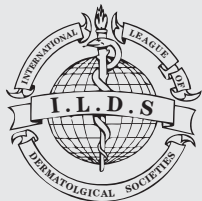


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Members' Corner



Joint Meeting: 7th World Congress on Melanoma and 5th Congress of the European Association of Dermato-Oncology (EADO)

May 12–16, 2009, Vienna, Austria

Congress President: Hubert Pehamberger
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Deadlines

- Abstract Submission deadline: January 31, 2009
- Registration at reduced fee: February 28, 2009
- Pre Registration: May 1, 2009



American Academy of Dermatology Supports RDTTC Reunion and CME – Tanzania, January 2008

Each year one national dermatologic society assists with the provision of a CME program for former students of the Regional Dermatologic Training Centre (RDTTC) in Moshi, Tanzania. In 2008, the American Academy of Dermatology volunteered to provide a \$25,000 grant, as well as faculty for the 13th annual CME program, held this past January.

Approximately 75 former students of the RDTTC were in attendance, including Medical Assistants and Clinical Officers from East, West, Central and Southern African countries that have completed the RDTTC's two-year training program. Normally the reunion draws larger numbers but due to unrest in Kenya, many graduates could not obtain visas to travel from or through that country.

The CME program provided the opportunity for many former RDTTC students to receive valuable dermatologic updates. On the Saturday following the CME program, there is always a graduate reunion. The reunion facilitates the networking of former students as well as new graduates.

Since its first academic year in 1992, about 100 dermatovenereology officers from thirteen countries across the African continent have graduated from the RDTTC. The AAD has been a strong supporter of the RDTTC over the years, and Academy members in attendance were pleased to be able to see the immense value in what the Academy has been supporting.



The Australasian College of Dermatologists

The 41st Annual Scientific Meeting
Sydney, Australia / 17th – 21st May, 2008

Richard Wittal Reports

The exciting and vibrant city of Sydney recently hosted the Annual Scientific Meeting. Picture postcard perfect weather greeted all our visitors. The meeting was held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The meeting started on the Saturday with a very informative clinical dermatology update followed by an acne symposium and a workshop on filler substances and botulinum toxin.

Sunday started with the virtual clinical meeting where a potpourri of fascinating cases were presented. An update session on surgical and radiotherapy treatment of difficult

non-melanoma skin cancers followed. The excellent Registrars forum showed the talent of our Registrars.

A fractional laser resurfacing breakfast session preceded the What's New keynote lectures given by Professors Frieden, Krutmann and Gallo on haemangiomas, photoprotection/photoaging and antimicrobial peptides. Concurrent symposia on surgical, vulval, aesthetic dermatology and contact dermatitis followed.

Tuesday began with the photodynamic therapy breakfast meeting and this was followed by symposia on photobiology and photomedicine, a

melanoma update and an update seminar on rosacea.

A dermatology breakfast session preceded the dermatopathology symposium on Wednesday morning. The research update followed with talks on hair research and CTCL. The meeting ended with a keynote session on lumps and bumps in neonates and children and the ophthalmic consequences of corticosteroids.

A few pearls gained from the meeting:

- Food allergy in adults is rare
- Remember the risk of osteoporosis with corticosteroids
- Treat chronic paronychia with topical steroids and oral biotin can be helpful for brittle nails
- Eye-lid hygiene is important with oral retinoids
- Merkel cell tumours are very radiosensitive
- Lymphocytic thrombophilic arteritis is a distinctive biopsy finding in livedo racemosa
- Uncontrolled atopic dermatitis can be due to poor treatment compliance
- Vitamin D and its protective role against cancers
- Research into the treatment of metastatic melanoma showing the beneficial effect of Rose Bengal intralesionally, autologous vaccination and radiotherapy

The ever increasing size of the poster display was excellent and very informative.

The 41st ASM was a great success and a tribute to Professor Diona Damian. Our thanks go to all the Presenters and the College staff for their tireless effort and dedication.

We look forward to the next ASM to be held on the Gold Coast in May 2009.

EADV Summer School on STIs 23–27 June 2008 Sofia, Bulgaria

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Dr. Elena Petrova, MD, PhD
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* A part of this material is published in the 'EADV NEWS' newsletter

The Bulgarian Dermatological Society hosted for a second consecutive year the EADV Summer School on sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The extended lecture program and practical work, together with the including of new topics and the improved social activities were only a part of the ambition of the organizing committee to make this year's event even more interesting to the participants than the course in 2007.

Twenty trainees from all over the world performing their internship in European clinics had the chance to participate in the course after a selection process. The nationality diversity of the group was multiform as the delegates originated and were based in 18 different countries: Albania, Australia, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, and United Kingdom.



The course participants together with the organizing committee and the speakers

The 5-day training course in 2008 offered the participants newly added topics to those of 2007 such as the programs for surveillance (Prof. H. Tsankov) and risk behavioral groups (Prof. E. Kabakchieva). Of a great practical interest were the lectures on skin changes in AIDS (Prof. N. Tsankov), the epidemiology and the mechanism of HIV infection (Prof. R. Argirova), the knowledge of genital infections (Prof. K. Chudomirova) with an emphasis on Candida (Dr. G. Mateev) and human herpes viruses (Dr L. Dourmishev), and the skin infestations as STIs (Prof. M. Gantcheva). Syphilis was revealed as the great imitator in medicine (Prof. K. Pramatarov, Dr. E. Petrova) and as a congenital disease (Dr. R. Dencheva). Topics such as the histopathologic diagnosis of genital disorders and STIs (Prof. M. Balabanova), skin diseases with genital involvement (Prof. S. Vassileva), urethritis (Dr. G. Pehlivanov), psychotherapy of venerophobia (Prof. L. Stransky), the role of tattoos, piercing and fillers as risk factors in STIs and the syphilis as a disease of famous composers, writers, and artists from a historical perspective (Prof. J. Kazandjieva) had a key role for the comprehensiveness and the diversity of the lectures.

The practical training under the devoted supervision and guidance of Dr E. Petrova offered practical experience in the laboratory diagnosis of STIs with a stress on syphilis (Dr. E. Petrova, Dr. G. Mateev) and the histology manifestation of STIS (Prof. M. Balabanova). In the institute of virology the participants learned about the patient counseling and the lab diagnosis of HIV (Prof. D. Beshkov), and the newest in the diagnosis of HPV infections (Prof. Z. Kalvachev).

The attendants had the chance to participate in the clinical rounds at the university dermatology clinic showing excellent knowledge in the dermatological diagnosis and therapy.

During the 5-day program the participants presented their case presentations in the fields of STIs in two separate sessions. The best three presentations and the winners, i.e. Dr Gabriela Catana - Romania, Dr. Marija Buljan - Croatia, and Dr. Victoria Pearce - Australia, were awarded. At the end of the educational program a quiz was performed including clinical cases and questions regarding the diagnosis and the therapy.



The winner of the case presentation sessions and the quiz, Dr. Gabriela Catana (Romania), is awarded by the Chairperson of the Summer School – Prof. Nikolai Tsankov, Dr. Elena Petrova and Ms Ildiko Papp (EADV officer).

Following the principle of 'EADV Fostering Dermatology and Venereology' to promote friendship and celebrate Europe diversity, the organizing committee offered interesting and varied social program. In their free afternoon the participants visited Rila monastery – the biggest monastery on the Balkan Peninsula. The attendants touched the traditional Bulgarian atmosphere and cuisine in the traditional restaurant 'Chevermeto', feel the spirit of Sofia by night, and spent great time with their hosts from the organizing committee.

The main course venue was the Department of dermatology and venereology, Medical Faculty-Sofia at the 'Aleksandrovska' University hospital, chaired by Prof. Assen Zlatev who provided all available facilities of the hospital. The time spent in the institute of virology and the newly built hospital 'Tokuda' broadened the clinical and laboratory experience of the attendants.



The participants receive the special issue of the CEEDVA bulletin dedicated on syphilis.

The success and the improvement of the second EADV Summer School on STIs held in Sofia are a result of the experience and the good collaboration of the local organizing committee and the EADV team. Having a former experience is a favorable premise but not a guarantee for improving the quality of such an event each year. That is why the organizing committee and its chairperson, Prof. N. Tsankov, hope to welcome again residents from all over Europe at the next Summer School on STIs in Sofia.



European Society of Contact Dermatitis

On behalf of the ESCD members, THANK YOU to the Local and Scientific Committee for the NICE 9th Congress of the European Society of Contact Dermatitis offered the last May 2008. Francisco M. Brandao as President of the Organizing Committee reported that at least 401 participants were registered, 126 also for the Pre-Congress Symposium. Total presentations amounted to 228.

www.ESCD.org New Website

The new Website will be constructed during 2008.

ESCD Administrative Announcements

Klaus E Andersen became the ESCD President.

An Goossens became President elect.

The executive committee include also Jean Pierre Lepoittevin as Past President, Mark Wilkinson as Treasurer and Ana Giménez-Arnau as Secretary.

The purpose of the ESCD is to promote interest, stimulate research and disseminate information on all aspects of contact dermatitis and other environmental and occupational skin diseases.

The ESCD is in the process of organizing a 'Botanical Dermatology Course and Workshop' will be in Odense (Denmark) the 27-29 August 2009. The number of participants will be limited to 25 plus faculty. The aim is to give the participants a basic and clinical understanding of dermatitis elicited by plants with focus on allergic contact dermatitis. The organizers of this event are, Evy Paulsen, Lars

P Christensen and KE Andersen. Membership of the ESCD is necessary in order to participate.

The ESCD support the 'Photopatch Test Course' organized by Radoslaw Spiewak on 25-26 September 2009 in Krakow, Poland

The ESCD appreciates your support to the '10th European Society of Contact Dermatitis Congress' to be held in Strasbourg on September 15th-18th, 2010 at Palais des Congrès. Prof Jean Pierre Lepoittevin is the President. It will be held simultaneously with the GERDA (Groupe d'Etude et Recherche de Dermato Allergologie) annual meeting. The first announcement was presented during the 9th ESCD Congress.

The Local organizing committee includes: Annick Barbaud, Elena Giménez-Arnau, Christophe J Le Coz, Catherine Pecquet and Martine Vigan. The Scientific Committee is Chaired and Co-chaired by An Goossens and Klaus E Andersen respectively.



XIIIth COSMODERM – Joint Meeting of ESCAD and the Hellenic Society of Dermatology and Venereology

Athens, Greece

12th – 14th December, 2008

For more details, please visit:

www.cosmoderm2008.org



Korean Dermatological Association

The 8th Asian Dermatological Congress – Shaping the Future: Dermatology in Asia
Seoul, Korea
1st – 4th October, 2008

It is 23 years since the Asian Dermatological Association (ADA) was founded held the first Asian Dermatological Congress (ADC). This congress is the premier scientific event in Asia that focuses on dermatology, starting in Hong Kong in 1986, Singapore in 1989, Hong Kong in 1993, Dubai in 1996, Beijing in 1998, Bangkok in 2001 and Kuala Lumpur in 2005.

In 2008, the 8th Asian Dermatological Congress (ADC 2008) will be held in Seoul, Korea from October 1 to 4 organized by Korean Dermatological Association (KDA). Under the theme of "Shaping the Future: Dermatology in Asia", more than 1,000 doctors and clinicians from related areas will be expected to participate in this meeting.

Beautiful sightseeing, unique historical places, various traditional cuisines, world-class airports and hotels... undoubtedly Seoul is one of the world's most charming and fascinating cities.

Welcome to the 8th Asian Dermatological Congress!

You are all invited to participate in this grand occasion to share ideas, cultivate friendship and experience the culture and hospitality that Korea has to offer.

For more details, please visit:

www.adc2008.org

Surveys

Survey Examining the Prevalence and Burden of Dermatologic Disease in North India

Dr Claire Grills (MBBS [Hons], Registrar, Australasian College of Dermatologists

With the support of the Australasian College of Dermatologists and under the direction of Professor Robin Marks, I am undertaking a survey examining the prevalence and burden of dermatologic disease in North India. Much of the data in the current literature is based on research from Africa and Latin America. Therefore, obtaining information relevant to India will be vital in strategic future health planning in the area.

The study will focus on Tehri Garhwal district in the state of Uttarkhand, in the far north of India. The Tehri Garhwal district is in the foothills of the

Himalayas and comprises a population of around 605,000. The geographical isolation of the area means that there is minimal access to health services and, as a result, Garhwal suffers poor health as measured by most basic health indicators.

Together with some Indian health professionals and my husband, Dr Nathan Grills, a specialist public health fellow, we have established a community health project called 'Sampan'. Sampan trains and equips a number of health trainers, who in turn train Community Health Volunteers (CHVs). Currently this project engages 180 CHVs, one for each village, and serving a population of 40,000 Garhwalis. As the health trainers speak both Hindi and English, we have ready access to a suitable study population to undertake this questionnaire based project. We have undertaken numerous dermatology clinics and trainings for the health workers in the Garhwal region over the past three years. In these preliminary clinics and from discussions with staff workers, the main perceived dermatological problems include infections such as tinea and impetigo and pigmentary disorders including vitiligo and pityriasis versicolor. A larger



study will be necessary however, in order to better understand the epidemiology of the dermatological problems in the area.

During June 2008 we visited the area to pilot the questionnaire in one village. We plan to return to the Garhwal district in October 2008. Together with the staff members, we plan to visit numerous villages and complete questionnaires. Medical treatment will also be provided as required to those who undertake the survey.

The exact sampling strategy is still being developed in consultation with Professor Marks and the local staff of this Project, it is hoped to obtain a sample size of 1000.

If you want to know more about this project then please contact:

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World Health Organization

The ILDS, as a non-governmental organization in official relations with the World Health Organisation, was privileged to be approached by the WHO to submit proposals for the revision of the essential drugs list concerning drugs that are used to treat skin diseases.

As a result of this request a working group, consisting of Antoine Mahé, Olivier Chosidow, Luigi Naldi, Roderick Hay and Jean-Hilaire Saurat, has submitted proposals for the revision of the WHO Essential Drugs List concerning drugs that are used to treat skin diseases.

This document is available to view on the ILDS website (www.ilds.org).

A further working group will also be formed to update the ICD10 Guidelines to ICD11. More news on this in forthcoming issues of the Newsletter.



International Foundation for Dermatology

Update from the Chairman

As part of the development of future programmes of the IFD the organization is putting together advisory groups with specific inputs into public health, education, sexually transmitted infections,

leprosy and the appropriate use of information technology. The objectives will be:

- Key issues – within the remit of each working group – that affect the delivery of best practice in the care of patients with skin disease and STDs.
- Potential targets suitable for the development of fund raising initiatives. Often fund raising is best accomplished by focusing on a number of well defined projects – what are these? This also implies identification of resource needs for work that might be brought forward.
- Key contributors within the field who might be able to contribute expertise to the initiative. This should not be restricted to medically qualified staff as the IFD would welcome all significant contributors whatever their background.
- Major obstacles to progressing the work



Construction of the Stiefel Ward is moving along rapidly!

The task of the working groups would be to produce a short report within its remit which will inform and assist the Foundation in developing future policies.

Update from the Regional Dermatological Training Centre, Moshi (RDTC)

ADDV and Resident examinations

Dr. Gail Todd has again assisted as external examiner and we are indebted to her for donating her time and expertise and patience to the RDTC.

ADDV Programme

All 12 of the 2nd year trainees passed bringing the total number of graduates to 179. The 1st year students also passed and are now proceeding to year II.

Residency programme

The two finalists, Drs. Daudi Mavura and Mebratu Tabor qualified and both will be retained for our faculty. The two 1st year students also did well as did Dr. Molope from Botswana who passed his dissertation with an excellent 78%.

September intake

Four Tanzanian students will be enrolled for the residency programme. They are all scholarship holders from the Ministry of health.

Construction process

This is moving along very well as you can see from the most recent photograph. The walls are nearly all up. The Minister for Health mentioned in his budget speech in the Parliament that the construction of a Dermatology Ward is under way.

Visitors

A visiting Spanish team from Cirujanos Plasticos Mundi (CPM) consisting of eight people will be arriving soon to run a workshop on Dermatologic Surgery and will operate on c. 35 patients needing reconstructive and major surgery. They will also join our Albino Care Outreach Programme.

*Professor R. Hay, London, UK
Professor John Masenga and
Professor Henning Grossmann, Moshi, Tanzania*

Update from the ILDS Administrative Officer

Erratum: Apologies to The Canadian Dermatology Association which was incorrectly referred to as the Canadian Dermatological Society in the last issue of the Newsletter.

Certificate of Appreciation 2007 – News from Tehran



The 8th Congress of Iranian Society of Dermatology Meeting was held from April 24th to April 26th in 2008 at the International Conference Center in Tehran. Over 300 participants in and around Iran attended, including 15 foreign guest speakers, including me, from all over the world.

In addition to many general sessions, there were also 3 workshop sessions such as Laser, Cosmetic Surgery and Dermatopathology. These were of high quality of international standard and good educational value.

The venue was the perfect place for the scale the meeting and the most beautifully designed venue I have ever seen. It was very near to the accommodation headquarters.

It was a great pleasure for me to present the Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the International Leagues of Dermatological Societies to the awardee, Professor Yahya Dowlati of the Center for Research and Training in Skin Diseases and Leprosy in Iran, Professor Dowlati was also the chief organizer of this Congress. Professor Dowlati is pictured on the right in the photograph above.

I congratulate everyone again on the success of the meeting and send my appreciation again for the kind hospitality provided by all the organizing committee members.

*Hee Chul Eun, President
22nd World Congress of Dermatology, Korea and
ILDS Board Member*

Certificate of Appreciation 2008

To date we have received 21 nominations for the 2008 ILDS Certificate of Appreciation Awards. These are currently being considered by the Awards Committee and will be presented to the full ILDS Board at their annual meeting in Paris on the 17th September, 2008.

Successful nominees will be notified shortly after the meeting has taken place and arrangements made for the presentations at winners' forthcoming national meetings.

We would like to record a special thanks to all the Societies which submitted nominations.

ILDS Website

The website is currently under re-structure and will be launched soon. If you would like to make any suggestions regarding what you would like to see on the new site, we would be very happy to hear from you.

Please note there will be a change in the way that your Society's information is displayed. In future, only the following information will be published on the website:

- Member Society Name
- Member Society Office Address
- Member Society Office email address
- Member Society Office telephone number (where supplied)
- Member Society Office fax number (where supplied)
- Member Society Office website address
- Names of Officers, i.e., President, Secretary General and Treasurer

Where Member Societies do not have an Office, the President's details will be published.

Should you wish to publish other information, such as separate addresses and email for your Officers, please send details to the Administrative Office.

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