretoria,



Dr. Mojakgomo Hendrick Motswaledi

What are your areas of interest within dermatology?

South Africa.

MHM: My areas of interest are deep fungal infections, cutaneous tuberculosis, and HIV-associated skin disorders. These areas of interest reflect some of the more common skin health care problems in South Africa. Due to the high burden of HIV in South Africa, we encounter large numbers of patients with opportunistic infections. Due to the scarcity of dermatologists in South Africa, access to skin health care services is still a problem in rural and some urban areas.

Why are you a member of the ISD?

MHM: I joined ISD because I wanted to network with other dermatologists worldwide. ISD is a good vehicle for this. ISD members have a reunion annually at the AAD meeting where we get an opportunity to spend a few hours interacting with each other in a relaxed setting and discuss common interests, like collaboration in research. I have attended ISD reunions during the annual AAD meetings in Colorado, San Francisco and Washington, DC.

What are your hobbies or interests outside of medicine?

MHM: My hobbies are watching sports including soccer, cricket and rugby.

What 3 words best describe you?

MHM: Dedicated. Passionate. Hard working.

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

MHM: I allocate time for work and for personal life. During the week, I spend most of the time at work and reserve some weekends for personal life.

How has ISD impacted your career?

MHM: ISD has given me the opportunity to network with other members and to subscribe to the *International Journal of Dermatology (IJD)*, so I can access articles easily. Being one of the directors of *IJD* has given me an opportunity to meet other ISD directors. I also value serving as a reviewer for *IJD*.

What does ISD offer aspiring young dermatologists?

MHM: ISD offers young dermatologists scholarships to attend congresses and the opportunity to participate in the mentorship program organized by experienced dermatologists at other academic institutions.

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

MHM: I would advise young dermatologists to join ISD and start networking with peers from all over the world. In 2012 and 2018, the ISD had meetings in conjunction with our annual South African dermatology congress, and this enhanced the academic programs of our congresses. I would like to see more and more ISD members at our annual congress.

What would ISD members be surprised to learn about you?

MHM: The way I am committed to serving the ISD.

ISD Helps Sponsor Successful Dermatology for Africa Conference

The Dermatology for Africa Conference was held in Durban, South Africa, from August 30 - September 2, 2018. It combined the 71st Annual Congress of the Dermatology Society of South Africa with the 2nd African Society of Dermatology and Venereology (ASDV) Congress. The President of the Congress was Prof. Ncoza Dlova and the Secretary was Prof. Anisa Mosam.

The ASDV Congress was the first to be held in South Africa and was a resounding success, attracting dermatologists from more than 20 African countries. This represented the 2nd ASDV Congress, with the inaugural congress held in Abuja, Nigeria, in 2016. For this combined conference, there were approximately 500 delegates and more than 25 international speakers from all around the world, a real coup for South Africa. The congress focused mainly on skin conditions that are prevalent in Africa, with an inclination towards skin of color and infectious diseases. Topics ranged from vitiligo and hair typology to acne keloidalis nuchae and melasma. There was a real sense of camaraderie and a great exchange of ideas. The level of sophistication of the presentations was impressive and provided a true sense of accomplishment.

A myriad of exciting topics and workshops were geared towards dermatologists in academia as well as the private and public sectors. The mandate of the combined meetings was to advance the specialty of dermatology in Africa, to promote the highest standards of clinical practice, disease control programs and collaborative research in dermatology, and to influence policy development in the African region.

The dermatology resident presentations were very well received, with prizes going to Dr. Slindile Buthelezi for her insightful work on histoid leprosy (first prize), Dr. Jeremy David O'Kennedy for his dogged detective work in establishing the diagnosis of acrodynia (second prize), and Dr. Minette Swart for her description of the successful treatment of a difficult case of disseminated giant hyperkeratotic porokeratosis (third prize).

Report submitted by Dr. Ncoza Dlova







Dr. Kiasha Govender (left), member of the organizing committee, presenting a research award to Dr. Slindile Buthelezi (first photo), Dr. Jeremy David O'Kennedy (second photo) and Dr. Minette Swart (third photo)



From left to right: Drs. Sian Hartshorne, Sarina Drusinsky, Anisa Mosam, Ncoza Dlova, Suretha Kannenberg, Dagmar Whittaker, Antoinette Chateau, and Pholile Mpofu in traditional African wear.

ISD Hosts Symposium at 2018 CILAD Congress in Brazil

More than 3,000 dermatologists and residents from over 30 different countries gathered in São Paulo, Brazil, for the XXII CILAD Congress that was held November 14-17, 2018.

During the five-day Congress, 186 scientific sessions were offered in the areas of surgical, clinical and cosmetic dermatology. In addition, 150 scholarships were distributed to Brazilian and other Latin American resident physicians, resulting in 558 scientific papers presented as electronic posters or oral communications.

Among the many recognitions presented during the Congress, the ILDS awarded its Certificate of Appreciation to Drs. Carlos Fernando Gatti and Horacio Cabo, both of Argentina.



Conference participants attend the ISD Symposium



From left to right: Drs. Jorge Ocampo Candiani, Margarita Larralde, Paula Boggio and Luis G.M. Castro





Drs. Omar Lupi (left) and Harvey Lui (right) awarding the ILDS Certificate of Appreciation to Drs. Horacio Cabo (middle, first photo) and Carlos Fernando Gatti (middle, second photo)

ISD Hosts Regional Meeting at 6th Annual Controversies in Dermatology in Poland December 6-8, 2018

Professor Jacek Szepietowski, the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) Chair of Education, led the 6th Annual Controversies in Dermatology in the beautiful mountain resort of Zakopane, Poland, December 6-8, 2018. This ISD regional meeting was held in conjunction with the Polish Dermatological Society and hosted over 1,000 attendees.

Lecturers included Dr. Marcia Ramos-e-Silva, the ISD Executive Vice President (Brazil), who spoke on the topic of isotretinoin; Dr. Shyam Verma, Chair of the ISD Regional Meetings Committee (India), who reviewed the relationship between acne and diet; and Dr. George Reizner, President of the ISD (USA), who examined the role of sentinel lymph node biopsies since the MSLT-II study. Dr. Szepietowski chaired this plenary session and also spoke on prurigo nodularis. Additional topics that were covered varied from livedo reticularis to mastocytosis to the treatment of psoriasis.

Many of the educational sessions were conducted in Polish, and at least half of those in the audience were young registrants eager to learn from both the national and international speakers. Although snow was missing, the winter spirit and chilly temperatures created an alpine-like backdrop to the lecture hall. The social events included a gala dinner punctuated with dancing and delicious local cuisine. Of course, Professor Szepietowski extended great hospitality to all attendees in this beautiful setting.

A side trip to the top of Kasprowy Wierch, at 1,987 meters, was a quick reminder of the power of wind and snow. The intrepid group hiked near the Slovakian border and was rewarded with hot chocolate upon their safe return to the cable car terminus. For some, it was their first experience seeing snow -- making it a memorable expedition.



Near the Slovakian border atop Kasprowy Wierch



Dr. Shyam Verma



Dr. Marcia Ramos-e-Silva



Dr. Jacek Szepietowski, meeting chair

Introducing the International Alliance for Global Health Dermatology (GLODERM)

Skin health for all, locally and globally

In February, prior to the annual AAD meeting in Washington, DC, 60 participants gathered to launch GLODERM -- the International Alliance for Global Health Dermatology. GLODERM is an alliance of professionals, trainees, and other concerned individuals to advance skin care for those in resource-poor settings.

The aim of GLODERM is to provide a community of individuals focused on a global health approach to dermatology who will provide expertise to international health agencies, share best practices, pool technical know-how and support trainees wishing to pursue a career in global health dermatology.

The scientific content was kicked off by Dr. Ousmane Faye, who shared his experience of maintaining dermatologic care during the

Northern Mali conflict of 2012-15. He described how the political conflict led him to transition from face-to-face interactions to a teledermatology model. Dr. Isabel Casas reported on her experiences from rural Patagonia, Argentina, in a remote area with very limited access to dermatologic care. She has developed community dermatology projects with an additional novel element of educating children through interactive drama workshops on sun protection.

The leadership of GLODERM includes Drs. Esther Freeman (Chair, USA), Claire Fuller (Vice-Chair, UK), and Wingfield Rehmus (Secretary/Treasurer, Canada). To learn more about GLODERM, please visit https://gloderm.org/.



GLODERM participants launch the new alliance in Washington, DC, at the 2019 AAD Annual Meeting.



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



Dr. Robert Schwartz

ISD Board Member Robert Allen Schwartz MD, MPH, '70, has been appointed to serve on the United States Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, or PACHA. As a member of the council, Schwartz joins 10 other health professionals to provide information and recommendations to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on programs and policies concerning people living with HIV and AIDS.

2019 ISD Meetings Calendar

May 1 - 5, 2019 14th Aegean

Dermatology Days Bodrum, Turkey Dermatovenereology Association of Turkey

Association of Turkey Web Site: www.trdvd.org

May 30 - 31, 2019

VI Eurasian Congress of Dermatology, Cosmetology and Aesthetic Medicine Kazakhstan Association of Dermatovenereologists, Dermatocosmetologists Astana, Kazakhstan

Astana, Kazakhstan Web Site: www.kadd.kz

June 10, 2019

ISD Session at the World Congress of Dermatology 8:30 AM -12:30 PM Milan, Italy July 25, 2019
7th EDVS Scientific
Conference

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Ethiopian Dermatology and Venereology Society Email: edvssociety@gmail.com

September 6 - 7, 2019

Annual Meeting of the Uzbeki Society of Dermatology

Tashkent, Uzbekistan National Society of Dermatology (Uzbekistan) Web Site: www.dermatology.uz

October 8, 2019

ISD Session at the EADV Madrid, Spain



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