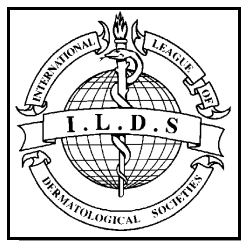


# International League of Dermatological Societies

## News from the International Committee of Dermatology

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### Message from the ILDS President

Having just completed half of my five-year Presidency, I have come to recognize two inevitable challenges of office: a time-honored, but still evolving, organization requires strategic planning to succeed in the future; and in complex organizations with diverse constituencies, like the ILDS, strategic planning is an arduous and sometimes frustrating task. The International Committee of Dermatology (ICD), has tackled some very difficult issues during the past two years and is close to completing recommendations that would ask the Assembly of Delegates to approve a number of significant changes in the By-Laws. (A major change would be the scheduling of World Congresses of Dermatology every four years instead of five.)

The ICD continues to work on the proposed revisions and early next year the officers of Member Societies and Affiliate Member Societies will receive the completed version of the ICD's recommendations with the request to send questions and comments within 90 days. An understanding of the process is critical to achieving a meaningful vote during the 2002 Assembly of Delegates. As a first step, you are urged to read the following article "Charting the Future of the ILDS".

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### Charting the Future of the ILDS

Throughout 1999 and into the first few months of 2000, the International Committee of Dermatology (ICD) has been vigorously engaged in thinking strategically about the future of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS.) A great deal of time has been devoted to reviewing the ILDS mission, envisioning the future, and to drafting a plan that attempts to respond to concerns of our Member and Affiliate Member Societies while assuring a strong organizational framework.

The momentum for change stems from questions that were raised by several ILDS member societies as well as members of the ICD themselves: Should the World Congress of Dermatology continue to be held every five years, or should the interval between congresses

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### “Charting the Future of the ILDS”

be decreased? Is the length of time that individuals may serve on the ICD (15 years) too long? How can we ensure there is worldwide access to ICD activities and resources? The process for addressing these and a number of other questions has been a long and challenging one:

#### **Task Force Reviews**

In late 1998 six task forces were appointed by Dr. Stephen Katz, President of the ILDS, to examine elements which appeared to form the basis of the more common concerns: the frequency of World Congresses, support for dermatology in developing countries, the ICD nominations process and length of ICD service including retirement from the ICD. During a special half-day retreat following the March 1999 meeting, the ICD considered the preliminary findings of the task forces. Their reports were summarized in the June 1999 issue of this newsletter with the urgent request for Member and Affiliate Member Societies to provide their opinions about the committees' recommendations.

#### **The ILDS By-Laws**

Meanwhile, as societies began to make known their views about the proposals, Dr. Katz asked Past-President Dr. John Strauss to review the ILDS By-Laws with the task force recommendations in mind. It quickly became apparent that a major revision of the By-Laws would be required due to the interlinking nature of the provisions. Each article has one or more previous stipulations as its foundation; for example, the nominations process dictates the length of service on the ICD; the length of service on the ICD is dependent upon the length of time between congresses, and so on. During the October 1999 meeting of the ICD a draft of a revised set of By-Laws, based on task force recommendations, was circulated to the committee. Further revisions were suggested.

#### **More Changes**

Although a key task force recommendation was to continue holding the World Congress at five-year intervals, feedback from Member and Affiliated Member Societies indicated that some preferred a four-year interval. As ICD members reviewed the draft of By-Laws revisions, opinions began to shift from support of the previous recommendations to agreement with those who want the congress to be held every four years. **After extensive discussion the ICD agreed that the Assembly of Delegates would be asked to approve a By-Laws change**

**specifying a four-year interval between World Congresses of Dermatology.** Please note that, if passed, this change would not be implemented until after the 2007 World Congress of Dermatology. With agreement on the frequency of congresses, other By-Laws revisions had to be changed, the major ones being those concerned with the length of service on the ICD.

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### **Important Addresses**

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## Actions from the March 2000 ICD Meeting

The International Committee of Dermatology met during the American Academy of Dermatology meeting in San Francisco in March. Committee actions included the following:

- Agreed to recommend to the Assembly of Delegates that the World Congress of Dermatology be held every four (4) years, beginning with the 2007 meeting.
- Agreed that the maximum length of service on the ICD for those elected in 2002 should be 13 years (five years until 2007 and two additional periods of four years.) For those elected after 2007, the length of service would be 12 years.
- Approved the Derm-Link Committee's recommendation for the award of grants- in-aid.
- Approved the co-sponsorship of the 3rd Baltic Dermatovenerologists Congress in Riga, September 7-9, 2000. (Co-sponsorship of the 7th Pan Arab Congress of Dermatology, September 20-23, 2000, was approved in earlier action.)
- Accepted the Association of Bangkok Alumni of Dermatology-Pakistan as a new Member Society of the ILDS.
- Accepted the report of the IFD which met the previous day (see related report, page 5) and agreed to continue the arrangement for the support of Dr. Henning Grossman as principal of the RDTC in Moshi, Tanzania.
- Named recipients of ILDS Certifi-

cates of Appreciation for the year 2000. (Story on page 4.)

- Received the reports of the President, Treasurer and Secretary-General, and status reports from the following standing and ad hoc committees: Communications, By-Laws, Alternate Funding, and ICD/ISD Commonality of Interests.
- The next meeting of the ICD and IFD Boards will be in Moshi, Tanzania, January 9-10, 2001. The Board meetings will be followed by a scientific session in which graduates of the RDTC and some ICD and IFD Board members will contribute. Dermatologists worldwide are invited to this scientific session. For information contact Coleman Jacobson, MD, Department of Dermatology, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, 3600 Gaston Avenue, Ste. 1051, Dallas, Texas 75246, USA, (fax: 214/368-6344; e-mail: daddoc@airmail.net).

## First Dermatologists Link Awards Announced

One of the task forces appointed to consider the future of ILDS (story on page 1) was charged with exploring ways to provide support to dermatology in developing countries. The task force recommended that a program be established to provide assistance to non-profit governmental or private departments of dermatology in need of resources through grants-in-aid and consultation. The ICD approved the recommendation and Dr. Ramon Ruiz-Maldonado was named as chair of a committee to develop the program.

Referred to as "Dermatologists Link" (or "Derm-Link"), the program provides small grants for equipment, teaching materials, training, and attendance at courses and conferences. Applications must be submitted by the President or Secretary of an ILDS Member or Affiliate Member Society on behalf of a not-for-profit department of dermatology in their country. Upon approval a maximum of \$5,000 US per project can be made available.

The program was announced to Member and Affiliate Member Societies in developing countries and shortly after the deadline date for application, December 31, 1999, the Derm-Link Committee reviewed the 12 applications that had been received. Recommendations were made to the ICD to approve requests from the following societies, in full or in part:

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## ICD Recognizes Contributions to Dermatology

In 1994 the International Committee of Dermatology initiated a program to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to worldwide dermatology. Since its inception, 15 individuals have been presented with the ILDS Certificate of Appreciation for their contributions to international dermatology in the areas of science, prevention, treatment, epidemiology, or public awareness on behalf of the specialty. The ICD's highest award, the ILDS Bronze Medal, is given every five years at the time of the World Congress of Dermatology. The medal was presented to Dr. Darrell Wilkinson in 1997.

At the time of the ICD meeting in March 2000, Dr. Jose Mascaro, chair of the Awards Committee, named three recipients of Certificates of Appreciation for this year: Dr. Amado Saul-Cano, Professor Emeritus of Dermatology and past-chairman of the Department of Dermatology, Mexico City General Hospital, will receive an ILDS Certificate of Appreciation for his devotion to treating the poor in state hospitals and for his lifelong contribution to international dermatology as a distinguished professor for many generations of Mexican and Latin American dermatologists.

Dr. Rubem David Azulay, Professor Emeritus, Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro and Universidade Federal Fluminense, was recognized for his lifetime devotion to dermatology and his valuable contributions to research and teaching in the field of leprosy and tropical diseases.

Dr. Stephania Jablonska, Professor, Department of Dermatology, Warsaw School of Medicine will be awarded a certificate in appreciation for her lifetime achievements and contributions to international dermatology through her work in immunodermatology, connective tissue diseases and papilloma viruses, and for her impact upon European dermatological education.

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### "Message from the ILDS President"

reports of the new ILDS website and

"Dermatologists Link" program, and actions from the March meetings of the ICD and IFD. Articles about the 20th World Congress of Dermatology and the ILDS Awards program will be of interest to many. We hope all of this information will be helpful and instructive about the on-going activities of your International Committee of Dermatology.

Stephen I. Katz, MD, PhD

## Planning for 20<sup>th</sup> World Congress Underway

Over a two-day period in March, the Program Committee for the 20th World Congress of Dermatology, July 1-5, 2002, Paris, finalized the general structure of the scientific program and identified a range of topics that will be of current interest to congress participants. Individuals from over 50 countries were suggested as session chairs and co-chairs. The format of the 20th Congress will be similar in some ways to the congresses in Sydney and New York. There will be five (5) Special Lectures, 20 Advances, 50 Symposia and a considerable number of workshops. Topics for a series of "hot spots" sessions will be selected approximately one year before the meeting.

Organizers of the 20th Congress of Dermatology, led by Professors Jean Revuz, Jean-Paul Ortonne, and Louis Dubertret, are working hard to develop a congress of high scientific merit and a memorable social program. Information may be obtained from: SOCFI, 12 rue de la Croix Faubin, 75557 Paris, Cedex 11, France. The fax number is 33.1.44.64.15.16.

### Share ICD News with Your Society Members

Member and Affiliate Member Societies are urged to copy any or all of the information contained in this newsletter for distribution to their members.

### **Has there been a recent change in your society's officers?**

Please remember to send any changes, to include the name of your new President, Secretary-General and Treasurer, their mailing addresses, telephone, fax and e-mail numbers, to the ILDS Secretariat, address on page 2.

## **International Foundation of Dermatology**

During the March 10, 2000 meeting of the International Foundation of Dermatology (IFD), committee discussions included the following:

- The IFD had a deficit of unrestricted funds for the year 1999 and the Board was warned that support of faculty and student scholarships were expenses still by no means covered by income, despite the generosity of a few members of the ILDS.
- The number of graduates who will have received training at the RDTC in Moshi, Tanzania, will soon approach 100. If one considers that ten years ago there were 25 countries without sustainable dermatological programs, either in the government or the universities in Western Africa, the IFD has been responsible for substantial success. An effectiveness evaluation is now planned and this will require visits to the Ministries of Health and workplaces of the graduates themselves, as well as to the communities they serve.
- The IFD Chairman, Dr. Terence Ryan, met with the Minister of Health of Mali, who welcomes the Francophone Africa project. The IFD is working with Dr. Antoine Mahe in exploring the feasibility of launching the project.
- Plans to cooperate with the WHO/SmithKline

Beecham Program for elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis have been initiated. This requires a program of skin hygiene and is linked in part with the launch of International Skin-Care Nursing (IS-CN) to support the program, especially in Tanzania.

- The future structure of the IFD is an ongoing topic and input from ILDS members is welcome. Professor Robin Marks is chairing a committee on the relationships between the ILDS and International Society of Dermatology, and Professor Rod Hay is examining with others the work of the IFD and issues of funding, research and development.

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### **“First Dermatologists Link Awards Announced”**

Chilean Society of Dermatology and Venerology, Colombian Society of Dermatology, Croatian Dermatological Society, Ecuadorian Society of Dermatology, Guatemalan Association of Dermatology, Pakistan Association of Dermatologists, and the Latin American Society of Pediatric Dermatology.

Forms to apply for support from the year 2000 Derm-Link program will be mailed to the appropriate societies in the near future, and will be posted on our web site ([www.ilds.org](http://www.ilds.org)).

### **Please share this Newsletter with your Society Members.**

Keeping Member Societies advised of ICD happenings has always been a challenge - and informing the individual dermatologists who are members of each society would be quite impossible without your help. We urge you to copy any or all of the information contained in this newsletter and share it with your membership. It is important to us for information to reach as large an audience as possible. We will very much appreciate your assistance in this endeavor.

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### ***Continuing Refinement***

By-Laws revisions were reviewed again at the March 2000 meeting of the ICD and a number of additional changes were made. It was agreed that the maximum length of service on the ICD for those elected in 2002 should be 13 years (five years until 2007 and two additional periods of four years.) The intent is to reduce the current 15 years of service to 12 years, starting in 2007. A new draft of By-Laws revisions will be circulated to the ICD for finalization either by mail or during the January 2001 meeting of the committee.

### ***Member Input***

Soon after the last draft of By-Laws revisions has been completed, they will be sent to representatives of Member and Affiliate Member Societies along with a summary explaining the main provisions and changes. Societies will be given 90 days for review and comment and a final version will be sent to societies no later than March 2002. This is a critical step in the process since societies must be fully prepared to inform their Delegates of the provisos on which they will vote during the Assembly of Delegates in Paris in July 2002.

The International League of Dermatological Societies is your organization. Member and Affiliate Member Societies are strongly encouraged to thoroughly review the suggested By-Laws revisions when received.

## **ILDS and IFD Unveil Websites**

The ILDS and the IFD are now on the web!

The ILDS website at [www.ilds.org](http://www.ilds.org) includes contact information for ILDS Member and Affiliated Member Societies, and their officers. Please review the listing for your society and send any changes or corrections to the ILDS Secretariat ([mtgmgr@gte.net](mailto:mtgmgr@gte.net)) The ILDS website is destined to be the communications crossroad for our member societies – and with that goal in mind, please send us the address of your society’s web site. Your web address will be an important addition to the development of a comprehensive website for the ILDS.

The website also includes regular updates of meetings of the International Committee of Dermatology, as well as the text of ICD 10, the international diagnostic code for dermatology. Although a large file, the ICD 10 code has been especially configured to make downloading an easy task, even with low speed links.

The development and maintenance of the ILDS website has been made possible through unrestricted grants from our friends at **La Roche-Posay, Leo Pharmaceutical Products, and Ortho Dermatologicals.**

The International Foundation of Dermatology (IFD) website was constructed by Professor Gunter Burg and his department in Zurich, and can be found at [www.ifd.org](http://www.ifd.org). The IFD site outlines the mission and programs of the Foundation, including a discussion of the Regional Dermatology Training Center in Moshi, Tanzania. Summaries of IFD Board meetings will also appear on the site.

**Please communicate the web addresses of both the ILDS and the IFD sites to members of your society, and encourage them to visit.**

“The ILDS is the umbrella organization of global dermatology and our website should, in time, reflect that broad mandate”, said Dr. David I. McLean, Chair of the ICD’s Communications Committee. Visitors to the websites are encouraged to contact Dr. McLean ([dmclean@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:dmclean@interchange.ubc.ca)) with their comments and suggestions for improvements.