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## Launch of the Global Psoriasis Atlas

On 30 September 2016 in Vienna, Austria, the Global Psoriasis Atlas (GPA) was launched to a multi-stakeholder audience. The GPA is an important partnership between the International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA), the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) and the International Psoriasis Council (IPC), who together represent patients, health professionals and scientists. The GPA will create the first-ever, comprehensive global database on psoriasis. It responds to a call by the World Health Organization to fill global knowledge gaps on the incidence and prevalence of this serious, non-communicable disease.

The GPA will be the leading online epidemiological database on psoriasis. By detailing the disease prevalence and incidence worldwide, it will enable extensive global comparisons between countries and across time. The GPA will evolve to provide data on the burden of psoriasis, including societal costs, comorbid diseases and patients' access to treatment.



Professor Harvey Lui, President of the ILDS, speaking at the launch highlighted that, "By gathering data on psoriasis from as many countries as possible, we will be able to achieve better decision-making on the use of resources. The ultimate beneficiaries of the GPA are the more than 125 million psoriasis patients and their families worldwide".



ILDS Board Member and Immediate Past President of the International Psoriasis Council, Professor Christopher Griffiths has been a leading champion for the development of the Global Psoriasis Atlas.

IFPA, ILDS and IPC are looking forward with anticipation to Phase 1 of the GPA project. This phase will comprehensively review the available psoriasis literature and data to compile a global epidemiological overview. Phase 2 of the project will work out a rigorous methodology and set criteria for future psoriasis epidemiological work. Together these phases will establish the GPA as the definitive real-time record of psoriasis epidemiology worldwide.

It is hoped that this model could in the future be applied to other skin conditions.

To find out more about the Global Psoriasis Atlas project, please visit

<http://www.globalpsoriasisatlas.com>

## Editorial



**Hassan Galadari**  
ILDS Board Member  
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What works for some people may not work for others. Certain medications for the treatment of hypertension, for example, may work better in one ethnicity more than another and that is why personalized healthcare has become important. The same can be said in the field of dermatology in general and psoriasis in particular. That is where the Global Psoriasis Atlas (GPA) comes in. By pooling resources and using an extensive international database, the GPA hopes to be the major reference that will allow the sharing of epidemiologic information that will aid in helping the millions of people who are afflicted with this chronic condition worldwide. This is going to be especially true in populations that do not have a strong epidemiological data. The GPA will help make things easier in collecting this information and make it available.

The success of the initiative is mainly due to the great work that was put together by a number of very talented people encompassing different organizations: the International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA), the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) and the International Psoriasis Council (IPC). It also represents the ability of such organizations to look beyond individual gains for the betterment of those who will benefit, our patients. When we understand how a condition behaves, we are able to control its severity and perhaps reach a cure.

The GPA will be one of the most important databases on psoriasis, but the take home message here is that it takes a village to be able to push this forward. It takes you ...

*H.G.*



*Global Psoriasis Atlas  
Launch, September 2016*

*Left to right: Christopher Griffiths, Harvey Lui, Lars Ettarp, Matthias Augustin*

# New strategic plan and look for the ILDS

We are delighted to announce the launch of the ILDS' new strategy for 2019 and a whole new look to accompany this!

## Strategic Plan

The ILDS Board of Directors undertook a process to take stock of the current global status of dermatology, the current mission and activities of the League and agreed upon a strategy to take it through to 2019.

ILDS Strategic Vision:	Attaining the best possible skin health for all people around the world
ILDS Strategic Goal:	To increase the impact of the ILDS on skin health worldwide

## STRATEGIC THEMES FOR THE ILDS

- 1. Strategic International Leadership and Policy Impact**
  - to provide strategic leadership, leveraging ILDS' international standing and representation
  - to influence the development of global health policies and practice
  - to educate and empower dermatologists and their societies and the public
- 2. Representation, Sustainability and Advancement**
  - to enhance the representativeness and sustainability of the ILDS
  - to promote organisational advancement with an engaged and active membership
- 3. Humanitarian Dermatology**
  - to improve dermatological care of patients in underserved areas of the developing world

Key activities in 2017 will include World Skin Health Day; collaboration with the World Health Organization on relevant global policy issues; initiation of the Global Psoriasis Atlas and developing the grants and project support provided through the International Foundation for Dermatology. There will be increased opportunities for members to engage with ILDS activities towards our common goal.

In early 2017, the ILDS will be sending each member society a copy of the ILDS Strategic Plan.

## New look

To support our new strategy we have a new look. The first step has been the development of a new logo which highlights the global nature of the ILDS whilst maintaining the core ILDS colours of blue and gold. This will be an important tool in our communications going forwards. The previous logo will be renamed the 'ILDS crest' and will be retained for special commemorative purposes such as ILDS awards and formal documents.

The new logo is the first step in our rebranding and communications development work which will encompass the development of better communications systems and design so that member societies as well as dermatologists and other key stakeholders will have new ways to engage with the ILDS in future. This includes development of a new, more interactive, website and our newsletter format.



# Planning for the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Dermatology 2019 in Milan, Italy

Mark your calendars for 10-15 June 2019

In June 2015 the Italian Society of Dermatology (SIDEmaST) won the bid to host the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Dermatology 2019 (WCD 2019) in Italy. Enormous credit should be given to the late Professor Chimenti, who for nearly a decade worked on this objective with conviction, perseverance and dedication. The organization of the 24<sup>th</sup> WCD has been a great achievement for Italian dermatology and the deserved recognition of the international application of scientific research results it has attained.

The number of delegates has gradually increased at each Congress. As President and Secretary-General of the Italian WCD, we are confident that the high quality of our scientific program, meet the high standard of our organization along with the location will make it possible to hit the target of 15,000 delegates in Milan, Italy 2019.

Scientifically our Congress will focus on the major findings and progress in dermatology from clinical practice to research, technology and innovation in order to cover a wide range of interests. Dermatologists from around the world will play a crucial role in every session of the Congress as chairs, co-chairs, and speakers. A large number of training opportunities will be offered to young dermatologists, nurses and other related professionals. The Scientific Programme Committee, chaired by Professor Christopher Griffiths, held a successful meeting in London in September when the programme structure was designed.

The conference venue is Centro Milano Congressi (MiCo) which was designed by Mario Bellini and ranks among the largest congress centres in Europe and the world. MiCo is able to accommodate up to 18,000 people in about 70 conference rooms equipped with a full range of the latest technologies, in addition to a plenary hall with 4,000 seats and 54,000 square metres of exhibition.

In addition to the scientific programme, there will be many opportunities for participants to appreciate other aspects of the host city. Milan has so much to offer: it is a city rich in history and art of the highest level, not only in the distant past when it was the capital of the Western Roman Empire, but also today. It is internationally acknowledged as a major centre for history, political science and art. Milan is not just proud of its glorious past but is a dynamic and trendy city, known all over the world for its fashion, design, modern art and science, as well as food and wine tourism and good living. The city of Milan on one side and the participation of Italian colleagues on the other, have all the qualities to potentially make the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Dermatology the most successful yet. For further information please visit:

<http://www.wcd2019milan.org>

**Giovanni Pellacani**, President, 24<sup>th</sup> WCD 2019  
**Ketty Peris**, Secretary-General, 24<sup>th</sup> WCD 2019



**24<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS  
OF DERMATOLOGY  
MILAN 2019**

**A**nnouncement of new  
President and Secretary-General  
of the 24<sup>th</sup> WCD, 10-15 June 2019,  
Milan, Italy

With the sad and unexpected passing of Professor Sergio Chimenti earlier this year, it was necessary to appoint a new President of the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Dermatology 2019 (WCD 2019). The ILDS, following legal advice, undertook a process and we are pleased to announce that the Secretary-General of WCD 2019, Professor Giovanni Pellacani, was appointed as its President. Nominations for the position of Secretary-General were considered and Professor Ketty Peris was appointed. The ILDS Board of Directors is pleased to be collaborating with Professor Pellacani and Professor Peris on WCD 2019 and looks forward to a successful event which will honour Professor Chimenti's legacy.

**Harvey Lui, President, ILDS**



Left to right: Prof Giovanni Pellacani, Prof Ketty Peris

# The Legacy of the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Congress of Dermatology – Vancouver, June, 8-13, 2015

For six days of continuous beautiful weather in one of the most picturesque cities in the world, the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Congress was the largest gathering of dermatologists ever hosted by Canada.

- Scientific highlights included the involvement of dermatology's younger "Rising Stars" in almost all sessions and the WCD 2015 International Poster Gallery that featured large-scale video displays for enhanced interactivity.
- Sister society sessions were hosted by 32 ILDS member organizations on the opening day of the Congress.
- The Canadian Dermatology Association celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and hosted a daily Global Celebration Forum that featured Canadian and international innovations in patient care and research.
- The first ever United Nations **International Albinism Awareness Day** was inaugurated on June 13, 2015, and will continue as an annual day of special worldwide recognition.
- Parallel conferences for nurses and patients also took place during WCD 2015: the **International Dermatology Nursing Leadership Summit** and the **International Dermatology Patient Organization Conference**.
- Proceeds from WCD 2015 will be used to support ILDS activities over the next 4 years; in Canada funds will be used for dermatology research, education, and a special enrichment camp for children with skin disorders (Camp Liberté).

Registrants	11,151
Number of participating countries	125
Invited presentations	1,408
Oral proffered abstracts presented	443
E-posters presented	2,695



The City of Vancouver has planted a special maple tree as a living green legacy to commemorate WCD 2015 and its unique contributions to global dermatology.



# World Skin Health Day 2017 Campaign

We are delighted to announce that the launch of World Skin Health Day 2017 will take place at the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Annual Meeting in March 2017. World Skin Health Day is a joint project of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) and the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) with the goal of raising awareness of skin health. ILDS will be holding a reception from 5pm on Saturday 4 March 2017 and ISD will be holding a reception from 5.30 pm on Monday 6 March 2017. We hope to see you there.

Many dermatological societies already hold action days in which members carry out differing tasks from skin cancer screenings and sun awareness to community clinics in remote areas. The nature of these activities is determined by the needs of the populations served by the society.

World Skin Health Day is a fantastic opportunity for dermatologists around the world to stand together by bringing existing or ongoing activities under the same banner by co-branding them using the World Skin Health Day logo. Alternatively, you can create a new event or activity. The choice of activity for World Skin Health Day is left to your society so that you can tailor activities to the needs of your communities.

It is hoped that by either branding or co-branding new or existing initiatives as part of World Skin Health Day it will provide a boost to the public image of dermatology. This will send a clear message that dermatologists and dermatological societies around the world are united in our desire to improve the skin health of patients and communities wherever we live in the world.

We invite your society to take part in World Skin Health Day 2017. For more information please contact [office@ilds.org](mailto:office@ilds.org).



ISD President Dr. Evangeline Handog (behind banner in centre in white dress) celebrates World Skin Health Day on November 11, 2015, on behalf of ISD and ILDS at Elsie Gaches Village in the Philippines.



The Indian Society of Teledermatology World Skin Health Day event, 2014

# ILDS 2016 Certificate of Appreciation Awards

The ILDS Certificate of Appreciation is an award given to recognise dermatologists and others in the field of dermatological care that have made an outstanding contribution to improving the outlook for people with skin diseases. Nineteen such individuals were chosen in 2016. These individuals have made contributions that have been recognised as outstanding and well beyond what one might expect of a person in the course of his or her normal working life. Please find below the successful awardees:

**Hugo Cabrera**

Argentine Society of Dermatology

**Olivier Chosidow**

French Society of Dermatology

**Angela Christiano**

North American Hair Research Society

**Julián Conejo-Mir**Spanish Academy of Dermatology  
and Venereology**Peter Friedmann**

British Association of Dermatologists

**Ann Goossens**

European Society of Contact Dermatitis

**Hajime Iizuka**

Japanese Dermatological Society

**Reinhard Kirnbauer**Austrian Society for Dermatology  
and Venereology**Thomas Kreig**

German Dermatological Society

**Julia Yu-Yun Lee**

Taiwanese Dermatological Association

**Mario Marini**

Argentine Society of Dermatology

**Toby Maurer**

American Academy of Dermatology

**Sigfrid Muller**

International Society of Dermatology

**Ketty Peris**

Donne Dermatologhe Italia

**Sinesio Talhari**

Brazilian Society of Dermatology

**Gail Todd**

Dermatology Society of South Africa

**Leena Bruckner Tuderman**

Finnish Dermatological Society

**Min Zheng**

Chinese Association of Dermatology



Left to right: Jean Bologna, Julia Yu-Yun Lee

**Julia Yu-Yun Lee****Taiwanese Dermatological Association**

Professor Lee is a well-known worldwide dermatologist and dermatopathologist. She has published over 250 articles in peer-reviewed journals. Prof. Lee is also a member of multiple scientific societies in Dermatology, Dermatopathology and Pathology fields in both Taiwan and the USA.

Prof. Lee was the founder of the Dermatology Department, National Cheng Kung University Hospital and is a pioneer and key leader in the Dermatopathology field in Chinese Taipei, where only a few board-certified dermatopathologists are available. She founded the first dermatopathology section in Chinese Taipei and receives consultation for challenging cases from multiple medical centres in Taiwan.

## New Member Societies

Applications from the following new societies were approved by the Board for membership in the ILDS. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the following societies to the ILDS community.

### Member Societies



Arab Academy of Dermatology and Aesthetics

### Affiliated Societies



Association for Psychoneurocutaneous Medicine of North America



European Society of Laser in Dermatology



International Peeling Society



American Contact Dermatitis Society

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ILDS headquarters at Willan House

We are delighted to observe that the ILDS' official headquarters has been at Willan House in London since 2006. This historic building is the home of the British Association of Dermatologists (BAD). On behalf of our 164 member organisations we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the BAD for its support and for hosting the ILDS and IFD offices over the last decade. To commemorate the occasion, Professor Harvey Lui, presented a plaque to Marilyn Benham, BAD Chief Executive Officer and Professor Christopher Griffiths.



Back left to right: Raúl Cabrera, Chung-Hong Hu, Jean Bolognia, Daniel Siegel, Thomas Luger, Kenji Kabashima, Giovanni Pellacani, Lars French, Claire Fuller, Joanna Groves.  
Front left to right: Jerry Shapira, Hemangi Jerajani, Brigitte Dréno, Harvey Lui, Marilyn Benham, Christopher Griffiths, Hassan Galadari, Xuejun Zhang, David Pariser.

Presentation of plaque to British Association of Dermatologists (BAD)

# MEMBERS' CORNER

## Association of Cutaneous Surgeons of India (ACS(I))

The Association of Cutaneous Surgeons of India – ACS(I) is devoted to the promotion and advancement of knowledge and skills in the field of surgical and aesthetic dermatology.

**Dermatosurgery Survey:** For the first time, the largest national level online survey on Dermatosurgery was held on 4 September 2016 and 126 teams from all over India participated.

**Vitiligo Day:** As a part of ACS(I) vitiligo week, free surgery was conducted for vitiligo patients all over India. Alongside this were a number of patient education activities with including street plays, documentary movies and press meetings. Handouts, banners and posters were also distributed. More than 100 patients benefited from this campaign.



**Dermatosurgery workshops:** ACS(I) has organized its first dermatosurgery workshops throughout India to train dermatologists in basic and advanced dermatosurgery. 100 dermatologists received hands on training at three workshops: Srinagar, 5 December 2015; Shillong, 23 March 2016; and Jodhpur, 19 March 2016.

**DASIL 2016:** ACS(I) participated in a sister society session during Annual Congress of DASIL held in Dubai, 20-23 October 2016. The scientific content was much appreciated by attending delegates.

**Dr. Manas Chatterjee**, President, ASC(I)

**Dr. Umashankar Nagaraju**, Honorable Secretary, ACS(I)

## ERN-Skin: A European Reference Network (ERN) for Rare and Undiagnosed Skin Diseases

Fifty-six health care providers from 18 countries are partners of the ERN-Skin application in Paris, supported by the Fondation René Touraine-FRT. By pooling knowledge and expertise, the ERN-Skin objective is to improve access to quality and safe care for children and adults with rare, complex and undiagnosed skin disorders. Such diseases are numerous and heterogeneous with over 600 conditions.

To tackle these issues, the ERN-Skin is organised in a double approach with strong cooperation with non EU and international teams:

- Disease approach with sub-thematic groups on high level patient management and research,
- Transversal approach focusing on teaching and training, e-health & registries, deep phenotyping, and clinical outcomes.

This application is the result of long-lasting collaborations of the FRT Genodermatoses & Rare Skin Disorders Network, Geneskin, EB-Clinet, EADV Task Forces and Eurordis. The ERN-Skin has the official endorsement of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, the European Society of Paediatric Dermatology, and the European Dermatology Forum. The assessment of the ERN-Skin application is on-going and the network should be operational by 2017.

Learn more at <http://www.ern-skin.eu>



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# In Memory of Professor Emiliano Panconesi



The European Society for Dermatology and Psychiatry (ESDaP) has dedicated a special issue of Acta Dermato-Venereologica, the official journal of the ESDaP, to one of the founders of ESDaP Professor Emiliano Panconesi, who passed away on 18 March 2014, at the age of 91 years. He was also among the founders of the European Academy for Dermatology and Venereology and the first president of this highly regarded professional association.

Emiliano was a medical doctor in the fullest sense of the word, showing passion and interest in all things human, from science to literature, from music to paintings and languages. His never-ending curiosity and love of knowledge was inspiring to all those who were fortunate enough to have met him. Nobody could be a better role model than Emiliano for how doctors should address patients. He was, and always will be, a pride to our profession. He was one of the first to put forward a vision on the relationship between the skin and the brain. His book, Stress and Skin Disease: Psychosomatic Dermatology (Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott; 1984) reflected this vision.

The authors of this supplement were more than happy to use their most recent research in memory of the man and his ideas. They hope to illustrate the significance of his efforts and show the importance of his theories and concepts. We are proud that this issue offers such a large range of articles concerning psychodermatological research. The ESDaP editors and the authors of the articles wish to pay homage to Emiliano, his life and his work. (<https://www.medicaljournals.se/acta/content/abstract/10.2340/00015555-2497>)

**Uwe Gielert**  
ESDaP President

**Lucia Tomas-Aragones**  
ESDaP President-Elect

**Dennis Linder**  
Former ESDaP President

# Indian Society of Teledermatology

## World Psoriasis Day Observation – October 2016, Chennai, India



The Indian Society of Teledermatology (INSTED) observed World Psoriasis Day by hosting a CME on 19 October 2016 at Madras Medical College & Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Chennai, India, with the theme being, “Breaking Barriers for People with Psoriasis”. Prof. Jayakar Thomas, President of INSTED, delivered an exhaustive lecture on *Targeted Biological Therapy: A Review of New and Emerging Therapies*. This was followed by discussion of case scenarios, centering on the usefulness of biologics in different situations in patients with various types of psoriasis. Professors, faculty in the fields of Dermatology, Medicine and Rheumatology shared their views and the whole CME was very useful to the residents who attended in large numbers.

All present renewed INSTED's previous years' pledge that *'We have the duty to see that every patient with psoriasis is helped to live his/her normal span of life in perfect health'*.

**Prof. Parimalam Kumar**, Vice President, INSTED

# Time for a change in the Chilean Journal of Dermatology: an open invitation to the ILDS Community



The world is rapidly evolving: books and journals are being replaced by digital-versions; and globalisation implies quick dissemination of local knowledge and research.

The Chilean Journal of Dermatology, RCDerm, is now in an online only format, with English and Spanish as the official languages, user-friendly sections, international peer-reviews, and the indexation of main databases including SCIELO, MEDLINE and PUBMED as our main objective.

We invite authors and researchers from all over the world to submit articles to our renewed, Chilean-based, journal. Your research will be valued in our journal. We are committed to make RCDerm grow; and we acknowledge the importance of the ILDS community to make our goal possible. You can send your submissions to [comunicaciones@sochiderm.cl](mailto:comunicaciones@sochiderm.cl)

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# The International Forum for the Study of Itch

The International Forum for the Study of Itch (IFSI) is a multidisciplinary international association of clinical practitioners and researchers with a common interest in understanding all aspects of itch. Our mission is to advance itch-related research and education, promote treatment of itch, and establish an interactive society. IFSI has been a member of ILDS since 2012 and currently is organizing a session at the International Day of Dermatology on 2 March 2017 during the American Academy of Dermatology meeting in Orlando, Florida, USA.

IFSI has a new official journal, *Itch*, published by Wolters Kluwer and is now accepting submissions. The Editor-in-Chief is Ethan Lerner. This journal publishes clinical and basic research papers, case studies, reviews, letters and other formats. Please consider this journal for your future itch-related publications. The journal website is: <http://www.editorialmanager.com/itch/default.aspx>



Acta Dermato-Venerologica also has an itch section that is officially affiliated with IFSI; information may be found here: <https://www.medicaljournals.se/acta/>

For further information about IFSI, and to apply for membership, please visit the official website of IFSI, <http://www.itchforum.net/>

**E. Carstens**, President, International Forum for the Study of Itch

**Elke Weisshaar**, Vice President, International Forum for the Study of Itch

# Psoriasis & Atopic Dermatitis: Two Diseases or One Spectrum?

**Webcast Now Available!**

In October, the International Psoriasis Council and the International Eczema Council partnered to present a symposium during the European Academy of Dermatology and Venerology congress in Vienna. Co-chaired by Christopher Griffiths (Manchester, UK), Amy Paller (Chicago, USA), and Emma Guttman-Yassky (New York, USA), a very impressive international faculty was brought together in order to debate both sides of these dermatological conditions in terms of epidemiology/natural history, immune pathways, comorbidities, and pediatric diagnosis, phenotypes and translation from adults. The program explored current understanding of the epidemiological and clinical similarities between psoriasis and atopic dermatitis, while highlighting the need to better sub-classify based on underlying immunophenotype.



**Advancing Knowledge  
Enhancing Care**

The symposium is now available as an on-demand webcast and can be viewed at [http://www.psoriasisCouncil.org/ipc\\_iec.htm](http://www.psoriasisCouncil.org/ipc_iec.htm)

**Erika Fey**, Senior Marketing & Project Manager, International Psoriasis Council



Left to right: Matthias Augustin, Eric Simpson, Carsten Flohr, Christopher Griffiths, Amy Paller, Emma Guttman-Yassky, James Krueger, Darren Ashcroft, and Thomas Bieber.  
(Not pictured: Peter van de Kerkhof)

*Faculty gather at the end of the very successful IPC & IEC symposium*

## International Peeling Society

The International Peeling Society (IPS) was founded in 2012 by a group of physicians dedicated to the field of chemical peels. The mission is to teach and promote the art, science and techniques of chemical peels for both therapeutic and aesthetic medical purposes to core specialists around the globe.

To promote these goals the IPS do *Session and Teaching Courses* at the most important congresses all over the world. At the 5 Continent Congress in Barcelona, Sahar Ghannam, did a course about different peeling options and the variety of different indications. Twelve attendees learned everything about Chemical Peelings: the cell renewals process, definition and mechanism of action, influencing factors, types, indications and side effect management. The course finished with three different live treatments: Anti-aging, Anti-spot & Anti-acne.

At the DASIL Annual Congress in Dubai we did an IPS Chemical Peeling Session featuring amazing speakers and the latest news in the field of Chemical Peels.



## The First Ever International Conference on Tropical Dermatology



The first ever International Conference on Tropical Dermatology (ICTD) was held 11-14 August 2016 in Colombo, Sri Lanka <http://www.ictd2016.org>, Tropical Dermatology encompasses a wide array of dermatological problems in tropical and subtropical regions. Its aim is to create a forum for the exchange of ideas and to spread knowledge on tropical dermatology among the dermatology community.



Sri Lanka College of Dermatologists (SLCD) took the initiative in organizing the ICTD. The theme was "Topics from Tropics", and included a Clinical Case Demonstration on the last day. It was attended by 230 delegates from 24 countries.

Forty-six renowned clinicians and scientists in the relevant fields from 12 countries shared their knowledge and expertise. The President of the ISD, Dr Evangeline Handog was the Chief Guest of the Conference at the Inauguration Ceremony. All the major tropical dermatology topics, emerging and re-emerging infections and pigmentary disorders, as well as sociocultural dermatoses, were discussed. The clinical meeting with patients demonstrating numerous typical and atypical tropical dermatoses was outstanding.

Sri Lanka is already planning to have the next Tropical Dermatology Conference in 2020!

**Prof. Prasad Kumarasinghe** (Coordinator – Organizing Committee ICTD 2016)

**Dr. Janaka Akarawita** (President SLCD, Chairperson – Organizing Committee ICTD 2016)

## A Hands-on Training Course for Interventional Skills in Dermatology: A new model for resident training

The Educational Committee of the Turkish Dermatology Board launched a two-day "hands-on training course" in 2016 to improve the interventional skills of dermatology residents. Thirty participants in their third year of residency attended the course free of charge. The funding of the course was undertaken by the Turkish Society of Dermatology. Two weeks prior to the course, residents were sent videos and articles regarding the skills to be taught in order to prepare themselves. The course program included basic and advanced surgical skills, nail surgery, prick & patch tests, cosmetic botulinum toxin injections, and laser applications. An optional visit to the Mohs Micrographic Surgery Unit was also available for residents as the finale to the course.



This was a most enjoyable course and the residents passed with flying colors. We received such encouraging feedback that we believe it is bound to become a tradition, just like our yearly 'Winter Schools' for last year's residents.

Executive and Educational Board of Turkish Society of Dermatology

# International Conference of Dermatology, Nepal



The Society of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists of Nepal (SODVELON) organized its 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Dermatology and XIIIth National Conference of SODVELON on 20-22 October 2016, Kathmandu, Nepal under the chairmanship of Prof. Dinesh Binod Pokhrel. The theme of the conference was “Ethics and Communication Skills in Dermatology”.

The conference was inaugurated by Her Excellency Bidhya Devi Bhandari, the President of Federal Republic of Nepal. Around 450 delegates attended the conference from around the world.

The conference featured plenary sessions on common disorders, workshops, recent advances, clinical dermatology, dermato-therapeutics, community dermatology/medical curriculum, paediatric dermatology/genodermatoses, psychodermatology, dermatopathology, Leprosy, PKDL and STI/HIV sessions. More than a dozen award papers were presented by young budding Residents of Dermatology throughout the world. Eminent speakers around the world delivered the key note lectures during the conference.



**Dr Sudip Parajuli**, Organizing co-secretary, International Conference of Dermatology, Nepal

## Establishment of the Skin Research Institute of Singapore (SRIS)

The Skin Research Institute of Singapore (SRIS) was established in 2013. The aims of SRIS are to promote, facilitate and conduct world-class skin research; support training of scientists, clinicians and engineers interested in research in skin biology and diseases; fund research with priority given to inter-disciplinary translational work that enhances clinical care; partner like-minded organizations to advance understanding of skin biology; and innovate new technologies and products.



The tripartite partnership draws on excellence in three complementary fields – biomedicalsciences (Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR)), bioengineering and materials sciences (Nanyang Technological University and the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine), and dermatology (National Skin Centre, Singapore).

SRIS has awarded two sets of Skin Research Grants (SRG), totaling approximately Singapore \$ 4.5 million. In addition SRIS has successfully organized a series of major international skin research meetings in Singapore. A new Skin Research PhD programme has been rolled out, and a laboratory course for skin science beginners has been set up.

Detailed planning for SRIS research labs and offices in the new Clinical Science Building of the LKC School of Medicine – next to the National Skin Centre in Health Hub Novena are underway, and construction of the laboratories will start in 2017.

SRIS now has a well-recognized and well-respected international academic identity.

For more information, please visit the website at <https://www.a-star.edu.sg/sris/About-SRIS/SRIS-Administration.aspx>

**Prof Roy Chan**, Executive Director (Clinical)  
For the Dermatological Society of Singapore

# Meet the ILDS Board: Chung-Hong Hu

We will be showcasing ILDS Board Members to you in the newsletter. This edition features, Chung-Hong Hu, ILDS Awards Committee Chair.

“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by”: a quote from Robert Frost’s *The Road Not Taken*, is my response to the question “why did you choose dermatology?”.

Whilst most of my contemporaries went for the “big four”: surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology and pediatrics, I chose dermatology. I love that it offers both medical and surgical practice.

The cold, snowy climate in Minnesota may be a challenge, but residency training at the Mayo Clinic was the most fruitful and enjoyable learning experience for me. We saw patients from all over the country and abroad. Daily morning meetings emphasized observational and problem solving skills; microscope-side teaching provided intense training in dermatopathology.

But beyond the learning of dermatology, it is the heritage of the Mayo Clinic and its founders, the Mayo Brothers, which truly inspired me. With pioneering vision, they set up a group practice and developed into an institution of excellence in patient care, teaching and research. Even more admirable was the transformation of the privately owned entity into a public institution of international eminence. At its core are the values of “patient first” and “teamwork”.

I practice and teach clinical dermatology, with a particular emphasis on skin problems and their systemic implications. I also take great interest in the humanity in medicine. During my presidency of the Taiwanese Dermatological Association (TDA), a symposium on “Medicine meets Art” was organised, with Irwin Braveman of Yale as the keynote speaker. I was also involved with setting up the Graduate Institute for Humanity and Medicine Master’s programme, during my presidency of Taipei Medical University (TMU).

In addition to professional work and medical education, I also actively participate in two international organizations: The Red Cross and Rotary International (RI) where, in 2011-2012, I served as district governor of RI District 3480 in greater Taipei.

It is an honor that I was elected to the board of ILDS in 2011. Another learning experience for me! Currently, I am the chair of the ILDS Awards Committee which Jerry Shapiro (Vice Chair of the Awards Committee), Thomas Lugar, Wolfram Sterry and Harvey Lui also sit on. Our duty is to review candidates nominated by ILDS member societies, such as for the ILDS Certificates of Appreciation, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. The purpose of awarding the Certificates of Appreciation is to recognise and appreciate colleagues who have made outstanding and exemplary contribution to dermatology, nationally and internationally.

**Chung-Hong Hu**  
ILDS Board Director



Chung-Hong Hu (wearing hat) chats with international students in Taipei, the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.



Left to right: Jean Bolognia, Julia Yu-Yun Lee, Eric Lan, Chung-Hong Hu

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation and flower bouquet to Julia Yu-Yun Lee.

# The International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD)

The International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) has had a busy six months and been involved in multiple initiatives and I am pleased to share a brief update.

## International Alliance for the Control of Scabies (IACS)

The IFD has supported the development of the International Alliance for the Control of Scabies (IACS) (<http://www.controlscaabies.org>) and hosted the 5th Annual Global Scabies meeting in Atlanta, USA on 13th November 2016. Over fifty people attended this important milestone for the control of scabies and there was productive discussion relating to novel treatments, first hand reports from endemic regions as well as linking with the Coalition for Operational Research for Neglected Tropical Diseases.

## ILDS DermLink Grants Programme

It is with great pleasure that we announce the successful candidates of the ILDS DermLink Grants Programme 2016. The applications were wide ranging but the IFD Committee unanimously agreed to support the following projects:

- A public campaign against zoonotic sporotrichosis in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: this action day represents the fruit of an official partnership of Instituto Protetores da Pele (IPP) with the Brazilian Society of Dermatology (SBD), official representative of dermatologists in Brazil. The German Dermatological Society submitted a Proposal for a project to deliver Dermatological Care for populations in rural, under supplied and/or remote areas in Cambodia.
- The International Society of Dermatology supported the Philippines Immunodermatology Unit at the Department of Dermatology Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) Alabang, Muntinlupa, Philippines proposal for materials to enable them to offer diagnostic testing for immunobullous disease for Southern part of the Philippines.

Calls for the DermLink Grants Programme 2017 will be circulated early next year. Awards consist of \$5,000 for field projects and a maximum of \$3,000 for materials and equipment. Preference is given to those who have clear objectives to benefit resource poor communities.

## African Society of Dermatology and Venereology inaugural meeting, Abuja, Nigeria, July 2016

I was privileged to be present and to represent the ILDS at the first scientific meeting of the newly formed African Society of Dermatology and Venereology (ASDV). This was held in Abuja, Nigeria alongside the Nigerian Association of Dermatologists 10<sup>th</sup> annual event in July 2016.

There were 110 registered delegates from 11 countries including 9 African countries. It was a great honour to have both Mrs Aisha Muhammadu Buhari, the wife of the Nigerian President, and the Minister for Health for the Federal Republic of Nigeria at the Opening Ceremony.

There were more than 70 excellent talks delivered over the three days covering a broad but locally relevant series of subjects including a lively and passionate debate on the practice of skin bleaching.

The ASDV executive positions were approved at the Annual General Meeting and a plan proposed to hold the next ASDV Scientific Meeting in Durban, South Africa alongside the Dermatological Society of South Africa Scientific Meeting in 2018. It is their sincere hope that all of the 58 African countries will be represented here.



## Regional Dermatology Training Centre (RDTC), Moshi, Tanzania

The IFD continues to support of the Regional Dermatology Training Centre (RDTC) in Moshi, Tanzania. The 22<sup>nd</sup> RDTC International Annual CME Conference and graduates' reunion will take place 11-14 January 2017, where several ILDS Board Members will give presentations as part of the programme.

Further information on these and other IFD activities can be found at:

<http://www.ifd.org>

Claire Fuller, IFD Chair



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# Sincere Thanks to our Member Society Supporters in 2016

The work of the International Foundation for Dermatology and its support for the Regional Dermatology Training Centre would not have been possible in 2016 without the generous support of a number of ILDS member societies. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following members and acknowledge your important contributions.



**American Academy of Dermatology**



**British Association of Dermatology**



**European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology**



**Canadian Dermatology Association**



**French Society of Dermatology**

Donations, of all sizes, make a significant difference to the work that the IFD can support and to the improvement of skin health for people in resource poor settings around the world. We hope that your society would be interested to make a contribution in 2017. Please contact the ILDS office to discuss the opportunities for support and engagement by emailing Katie Barretta on [operations@ilds.org](mailto:operations@ilds.org).

# And Finally

2016 has been an exciting year for the ILDS and we warmly welcome the addition of two new faces to the ILDS team: Katie Barretta, Operations and Fundraising Manager, and Sarah Boycott, Membership and Communications Officer. We are looking forward to what next year will bring and wish you all the best for 2017.



Left to right: Katie Barretta, Joanna Groves, Sarah Boycott

ILDS Team



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