International League of Dermatological Societies

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About the Certificate of Appreciation Awards

The ILDS, as part of its work in advocating for global dermatology and skin health, aims to find ways to recognise dermatologists and others in the field of dermatological care who have made an outstanding contribution to improving the outlook for people with skin diseases.

The ILDS Awards Committee considers nominations made by ILDS Members for these Awards and recommendations are made to the ILDS Board for approval. Find out more about ILDS Awards here.

The ILDS Certificate of Appreciation aims to recognise dermatologists and others in dermatological care who have made an outstanding contribution to Humanitarian Dermatology or International Leadership.

Awarded annually, this is an opportunity for ILDS Members to nominate their members who they consider deserving of an ILDS Certificate of Appreciation.

ILDS Members may nominate one person in each category who meets the eligibility criteria set out below. Nominees MUST NOT:

- be a previous recipient of an ILDS Certificate of Appreciation as the Certificate may only be awarded once; AND
- be a current or former Member of the ILDS Board (including Associate and Observer Members) unless four years have past since their term as ILDS Board Member ended.

To check eligibility, please refer to the list of past and present ILDS Board Members and list of all past Awardees documents, both accessible via the ILDS CoA webpage.

Nomination categories and questions

International Leadership

These are dermatologists who have shown international leadership, which has impacted global health policies and practices, furthering cross-border research, education, and empowerment of dermatologists, their societies, and the public.

The following questions are asked for a nomination in this category:

» How many years have they been active in an international leadership role? *(number only)*

» Please list the roles that the nominee has held in national (with an international focus) and international societies / associations at Board member level (including honorary memberships). For each role, provide a summary of the impact of their work in international mentorship, education and empowerment initiatives for underrepresented groups (women, people of colour, young professionals, etc.).? Please ensure your response is shown using bullet points in the following format:

- *Name of organisation, nominee's role, dates (eg April 2015 – October 2016 or 2015-2106), summary of the impact of their work.*

(3,500 words)

» Please provide examples of their involvement in organisation international dermatology programmes, initiatives, and congresses. *(3,500 words)*

» Please list 5 specific publications that have contributed to furthering international leadership in dermatology. These should be listed as bullet points in the following format:

- Author's Last Name, First Initial. (Year). Title of the paper. *Journal Name, Volume(Issue)*, page range. DOI. *(1,000 words)*

» Please provide a statement supporting how your nominee has contributed to furthering international leadership in dermatology. *(500 words)*

Humanitarian Dermatology

These are dermatologists who have been undertaking their work in a selfless, humanitarian and not-for-profit manner to improve the skin health of people in under-served areas of the world.

The following questions are asked for a nomination in this category:

» How many years have they been active supporting humanitarian programmes/ projects? *(number only)*

» Please list the humanitarian programmes/projects that the nominee has been actively involved in. Include dates the nominee was involved and provide details of the work that your nominee has carried out, directly or indirectly, benefitting patients/communities or individuals working in dermatology in low-resource areas /countries and the impact that the work has had. Please ensure your response is shown in bullet points using the following format:

- *Name of humanitarian programme/project, dates (eg April 2015 – October 2016 or 2015-2106), summary of the work undertaken including impact made.*

(3,500 words)

» On average in a year, how many weeks does your nominee spend supporting projects/programmes in low-resource areas? *(number only)*

» Please estimate the number of people that have benefited from the activities/ programmes in which your nominee was involved. For example, patients, trainees, health care workers, mentees, etc. *(number only)*

» Please list 5 specific publications your nominee has been involved in that have contributed to furthering humanitarian dermatology. These should be listed as bullet points in the following format:

- Author's Last Name, First Initial. (Year). Title of the paper. *Journal Name, Volume(Issue)*, page range. DOI. *(1,000 words)*

» Please provide a statement supporting how your nominee has contributed to furthering humanitarian dermatology. *(500 words)*

IMPORTANT: Please provide responses to each question in the format specified.
Failure to do so may result in a lower score being awarded.

Submitting your nomination and scoring

Important information - *please read before you complete the nomination form*

When submitting your nomination(s), you must include each nominee's CV which must not exceed 4 pages. You will also need to asked to provide a list of published articles in peer-reviewed journals of books, listed on PubMed and written in English, where your nominee is the first / senior / corresponding author. This will need to be a separate document and in the folllowing format: Author's Last Name, First Initial. (Year). Title of the paper. *Journal Name, Volume(Issue)*, page range. DOI.

Following the deadline, each member of the ILDS Awards Committee will independently review each nomination and score the answer to each question. Therefore, it is essential that you read each question carefully and ensure you provide the information requested in each question in as much detail as possible without exceeding the word count provided.

If you do not include relevant information for a specific question, your nominee's score for that question may be affected. The more detailed your examples, the better the Committee will be able to assess your nominee's contribution to the specific Award category and the more points your nominee will score.

Please note that where examples are required, just a list without examples may affect the score give for that question.

All nominations MUST be submitted via the online form. However, in order to help gather the information required for the nomination, please click below to downaload a word version of the nomination form.

Download a Word version of the Humanitarian Dermatology nomination form

Download a Word version of the International Leadership nomination form

Deadline for nominations

The deadline for nominations is

31 October 2026

Nominations MUST be received by the deadline to be considered by the ILDS Awards Committee.

Late nominations will not be accepted. Therefore, please ensure you read the guidance and submit your forms in good time.

You can save your progress as you go through the form and return later, if required.

Should you have any queries, please contact: membership@ilds.org

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