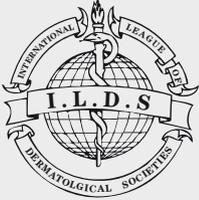


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## 22nd World Congress of Dermatology Seoul 2011

### Letter from Seoul

The 22nd World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) may still be two and a half years away; yet, the organizing committee has been making progress as described below.

#### First Circular

The first circular has been approved by the ILDS and is to be distributed to each member society shortly.

#### Program Suggestions and Program Committee Meeting

The ILDS has already asked all the member societies to send in program suggestions by the end of December, 2008. We are looking forward to active participation from all the member societies. All the suggestions will be forwarded to the Program Committee.

The Program Committee Meeting for the 22nd WCD will be held in February 12–14, 2009, in Ber-

lin. The following members of the ILDS Program Committee will meet to draft up a basic plan outlining the organization of the key sessions of the scientific program of the congress.

#### ILDS Program Committee

*Chair: Wolfram Sterry*

*Committee Members: Jean-Hilaire Saurat (Ex Officio), Hee Chul Eun, Ricardo Galimberti, Soo-Chan Kim, Yoshiki Miyachi, Chetan Oberai, Adrián-Martín Pierini, Marcia Ramos e Silva, Georg Stingl, Jean Bologna*

#### Site Visit by the ILDS Board Members

The ILDS board members will be visiting the site on May 26–29, 2009. During this period, they will gather in Seoul to review the congress preliminary version of the program and discuss the main events including the exhibition and the social programs.

#### Financial Activities

Various events were held, including explanatory meetings for sponsors. In spite of the global recession, a number of major companies conducted site visits of Seoul and one company has already committed a contract for a major sponsorship.

#### Congress Theme

The organizing committee decided the congress theme as 'Connecting the World Through Innovative Dermatology'.

*Hee Chul Eun, President*

*Soo-Chan Kim, Secretary General*

*22nd World Congress of Dermatology*



## 23rd World Congress of Dermatology 'Canada Welcomes You'

### Canadian Dermatology Association Bids for the Vancouver 2015 World Congress of Dermatology

This spring the Canadian Dermatology Association (CDA) officially notified the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) of its bid

to host the 23rd World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) in 2015 in Vancouver.

By 2015, it will have been 23 years since the last time the WCD took place in North America (New York, 1992). Mexico has previously hosted the WCD (1977), thus making Canada the only North American nation that has not yet been given this responsibility. This will represent the third time that Canada will be bidding to host the world's most celebrated dermatology conference. Vancouver is now ready and waiting!

A newly-expanded state-of-the-art convention facility will open in Vancouver in 2009 for the International Winter Olympics in 2010. This facility will boast over 300,000 square feet of exhibit space, 85,000 square feet of meeting space and 72,000 square feet of ballroom space. The stunning downtown harbourfront setting of the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre is second to none. The convention centre captures the dynamic nature of Vancouver with its ocean, mountain and parkland views.

Vancouver's equidistance between Europe and Asia, and bordering the United States, ensure ease of direct travel to and from most major destinations. An abundance of hotel rooms for delegates

is within safe walking distance to the convention centre, shopping, activities and restaurants specializing in local and international cuisine.

Vancouver is an excellent gateway to exploring the scenic beauty and cosmopolitan lifestyle of British Columbia, the Pacific Northwest, and Canada. A scenic drive to Whistler resort, a spectacular train trip over the Canadian Rockies and across Canada, or a breath-taking cruise through the Inside Passage to Alaska will be awaiting your arrival in 2015.

*Jerry Shapiro, President  
Harvey Lui, Secretary-General  
Vancouver 2015 World Congress of  
Dermatology Bid Committee  
Canadian Dermatology Association*

## World Health Organization ICD 10 Revision – ILDS ICD11

The World Health Organization recently approached the ILDS to enquire as to whether it would be willing to undertake the major task of revising the ICD10 Guidelines. For the League to be given this opportunity to lead this groundbreaking project for Dermatology adds kudos to the work of the League.

The importance of being a key player in the classification of diseases of the skin is obvious at a time of DRGs when WHO and policy makers will consider morbidity of diseases rather than just mortality. Dermatology, as a specialty, has missed the occasion to shape ICD 10, with all the ensuing problems.

I believe that this is the kind of challenge that pertains to one of the 'raisons d'être' of the ILDS. It is global, sound for patients with skin diseases and sound for dermatologists worldwide.

Dr. Robert Jakob from the WHO gave a presentation to the Board at their meeting in September outlining the mammoth task ahead. Following the presentation, the Board thanked Dr. Jakob and enthusiastically agreed that this worthwhile project is one which the League should, and will be, honoured to undertake.

The ILDS executive committee is working to organize an 'ICD11 Dermatology Topic Advisory Group' with the dermatologists who, in the past, have significantly contributed to the field of classification of diseases of the skin. By doing so, the ILDS will ensure that the work of these distinguished colleagues will have global recognition and long term validity.

I am sure you will all agree that this is a prime example of how the League can give value to its Member Societies and the World of Dermatology.

I shall be writing to you all in the next few weeks to update you on the progress of this exciting challenge.

*Professor Jean-Hilaire Saurat  
President  
ILDS*

## Members' Corner Brazilian Society of Dermatology

### National Program for Skin Cancer Control Campaign Against Skin Cancer – 2007

*By Marcus Maia, Lúcio Bakos and Selma Cernea*

The Brazilian Society of Dermatology, by means of a national liaison of about 1500 dermatologists, carried out on November 24, 2007, the ninth edition of the Campaign against Skin Cancer.

Media communication encouraged people to attend the preventive examination especially those who presented any risk characteristic for skin cancer and/or suspected clinical signs. Therefore, this preventive examination had a more marked character of secondary prevention (early diagnosis). In view of this initial consideration, it is understandable that any analysis or comment about the data resulting from the consolidation of spreadsheets does not represent a population study and this bias must be taken into account.

Another important point is the fact that most campaign sites are based on demand for care, and the individuals assisted do not represent a homogeneous sample of the Brazilian population.

It is possible that other particularities may influence the results obtained, such as patients who have already had skin cancer and who are being followed up at the same hospital, may have been encouraged to take part in the preventive examination.

A total of 31429 people were examined in Brazil. The first detail was the massive presence of women: 62.5% versus 37.5% of men. This reinforces the idea that women care more about health than males.

Exposure to sun without protection was reported by 67.7% of individuals examined. However, before considering that the data points to generalized disregard of the use of sun protection, it is necessary to understand that the question was asked, most of the times, considering only the use of sunscreen. The high cost of the product may perfectly justify the percentage since the majority of the people interviewed have low purchasing power. This may be an important lesson in the fight against skin cancer since sun protection is not limited to the use of sunscreens and therefore we should convey information regarding other types of protection, such as hats and t-shirts. Additionally, the SBD must gather efforts towards making sunscreen available to the population at risk.

Some results show that the stimulus to attract people at risk and/or suspected signs of skin cancer to the preventive examination worked well:

- 8.1% of those had a history of skin cancer;
- 16.6% reported family members affected by skin cancer;
- 10% of patients examined had some type of skin cancer.

These figures, however, do not mean that the overall Brazilian population has this incidence of skin cancer; rather, they point out the result of a motivation well directed to the population at risk.

An interesting aspect was that, although more women attended (62.5%), there were more diagnoses of skin cancer in men (13.1% versus 8.1%). It is possible that men have better assimilated the

stimulus for early diagnosis, and women for both primary and secondary prevention.

Free campaign on the media is always obtained very easily. The effort made on the week scheduled for the preventive examination has shown to be very productive. The role played by TV on the day of the campaign is often fundamental.

Additionally, flyers distributed for one week at several hospitals have collaborated with 14.5% of population attendance.

Free distribution of caps, T-shirts or even sunscreen in several sites of assistance led several unmotivated people to seek preventive examination and those were people who mostly did not belong to the group at risk. This point needs further evaluation.

The mean age of patients diagnosed with non-melanoma skin cancer was approximately 70 years. This shows that longevity, a worldwide phenomenon, brings a growing number of people who are more prone to develop skin cancer, which possibly justifies the global increase of non-melanoma skin cancer despite all efforts of public health campaigns. If this is not really confirmed, at least we are sure that the skin examination in the elderly population must be one of the priorities in the physical examination carried out by primary care physicians. This will be one of the foci of the Program for Skin Cancer Control this year.

As to melanoma, 201 cases were diagnosed during the campaign, about 5% of the annual Brazilian estimate (Inca). Secondary prevention (early diagnosis) will also be a focus of the Program this year because this represents an efficient fight with immediate effects on the mortality caused by melanoma. We will also draw attention to the plantar region in the elderly population since several cases of acrolentiginous melanoma were diagnosed in this region during the campaign.

Evaluating the results is the most important point in the process, since their interpretation provides subsidies for epidemiological knowledge of skin cancer in Brazil, as well as guidance to new preventive measures.

With the campaign, the Brazilian Society of Dermatology carries out an action that, in addition to the social aspect, also values the image of dermatologists.

### Women in Dermatology

They represent 73% of associates in the SBD and the majority of members in all 23 regional offices. However, the massive presence of women in Dermatology is a relatively recent phenomenon. When Neuzá Lima Dillon studied at the *Faculdade de Medicina e Cirurgia de Belém*, in Pará, in 1957, from a total of 18 men and six women, only Dillon and a female colleague – Dr. Iaci Pina Nazaré – chose Dermatology. Neuzá was a pioneer among women who stood out in the specialty and became the first full professor in Dermatology at the *Faculdade de Medicina de Botucatu*.

In 1967, when she arrived in the city of Botucatu to implement the Dermatology department of the recently established *Faculdade de Ciências Médicas e Biológicas* (Unesp), Neuzá faced conservative behaviors and numerous types of prejudice. There were sidewalks only for men or for women; at the clubs, the swimming pools were open in alternate days for each gender. However, in her opinion, the fact of being a woman was never an obstacle to pursue a career. 'I have always consid-

ered myself equal to the professors and colleagues and I have never allowed anyone to treat me differently. I have not been treated differently by the patients either,' she declared in her book *Mestres da dermatologia paulista* [Masters of Dermatology in the State of Sao Paulo].

The increased number of women in Dermatology had direct reflexes in the structure of SBD, which started to have more female members in its various segments. In 1990, the entity was chaired for the first time by a doctor from Minas Gerais, Orcanda Andrade Patrus. An example of a pioneer, she was also the first woman to chair a Congress of the SBD. In 96 years of its history, four women have been president of this society: in addition to Orcanda, Sarita Martins, a member from the state of Pernambuco in 1995; Clarisse Zaitz, from the state of Sao Paulo, in 1997; and currently, Alice Alchorne, from the state of Sao Paulo.

Different from what happens in Dermatology, most of Brazilian physicians are men. According to data from the Federal Council of Medicine, women represent only 38% of active professionals. According to Dr. Clarisse Zaitz, the predominance of the female gender in Dermatology is related to the long period necessary to the full training of specialists. 'Men are more often the main breadwinner in the family and good dermatologists usually take a long time to start earning money,' she explained. Dr. Orcanda Patrus, on the other hand, considers that the recent social valuation of physical appearance has found greater receptiveness in the female professional performance due, maybe, to a natural skill. 'Maybe women, who in the evolutionary scale developed the senses of vision of colors and perception of small changes mirrored in the offspring skin, have an inherited easiness to dermatology,' she argues. Dr. Alice Alchorne has a similar opinion. 'The specialty requires objectiveness and the use of the senses which are very sharp qualities in women,' she pointed out.

According to the former presidents of the SBD, the challenges of the job are the same for men and women because what matters is not the gender, but a good medical and human background, in addition to a sharp sense of esthetics and criticism. 'The most important thing is to be a serious, competent and updated professional, regardless of the gender. This is a discussion from the past,' argues Dr. Sarita Martins.

However, even if during the career the professional quality speaks louder than the gender, women face ahead one more challenge: to conciliate profession and family life. Professor Neuza Lima Dillon did not get married nor had children, dedicating full time to dermatology teaching. In the next generations, with the possibility of professionalization of women not only in the medical field, but also in the several human activities, they will seek means to conciliate work and family. 'I had more professional commitments as my children grew up and became more independent,' said Dr. Alice Alchorne.

The capacity to care well for the family and the profession at the same time is considered a female feature. 'I progressed a lot in my scientific and associative career and I have a wonderful family,' pointed out Dr. Clarisse Zaitz. Dr. Sarita Martins complements, 'for any woman, it is always difficult to conciliate the triple journey: mother, wife and professional, mainly when we seek the long ex-

pected perfection. Thank God and science, we have the genetic capacity to unfold ourselves!'

#### Homage

##### Dr. Neuza Lima Dillon (6 June 1929 – 7 Oct 2007)

- Graduated from the *Faculdade de Medicina e Cirurgia da Universidade do Pará*
- Medical residency at the Hospital das Clínicas da Faculdade de Medicina da USP
- In charge of the Department of Dermatology of the *Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade Estadual Paulista de Botucatu* (Unesp) for 30 years
- First Full Professor at the *Faculdade de Medicina da Unesp*
- Vice-President of SBD Regional office – Sao Paulo, in 1977
- Emeritus Professor at the *Faculdade de Medicina da Unesp*

#### Presidents of SBD

##### Dr. Orcanda Patrus

- Graduated from the *Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais* (UFMG)
- Residency at the Department of Dermatology of the *Hospital das Clínicas da Universidade de São Paulo*
- Master's degree in Infectious and Parasitic Diseases from the *Faculdade de Medicina da UFMG*
- PhD degree in Tropical Medicine from the *Faculdade de Medicina da UFMG*
- First Full Professor at the *Faculdade de Medicina da UFMG*
- President of SBD from 1990 to 1991
- President of the Congress of the SBD in 1991

##### Dr. Sarita Martins

- Graduated from the *Faculdade de Ciências Médicas de Pernambuco*
- Residency at the Department of Dermatology of the *Universidade Federal de Pernambuco* (UFPE)
- Master's degree in Tropical Medicine from the UFPE
- Associate Professor at the *Faculdade de Medicina da UFPE*
- Coordinator of medical residency and the course of specialization in Dermatology at the UFPE
- PhD in Dermatology from the *Universidade de São Paulo*
- President of SBD Regional Office – Pernambuco
- President of the SBD from 1995 to 1996
- President of the Congress of the SBD in 1996

##### Dr. Clarisse Zaitz

- Graduated from the *Faculdade de Ciências Médicas da Santa Casa de São Paulo*
- Master's degree in Dermatology from the *Universidade Federal de São Paulo (Unifesp)*
- PhD degree in Dermatology from the Unifesp
- Associate Professor at the *Faculdade de Ciências Médicas da Santa Casa de São Paulo*
- President of the SBD from 1997 to 1998

##### Dr. Alice Alchorne

- Graduated from the *Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de São Paulo (FMUSP)*
- Residency in Dermatology at the *Hospital das Clínicas da FMUSP*

- Examination for post-doctorate professor in Dermatology at the *Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade Federal do Pernambuco*
- Full Professor of Dermatology at the *Faculdade de Medicina de Bragança Paulista*
- Adjunct Professor at the Department of Dermatology at the *Universidade Federal de São Paulo – Escola Paulista de Medicina*
- President of the SBD Regional Office – São Paulo, in 2003
- Current President of the SBD



## The Indonesian Society of Dermatology and Venereology (ISDV)

The Indonesian Society of Dermatology and Venereology (ISDV) held its National Congress on July 2–5, 2008 in Palembang, West Sumatera (KONAS PERDOSKI XII). It was attended by around 1000 doctors from Indonesia and also some guest speakers from Asian countries and Australia. The main topics were geriatric dermatology and anti-aging medicine. We also have elected our new president of the society, and the board of directors are as follows:

#### President

Titi Lestari Sugito MD

#### Vice Presidents

Erdina H.D. Pusponegoro

Lukman Hakim, MD

Inne Arline Diana Nasution, MD

#### Assistant Vice Presidents

Fadjar Waskito, MD

Lis Surachmiati, MD

Eddy Karta, MD

#### Secretary General

Sandra Widaty, MD

#### Vice Secretary

Dewi Lestari, MD

#### Treasurer

Ari Muhandari MD

#### Vice Treasurer

Tina Wardhani Wisesa, MD

Indonesia will be organizing the next Regional International Union of Sexually Transmitted Infections Congress which will be held in Bali, one of our most famous islands, on May 2010

ISDV has arranged that all members should achieve certain points regarding continuing professional development; which is also requested by the Indonesian Medical Association, and we hope that this activity will improve the competence of our members and also the quality in treating dermatology and venereology patients.



## Korean Dermatological Association

The 8th Asian Dermatological Congress  
Seoul, Korea / 1st-4th Oct., 2008

Seoul, the dynamic capital city of South Korea, hosted the 8th Asian Dermatological Congress (ADC) at Sheraton Grande Walkerhill Hotel from Oct. 1st through 4th. It was organized by ADC2008 organizing committee and Korean Dermatological Association, hosted by Asian Dermatological Association (ADA), and sponsored by 18 international companies in the medical industries. Autumn is the most beautiful time of the year in Korea with crisp, clean air and azure sky. The venue, which sits right by the banks of Han River, welcomed a record total of 1,115 congress participants from 25 countries (specific information is shown in the table) who gathered together under the slogan of 'Shaping the future: dermatology in Asia'.

Since its inception in Hong Kong in 1986, ADC has become one of the major international academic congresses in dermatological field. This year, a total of 580 abstracts (285 from Korea and 295 from overseas) were presented and 88 exhibition booths installed. There were a total of 76 scientific sessions, including 10 plenary lectures, 15 free communications, 15 morning focus sessions, 8 symposia, 7 satellite symposia, 7 teaching courses, 4 workshops, and 2 dermatosurgery symposia.

Following the opening ceremony on Oct. 1, the meeting began with the first plenary lecture by Professor Peter Elias. Other invited speakers included Professors Ken Lee, Sewon Kang, Thomas Bieber, Diane Thiboutot, Peter van de Kerkhof, Henry Lim, Xue-Jun Zhang, and Jerry Shapiro. Many new insights into diseases such as atopic dermatitis, allergic and irritant contact dermatitis, acne, psoriasis, fungal infections, genodermatoses, hair & nail disorders, melanoma, blistering disorders, connective tissue diseases and alopecia as well as aging/geriatrics, basic science, dermatopathology, dermatopharmacology/cosmeceuticals, dermatosurgery, immunodermatology, lasers and cosmetic dermatology were shared among attendees. On the first evening of the congress, around 800 attendees participated and enjoyed warm Korean hospitality at Welcome Dinner which featured traditional dance and drum performances. On Oct. 2, ADA Council Meeting was held, and Professor Jai-Il Youn from Korea was elected as the new President of the ADA. Hong Kong was chosen as the host city for the next ADC which will be held in 2012, one year after the World Congress in Seoul, 2011. Farewell Party on Oct. 3 featured performances by a Korean fusion musician group.

During the congress, accompanying persons of the attendees went on a tour of Seoul, with visits to Gyeongbok Palace and Insadong antique street, the most famous tourist spots in Seoul. Attendees not only took current dermatological knowledge but also the memories of Korea and of old and new friends home.

Kudos to Professor Jai-Il Youn, the President of this year's ADC, Professor Kwang-Joong Kim, the Secretary General, and so many others who worked so hard to make the ADC a great success.

For more details, please visit: [www.adc2008.org](http://www.adc2008.org)

| Country           | No. of Participants |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Australia         | 5                   |
| Cambodia          | 1                   |
| Canada            | 1                   |
| China             | 105                 |
| France            | 10                  |
| Germany           | 3                   |
| Hong Kong         | 22                  |
| India             | 30                  |
| Indonesia         | 80                  |
| Iran              | 1                   |
| Japan             | 81                  |
| Malaysia          | 38                  |
| Mongolia          | 9                   |
| Netherlands       | 1                   |
| Pakistan          | 4                   |
| Philippines       | 24                  |
| Republic of Korea | 487                 |
| Singapore         | 47                  |
| Sri Lanka         | 11                  |
| Switzerland       | 2                   |
| Taiwan            | 47                  |
| Thailand          | 74                  |
| UK                | 1                   |
| USA               | 19                  |
| Vietnam           | 12                  |
| Total             | 1115                |



Welcome Dinner, ADC 2008



Professor Jai-il Youn, President, ADC 2008



## Mexican Academy of Dermatology

LV Congreso Anual de Terapéutica  
Dermatológica  
February 18th through February 21st, 2009,  
México City

At the date of publication program details are not yet available. These will be published in the next Newsletter.



## Taiwanese Dermatological Association (TDA)

The official journal of the Taiwanese Dermatological Association-Dermatologica Sinica has recently been qualified to be indexed and abstracted in the Science Citation Index Expanded (also known as SciSearch®) and Journal Citation Reports/Science Edition.

Two members of the Taiwanese Dermatological Association (TDA) have served the presidency of the university in Taiwan. Currently, Professor Hsin-Su Yu has been the president of Kaohsiung Medical University since 2006.

Professor David Chung-Hong Hu had been the president of Taipei Medical University in Taipei for 1990 to 2002.

Professor Yu is the former president of TDA (2003-2006) and Professor Hu is currently the president of TDA.



# International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) Update from the Chairman

## New Specialist Advisory Groups

In keeping with the plan presented to the ILDS at the time of the 21st WCD, the IFD Committee (see below) has been constituted and five new specialist advisory groups have been established

- a) Public Health (Robin Marks, Chair)
- b) Education (Neil Prose, Chair)
- c) Sexually transmitted diseases (Angelika Stary, Chair)
- d) Leprosy (Terence Ryan, Chair)
- e) IT and communication (Peter Schmid Grendelmeyer, Chair)

These are in different stages of evolution but, for instance, the Public Health Group has started work on the identification of those working in the

field of tropical public health in skin disease in different regions. The Education Group, in collaboration with the American Academy of Dermatology, has started work on the development of a common curriculum that would be applicable at primary care level in different countries. Following our meeting in Paris, the Education Group has embarked on a detailed examination of different models of training front line health workers.

## New IFD Committee

The new IFD Committee comprises Rod Hay (Chair), Jean Hilaire Saurat (ex-officio), Mary Maloney (ex-officio), Robin Marks, Kristian Thestrup-Pedersen, Yoshiko Miyachi, Abdul Kibbi, Aldo Morone, Rebecca Penzer, Henning Grossman and Jean Revuz. The committee identified amongst other new projects for fund raising targets over the next 2 years: Seed funding for needs assessments in different world regions, the Francophone Africa project to complete current work in Mali and extend this to other French-speaking regions, a Latin American education initiative based in Chilapa, Mexico, the development of new education materials (in collaboration with the American Academy of Dermatology).

We are very sad to report the death of a strong supporter of the IFD, Peter Bentley. A lawyer by profession, he became the Chairman of the Her-

zog Foundation, which has been a great benefactor to dermatology. Peter was a key worker and donor from the early days of the Regional Dermatology Training Centre (RDTC) in Tanzania and was responsible, more recently, through the Herzog Foundation, for providing the endowment to support the RDTC. He was a very human person. Alfred Kopf recalls his additional contributions to make the opening of the RDTC by the Prime Minister of Tanzania a success.

## Tribute to Peter Bentley

'We remember well the visit to the RDTC in Moshi at the opening ceremony when he and Nancy were on their knees scrubbing the library shelves so they would be clean for the tour of the new facility by the Tanzanian Prime Minister who officiated at the Ceremonies.'

He was also a very practical man as he rightly foresaw that there was an urgent need for a surfaced road to link the Centre with the residences and other parts of the campus and to prevent the massive influx of dust that had interrupted work until this time. The Herzog Foundation duly provided the funds and the road has been a great success. Peter will long be remembered for his generosity and foresight.

Professor R. J. Hay, London, UK

# Update from the Administrative Officer ILDS Certificate of Appreciation 2007



Dra Maria-Teresa Hojyo (centre) receiving her Certificate of Appreciation in Guadalajara at the XXII Mexican Congress of Dermatology in August, 2008. The Certificate was presented by Professor Jorge Ocampo-Candiani (right), ILDS Board Member, with the President of the Mexican Society of Dermatology, Dra Mary Carmen Padilla (left).

## New Member Societies of the League

Another topic discussed at the recent Board Meeting was that of new member societies. The Philippine Academy of Clinical and Cosmetic Dermatology (PACCD) was welcomed into the League. This society has 321 members and will officially join us on the 1st January, 2009.

An application has been received from the Italian Society of Allergological, Occupational and Environmental

Dermatology (SIDAPA). This application will be discussed by the Membership Committee and presented to the Board at its next meeting in Seoul, Korea in May, 2009.

## Website Activity

In particular the ICD10 and Newsletter sections of the website are proving to be extremely popular. The new website is now 'live'. If any of your Society details are out of date, please inform the ILDS office with your updates.

Do you have any suggestions for the website? We'll be only too happy to receive and discuss your suggestions.

## ILDS Newsletter

In order to ensure that your Newsletter is received and read by as many of your Society members as possible, we would like to propose that we send your Society a link to the ILDS website for you to incorporate on your own site. This link will be sent to your Society in the next few weeks.

Would it be helpful for this office to send a copy of the Newsletter electronically directly to your members? If so, please send your members' email addresses and we will be happy to send a pdf of each Newsletter as it is published.

## Membership Fees for 2008

A relatively high number of Societies have not yet paid the membership fee for 2008 despite reminders having been sent. Has your Society paid? Do you have any questions regarding your membership fee?

Would it be helpful to pay by credit card? We are considering this method as an alternative to Societies paying by cheque or electronic transfer. Let us know if this would be more convenient for you and your Society.

E. Arnold, London, UK

## ILDS Certificate of Appreciation 2008

The Board of the ILDS met in Paris during the EADV Congress. One of the topics on the agenda was the presentation of the Awards Committee report. There were 29 nominations this year and the following individuals were proposed to receive a Certificate of Appreciation:

| Successful candidates       | Proposed by   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Sadao Imamura               | Society for Investigate Dermatology and Japanese Dermatological Association |
| Roberto Estrada             | American Academy of Dermatology   |
| Eric C. Vonderheid          | American Academy of Dermatology   |
| Alberto Andrea Giannetti    | SideMaST  |
| Aryeh Metzker               | Israeli Society of Dermatology and Venereology                              |
| Richard John Graham Rycroft | European Society of Contact Dermatitis                                      |
| Shinji Shimada              | Society for Investigative Dermatology                                       |
| Rudolf Happle               | EADV  |
| Attila Horvath              | EADV  |
| Louis Dubretret             | French Society of Dermatology   |

Many congratulations to all the recipients of this Award.