

# Recommendations and Actions: Next Steps towards Skin Health for the World

Throughout the Summit plenary and workshop sessions, delegates shared concrete proposals for how ILDS and dermatological societies can work towards a vision of skin health for the world.

The Summit has provided ILDS with rich information on the issues affecting Members around the world as well as feedback on existing ILDS activities and ideas for new ILDS activities. This information has been recorded and considered in the context of ongoing ILDS activities. In addition, it provides valuable information which will feed into the development of the ILDS Strategic Plan for the period 2020-2023.

This supplement to the Summit Report outlines the recommendations proposed during the Summit along with ILDS current activities and future plans.

## Action Areas

1. Working with the World Health Organization (WHO)
2. Endorsing guidelines
3. Defining training curricula and training standards
4. Sharing educational programmes and resources
5. The definition of a dermatologist
6. Working with the ILDS
7. ILDS' humanitarian programme: the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD)
8. Working with patient groups
9. Fostering volunteer engagement



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The Vietnamese Society of Dermatology and Venereology  
The Ho Chi Minh City Hospital of Dermato-Venereology



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**Recommendation 1:** Participants considered that working with the World Health Organization (WHO) should be a priority for the ILDS in order to ensure that global policies are developed which promote Skin Health for the World. The potential for ILDS and its membership to work with WHO to address additional neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) in particular (e.g. leprosy, leishmaniasis etc) was raised.

**Current ILDS position:** ILDS' first strategic objective covers influencing global health policies and practices including ILDS' work with the WHO. This has been a cornerstone of ILDS' work for many years with a number of positive outcomes including (2016-2018):

- Networking Symposium with the WHO on areas of mutual interest (2017)
- Contribution to the development of the Dermatology Specialty classifications in relation to skin and related diseases within the 11th Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11)
- Two new medicines being added to the WHO Essential Medicines List
- Recognition of scabies as a neglected tropical disease
- Publication of a training guide on NTDs and the skin

**ILDS Future plans:** The WHO extended official relations status to the ILDS in January 2019 providing a strong foundation for the delivery of our collaboration plan with the WHO for 2019-2021 in six areas:

- Contributing to the refinement of Dermatology Specialty classifications within ICD-11 and supporting the implementation of ICD-11
- Improving recognition and management of scabies and other diseases and recognition of NTDs through capacity building with front-line workers
- Provision of technical assistance with revisions to the WHO Model Lists of Essential Medicines
- Publication of a systematic review on the impact of occupation on skin cancer
- Production of a Global Psoriasis Atlas
- Development of a Core Curriculum on Skin Ageing
- During strategic planning in 2019, additional opportunities for collaboration will be considered such as on additional NTDs

**Recommendation 2:** There was general consensus that the ILDS should endorse existing guidelines rather than develop new guidelines (except in cases where, as identified by the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD), it is necessary to develop guidelines for rare or neglected diseases where no suitable guidelines exist).

**Current ILDS position:** The ILDS Guidelines Committee has developed a methodology for the selection of diseases to recommend guidelines on. The first disease to be considered was vitiligo and, during 2018, experts provided their recommendations.

**ILDS Future plans:** During 2019, the ILDS will be publishing recommended guidelines for vitiligo. It will then start working on the identification of recommended guidelines for Leishmaniasis.

**Recommendation 3:** There were a number requests for the ILDS to become involved in defining training curricula and training standards and supporting training particularly in low income settings.

**Current ILDS position:** Within the context of the common priority with the WHO on optimising healthy skin ageing, the ILDS has identified the value of a core curriculum on skin health and ageing for nurses and other allied healthcare professionals.

**ILDS Future plans:** The Core Curriculum on Skin Ageing will begin development in 2019. The role of ILDS in the development of further training curricula and support for training in low income settings will be considered within the ILDS' strategic planning process in 2019.

**Recommendation 4:** Participants identified a key role for the ILDS in sharing educational programmes and resources. In particular, the role of artificial intelligence and teledermatology in future dermatological diagnosis, treatment and care was raised.

**Current ILDS position:** ILDS supports Members through the provision of a range of resources:

- Members can share information on their activities in the ILDS Newsletter
- The ILDS Glossary for the Description of Cutaneous Lesions (ILDS Glossary). This open access resource is now available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese
- Community Dermatology Journal (CDJ) – current and back copies are available online and on the CDJ App in English, French and Spanish

**ILDS Future plans:** In 2019, the ILDS will be developing its resources:

- The ILDS Glossary will be made available in Hindi, Japanese, Korean and Russian
- The ILDS Global Dermatology Reference Gallery establishing high-quality international standards for dermatological images will be launched
- The potential to develop a repository for useful resources relating to issues of relevance to Members and the potential to develop other specific projects on these topics will be assessed.

**Recommendation 5:** A number of participants raised the difficulty in defining what a dermatologist is and asked whether it would be possible to develop a global definition of a dermatologist to guide national regulatory authorities.

**Current ILDS position:** This is a new issue for the ILDS and one where exploration is needed to determine whether it would be possible to develop a relevant global definition of a dermatologist.

**ILDS Future plans:** This issue has been discussed by the ILDS Board of Directors and, as a first step, the ILDS will undertake an information gathering exercise (incorporating a Member survey) to explore the situation in different regions. This will inform consideration of how a global definition could be developed.

**Recommendation 6:** Members were keen to work together with the ILDS to promote Skin Health for the World and a number asked how they could get involved in ILDS projects.

**Current ILDS position:** Members have made valuable contributions to ILDS' work including:

- The development of the 2nd ILDS World Skin Summit in 2018. A Member Survey identified the key themes; Members contributed to a compendium of initiatives and over 30 Member representatives acted as chairs and speakers
- The development of the International Classification of Diseases 11th Revision (ICD-11) through field testing and expert review
- World Skin Health Day Campaign in 2018, 20 events were held in 14 countries reaching 89,000 people

**ILDS Future plans:** In 2019, there continue to be opportunities for Members to work with the ILDS including the opportunity to nominate and vote for candidates for Director positions on the ILDS Board. ILDS' new website details current member opportunities. Going forwards, additional opportunities will be identified and communicated to members.

*In 2019, please join the growing movement raising awareness of Skin Health for the World through World Skin Health Day!*

**Recommendation 7:** Growing the ILDS' humanitarian programme through the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) to assist dermatologists and their societies in supporting care in low income regions was identified as an important area for the ILDS.

**Current ILDS position:** ILDS' third strategic objective is to improve dermatological care of patients in under-served areas of the world. We work towards this aim through the following projects, partnerships and grant programmes:

**Providing substantive support for the Regional Dermatology Training Centre**

- RDTC has trained over 270 dermatology graduates across Africa to date. In 2018, the IFD supported the development of a new Topical Medical Compound Unit.
- In-Country Support – grants currently support projects in Argentina, Cambodia and Mexico

**ILDS DermLink Grants**

- 12 grants awarded (2016-2018) totaling \$50,0000

**Community Dermatology Journal (CDJ)**

- In 2018, over 10,000 copies were distributed to nearly 200 countries free of charge. It was published in English, French and Spanish. The CDJ App was launched.

**Active partnerships with:**

- the World Health Organization (WHO) as outlined above
- the International Alliance for the Control of Scabies (IACS)

Support for annual meetings and a dossier which led to WHO adopting scabies as an NTD in 2017

**ILDS Future plans:** The IFD's work will be reviewed in 2019 and a new strategy for the next four years developed. In 2019 the IFD is:

- Increasing ILDS DermLink fund from \$20,000 to \$30,000 to support projects from around the world
- Launching a new Strategy Innovation Grants Programme
- Launching, in collaboration with Standing Voice, a manual of best practice for persons with albinism
- Rebranding the CDJ as Community Skin Health and publishing it in an additional language
- Developing a Migrant Health Programme
- Developing an IFD Strategy for 2020-2023 which enables IFD to grow and consolidate its activities and programmes to improve dermatological care for patients in under-served areas

**Recommendation 8:** The importance of the ILDS working with patient groups was highlighted.

**Current ILDS position:** The ILDS is currently working in collaboration with the International Federation of Psoriasis Associations on the Global Psoriasis Atlas. Discussions are taking place with the International Alliance of Dermatology Patient Organizations (IADPO) to consider the potential for future collaboration and concerning the engagement of patient representatives in the World Congress of Dermatology.

**ILDS Future plans:** In 2019, the ILDS will begin the development of an approach to the systematic and meaningful engagement of patient groups in its work. This will be considered in the development of the new strategy for the ILDS for the period 2020-2023.

**Recommendation 9:** There was recognition of the potential for the ILDS to foster effective volunteer engagement with societies/centres around the world and many ideas were shared including ILDS facilitating connections between volunteers and centres.

**Current ILDS position:** To date, the IFD has promoted, on an ad-hoc basis, opportunities for dermatologists to volunteer in areas of need. For example, the ILDS promoted the opportunity for dermatologists to join a mission in 2018 to support Syrian refugees and other vulnerable local people in Jordan.

**ILDS Future plans:** The IFD will be considering its role in fostering effective and sustainable volunteer engagement around the world during the strategic planning process in 2019, including the development of network of global health dermatologists: the International Alliance for Global Health Dermatology (GLODERM).

