



ILDS



**Welcome
to the ILDS**

Membership Guide

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For all other enquiries, please email: info@ilds.org

1. Welcome from the President

Welcome to the International League of Dermatological Societies.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the ILDS through your membership. It is an absolute privilege to have your Society join our unique community of member societies working towards a joint vision of [#SkinHealth4theWorld](#). We look forward to working alongside you.

The ILDS has shaped international dermatology for more than 134 years. We are increasing awareness, cooperation and communication within the dermatology community. We promote high quality education, clinical care, research and innovation that will improve skin health around the world. And we do this through collaborating with our members and partners.

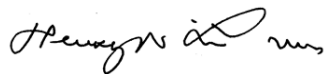
We encourage you to get involved - there are many opportunities and we are constantly reviewing, updating and adding to our projects and programmes. Please check our website, your ILDS Newsletter and our social media channels for the latest news and updates.

We have a dedicated Membership Officer to support you in your journey who is available for any membership queries you may have - please get in touch. We also have a fantastic Secretariat supporting the ILDS and you will find important contact details within this document along with other important information about your membership. Please read and keep it for future reference.

During my term as President, I look forward to meeting our members and working closely and collaboratively to achieve our joint goals.

Sincere thanks again for your support of the ILDS through your membership.

With warm personal greetings



Henry W. Lim
ILDS President



Message from Lisa Jacobs, ILDS Membership Officer

"I am delighted to welcome you to the ILDS community.

Your ILDS membership provides many benefits and I hope this guide will provide you with the answers to any questions you may have.

As a valued ILDS Member, I am committed to assisting you wherever I can throughout your ILDS membership journey so please get in touch if you have any questions or need any help or guidance. You can contact me by email to ljacobs@ilds.org.

I look forward to working, sharing and learning with you and your members.

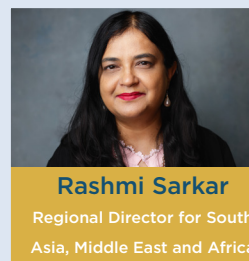
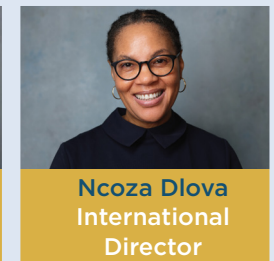
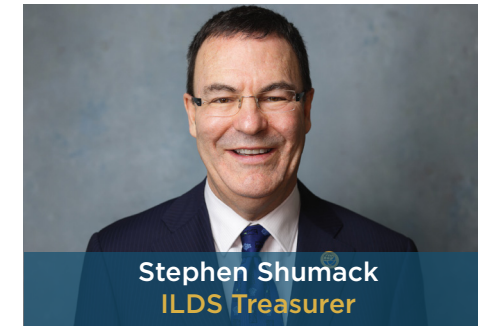
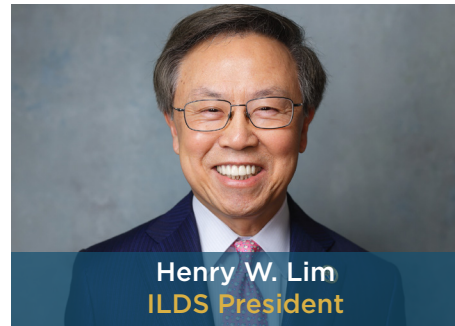
Very best wishes,
Lisa"



2. ILDS Board of Directors

The 2023 - 2027 ILDS Board comprises of 20 Directors with three officers; President, Secretary-General and Treasurer. The Board meet regularly throughout the year to oversee ILDS programmes and activities.

PLEASE NOTE: We regret to advise that we cannot give out email addresses of ILDS Board Members. Should you wish to make contact with them, please send an email to info@ilds.org and your email will be forwarded.



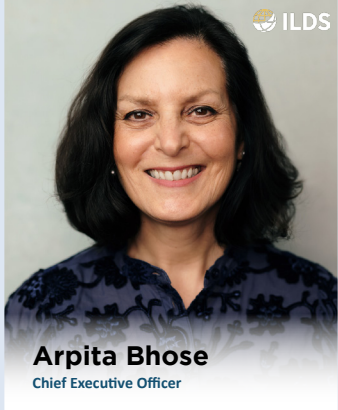


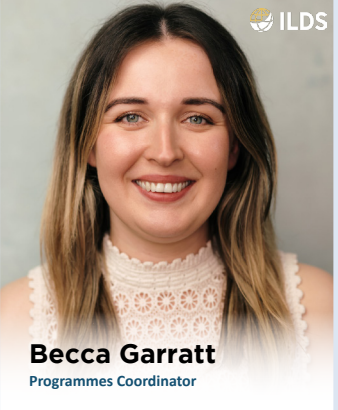

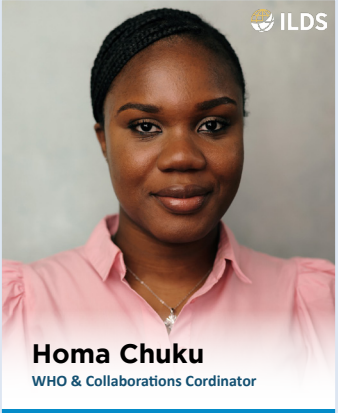
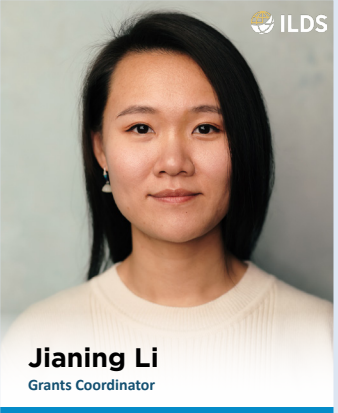

3. ILDS Secretariat

The ILDS Secretariat are the administrative staff who are responsible for the day to day running of the ILDS.

Overseen by Arpita Bhose, Chief Executive Officer, the Secretariat is comprised of a dedicated team to support all aspects of the ILDS and its projects and programmes.

Should you wish to contact a member of the Secretariat, please use the email address shown on this page.

Alternatively, for general enquiries, please contact: info@ilds.org

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4. About the ILDS

The ILDS is a unique umbrella organisation for professional dermatology organisations of all sizes. We represent dermatology at the highest level through our 'official relations' status with the World Health Organization (WHO), championing dermatology and skin health to ensure its inclusion in global health policy.

Our Vision - To attain the best possible skin health for all people around the world.

Our Mission - To increase awareness, cooperation and communication within the global dermatology community to promote high quality education, clinical care, research and innovation that will improve skin health globally.

Projects and programmes

The ILDS continuously develops, reviews and improves ways we can make a difference globally. Through our projects and programmes, we strive to find ways to make an impact in all aspects of dermatology globally whether it be education, research or practical development. Below is a list of some of the current ILDS projects and programmes to improve the skin health of people around the world.



Global Partnerships for Education and Care programme

The aim of the GPEC programme is to improve the standard of dermatological education and care worldwide, through facilitating mutual learning partnerships between organisations. We seek to pair up dermatology departments to establish bi-directional knowledge exchange, furthering ILDS' vision to attain the best possible skin health for all people around the world.



Non-communicable diseases (NCDs)

We work closely with the World Health Organization (WHO) and other partners to support the prevention and control of NCDs. Building on the success of the [Global Psoriasis Atlas](#) which was established in 2017 in response to the [WHO Global Report on Psoriasis](#) (2016), ILDS is working with a range of stakeholders to develop other Atlases to promote access to skin health across a range of dermatological conditions, including the [Global Atopic Dermatitis Atlas](#) launched in 2022.



Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)

Skin NTDs continue to have a low profile and status in public health priorities. To help address this, Neglected Tropical Diseases NGO Network (NNN) members established the Skin NTD Cross-Cutting Group to ensure that these neglected diseases receive adequate attention and financial support within the WHO NTD Roadmap 2021-2030. The International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) is a member of the NNNSCCG and also provides operational support to the Group. IFD Chair, Dr Claire Fuller, is the NNNSCCG Chair.



International Classification of Diseases (ICD)-11

The ILDS leads the Dermatology Topic Advisory Group (TAG) for the 11th revision of the ICD. The ILDS has been involved in the revision since 2008 when we were invited to be the ICD-11 TAG leader. Over the last decade, the TAG has overseen the revision of the 'Diseases of the Skin' chapter as well as many dermatologically relevant diseases located in other chapters of ICD. There are now over 2,000 different defined skin disorders that have been characterised as part of the ICD-11 development process.



DermLink Grants

DermLink is an annual grants programme that provides support for ILDS Members to undertake one-off projects and initiatives to improve the treatment of patients with skin disease in under-served parts of the world. These projects are diverse and reach patients all over the world.



World Skin Summit

The ILDS World Skin Summit brings the leaders of our Member and Partner organisations together to discuss the challenges they face. The Summit provides an opportunity for leaders to share experiences and develop strategies to improve skin health at local, national, regional and global levels.

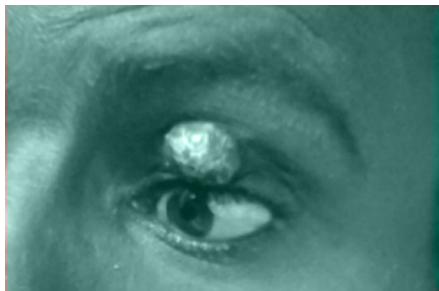


World Skin Health Day

World Skin Health Day is a joint project of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) and the International Society of Dermatology (ISD). Since 2013, World Skin Health Day has been taking place across the world to raise awareness of and treat a diverse range of skin conditions. Taking part in World Skin Health Day helps to raise awareness about the wide-ranging impact of skin disease, as well as supporting people needing treatment in their local communities.



World Skin Health Day
skin health for all



Community Skin Health Journal

The Community Skin Health Journal (CSH) is the official Journal of the IFD (formerly known as the Community Dermatology Journal). It is a dermatology resource for healthcare workers in under-served areas and it provides up to date, relevant information on the diagnosis and treatment of skin disease. It is a useful resource for educating health workers and the populations they serve and for keeping in touch with dermatology services in low-resource areas.



Promoting global
Community SkinHealth
through education



Regional Dermatology Training Centre

The Regional Dermatology Training Centre (RDTC) in Moshi, Tanzania, is a supra-regional training, research and clinical centre. It provides care to dermatological patients and training to medical Assistants and Clinical Officers. The RDTC was founded in 1990 as a joint enterprise between the ILDS and the Tanzanian Ministry of Health, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) on land provided by the Good Samaritan Foundation. To date the RDTC has trained more than 290 graduates from 17 African countries in its Advanced Diploma in Dermato-Venerology (ADDV).

Look out for new projects and programmes from the ILDS as we find new ways to make a difference to the global community through dermatology.

[Click here](#) to see the latest ILDS news on our website.

Partnerships and Networks

The theme for our 2020-2023 Strategy, Global Partnerships for Skin Health, recognises our increasingly interconnected world where health issues cross borders and that we can only achieve our vision of 'Skin Health for the World' by working with others.

The partnerships that we foster through our activities lead to improvements in the quality and availability of skin health resources and services worldwide. Strengthening partnerships and networks facilitates the development of innovative ideas, knowledge transfer and understanding between groups and individuals with shared as well as different experiences. These connections provide opportunities to raise awareness of the cross-cutting nature of skin health and to increase the profile of dermatology globally.



World Health Organization collaboration

The ILDS is a global organisation, raising dermatological issues at the highest level. We work closely with the World Health Organization (WHO) across multiple areas and are the only skin specialist organisation in official relations with the WHO. ILDS annually visits the WHO-HQ in Geneva for meetings with the WHO units/departments we collaborate with. These include International Classification of Diseases, Essential Medicines, Neglected Tropical Diseases, Non-Communicable Diseases, Occupational Health, Ageing and Life Course, and Emerging Infections.

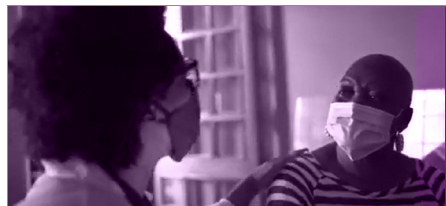
The ILDS contributes to its work and priorities by:

- continuing refinement of the ICD-11 MMS and Dermatology Specialty classifications in relation to skin and related diseases;
- improving recognition of NTDs by front-line healthcare workers using skin signs of disease;
- providing assistance with revisions to list of skin condition related essential medicines; and
- providing technical assistance on ultraviolet radiation-induced skin disease.



Patients' organisations

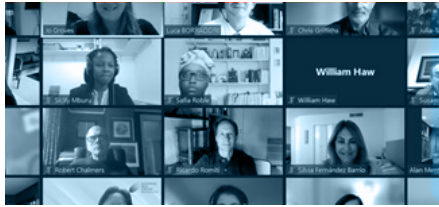
The ILDS is committed to the inclusion of the patient voice in our work and we collaborate with patients' organisations across a range of areas. The ILDS Patients' Organisations Committee was set up in 2020 to ensure that the patients' voice is considered in ILDS activities and to foster dialogue and partnerships between the ILDS, its Members, and patients' organisations to improve access to dermatological patient-centred healthcare worldwide.



GLODERM

The International Alliance for Global Health Dermatology (GLODERM) connects dermatologists and trainees with a focus on supporting resource-limited communities, locally and globally. The GLODERM Mentorship Programme brings together Mentor-Mentee Pairs to share knowledge and grow the skills needed for Mentees to become 'change-makers'.





ILDS and IADPO Webinar Series

The ILDS and the International Alliance of Dermatology Patient Organizations (also known as GlobalSkin) are working together to produce a series of webinars across a range of dermatological issues bringing together dermatologists and patient leaders in a forum to share experiences and information.



International Alliance for the Control of Scabies

The International Alliance for the Control of Scabies (IACS) is a global network of researchers, clinicians and public health experts committed to the control of human scabies and the promotion of health and well-being of all those living in affected communities.



Global Skin Health Coalition

This Coalition brings together a multi-stakeholder group of like-minded organisations focused on putting medical dermatology on the global health agenda. It will advocate to the World Health Organization (WHO) and other decision makers globally to elevate the healthcare prioritisation of dermatological diseases.



Migrant Health Dermatology Working Group

The Migrant Health Dermatology Working Group (MHDWG) of the IFD brings together global specialists to discuss skin health issues facing migrants and refugees, developing and sharing best practice as advocates for improved skin health provision for migrants, refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs).

The ILDS' ongoing commitment to improving skin health around the world continues to provide many opportunities to expand our network with new collaborations and partnerships.

Please check the [ILDS website](#) regularly for updates.

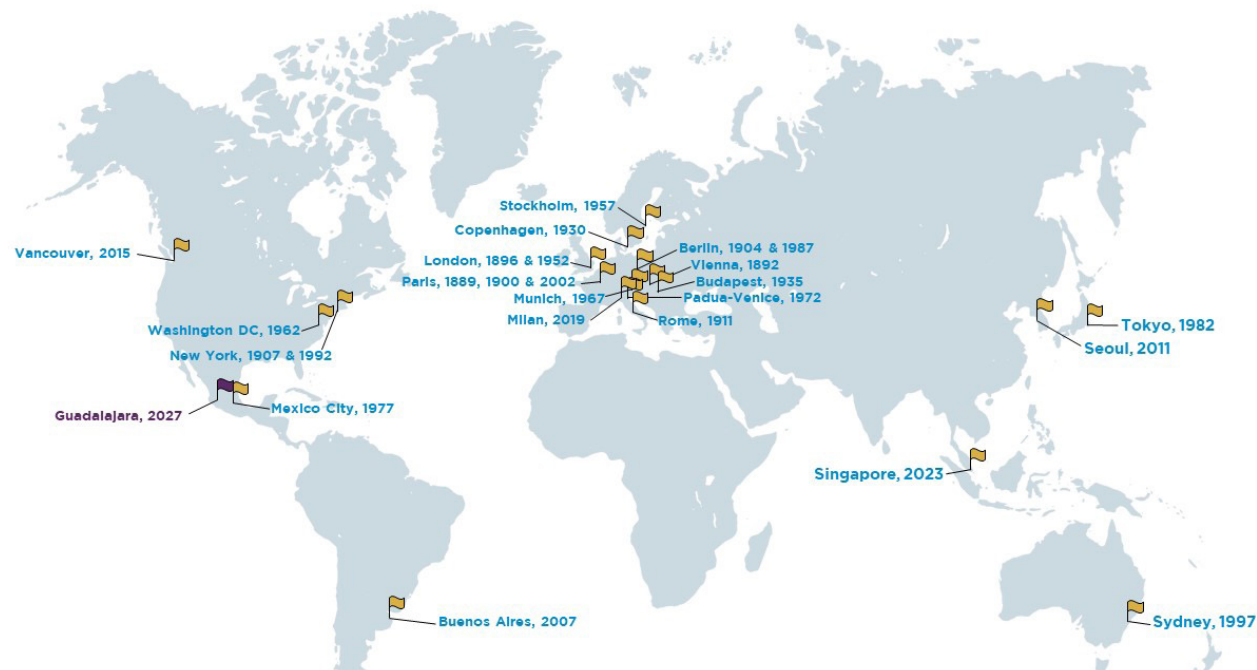
5. World Congress of Dermatology

The World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) is organised by the ILDS and is one of the largest dermatology meetings in the world. The WCD enables specialists to share their knowledge, research results and clinical experiences, and build their professional networks.

The first WCD was held in Paris in 1889 and is held every four years (where possible). Over the past 134 years, the WCD has brought together experts and relevant organisations and raised the importance of skin diseases.

Bids to host a WCD can be made by ILDS Member Societies and the location is decided by ILDS Members during the Ordinary General Meeting of the Assembly of Delegates (see benefits of membership).

Locations of the World Congress of Dermatology 1889 to 2027



World Congress of Dermatology 2027



21 to 26 June 2027



Guadalajara, Mexico



Jointly hosted by the Mexican Academy of Dermatology, the Mexican Society of Dermatology, the Mexican Society of Cosmetic Dermatology & Laser and the Mexican Society of Dermatologic Surgery & Oncology, planning is now well underway for the next WCD and we hope to see you in Guadalajara!

Important updates will be sent to ILDS Members by email. However, if you would like to learn more about the WCD, please [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE



6. International Foundation of Dermatology



**International Foundation
for Dermatology**

The International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) was created in 1987 by the ILDS to improve skin health in areas of low resource. It supports projects all over the world including Africa, Asia Pacific and South America. The IFD is critical to helping ILDS achieve its goal of [#SkinHealth4theWorld](#).



Together with our Members, Partners and project leaders, we work to deliver projects that have a meaningful impact on the lives of dermatology patients around the world, particularly those in under-served communities.

Dr Claire Fuller
IFD Chair



In 2022 alone, the IFD distributed \$ 500,000 in funding and worked with a global network of partners to support skin health initiatives in low-resource areas worldwide that are available, accessible and effective for all patients, regardless of ethnicity, disability or social background. Key projects include the Regional Dermatology Training Centre in Tanzania and the Community Skin Health journal, as well as projects in Argentina, Cambodia and Mexico to name a few.



For more information regarding the IFD, including ways you can support the work of the IFD, please [click here](#).

7. Overview of membership

On behalf of the ILDS, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your support through your membership. Your commitment is pivotal to the success of our shared goal - advancing skin health for the world.

Please read the following information carefully as it contains important information about your ILDS membership.

Your responsibilities

By joining the ILDS Membership community, your Society and its officers have agreed to abide by the terms and conditions of the [ILDS Articles](#) which incorporates the [ByLaws](#) and the Code of Conduct (currently being drafted).

You are responsible for ensuring any actions required by your Society are undertaken by the deadlines provided and accept full responsibility for any actions taken by the ILDS as a result of non-compliance.

Commencement, duration and renewal

Your ILDS membership commences on payment of the initial invoice until 31 December of that calendar year. Membership is renewed on 1 January every year. The ILDS will contact you on 30 November each year to request updated information for the renewal of your membership for the following year. This information **MUST** be provided by 31 December each year to enable the information to be used for the new invoice to be raised correctly. Information not received may result in your invoice being raised incorrectly.

Member fees

All membership fees are dependent on your class of membership and the income level for your country in accordance with ByLaw 3 of the [ByLaws](#). Should there be any change to the calculations or the fees, the ILDS will provide sufficient notice by email which will be sent to the President and Organisational Liaison of your Society.

Member fees are payable following the receipt of an invoice from ILDS. Payment terms for ALL invoices are strictly 30 days from date of invoice. Late or non-payment may result in your membership being revoked so please ensure payment is made promptly.

Notifying your members

We would encourage you to share the news of your ILDS membership with your members. In order to help, we have drafted a template (see Appendix 1) which you may wish to use/adapt to send by email and your welcome email contains an image for you to share on social media announcing your membership. Ask your members to [follow the ILDS](#) on our social media channels to be the first to hear about all the news and opportunities.

Updating your officers

The ILDS will always make contact with your President and Organisational Liaison as identified on your membership application and renewal form each year.

It is important that you update your details to ensure important communications are received by your Society and any deadlines for information/actions are met.

To update your details at any time, please [click here](#).

Use of ILDS Logo

The use of the ILDS Logo is strictly prohibited. There may be circumstances you can use the logo but this will need to be agreed by the ILDS Board. Please submit any requests to info@ilds.org.

Members Corner

The [ILDS Members' Corner](#) is a dedicated space on the ILDS website containing essential information for active ILDS Members. To access the Members' Corner, you will need a password. This will have been sent to the President and Organisational Liaison in the email advising that your Society's membership has been activated. You will find all the latest information about any activities, important dates and deadlines etc. so please check it regularly.

8. Member benefits

ILDS membership fees contribute to the work of the ILDS and our foundation, the International Foundation of Dermatology, but being an ILDS Member also provides many benefits and opportunities for your Society and its members. As part of our ongoing commitment to our members, we are constantly seeking to improve and develop further programmes, projects and activities to support you in practice and champion the role of dermatologists globally.

Here you can find a list of the current benefits*, depending on the membership class of each Society.

NOTES

*This list is not exhaustive and benefits may be amended from time to time. All benefits are subject to your membership being in good standing.

1. Specific criteria may apply depending on each Award - see Awards page.
2. Number of votes depending on membership class - see [ByLaws](#).
3. Currently under review for 2027.
4. [Terms and conditions](#) apply.
5. [Terms and conditions](#) apply.

Benefits	Membership Class		
	Member Society	Affiliated Society	Observer Society
General			
Be part of a unique community representing dermatology at the highest level through the ILDS' official relations with the WHO	✓	✓	✓
Contribute to the humanitarian work of the International Foundation of Dermatology through your membership fees	✓	✓	✓
Apply for member-only grants such as DermLink	✓	✓	✓
Nominate your members to receive prestigious ILDS Awards ¹	✓	✓	✓
Submit articles for the ILDS Membership Initiatives Directory, shared globally	✓	✓	✓
Showcase your work in our Member Activity Gallery	✓	✓	✓
General Meetings of the Assembly of Delegates			
Vote at General Meetings and on special resolutions including the election of Directors and location of the next World Congress ²	✓	✓	✗
Nominate an approved individual to be a candidate for election as ILDS Director ³	✓	✓	✗
Submit items of business for consideration at a General Meeting	✓	✓	✗
World Congress of Dermatology (WCD)			
Submit a bid to host the WCD	✓	✗	✗
Nominate field experts to be Chairs and Speakers at WCD	✓	✓	✓
Host a Sister Society meeting at the WCD ⁴	✓	✓	✗
Receive discounted registration to attend the WCD	✓	✓	✓
Events			
Take part in global campaigns (e.g. World Skin Health Day) and be featured in ILDS promotions	✓	✓	✓
Attend exclusive events including webinars, receptions and the ILDS World Skin Summit	✓	✓	✓
Promote your international events via website/newsletter ⁵	✓	✓	✓



General Meetings of the Assembly of Delegates

In accordance with Part C of the [ILDS Articles of Association](#), the ILDS may call for a General Meeting which may include a review of the Charity's activities, finances and a presentation of any auditor's report. From time to time, there may also be a need for special resolutions to be voted upon (such as the location of the next World Congress of Dermatology, voting for new Directors or voting to accept changes to the Articles). In accordance with Condition 8.2(b) of the Articles, Member Societies and Affiliated Societies may submit items of business for consideration at a General Meeting. If you wish to do this, please contact info@ilds.org.

In accordance with Condition 9 of the Articles, ILDS Members are requested to nominate a Representative (either upon application or in your renewal form) to attend the General Meeting and vote on behalf of your Society. Regardless of how many votes your Society is entitled to (see [page 24 - FAQs](#)), only one Representative may attend the General Meeting and will be able to submit all votes assigned to your Society. In accordance with Condition 18 of the Articles, proxies can be assigned and we will provide more information about this process when notifying the ILDS Members.

When a General Meeting is called, your President and Organisational Liaison will receive notice of such meeting by email. Therefore, it is essential to ensure that your contact details are up to date (see [page 13 - Updating your officers](#)). The ILDS cannot be held responsible for any issue arising from incorrect contact information being held by us. It is your responsibility to ensure this is correct at all times.

Please ensure you check the Members Corner regularly as important information regarding General Meetings will also be available here.

ILDS Newsletter

The ILDS send a quarterly newsletter containing all the latest news and information regarding ILDS activities. Your President and Organisational Liaison will be automatically added to the mailing list to receive the newsletter and others can sign up to receive the newsletter [here](#).

Updates from the Secretariat



All the latest news from ILDS including Board and policy updates, important membership information and calls to action.

World Health Organization



The latest information from our collaboration with the WHO, including feedback on meetings and global policy updates.

International Foundation of Dermatology



All the latest news from the IFD including projects, programmes and how you can get involved.

Webinars and events



Details of any upcoming ILDS events and webinars, as well as Member events accessible internationally and details of how you can register for them.

World Congress of Dermatology



The latest information from our collaboration with the World Health Organization, including feedback on meetings and global policy updates.

ILDS Members may submit a request for their events to be included in the ILDS newsletter to enhance visibility*.

Please [click here](#) to view the form.

*Terms and conditions apply. See form for more details.

Awards

The ILDS, as part of its work in global dermatology, aims to recognise dermatologists and others in the field of dermatological care who have made an outstanding contribution to improving the experience for people with skin diseases. One of the benefits of ILDS membership is the opportunity for societies to nominate their members to be considered for one of our prestigious Awards - the Certificate of Appreciation (COA) or the Young Dermatologist International Achievement (YDIA) Award.

Certificate of Appreciation

The ILDS Certificate of Appreciation is awarded annually and aims to recognise dermatologists and others in the field of dermatological care who have made an outstanding contribution in either of the following categories:

International Leadership - Those that have made significant contributions to furthering international dermatology. These are dermatologists that have shown international leadership which has had an impact on global health policies and practices, furthering cross-border research, education and empowerment of dermatologists, their societies and the public.

Humanitarian Dermatology - Those that 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.

Eligible ILDS Members (those in good standing) can nominate up to 2 people in total from their society - these can be two nominations in one category or one nomination in each category.

Nominations open in December of each year with the winners notified in July of the following year.



Young Dermatologist International Achievement (YDIA) Award

The YDIA Award is awarded quadrennially, to coincide with the World Congress of Dermatology (WCD), and aims to recognise recently qualified dermatologists who have made an outstanding contribution to international dermatology, particularly for patients in under-served areas of the world.

Recipients of the YDIA Award receive a certificate, a bursary towards travel and accommodation to attend the WCD as well as free registration at the event. The recipients are invited as guests to the opening ceremony of the WCD and the awards are presented to the recipients during the Emeritus Council reception, where all esteemed past and present ILDS Board Members in attendance.

The Award is presented to one individual from each ILDS Region (North America (excluding Mexico and the Caribbean); Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean); Europe; Africa; West, South and Central Asia; East Asia, South-East Asia and Oceania.

Eligible ILDS Members (those in good standing) can nominate one person from their society for this Award and nominees must have been practising dermatology post training for less than 15 years and must not hold the rank of Professor at any academic institution.



DermLink Grants

The International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD), the humanitarian arm of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS), offers funding for one-time projects and initiatives that are in low-resource areas and last no longer than 12 months through DermLink Grants. This is consistent with the mission of the ILDS, which is to achieve the best possible skin health for all people globally.

ILDS DermLink Grants seek to support applications from ILDS Members to undertake initiatives that help patients with skin disease in underserved parts of the world. We welcome applications from anywhere in the world, however, all applications need to be supported by an ILDS Member.

There are three grant types you can apply for:

- Materials & Equipment - Up to US\$3,000 for dermatological materials and equipment
- Training - Up to US\$3,000 for short-term dermatological training for an individual
- Field or Community Project - Up to US\$5,000 for projects in resource-poor regions lasting no more than 12 months

ILDS/IFD DermLink grants are awarded on a competitive basis following consideration by the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) Committee and ratification by the ILDS Board.

Applications open on 15 December each year and information is sent to the President and Organisational Liaison of your Society so please check your inbox, the Members Corner and social media for details on how to apply.

Over the past two years, the IFD have awarded over US\$110,000 which is only possible due to donations and support from our ILDS Members and partners.

In 2022, the IFD awarded **10 DermLink grants** totalling over \$47,000 for projects in nine countries across the continents of Africa, Oceania, and Asia and in 2023, **13 DermLink grants** were awarded amounting to over \$63,750 for projects spanning eleven countries across Africa, North America, South America, and Asia. ILDS Members played a crucial role in this initiative as they submitted the grant applications to the IFD, either as a project sponsor or to undertake the project directly themselves.



World Skin Health Day

World Skin Health Day is a joint project of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) and the International Society of Dermatology (ISD).

Since 2013, World Skin Health Day has been taking place across the world to raise awareness of and treat a diverse range of skin conditions.

Taking part in World Skin Health Day helps to raise awareness about the wide-ranging impact of skin disease, as well as supporting people needing treatment in their local communities.

From 2024, World Skin Health Day will be celebrated globally on 8th July each year.

This day is meant to encourage discussions and actions that work towards improving skin health, and we exclusively invite members of ILDS and ISD to join us. If you're unable to participate on July 8th, don't worry! You can still hold your event or activity any time during the year and use the day to showcase your past or future initiatives, projects, or campaigns.

Testimonial from ILDS Member

“ In 2021, we campaigned against skin bleaching in Sri Lanka. Our initiative had a significant impact as a major commercial enterprise modified its advertising to align with our slogan - “All skin colours are beautiful.” While an uphill battle, world skin Health Day has enabled us to challenge societal norms on skin and beauty.

Dr Chandani Udagedera
Sri Lankan College of Dermatologists



World Skin Health Day
 skin health for all



Dermlink 2020: Sun awareness workshops for farmers conducted by the Turkish Society of Dermatology

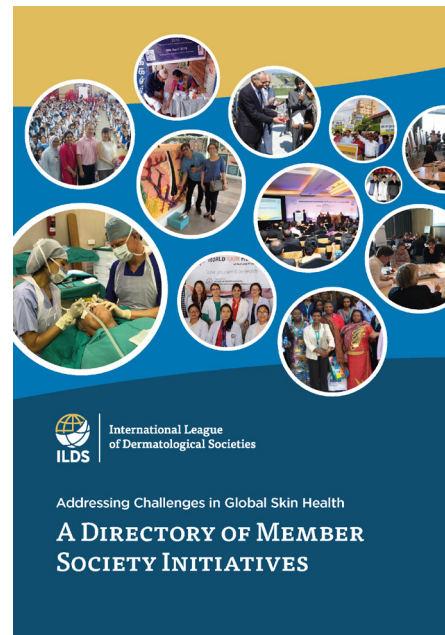


Member Initiatives Directory

The ILDS Member Initiatives Directory is now a bi-annual publication containing reports from ILDS Members on their projects and initiatives to support and enhance dermatology around the world.

Addressing challenges in global skin health, the Directory is published to coincide with the World Skin Summit (WSS) and World Congress of Dermatology (WCD). It highlights the fantastic work of ILDS Members around the world and promotes the sharing and exchange of information between member societies in order to educate and empower dermatologists and their societies.

We do hope that your Society will contribute to future editions of the Directory, so please look out for emails and social media announcements for the next edition. It will be launched at the World Skin Summit in 2025 to be held in Cape Town, South Africa.



2018 edition - [available here](#)



2023 edition - [available here](#)

Member activity gallery

Engaging pictures of dermatological practice are essential in getting messages across and showcasing services that promote high quality education, clinical care, research and innovation in the best possible way. The ILDS is currently in the process of building an activity gallery of our Member Societies' work showcasing different aspects of the services provided in each region. We are using the images, not only to promote the amazing and inspiring work being undertaken on a daily basis by our fantastic ILDS Members, but also use them in ILDS publications, on our website, and in social media posts that are shared globally.

Suggested images may include those of dermatologists in clinics including those with patients/treatments, work being carried out in humanitarian or community projects you may be involved in, or group images of your Society's Members in front of clinics/out in the community.

If your Society is interested in submitting some images for inclusion, please [click here](#).



ILDS Member The Japanese Dermatological Association's Summer School tutor diligently helps an attendee work on the mock skin during the suture training July 23

9. Get involved

Donate

Support the work of the ILDS and IFD



Donating to the IFD can be an incredibly meaningful way to make a real difference in the lives of people who suffer from skin diseases. Skin diseases affect millions of people around the world, causing physical discomfort, emotional distress, and social stigma.

By donating to the IFD, you can help us to fund projects and programmes designed to promote high quality education, clinical care, research and innovation within the global dermatology community.

Your donation, no matter how small, can help make a real impact on the lives of people who suffer from skin diseases, and help to advance the field of dermatology for generations to come. You can even choose the project/programme you would like your donation to go to via our donation form.

All donors get a special mention in our annual thank you shared on our website and on social media enhancing your Society's global profile.

Please consider supporting the work of the ILDS and the IFD.



Make your Society's vote count!
Have your say at the ILDS General Meetings.



Submit an Article for the ILDS Member Initiatives Directory or Member Activity Gallery.



Hold a World Skin Health Day activity and promote your work to our global community.



Check your inbox for opportunities to nominate your members for ILDS awards.



Submit your international events to be published in the ILDS newsletter.



We encourage you to contact us and visit us at the many events we attend throughout the year.

10. Connect with us

Social media is now integral to our daily lives and serves as an invaluable tool for the ILDS to connect with members and dermatology professionals around the world.

Following ILDS on social media grants instant access to worldwide dermatology news and updates, shared frequently from our members, partners, and collaborators, keeping you up-to-date with the latest developments in the field.

Through the accessibility of social media, connect with other members, dermatologists and healthcare professionals who are interested in the same topics as you. This can be a great way to network, learn from others, and share your own insights and experiences.

We are committed to promoting dermatology and raising awareness about important skin health issues on a global scale.

Follow us today for the most up to date information, opportunities, networking, and to boost your Society's visibility within our community.



Scan to connect with ILDS
on social media

TAG @ILDSDerm
Remember to tag us in your own social media posts so we can share your news!



International League of Dermatological Societies







@ILDSDerm
@IFDerm
@GLODERM

11. Important dates for your calendar

There are a number of key dates throughout the year that you should note for your membership.

We will always contact your President and Organisational Liaison with reminders of deadlines so please ensure you read all emails carefully.

In addition to the dates shown below, other deadlines will apply for items, for example relating to General Meetings, requests for articles for the Initiatives Directory, Young Dermatologist Awards and others. **Please check the Members Corner and your inbox regularly.**



Month	Key Dates and Events
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member invoices sent for payment ILDS Newsletter: published - check your inbox Check the Members' Corner for important updates
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28th - Deadline for Certificate of Appreciation nominations 28th - Deadline for DermLink grant applications Check the Members' Corner for important updates
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ILDS Newsletter published - check your inbox Check the Members' Corner for important updates
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check the Members' Corner for any important updates
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ILDS Newsletter published - check your inbox Check the Members' Corner for any important updates
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check the Members' Corner for any important updates
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ILDS Newsletter published - check your inbox Check the Members' Corner for important updates
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28th - Deadline for Certificate of Appreciation nominations 28th - deadline for DermLink grant applications Check the Members' Corner for important updates
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ILDS Newsletter published - check your inbox Check the Members' Corner for important updates
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check the Members' Corner for any important updates
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30th - Member renewal forms sent for completion ILDS Newsletter published - check your inbox Check the Members' Corner for any important updates
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6th - Certificate of Appreciation Award nominations open 15th - DermLink grant application open 31st - Deadline for Member renewal forms

12. Frequently asked questions

Where can I find the ILDS Articles of Association?

The latest version of the ILDS Articles of Association can be found [here](#).

Where can I find the ILDS ByLaws?

The latest version of the ILDS ByLaws can be found [here](#).

Where can I find the ILDS Code of Conduct?

The ILDS Code of Conduct is undergoing a review and will be published as soon as possible.

How do I renew my Society's ILDS Membership each year?

Your Society's President and Organisational Liaison (as nominated on your application form) will be contacted on 30 November each year requesting important renewal information. This includes confirmation of your Society's contact details and Representative at the AGM, as well as confirmation of your membership numbers (total members and fee-paying members). This information MUST be submitted by 31 December each year*. An invoice will be raised and sent to you in January and payment is due within 28 days of the date of invoice. Invoices MUST be paid within three months to avoid your Society being issued with a notice as outlined in the Articles of Association. Continued non-payment after three months of the notice may result in your membership being terminated.

***IMPORTANT:** If we do not receive updated details by 31 December each year, we will use the previous figures for our calculations which may/may not affect the number of votes allocated to your Society.

We haven't received an email regarding renewal information. What should we do?

Please check your junk/spam folders. If you still cannot find it, please email membership@ilds.org and we can arrange for it to be resent.

When will we receive our renewal invoice?

Your renewal invoice will be sent out early in January of each year. Payment is due within 28 days of the date of invoice but MUST be paid within three months to avoid your Society being issued with a notice as outlined in the Articles of Association. Continued non-payment after three months of the notice may result in your membership being terminated.

We are having trouble paying our invoice. What can we do?

If you have any issues paying your membership invoice by bank transfer or online, please contact membership@ilds.org and we would be happy to discuss it with you.

Our Society's Officers have changed - where can I provide an update to the contact details?

You must provide any changes as soon as possible so we can ensure important and time-sensitive communications, such as voting and election information, are received by your Society. Please click here to update your details.

What is the Members' Corner and how can I access it?

The Members' Corner is a dedicated space on the ILDS website containing essential information for active ILDS Members only. To access the Members' Corner, you will need a password. If you are an active ILDS Member and do not have the password to access this page, please contact membership@ilds.org.

I can't log in to the Members Portal.

The Members' Portal is no longer available as some members were experiencing issues with access. We have replaced the portal with the Members' Corner, accessible here, a dedicated space containing essential information for active ILDS Member Societies only.

Now we are ILDS Members, can we use the ILDS logo?

The use of the ILDS Logo is strictly prohibited. There may be circumstances you can use the logo but this will need to be agreed by the ILDS Board. Please submit any requests to info@ilds.org.

Is the information you hold for our Society stored safely?

The ILDS makes every effort to ensure there are robust processes in place to protect your details in accordance with applicable legislation. As the ILDS is registered in the UK, such laws include but are not limited to the Data Protection Act 2018, The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR). Please feel free to read our [Data Handling Procedure](#) which incorporates our Data Protection Policy. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact info@ilds.org.

We have received an email from the ILDS President requesting money - is it genuine?

The ILDS is aware that recently there have been some scam emails circulating and would like to reassure our Members that the ILDS President, Board of Directors or Secretariat will NEVER email you requesting to transfer money to them, other than for your ILDS Membership fees and we would strongly suggest that you block any email address you receive these notifications from. Please also notify the Membership Officer at membership@ilds.org so that we can take any appropriate action..

How many votes does my Society have at the General Meetings of the ILDS?

In accordance with the ILDS Articles of Association and ILDS By-Laws, the vote allocation for each class of membership is set out below:

Membership class	Voting formula	Votes
Member Societies	Based on the number of fee-paying members*	1 to 10 max
Affiliated Societies	One (1) vote	1
Observer Societies	Not entitled to vote	0

*see table below for allocation

Number of fee-paying members in Member Society	Number of votes
0-100 members	1 vote
101-250 members	2 votes
251-500 members	3 votes
501-1000 members	4 votes
1001-2000 members	5 votes
2001-3000 members	6 votes
3001-4000 members	7 votes
4001-5000 members	8 votes
5001-6000 members	9 votes
6001 or more members	10 votes

Appendix 1: Suggested email wording to notify Society Members of ILDS Membership

Dear Members,

We are delighted to announce that our Society has officially been accepted as a member of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) as a *[delete as appropriate: Member Society/Affiliated Society/Observer Society]*.

ILDS represents global dermatology at the highest level. This partnership offers many benefits, including fantastic networking opportunities, discounted registration to ILDS events around the world, opportunities to promote our work globally and help the ILDS shape global dermatology practice through their connection with the WHO. By being a part of this unique community, we hope we can exchange our knowledge as well as share and learn with the ILDS and other ILDS Members.

You can find more information about the ILDS and its work on their website: www.ilds.org

Stay informed - we encourage you to keep up to date with all the latest ILDS news. [Sign up to their newsletter here](#) and follow @ILDSDerm on their social media channels: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) to be the first to hear the latest developments and opportunities with ILDS and global dermatology.

Best regards,

[Your Name]



**Thank you for your support of the ILDS through your membership.
We look forward to collaborating with your organisation and
sharing our journey with you.**

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