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22nd World Congress of Dermatology
Seoul 2011

Letter from Seoul
1st Announcement

As of mid-January 2009 we have received positive confirmation from 25 member societies as to their willingness to help distribute the 1st announcement of the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology and announcements are now being delivered to those member societies. All Societies are encouraged to forward this announcement to their members, wherever possible.

Program Committee Meeting and Board Visit for the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology

To date, nearly 30 different societies have sent in suggestions regarding the programming of the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology to the ILDS office, as shown below. All these suggestions will be discussed during the program committee meeting which will be held on February 12–14 in Berlin. The final confirmation will be made on May 26–29 in Seoul during the Board Visit.

Suggestions have been received from the following Societies (at the time of going to press)
- AFRAD
- American Academy of Dermatology
- Argentine Association of Dermatology
- British Association of Dermatologists
- Bulgarian Society of Dermatology
- Canadian Dermatology Association
- Chilean Society of Dermatology
- Croatian Dermatovenereological Society of the Croatian Medical Association
- Danish Dermatological Society
- Dermatological Society of Thailand
- Dermatology Association of El Salvador
- Dermatovenereology Association of Turkey
- EADV
- European Society for Pediatric Dermatology
- European Society of Contact Dermatitis
- French Society of Dermatology
- Hellenic Society of Dermatology and Venereology
- Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists
- Indonesian Society of Dermatology and Venereology
- International Forum for the Study of ITCH
- International Society of Cutaneous Lymphomas
- Israel Society of Dermatology and Venereology
- Japanese Dermatological Association
- Japanese Society for Investigative Dermatology
- Korean Dermatological Association
- Louis Dubertret (on behalf of the Rene Touraine Foundation)
- Royal Belgian Society for Dermatology and Venereology
- Society for Skin Structure Research
- Sri Lanka College of Dermatologists
- Taiwanese Dermatological Association
- Turkish Society of Dermatology
- Womens Dermatologic Society

Hee Chul Eun, President
Soo-Chan Kim, Secretary General

22nd World Congress of Dermatology

Public Relations
I. The 67th AAD Annual Meeting will be providing a promotion booth at the exhibition hall of their congress venue from March 7 to 9 in San Francisco. During that time, WCD 2011 will distribute the 1st announcement to all attendees.

II. The luncheon meeting for sponsors and exhibitors will be held during the 67th AAD meeting.
   i) Time: 12:00 noon on March 8th, 2009
   ii) Site: Yerba Buena Salon 7, San Francisco Marriott
   iii) Invitation will be sent not only to the major sponsors, but also to all the companies that participated in the past World Congresses as well as other major meetings such as AAD or EADV.

III. From November 21 to 22, 2008, Secretary General Prof. Soo-Chan Kim promoted the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology at the 34th annual meeting of the Taiwanese Dermatological Association, which has 800 members.

IV. President Prof. Hee Chul Eun was invited as a guest speaker to the 37th National Conference of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists which took place January 6–10, 2009, in Bangalore, India. The society, comprised of 5,100 dermatologists, is the 4th largest dermatological society in the world. The organizing committee of the conference kindly offered us space to promote the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology and distribute the 1st announcements. India is one of the candidate countries which will bid to host the 23rd World Congress of Dermatology in 2015.
Dear Colleague

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I look forward to communicating further with you about the new ICD11 very soon.

Yours sincerely

Prof. J.-H. Saurat, MD
President of the ILDS
February, 2009

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### Societies that agreed to distribute the 1st announcement of the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology

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Marilda Domingues, 68 years old, resides in Copacabana and has participated in all campaigns since 2003. ‘I am usually informed about the event by the TV’, she stated. Marilda has relatives with history of skin cancer and always protects herself against sun exposure. ‘It is a wonderful initiative conducted by the SBD. I use sunscreen every day since, according to the saying, better prevent than cure.’

International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections

The International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI) is the oldest international organisation in the field (founded in 1923) whose object is the achievement of international cooperation in the control of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV infection. IUSTI is concerned not only with the medical aspects but the social and epidemiological aspects of the control of sexually transmitted diseases and increasingly HIV/AIDS. IUSTI is on the Roster of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and is an Official Non-Government Organisation in Consultative Status with the World Health Organisation. IUSTI’s activities are based on a worldwide co-operation of 5 regions comprising Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America. They include:

- training and management in the field of STIs;
- providing information resources throughout its regional structure;
- production of the European STI Management Guidelines;
- publication of a STI textbook by IUSTI Asia-Pacific;
- development of a compendium on STIs on CD-ROM.

Conferences and meetings are held regularly on a worldwide and regional basis with further information available at www.iusti.org. Planned conferences include:

11th IUSTI World Congress
Dates: November 9–12, 2009
Location: Cape Town, South Africa
Website: http://www.iusti.org/regions/africa/default.html#rcnf

25th Conference on Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV/AIDS – IUSTI Europe
Dates: 2010
Location: Tbilisi, Georgia
Contact: Dr. Joseph Kobakhidze
devcokobakhidze@yahoo.com

12th IUSTI World Congress
Dates: November 2–5, 2011
Location: New Delhi, India
Website: www.iusti2011.org

Membership of IUSTI facilitates clinical, research and social interaction for those working in the field of sexually transmitted infections. The IUSTI newsletter, STI Global Update, includes regular updates from each IUSTI region in additional to research reviews and conference updates. The most recent newsletter is available at www.iusti.org and includes:

- a summary from the WHO on how the Global Strategy for Prevention and Control of STIs will be implemented through measures such as improved surveillance, increased laboratory capacity, reliable supply of medicines, appropriate clinical guidelines and better training,
- reports from each IUSTI region describing what is being done to combat STIs at a country and region level. For example, in Latin America a recent survey has highlighted that free treatment for STIs is provided in 84% of countries but free laboratory testing for STIs only available in two-thirds of countries,
- a comprehensive list of STI and HIV related conferences is also provided in STI Global Update.


Associate membership of IUSTI is free and further details are available on our website.

Prof Jonathan Ross, Editor STI Global Update
Prof. Angelika Stary, President IUSTI
International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD)

Albinism – A Ray of Light

One of the major projects of the Regional Training Centre in Moshi, Tanzania, has been directed towards the care of albinos. Albinism in the tropics is fraught with dangers including skin cancer, serious visual loss as well as prejudice. The RDTC albinism project, under the careful guidance of the Directors of the Centre and staff, both past and present, has made a huge local impact. The project is now managed by Dr. Alfred Naburi, a past graduate, and it has made tremendous inroads into the care of patients in the district around Kilimanjaro. This work is now multiplying through past graduates in other parts of Tanzania and Africa. The project is also beginning to bear fruit as the number of cases with severe and inoperable skin cancers has fallen significantly, largely due to well organised outreach surveillance programme and provision of advice on sun protection as well as long sleeved clothes, hats and dark glasses. This work continues and the IFD is seeking further support to ensure that the benefits for those at risk can be spread wider.

There are, however, other problems faced by albinos. In a report in the January 15th, 2009 issue of the Economist, the correspondent reported on a spate of killings of at least 35 albinos in Tanzania last year to supply witch doctors with limbs, organs and hair for their potions. This has prompted the Tanzanian government to act. It has roundly condemned the killings and prejudice against their albinos population and has promoted a number of initiatives such as providing mobile phones with a police hot line for albinos. There is now an albinos member of parliament championing the interests of an estimated 200,000 albinos in Tanzania alone. This has been warmly applauded although there remains much to be done and there is now evidence of similar incidents occurring elsewhere.

Volunteers working with the Moshi YWCA, also assisted by Herm Grossman and staff of the RDTC, have actively promoted cultural methods of reducing prejudice and violence against albinos through innovative methods such as local youth theatre. Visitors attending the annual continuous medical education (CME) event at the Centre will have seen examples of this work which provides a powerful message.

The combination of medical intervention and local support is a potent weapon to improve the lot of albinos, and past graduates of the RDTC attending the annual meetings are developing their own local programmes to widen the support network.

DERMLINK GRANTS

1. What is a Dermlink Grant?
A Dermlink Grant is a sum of money up to US$3,000 disbursed on the recommendation of the Dermlink Committee in response to applications for these grants.

2. Who decides the criteria, and how often are they reviewed?
The Dermlink Committee decides eligibility for applications and recommends these for approval by the ILDS Board. The criteria for a Dermlink Grant are reviewed on an ad hoc basis and are determined by the amount of money available for Dermlink Grants from the ILDS.

3. Who is eligible to receive a Dermlink Grant?
Those eligible to receive a Dermlink Grant are:
- For an ILDS Member Society: A small grant-in-aid may be awarded to an ILDS Member Society or Affiliate Member Society in a Developing Country, for the purchase of teaching materials needed for Society educational programs.
- For an individual dermatologist who is a member of the Society: A short-term training grant, or a travel grant facilitating attendance at a course or conference, may be awarded to a member of an ILDS Member society in a Developing Country.
- For a Department of dermatology in a country with an ILDS Member Society: A small grant-in-aid may be awarded to a not-for-profit department of dermatology in a Developing Country for equipment and teaching materials. Since the ILDS cannot maintain communications direct with departments of dermatology around the world, the only way it can help is through our Member and Affiliate Member Societies who may know which departments of dermatology in their countries are in need of support. Societies are urged to apply for assistance on behalf of those departments.

Application forms for DERMLINK Grants are available to download from the ILDS website or by request to the Administrative Office. Closing date for the receipt of applications is 31st March, 2009.

R. Hay, Chairman, UK

Update from the Administrative Officer

ILDS Certificate of Appreciation Awards 2009

Nominations are sought for this year’s ILDS Certificate of Appreciation Awards. Nomination forms have been sent to all our Society Members for completion and these may also be downloaded from the ILDS website (www.ilds.org) for simplicity. Please note that the closing date for the receipt of your Society’s nominations is Tuesday, 31st March, 2009.

You will have special knowledge of members of your society who might be suitable for an award. We would be pleased if you could nominate a small number, perhaps between 1–3 persons whom you think might be eligible. To assist you in choosing your nominees for the Certificate of Appreciation, we show below the criteria we believe characterise individuals who may be suitable. These include:

1. The individual has made a long-term, outstanding contribution to clinical or academic dermatology, at a national or international level, that is well beyond what would be expected of an individual in their normal working life.
2. The work has been of value particularly in developing countries.
3. The individual has been undertaking his work in a selfless, a humanitarian and a not-for-profit manner.

E. Arnold, London, UK