



# REVIEWING 2017 AND LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018

## Message from the President

Welcome to this review of 2017 at the ILDS. In this second year of delivering our strategy on [Skin Health for the World](#) we have had some milestone achievements, such as our Networking Symposium with the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva on Global Skin Health. Our work with the WHO also culminated in the inclusion of itraconazole and voriconazole on the WHO Essential Medicines list and the official designation of scabies as a neglected tropical disease (NTD). We have also seen other important projects gather momentum and progress towards notable developments, for instance the recruitment of a Project Manager for the Global Psoriasis Atlas and the convening of its first operational meetings.

I am particularly proud to draw your attention to the 14 events that took place for the World Skin Health Day campaign, a joint initiative with the [International Society for Dermatology](#). Our branding initiative has gathered strength this year as we have increased our presence at international events, developed our communications and social media presence, and designed a new website.

Looking ahead to 2018, we will be welcoming leaders from our member societies to the 2nd World Skin Summit to be held in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam in June. This Summit will provide us with a valuable opportunity to learn more about current priorities in global skin health and how we can achieve the greatest impact on behalf of our member societies, dermatologists, and their patients. Of course, we will also continue to strive towards our vision of improving **Skin Health for the World** through the work of the International Foundation for Dermatology.

Harvey Lui  
ILDS President

### Vision

Attaining the best possible skin health for all people around the world.

### Mission

The mission of the ILDS is to increase awareness, cooperation and communication within the global dermatology community to promote high quality education, clinical care, research and innovation that will improve skin health globally.

### Guiding Principles

#### 1 Collaboration

To work collaboratively and in partnership with all stakeholders.

#### 2 Impact

To maximise our impact by measuring and evaluating progress towards our strategic objectives.

#### 3 Communication

To use a range of methods to raise awareness and communicate effectively.

#### 4 Evidence

To ensure that our work reflects the best and most current knowledge, practices, and evidence.

#### 5 Stewardship

To identify priorities and commit resources based on realistic assessments of our capabilities.

# Strategic International Leadership and Policy Impact

We will provide strategic leadership, leveraging ILDS' international standing and representation to influence global health policies and practices and to educate and empower dermatologists, their societies and the public.

- The [24th World Congress of Dermatology \(WCD\)](#) taking place in Milan, Italy in 2019 moves ever closer. In 2017 we conducted a site visit, began inviting the Chairs and plenary speakers who will form the backbone of the scientific programme. [Registration is now open](#) and the call for abstracts has gone live. Six cities have already registered their intention to bid for the honour of hosting the WCD in 2023
- Together with the [International Society of Dermatology \(ISD\)](#) we re-launched the [World Skin Health Day](#) campaign in March, and by the end of 2017 events had been held in all five ILDS regions
- We enjoyed meeting old and new friends at several dermatological events in 2017, with an active presence at the [American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting](#), the [British Association of Dermatologists Annual Meeting](#), the [Global Chinese Dermatological Summit](#), the [Spanish Academy of Dermatology and Venereology Annual Meeting](#), the [Canadian Dermatology Association Annual Meeting](#), and the [Psoriasis from Gene to Clinic International Congress](#). We were particularly keen to showcase our work with the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) during a Symposium at the time of the [European Association of Dermatology and Venereology Congress](#)
- Our collaborations with the [WHO](#) have been noticeable in four distinct areas:
  - The addition of itraconazole and voriconazole to the Essential Medicines list in March 2017
  - Further work on the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) utilising our global network of dermatologists, with over 80 participating in the dermatology field test and expert peer review
- The development of a Training Guide for the Recognition of Neglected Tropical Diseases through changes on the skin
- Established scabies as a neglected tropical disease via the Africa and Western Pacific office in April 2017
- We remain committed to our three Grand Challenges in Global Skin Health projects:
  - We now have a dedicated Project Manager working with colleagues in Manchester and Hamburg on the [Global Psoriasis Atlas](#), which is steered by a new Committee and Board, and 17 regional coordinators and a Director have been appointed
  - The [Dermatology IT Platform](#) is now live on the internet and available as a useful resource for dermatologists
  - The ILDS Board approved a Consensus Statement on a Life Course of Healthy Skin
- Our popular Glossary for the Description for Cutaneous Lesions, published in 2016, is in the process of being translated into 10 new languages in order to make this resource even more accessible.

## 2017 Achievements

- 20 global experts confirmed as keynote speakers at the WCD 2019
- World Skin Health Day celebrated by 14 events in 11 countries
- Updated over 60 dermatologists about our work with the WHO at a joint Symposium
- Succeeded in having two new drugs added to the WHO Essential Medicines list
- Recruited a Project Manager for the Global Psoriasis Atlas
- Began translation work on the Glossary into a further 10 languages
- Led the 6th annual meeting of the International Alliance for the Control of Scabies attracting 45 delegates including senior figures from WHO and global health as well as participants from 10 countries



## 2018 Aims

- The Scientific Programme for WCD 2019 will be finalised
- World Skin Health Day 2018 will be launched with increased resources for participants
- Attend international dermatology events including the 2nd African Society of Dermatology and Venereology Meeting
- In collaboration with the WHO we will support the coding of ICD-11 and its global launch
- The Global Psoriasis Atlas will begin collecting data and will publish a first report
- Translated versions of the Glossary will be published, electronically and in print

# Representation, Sustainability and Advancement

We will enhance representation and sustainability within the ILDS. We will also promote our advancement by actively engaging our member societies.

- We welcomed 11 new organisations to the League during 2017, including one from Asia Pacific, two from Europe, four from South Asia, the Middle East and Africa, and another two from USA & Canada as well as two Affiliated Member Societies. Membership applications will be frozen for the 12 months preceding the next World Congress of Dermatology, beginning in June 2018
- Our member societies have played key roles in field testing the revision of the International Classification of Diseases-11 (ICD-11), in promoting dermatology by organising events around the world under the World Skin Health Day campaign, and in guiding our priorities as we develop our communications strategy and brand
- Leaders from our member societies have been invited to the 2nd World Skin Summit scheduled for June 2018, and they have already helped to shape the stimulating programme. A [sponsorship package](#) has been produced for any interested parties
- We are engaging our members in our activities with ever increasing channels of communication. We now have over 1,000 followers on Twitter and are undertaking the development of a new website with easier access to our news
- Our humanitarian work has benefitted from increased support from dermatology organisations in 2017, and our income was diversified by bidding fees from candidate cities for the 2023 World Congress of Dermatology
- The ILDS now has a Secretariat of three full-time equivalent employees, providing increased capacity to push forward international leadership, member support and humanitarian work
- In 2017 there were two categories for Certificates of Appreciation. Member societies nominated dermatologists for their achievements in either International Leadership or Humanitarian Dermatology.



Dermatology clinic in rural Cambodia

## 2017 Achievements

- 11 new member societies welcomed to the ILDS
- Member societies engaged by holding 14 World Skin Health Day events and 80 responses to ICD-11 field testing
- Agreements in place to hold the 2nd World Skin Summit in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in June 2018
- Reaching 1,000 followers on Twitter
- Increased funding from new contacts for our humanitarian work
- Expansion of the ILDS Secretariat to provide infrastructure for our increased international work
- 11 International and 7 Humanitarian recipients of ILDS Certificates of Appreciation



ILDS Board site visit to Milan for WCD 2019

## 2018 Aims

- New members will be accepted until June 2018
- The 2nd World Skin Summit will be held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in June 2018
- Leaders of ILDS Member Societies will identify challenges and develop common strategies at the World Skin Summit
- Members will learn more about the ILDS with a new format quarterly newsletter
- Donating to the ILDS will be easier and more information on charitable projects will be available
- Nominations for the Young Dermatologist Achievement Award in International Leadership and Humanitarian Dermatology and Certificates of Appreciation will be sought from all ILDS regions



# Humanitarian Dermatology

We will improve dermatological care of patients in underserved areas of the world.

The International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD)

- The IFD's flagship project, the [Regional Dermatology Training Centre](#) (RDTC) in Moshi, Tanzania, benefitted from:
  - Scholarships for 16 students enrolled in the two-year residential Advanced Diploma in DermatoVenereology (ADDV) course. 29 Consultants have now graduated from 7 countries and 273 dermatology officers from 16 African countries
  - Funding for eight key personnel positions
  - Financial support for the Principal to present at DASIL Annual Congress and the XII International Congress of Dermatology
  - A contribution towards the annual Continuing Medical Education (CME) event for past and present students
  - Guidance and advice from experienced dermatologists connected with the IFD
  - The ILDS Board met at the RDTC to teach at its annual Dermatology CME event and to review our humanitarian dermatology priorities
- Outreach work continued in three resource-poor areas:
  - In Argentina 1,345 people benefitted from:
    - Photo-educational workshops in primary schools
    - Training for health care workers and free consultations for patients
    - A new mobile dermatology office
  - In Cambodia the promise of IFD support has facilitated an agreement involving the University of Air Langgar in Surabaya, the National Hospital for Dermatology in Hanoi, and the McKay Hospital in Taipei to support practical training for new dermatology graduates
  - In Mexico 3,345 people benefitted from dermatology courses, and 410 mycetoma patients received expert care. Two new areas of Mexico were reached by the established team and a new manual guiding diagnosis and treatment of skin conditions was developed
- During 2017 three ILDS DermLink grant projects were completed and three new projects were supported:
  - In Brazil 2,000 patients and 500 dermatologists attended events as part of a Sporotrichosis Action Day
  - In Cambodia 576 patients in rural areas benefitted from field trips
  - In the Philippines the dermatology department of the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine received an immunofluorescence microscope
  - A four-day training workshop for members of a lymphedema self-help network will be held in Ethiopia
  - Patients residing in Nigerian migration camps will receive dermatological care
  - Mobile teledermatology will be developed in the Philippines
- Two editions of the *Community Dermatology Journal* (CDJ) were produced and distributed around the world. Work has begun on publishing the journal in French as well as English
- Active Partnerships were pursued with international projects including:
  - Funding the annual meeting of the [International Alliance for the Control of Scabies](#) (IACS) and the attendance of experts from resource poor countries with a high incidence of scabies
  - Supporting the continued development of a manual to assist the establishment of services for persons with albinism in resource poor areas
  - Contributing to the running costs of Kilisun so that sun protection can be offered to around 3,500 people with albinism in Tanzania and extended into other countries such as Malawi.

## 2017 Achievements

- Filmed material for an impact video highlighting IFD's work at the RDTC
- Supported seven new scholarships for the RDTC Advanced Diploma course
- Financial support for projects in Argentina, Cambodia, Tanzania and Mexico as well as support and advice for projects in Fiji and involving migrant care
- \$15,000 shared between three ILDS DermLink recipient projects
- Initial French translation of one edition of the CDJ
- Recognition of scabies as a Neglected Tropical Disease by WHO via IACS

## 2018 Aims

- Repair essential buildings at the RDTC
- Continue support of new and existing projects in resource poor countries as required
- Deliver a French version of the CDJ, develop an accessible app, and encourage financial support from Friends of the CDJ
- Provide up to \$20,000 for ILDS DermLink projects
- Support 16 scholarships for clinical officers participating on the ADDV course at the RDTC