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## INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

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It gives us immense pride to know that we are all united in our goal to address the dermatologic needs of underserved communities. We are pleased that many societies have responded positively and we hope that those who have not yet responded will consider organizing a volunteer activity as part of

### WORLD SKIN HEALTH DAY (WSHD).

Since the program is just getting underway, we anticipate that the dates of these activities will vary from country to country, at least for the first two to three years. Thereafter, a coordinated effort will be made to choose a specific month or week for volunteer efforts.

We are asking societies to share their experiences via short reports and photographs. The goal is to dedicate one of the upcoming ILDS Newsletters to these activities. In addition, the Newsletter will serve as a source of ideas for societies that are contemplating future programs.

If you have already conducted your volunteer projects, please send us a summary (see above). If the activity is planned for the future, please send us the project name and proposed date.

We believe that the WSHD should be a global commitment, providing compassion combined with medical care.

Again, accept our sincere gratitude.

Very sincerely,

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# WCD 2015 - Vancouver

## ILDS Previews the World Congress of Dermatology in Vancouver

23<sup>RD</sup> WORLD CONGRESS  
OF DERMATOLOGY  
VANCOUVER 2015



This past June, Vancouver welcomed the Board of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS), along with four executive members of the Canadian Dermatology Association for the official ILDS Site Visit.



Vancouver was able to showcase many of the activities that the city will have to offer delegates for the upcoming World Congress of Dermatology including the re-launch of our website, [www.derm2015.org](http://www.derm2015.org). The Cruise Ship season was in full-swing during the site visit and everyone was amazed at the close vicinity of the ship ports to the Vancouver Convention Centre.

Of course, it's not all play. The WCD has been hard at work to develop the program and we are pleased to confirm the following **Distinguished Lectures** that will be presented at the Congress:



- **The Bioinformatics Revolution in Medicine, Atul Butte (USA)**
- **Stem Cells in Dermatology, Elaine Fuchs (USA)**
- **Autoinflammatory Syndromes and the Skin, Daniel Kastner (USA)**
- **HIV - Treatment as Prevention, Julio Montaner (CAN)**
- **HHV8 and Polyomavirus in Dermatology, Patrick Moore (USA)**

For more information on the program, visit the website at [www.derm2015.org](http://www.derm2015.org) – or, better yet, visit us in Istanbul at the EADV Conference. We will be accepting registrations at our booth #106. While you're there, have your photo taken to be featured on the Congress website as part of our "I'll Be There" campaign. See you in Istanbul!

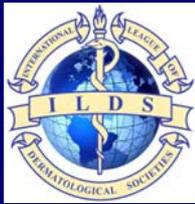
## Future Events

For announcement of future events, please follow these instructions:

Visit our website: [www.ilds.org](http://www.ilds.org)

Click on "Events" and "Add a New Event" and insert all the details

After you inserted all details, please **advise** Eve Arnold on [admin@ilds.org](mailto:admin@ilds.org) who will then place the insertion onto the site.



## Members' Corner

### Indian Society of Teledermatology



#### Telederm India 2013

Fourth National Conference of Indian Society of Teledermatology was held on 28th July. The theme of the conference was "Towards a global network of Dermatologists" The conference was partnered by the IADVL Chennai City Chapter.

The entire day's session was webcasted. It was privileged by the active participation of President of the International Society of Teledermatology Prof. Jayakar Thomas and Secretary Dr Paola Pasquali. Dr Rajendra Singh from US spoke on "Your mobile

device-the 21st century teaching tool and dermatology office".

Video Conference was the star event of the Conference when, Dr. Satish Savant from Bombay and Prof. Sacchidanand from Bangalore discussed on Vitiligo surgery and Platelet rich plasma. Dr. David Polsky from the US participated virtually through Skype lecture on "Store-and-forward teledermatology as an aid to the early diagnosis of melanoma"

Prof. A. S. Thambiah Oration, Oral presentations, prize papers for the Post graduate students were the other sessions which were very much appreciated and useful to the delegates. The quiz conducted by Prof. Jayakar Thomas, was the most attractive and interactive session with 100% audience participation

Observation of World Vitiligo Day on 25th June 2013

1. At Thanjavur Medical College Hospital, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu  
The event comprised of an awareness talk, "Vitiligo – Heal or Conceal" which was attended by patients and paramedical staff besides students and faculty of the college and hospital
2. At Chennai, Tamil Nadu  
Free skin camp was conducted, giving counseling to all vitiligo patients.



### Chinese Society of Dermatology

Reported by Jianzhong Zhang, MD

**The 19th Chinese Society of Dermatology Annual Meeting** was successfully held in Chengdu, Sichuan from June 19th to 23rd 2013. This meeting was co-organized by the Chinese Society of Dermatology (CSD) and the Sichuan Medical Association. Attracting more than 3000 dermatologists, this meeting was a great success.

A total of 95 academic sessions were held with more than 600 speakers. Over 70 speakers were

from the US, Germany, France, Japan, Korea, and other countries, including Professor Dirk M Elston, President of American Association of Dermatology, Professor Thomas Krieg from Cologne University, Professor George Tsokos from Harvard University and Professor Rudolf Happle from Freiburg University.

Three pre-meetings were also successfully held. 2013 Congress of Asia Pacific Society of Medical Mycology, 2013 International Sym-

posium on Epigenetics and immune Disease, 2013 National Dermatogenetics Workshop were all successful.

The theme of the CSD Annual Meeting is "Dermatology for all". More than 50 free continuing medical education courses were held at the meeting, including how to use anti-histamines, evidence-based dermatology, clue of skin manifestation the internet for better communication with patients and colleagues.



These Sessions were welcomed by most participants.

CSD annual meetings were welcomed by Chinese dermatologists. More and more dermatologists participated this meeting and they were interested in the continuing medical education course, which is free for all participants. Besides the annual meeting, CSD also had CME course regularly over the years. In 2012, CSD successfully organized 86 continuing medical education courses and more than 8,000 dermatologists had attended these courses. In recent years, CSD has also made a number of guidelines for common skin diseases, e.g. atopic dermatitis, urticaria, cutaneous lupus erythematosus, acne and fungal diseases. In

addition, CSD organized "CSD lecturer delegates" and went to all provinces especially underdeveloped areas to give lectures and help local dermatologists to use these guidelines. In 2013, CSD launched "CSD 2013 continuing medical education training program". More than 15,000 dermatologists are expected to participate in this program.



## Taiwanese Dermatological Association (TDA)



Reported by Thomas W. Chu, MD

**The World Skin Health Day (WSHD)** is the dermatology answer to the World Health Day (WHD) established by the World Health Organization (WHO). The WHD was initiated by WHO in 1950 to commemorate its founding and since 1995 has drawn worldwide attention to a major health issue each year. With emphasis on skin health, the International League of Dermatological Society (ILDS) and the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) introduced WSHD in 2013 with the goal to unify and organize community efforts of ILDS members to boost public image of dermatology and to affect global awareness of major dermatological issues. To fully support the ILDS initiative, the Taiwanese Dermatological Association (TDA) proposed June 6 as a WSHD and spearheaded a countrywide sun awareness campaign to educate the public on

optimal sun protection and skin cancer prevention. June is perhaps an apt month to raise such awareness in Taiwan, as the country is among the sixteen situated on the Tropic of Cancer (or the Northern tropics). During June, the sun may appear directly overhead at its zenith, so Taiwan experiences maximum incoming solar radiation. Sun awareness and protection thus take on a greater public health issue.

The campaign kicked off at a TDA press conference in Taipei on June 6, and the time and place for the upcoming daylong events were announced. Registration for the two weekend-events was made available online through the TDA website, and free posters and educational pamphlets were distributed throughout hospitals and the health clinics. The educational campaign was two-pronged, with dermatologists lecturing on skin cancer detection and sun protection, as well as skin screening and

dermoscopic mole checks. The aim was to promote regular self-examination of suspicious lesions, and to educate about the basics of ultraviolet radiation with tips on sun protection, including choosing appropriate clothing and sunscreen.

William Shakespeare once described dark suntan as "the shadowed livery of the burnished sun". In Taiwan, as in other East Asian countries, such bronzed, tanned skin is not aesthetically prized as in many Western countries. During hot summer days, women are seen using umbrellas (or sunbrellas) or other objects to shield their faces from the sun when outside. One seldom sees sunbathers on the balcony or in the park, and the rare tanning salon remains a novelty. Such cultural disinclination to the sun is reflective in the survey from onsite questionnaire showing 70% of the attendees use some type of sun protection. Despite wide use, survey also revealed





common misconceptions, e.g., not knowing that sun protection is needed all year round, even on cloudy days, and frequency of sunscreen application when outdoors. With regard to the campaign, the final survey showed 80% of the attendees were satisfied and many received helpful tips and information through the TDA sponsored website and online forum discussion. The well-attended WSHD event concluded successfully, and lessons of sun protection and skin screening were well received. The Taiwanese Dermatological Association looks forward to joining other fellow dermatological societies to celebrate the

**World Skin Health Day next year!**



## Society for Cutaneous Ultrastructure Research (SCUR) Society for Skin Structure Research (SSSR, Japan)

Reported by Wolfgang Muss, MD

### 40th Annual SCUR Meeting = 6th Joint Meeting with the SSSR SALZBURG, Austria, 12th – 14th of May, 2013

The Society for Cutaneous Ultrastructure Research SCUR ([www.scur.org](http://www.scur.org)) maintains its primary interest in promoting research in Electron Microscopy while combining modern visualization techniques and approaches including molecular biology followed by LM- or EM-observations, applied to skin biology and pathology, in order to advance the understanding of human skin ultrastructure and physiology in health and disease. The Society for Skin Structure Research SSSR (cf. <http://www.derm-hokudai.jp/sssr/greeting-e.htm>), the sister-Society of SCUR, is determined to enhance the quality of skin structure research and to widely publicize the importance of clinical activities

and molecular biology, both of which are supported by morphologically based diagnostic and research methods including electron microscopy (for microstructural examination), light microscopy (for molecular pathology examination), dermoscopy, and the study of cutaneous eruptions.

The 6th Joint Meeting of both Societies in Salzburg has been again a highlight in our Societies' collective activities (as reported seriously by the international faculty of participants). Organized by the Local Committee (Prof. Dr. H. Hintner, Dr. Wolfgang Muss, Prof. Dr. J. W. Bauer and Dr. H. Hametner) at a famous location beneath the foot of the mighty Fortress "Hohensalzburg" in the Parkhotel Castellani the conference met <modern and classic> concepts, scientifically as well as socially.

The Programme consisted of 9 invited lectures (30-45 mins), 22

regular oral presentations (10 mins) and 19 Posters, the latter of which were presented in 3 poster sessions with lively 5 mins discussion/poster each.

The conference was attended by some 60 clinical Dermatologists, Dermatopathologists and Researchers in specialized fields personally involved in cutaneous research and diagnostics or who have interest in the large spectrum of techniques applied to skin research, experimental Dermatology, and comparative or diagnostic examination of (human and animal) cutaneous tissue (no space left here to talk or write about the Program, so – please – you are referred to visit [www.scur.org](http://www.scur.org), Sub-URLs: PREVIOUS SCUR MEETINGS, Sublink PROGRAM).

Excellent presentations from skin barrier structure and function to experimental and diagnostic structural work using more or less



## Newsletter Deadlines for 2014

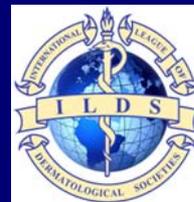
We have prepared a schedule for your submission to our regular Newsletters. When submitting your articles, please remember to include your Society's logo and relevant photographs in a word document.

### Submission to ILDS Administrative Office

28<sup>th</sup> February 2014  
28<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
28<sup>th</sup> August 2014  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2014

### Newsletter Distribution dates to all Societies

17<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
16<sup>th</sup> June 2014  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
15<sup>th</sup> December 2014



sophisticated and modern microscopical approaches combined with immunohisto-chemical, immunofluorescence and molecular methods could be listened to.

The Meeting was scientifically outstanding, creative and successful, nevertheless not lacking very familiar, collegial atmosphere with fruitful personal face-to-face discussions. There was also time for a splendid Social Dinner evening in the historic 'Wappensaal' of the Fortress "Hohensalzburg" with live classical string quartet music, this way

rounding off and emphasizing also the social aspect of our SCUR meetings.

The Abstracts of the Conference will be published soon in a renowned Dermato-Pathological Journal.



## 2013 ILDS Certificate of Appreciation



### Award recipients

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Fernando Almeida                  | Yves de Prost        |
| Klaus Ejner Andersen              | Johannes Ring        |
| Michael David                     | Hans W. Rothenborg   |
| Brigitte Dréno                    | Thomas Ruzicka       |
| Rafael Falabella                  | Daniel J. Santa Cruz |
| Lawrence Gibson                   | Hardyanto Soebono    |
| Miguel Ruben Guarda Tartin        | Jayakar Thomas       |
| Koji Hashimoto                    | Jai Il Youn          |
| Clemente Alejandro Moreno-Collado | Shukrallah Zaynoun   |
| Dédée Murrell                     | Jianzhong Zhang      |
| Neil S. Prose                     |                      |

## We are pleased to welcome the following Societies into the League as of 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2014

### Member Societies

- Belarusian Society of Dermatovenereologists and Cosmetologists
- North American Hair Research Society
- United States Cutaneous Lymphoma Consortium (USCLC)
- Skin of Color Society (USA)
- Honduran Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery
- Senegalese Society of Dermato-Venereology
- Nigerian Association of Dermatologists

### Affiliated Societies

- Asian Academy of Dermatology & Venereology
- North American Hair Research Society