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It is the challenge of the new ILDS board to maintain and develop further these areas. It is also a challenge for the new ILDS Board to cope with a changing world and to *promote skin globally*. In the forthcoming Newsletters, kindly published free of charge by Karger, for the period of my Presidency, we shall learn more about the ideas and challenges behind this motto *promote skin globally*.

We look forward very much to working on your behalf in global dermatology in the coming years.

*Professor J.-H. Saurat, Geneva, Switzerland*

forward in leaps and bounds undertaking its work in global dermatology in the years to come.

*Professor R. Marks, Melbourne, Australia*

### Update from the Administrative Officer

#### **Statistics from the 21st World Congress of Dermatology in Buenos Aires**

Reports from the President, Professor Ricardo L. Galimberti and Secretary-General, Professor Adrian-Martin Pierini of the 21st World Congress of Dermatology held in Buenos Aires, reflect the huge success of this Congress. Total attendees numbered 13,356 from 116 countries; exhibitors numbered 3,738 (covering 6,771 m<sup>2</sup>) and the total number of scholarships awarded was 388. The Scientific Programme, in particular, was hailed as one of the best ever, with 261 sessions and 1,033 participants from 74 countries. The number of posters exhibited totalled 2,495.

#### **The 22nd World Congress of Dermatology Will Take Place in Seoul, Korea**

The bidding for the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology took place during the Assembly of Delegates meeting. The contenders were London, UK, Rome, Italy, and Seoul, Korea. The Seoul bid won the vote, and the date of the next Congress is 24th – 29th May, 2011.

#### **Member Society Count**

Member Societies of the International League of Dermatological Societies now total 128, with 100 of these being National Societies and 28 International Societies. Newly admitted societies from 1st January, 2008 are: the Cosmetology Society of India, ISPLAD (International Society for Plastic and Aesthetic Dermatology) and the Chinese Dermatology Society.

#### **Membership Fees**

The Board of the International League of Dermatological Societies agreed that the membership fee should remain unchanged at US\$ 1.50 per fee-paying Society member, with an annual charge of US\$ 100 for each International Society. Membership fees will be invoiced annually in January each year to cover the period January to December.

#### **Board Retirees**

Professors Katz, Nishikawa, Ortonne and Revuz retired from the Board at the last Board Meeting

### Message from the President

At the 21st World Congress of Dermatology in Buenos Aires, the ILDS Board (formerly the International Committee of Dermatology, ICD) underwent substantial changes in its membership.

Major Board members who had shaped the organisation, Professors S. Katz, A. Kaminsky (Treasurer), T. Nishikawa, J.-P. Ortonne and J. Revuz all retired after their term on the Board. Professor R. Marks finished his term as President and Professor G. Stingl finished his term as Secretary-General. Six new members were elected under the new system of seats on the Board being reserved for specific regions of the world. This has led now to a more globally representative ILDS Board.

Professor Marks' Presidency was a key factor in up-dating our organisation through developing new Statutes and by moving the ILDS Office to a new home in London. History will record the major and successful commitment of the first ever Australian President of the ILDS.

These predecessors have laid the foundations that will allow the ILDS to face the challenges of the future with greater security. The ILDS is the global organisation representing dermatologists throughout the world. It has already accomplished many admirable tasks including regularly organizing the successful World Congresses of Dermatology and launching a unique programme in public health through the ILDS division, the International Foundation for Dermatology, which culminated in the Regional Dermatology Training Centre in Moshi, Tanzania. This Centre is a paradigm of what can be done with careful planning and hard work by dedicated individuals in an organisation such as the ILDS.

### Message from the Immediate ILDS Past-President

At the end of my term as President of the ILDS in October 2007, I looked back with great pleasure at what had been achieved by the Board of the ILDS on behalf of our Member Societies over the previous five years.

The more globally representative new Board was a particularly exciting change – achieved with participation of all our Societies in the formation of the new Memorandum and Articles of Association. The more democratic election process was a great success, with Member Societies from the five regions of the world nominating and voting on those people from their own region who would be selected for election to the new Regional seats on the Board.

The wonderful participation by all our Member Societies in these activities highlighted another major direction that occurred during my term – a deliberate increase in communication with our Societies and involvement of them in our work.

The strength of any organisation is related to the commitment of its members. The new Board takes over at a time of substantially increased interest and commitment by its Member Societies – remember the activities related to the countries bidding for the 22nd World Congress, which was voted on in Buenos Aires. There has also been a substantial increase in new Members from some of the major areas of the world, including China and India.

So, we have an outstanding new Board. We have a dedicated Executive team. I have great confidence that the ILDS will continue to move

of the term, along with Professor Kaminsky, who retired from the post of Treasurer. Professor Marks stood down as President and Professor Stingl as Secretary-General. Both remain on the Board as ex-officio members. A huge vote of thanks was expressed for all their past efforts.

#### **Elections to the Board**

The following new members of the Board were elected by the Delegates at the Assembly of Delegates meeting held during the 21st WCD and were warmly welcomed to the Board:

- Asia Pacific Region – Professors Yoshiki Miyachi and Yoon Kee Park
- Latin America (incl. Caribbean) Region – Professor Jorge Ocampo-Candiani
- South East Asia, Middle East and Africa Region – Professors Abdul Ghani-Kibbi and Chetan Oberai
- North American (incl. Canada) – Professor Mary Maloney

The new Executive Committee of the ILDS comprises: Professor Jean-Hilaire Saurat as President; Professor David McLean as Secretary-General and Professor Mary Maloney as Treasurer. Professor Wolfram Sterry (Chairman of the World Congress Committee) and Professor Roderick Hay (Chairman of the International Foundation of Dermatology, IFD) are also members of the Executive Committee.

#### **ILDS Awards**

##### Certificate of Appreciation Awards

The Certificate of Appreciation Awards for 2007 were awarded to: Dr. Lawrence Parish, Professor Enno Christophers, Dr. Jacinto Convit, Prof. Gunter Burg, Dr. Yasumasa Ishibashi, Dr. Maria Teresa Hojyo Tomoka, Professor Hugh Zachariae, Dr. Michael Waugh, Dr. Roy S. Rogers III and Professor Sidney Klaus. Certificates will be presented at appropriate regional meetings during the forthcoming year.

##### ILDS Distinguished Service Awards

The ILDS is very proud to announce that Professor Terence Ryan and Professor Henning Grossmann were presented with their bronze plaques for services to dermatology, in particular their highly valued work at the Regional Dermatology Training Centre in Moshi, Tanzania.

##### Young Dermatologist International Achievement Awards

The winners of this Award, which is presented once during a Board's term of office, were Dr. Marta VanBeek, Dr. Paulo Ricardo Criado, Professor Hyun Jeong Park, Dr. Li Chuen Wong and Dr. Graham Ogg. Each winner received US\$ 2,500 to cover travel and accommodation to attend the 21st World Congress of Dermatology, as well as free registration to the Congress.

#### **ILDS Standing Committees**

- Awards: *Chair: A. Katsambas*
- Finance: *Chair: M. Maloney*
- IFD: *Chair: R. Hay*
- Membership and Communications incl. Website: *Chair: D. McLean*
- World Congress Programme Committee: *Chair: W. Sterry*
- Fund Raising

#### **World Health Organisation (WHO)**

The WHO Executive Board has recently commended the efforts of the ILDS in support of WHO. It has also informed the ILDS that it will continue to maintain the International League of Dermatological Societies in official relations. This is a huge honour for the ILDS and we will shortly be producing a report for publication by the WHO entitled Essential Medicines for Children.

*E. Arnold, London, UK*



## **International Foundation for Dermatology/Regional Dermatological Training Centre IFD/RDTC**

#### **Update from the Chairman**

##### ***New Strategies for the International Foundation for Dermatology***

The International Foundation for Dermatology has embarked on a new fund raising strategy to boost its current work in West and East Africa. A key new project is the development of teaching materials for use by front line workers, and the IFD is working with other international organisations, particularly the AAD and LEPRO, to accomplish this. New projects in Sri Lanka, Mexico and Cambodia are in development.

##### ***Building of a New Hospital Ward for Skin Diseases in Moshi***

Through the generosity of the Stiefel Foundation, a new ward which will house dermatological patients is under construction in Moshi. The contracts have been signed and the foundations are being laid. The purpose of the ward is to provide appropriate in-patient facilities in a dedicated environment to ensure good nursing and medical care. The needs are great, as the majority of inpatients have severe skin failure, including toxic epidermal necrolysis, as well as HIV associated infection or cancers such as Kaposi's sarcoma. Once completed, the Herb Stiefel ward will provide an ideal modern environment for the care of patients with severe skin disease.

#### **Annual CME Event in Moshi**

The annual CME event in Moshi took place in Tanzania in the second week of January 2008. This year, the guest society was the American Academy of Dermatology, and the President, Diane Baker and President-Elect, David Pariser were welcome members of a strong team. Their contributions to the event were much appreciated. Old and new friends and supporters of the Regional Dermatology Training Centre from South Africa, the Netherlands, UK and Germany, amongst other countries, also joined the teaching faculty.

*Professor R. Hay, London, UK*

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