The Opening of the CUPWA — The care unit for persons with Albinism in Moshi

It is with great delight we report on the celebrations to mark the opening of the CARE UNIT FOR PERSONS WITH ALBINISM (CUPWA) on the 24th July 2013 within the premises of the International Foundation for Dermatology supported Regional Dermatology Training Centre (RDTC) in the grounds of the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre outside Moshi Tanzania.

CUPWA is a multifunctional building at KCMC housing two projects:

1. The Kilimanjaro Sunscreen Production Unit (KSPU)
2. The Kilimanjaro Vocational Training Unit (KVTU)

The building was funded jointly by: the Canadian Organization Under the Same Sun (UTSS), International Foundation for Dermatology (UK) and the Pharmacy Council of Coruña (Spain) UTSS.

The building was officially opened by Dr. Sabuni director of Clinical Services from the Tanzanian Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Mr. Peter Ash CEO of Under the Same Sun and his Excellency Luis Cuesta Civis, Ambassador of Spain. This was after Professor Masenga, Principal of the RDTC at KCMC introduced Albinism and Xeroderma Pigmentosum (XP) conditions to all the gathered guests.

Children with Albinism and XP said “thank-you” with both songs and dances and graduates from Old Moshi Secondary School recited a poem. Their teachers urged the Government to take more action on behalf of PWAs who have long been persecuted across East Africa.

Additionally other contributors and supporters were thanked including the Hon. Jitu Sony, MP for Manyara, member of Rotary International who has been actively involved in supporting services given to PWAs in Tanzania.

Finally a heartfelt speech was delivered by Mr. Ernest Kimaya, Chairperson of the Tanzania Albino Society (TAS).

The KSPU is now producing sunscreens locally and progressing towards this being sustainable too, until now the PWA project has relied on international donations of sunscreens and were keen to move towards being self sufficient.

The KVTU is designed to provide vocational training for PWAs to enable them to earn their living away from the traditional activities of farming under the strong African sun. Some for example have been trained as seamstresses and are now producing clothes and gifts to sell in the Moshi Market and around.

The International Foundation for Dermatology is very pleased to have been able to support this important project for this marginalized group of patients and strongly thank all member societies of the ILDS for making this dream a reality.
WCD 2015 - Vancouver

One of the world’s most cosmopolitan cities, Vancouver, Canada eagerly awaits the opportunity to welcome you in June 2015. No matter where you’re from, you will feel like you have always belonged.

EADV October 2013, Istanbul was an enormous success with THANKS to all of you who came by to inquire on/support WCD2015. Congratulations to Dr. Mehdi Amirnia from Iran who won a complimentary registration for WCD2015.

We are very excited to announce that the registration will be opening in December and that the Scientific Program is now on-line. Please view it at www.derm2015.org and also visit “I’ll be There”... to see which of your colleagues from around the world will be joining us in Vancouver. There are now thirty (30) ILDS member societies signed up to attend and hold their annual meetings at the 23rd World Congress of Dermatology. We encourage participation from all member societies. Please contact the Congress Secretariat at info@derm2015.org.

March 21-25, 2014 please visit us at the 72nd Annual AAD2014. Vancouver World Congress will be located at Booth # 946.

During AAD2014, don’t miss out on Drs Jerry Shapiro and Harvey Lui’s update: Friday, March 21 - SYM S009 - Practical Procedural Tips from Around the World: A Sneak Preview from the 2015 World Congress of Dermatology.

Description: This symposium is the second in a series of AAD sessions highlighting key topics that will be featured at the 2015 World Congress of Dermatology in Vancouver (www.derm2015.org). This year’s global panel of experts will share practical office-based procedural tips and pearls. Discussions involving laser techniques for rejuvenation, vascular and pigmented disorders, as well as hair growth will be presented. Cosmetic procedures with botulinum toxins and fillers as well as different definitions of beauty according to ethnicity will be discussed from an international perspective. Corrective procedures for medical conditions such as vitiligo and acne scarring will round out the program.

Newsletter Deadlines for 2014

We have prepared a schedule for your submission to our regular Newsletters. When submitting your articles, please remember to include your Society’s logo and relevant photographs in a word document.

Submission to ILDS Administrative Office

28th February 2014
28th May 2014
28th August 2014
28th November 2014

Newsletter Distribution dates to all Societies

17th March 2014
16th June 2014
15th September 2014
15th December 2014
Rio is not only the place of beautiful beaches, Sugar Loaf and Christ the Redeemer, but we are also ready to host the 24th WCD.

Brazilian dermatology foresees a fast growth with universities that graduate high quality experts in dermatology. The Brazilian Dermatology Society celebrated its centenary in 2012 being one of the largest dermatological societies (7,100 members).

Rio is known for its hospitality and infrastructure. By 2016 the number of hotel rooms will reach 38,316. Rio also counts with a large convention center. It is not by chance that Rio will host the 2014 FIFA’s World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games.
Since its inception in 1889, the World Congress of Dermatology has become a truly international gathering of the greatest scientists and practitioners in the field of skin disease.

Throughout that span of a century, the meeting has never been held in the Middle East, South East Asia or Africa.

What better place to make this happen than vibrant city of “Dubai”, where the theme of “connecting minds, connecting the future” is embodied.

With this, the GCC League of Dermatology is honoured to invite all ILDS Society members to vote for Dubai as your next host city for the 2019 meeting.
Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

Italian Dermatology Societies decided to propose Milan as the hosting city for the XXIV World Congress of Dermatology that will be held in 2019.

Milan possibly represents the ideal site for holding the Congress considering its geographical, strategic location, bridging Southern and Central European Countries. Milan offers modern facilities and, most importantly, convenient worldwide connections.

Proudly, a brand new Convention and Exhibition Center built for the 2015 Universal Exposition will be the amazing venue for the 2019 World Congress of Dermatology.

We are looking forward to meeting you all at the 24th WCD in Milan.

Prof. Sergio Chimenti
President of the Bidding Committee

Prof. Giovanni Pellacani
Secretary of the Bidding Committee
Members’ Corner

Society for Pediatric Dermatology

39th Annual Meeting of the SPD
Milwaukee, WI · July 11-14, 2013

The 39th SPD Annual Meeting held in Milwaukee kicked off on Thursday night with both the Fellows/Young Leaders Reception and the Welcome Reception. Friday morning’s session opened with “Guess the Diagnosis,” as Dr. Joseph Conlon tried to stump the audience. Dr. Cameron Trenor, spoke about thrombotic risks associated with hormonal contraception. Dr. Kanade Shinkai enlightened us on polycystic ovarian syndrome and the diagnostic dilemmas faced in the pediatric population. This year’s Hurwitz lecture entitled “How My Pop-Up Toaster Dream Came True,” given by the highly esteemed, Dr. Ervin Epstein, described the journey from finding the genetic mutation of basal cell nevus syndrome to using targeted therapy to change patients’ lives. Dr. Wingfield Rehmus presented the Developing Country Award to Dr. Jimmy Malanda, who introduced us to the challenges of practicing pediatric dermatology in Malawi. Dr. Kelly Cordoro spoke about the metabolic and psychologic complications associated with pediatric psoriasis. Dr. Andrea Zaenglein tackled the subject of hidradenitis suppurativa. Friday morning concluded with Part 1 of, “Sam Weinberg’s Cases of the Year,” moderated by Dr. Kimberly Horii.

Saturday morning featured another session of “Guess the Diagnosis” presented by Dr. Samanatha Hill. “Clinical-Pathologic Correlation,” given by Dr. Paula North, focused on vascular lesions and mimickers. Dr. Virginia Sybert give the Founder’s Lecture entitled “Dysmorphology for the Pediatric Dermatologist.” The AAP Section on Dermatology Alvin Jacobs Award was presented to the deserving Dr. Ronald Hansen by Dr. Larry Schachner. Dr. Dean Mornell moderated a panel discussion on, “Treatment of Alopecia Areata,” soliciting opinions from the panelists Drs. Anita Haggstrom, Amy Theos, and Susi Bayliss. Dr. Kenneth McClain, provided a look at the molecular and proteomic basis of Langerhans cell histiocytosis. Dr. Catherine Flaitz gave a lecture on common oral lesions next. Dr. Erin Mathes followed with a look back at the “Year in Review: Pediatrics.” The learning continued on Saturday afternoon with four parallel workshops.

Sunday morning began with the answers to “Guess the Diagnosis.” Dr. David Margolis, an oncologist from the Medical College of Wisconsin, spoke on the basics of blood and marrow transplants. Dr. John Wagner shared his unique experience treating epidermolysis bullosa with stem cell transplantation. Dr. Wynnis Tom led a panel discussion highlighting the many controversies of biologic therapies that pediatric dermatologists face in everyday practice, with input from the panelists, Drs. Adelaide Hebert, Kimberly Morel, and Jeff Sugarman. Dr. Lawrence Eichenfield provided an update on pediatric acne management guidelines titled, “Pediatric Acne: What’s Erupting.” Dr. Bari Cunningham spoke about her medical mission experience with xeroderma pigmentosum patients in Guatemala. A thorough summary of the year’s dermatology literature was provided by Dr. Liborka Kos. Finally, Dr. Kimberly Horii moderated “Sam Weinberg’s Cases of the Year: Part 2.”
Indian Society of Teledermatology (INSTED) observes World Psoriasis Day - 2013

Indian Society of Teledermatology [INSTED] partnering with Chennai City Chapter of Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists & Leprologists observed World Psoriasis Day on 27th October 2013. The event had an eight hour long CME, Release of Booklet followed by Patient interactive session.

Prof. Jayakar Thomas President of INSTED and the International Society of Teledermatology introduced the CME topic “Effective management of Psoriasis” – a bird’s eye view and also delivered a lecture on “Current trends in psoriatic arthropathy” supported with statistical evidence from his Institutional experience. Other topics covered in the CME included Psoriasis is a systemic disease; An updated overview of treatment of psoriasis; Phototherapy in psoriasis - dermatologist’s perspectives; Biologics in Psoriasis; Management of Childhood Psoriasis; Psoriasis in special situations; and Psychological aspects of Psoriasis. The lectures were delivered by Professors, Heads of various Postgraduate teaching Institutes and experienced specialists in the field. A 100% interactive session moderated by Prof. Jayakar Thomas, on “New thoughts & New Horizons: A Focus on Therapy” brought out the audience views which at the end of the CME helped them learn the pearls for practice. The CME was followed by release of booklet in regional language [Tamil] & English on “Psoriasis – Some questions answered” in order to unravel the myths associated with Psoriasis and to create patient and public awareness.

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All present renewed 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”.

Taiwanese Dermatological Association (TDA)

Joint Conference of the 8th International Congress on Cutaneous Adverse Drug Reactions (2013 ISCAR) and the 39th annual meeting of Taiwan Dermatology Association (TDA)

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Reported by Charlene CY Ng, MD
Nigerian Association of Dermatologists (NAD)

The Nigerian Association of Dermatologists (NAD) is the body of foremost Dermatologists in Nigerian. NAD was inaugurated in 1979 by a few dermatologists who had their specialist training abroad, but today its membership has grown to over 80 specialists in the field. NAD is a non-governmental professional organization with local and international collaborations.

Nigerian Association of Dermatologists is committed to promoting continuing professional development of all dermatologists in Nigeria in order to improve the practice of Dermatology/Venereology. NAD is actively involved in promoting public awareness of skin health. It acts as an advocacy group for some Nigerians who are at a disadvantage because of their skin condition. The vision of NAD is to ensure improved quality of life for the Nigerian society through the promotion and application of dermatological science and technology.

The association launched its journal, the Nigerian Journal of Dermatology in June 2011.

In 2013, the 7th Annual Scientific Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Association of Dermatologists held in the Garden city of Port Harcourt, Nigeria. The theme of the conference was “Quality of life in dermatology practice” and the sub theme was “Occupational skin disease in the oil industry”. We had an international expert resource person, Dr Abba Alkali who delivered lectures and a workshop on Photodynamic therapy and Excimer lasers. For the first time we had a host of International exhibitors for the first time.
Lebanese Dermatological Society

Reported by Jasmine Abd-el-Baki and Abdul-Ghani Kibbi.

On November 8 and 9, 2013, the Lebanese Dermatological Society held its 8th Annual Meeting at Movenpick Hotel in Beirut under the High Patronage of his Excellency The President of the Republic of Lebanon. This year the Lebanese Dermatological Society celebrated its Golden Jubilee and chose “Back to our Roots” as a theme for this two-day meeting.

At the opening ceremony, Dr. Abdul-Ghani Kibbi - the President of the Lebanese Dermatological Society reflected on the history of the “Society” and hailed its past and present members and indicated that it has grown from a small group of eminent dermatologists to a large flock close to 200 dermatologists. Commensurate with this growth in number, has been a steady surge in the trends of practice. In the not too far past, we have taken care of chronic skin diseases and we had only a few therapeutic options.

Dr. Kibbi went on to say that we pride ourselves in being rich, diverse, and armed with a versatile evidence-based basket of curative and restorative modalities to offer to our patients. In our country and in many others, dermatology and procedural dermatology have become trendy areas of skin expertise and the leading career of young doctors, which further increases the medical as well as societal impact of dermatology in this new era.

During this 8th Congress, leading local speakers provided top level knowledge in basic as well as clinical dermatology, skin and skin cancer surgery, cosmetic dermatology, skin infections, and many other fields of dermatology. The exciting combination of this dynamic scientific program has yet once again proven irresistible to many of our members who additionally shared in the celebrations of our Golden Jubilee.

The Executive Committee of the LDS made personal efforts in welcoming our guest speakers, fellow dermatologists, and colleagues from Lebanon and the region as well as members of the industry to witness an unforgettable scientific event primed with a theme of “BACK TO OUR ROOTS” and to feel the fascinating and resilient atmosphere of Lebanon and its Beirut metropolis.

To entice our colleagues in private practice within remote areas, the LDS designed a session with a theme of “Bring Your Case” during which interesting and challenging clinical cases were presented and discussed. Likewise trainees in residency programs across the country enriched the program by their outstanding collections of clinical cases and discussions.

Apart from the scientific program, the Executive Committee of the LDS had an entertaining social program aligned for the Golden Jubilee Celebration. It included a lavish Gala Lunch during which three new members of our society were pinned, a DVD documentary featuring the history of our society was projected and later distributed to all attendees to commemorate the occasion and trophies were handed to all speakers of the congress. This special event was concluded by the presentation of the Certificate of Appreciation from the International League of Dermatological Societies to a distinguished member of our society – Dr. Shukrallah Zaynoun who received this certificate from Dr. Abdul-Ghani Kibbi. Dr. Zaynoun spoke words of gratefulness for the Society and the ILDS and vowed to continue serving the speciality and the society within the country and the region.

During the two-day meeting, 160 registered attendees of the Congress were able to visit a large exhibit area of the industry and engaged in meeting old friends and...

Mexican Academy of Dermatology

Reported by Jorge Ocampo Candiani, MD

On November 14 being 19:30, took place at the Teatro Juárez emblematic of the city of Guanajuato, the Opening Ceremony of the X Biennial Congress of Dermatology organized by the Mexican Academy of Dermatology.

A very important event attended by various state and university authorities of Guanajuato, which undoubtedly graced the table Presidium, who were in charge of the official declaration of the opening of the activities that made up the academic program. One of the highlights that took place during this ceremony, was the ILDS Award: The 2013 Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Clemente Alejandro Moreno Collado, who is a prominent member of the Mexican Academy of Dermatology and received so precious a distinction from Dr. Jorge Ocampo-Candiani, member of the board of the ILDS.
This year our society cannot be more proud as the ILDS 2013 Certificate of Appreciation was given to our beloved senior colleague Prof Hardyanto Soebono, MD, PhD, FINSDV, FAADV. The ceremony was held during the 12th Asia Pasific Environmental and Occupational Dermatology Symposium (APEODS) co-held with 13th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Indonesian Society of Dermatology and Venereology at Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 23-26 October 2013. These conferences were attended by approximately 1300 participants. Prof Hee Chul Eun and Prof Hemangi Jerajani as ILDS board members presented this award during the opening ceremony on October 23, 2013. Prof Eun gave a short and very informative presentation about ILDS Award, which was then followed by Prof Jerajani making the presentation to Prof Hardyanto Soebono. We are truly grateful to ILDS for this great recognition of our society.

Indonesian Society of Dermatology and Venereology
Reported by Srie Prihianti, MD

WORLD SKIN HEALTH DAY

Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS)

Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS) held its pilot project entitled “OPLAN Alis Galis” last November in response to the ILDS’ World Skin Health advocacy of strengthening the importance of recognizing skin diseases.

Scabies is a common skin ailment affecting mostly the lower income families in our country. In the PDS Health Information System, it has registered as one of the top 10 diseases for the years 2011 and 2012. The PDS deemed it fit to focus on the goal of minimizing, if not totally eradicating, scabies through this medical mission project which will run on a long-term basis.

This year’s “OPLAN Alis Galis” (“Operation Eradicate Scabies”) aims to promote awareness of scabies infestation throughout the archipelago. Lectures and dialogues on the prevention of scabies, together with numerous free clinics with free medicines, were held at various barangays of the northern and central regions of the Philippines. Six areas were identified for this activity, each manned by a PDS leader: Camp Crame Elementary School (Quezon City) headed by our PDS President Dr. Rosalina E. Nadela; Elsie Gaches Village Institution for abandoned children with special needs (Alabang, Muntinlupa City) headed by ISD President Dr. Evangeline B. Handog; Jubilee Homes for Children (Plaridel, Bulacan) headed by Dr. Asuncion Mendoza; Calamba Medical Center (Calamba City, Laguna) headed by Dr. Judith Eusebio; Missionaries of Charity (Dagupan City, Pangasinan) headed by Dr. Bernadette Villaflor; and Rizal Elementary School (Bacolod City, Negros).

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The PDS members themselves wholeheartedly shared their expertise by conducting free consultations and providing treatment to the less fortunate patients with little access to skin health care. Information dissemination was addressed by providing flyers, lectures and video presentations for public awareness on scabies. This is just the beginning and the PDS has yet to see the fruits of its labor; but seeing the smiles on the patients’ faces, especially the children, served as inspiration for the society to unceasingly continue this endeavor to our countrymen.

2013 ILDS Certificate of Appreciation

Award recipients

John Irwin Harper
Clemente Alejandro Moreno Collado
Yves de Prost
Hardyanto Soebono
Jayakar Thomas

We are pleased to welcome the following
Societies into the League as of 1st January, 2014

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Honduran Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery
Belarusian Society of Dermatovenereologists and Cosmetologists
Senegalese Society of Dermato-Venereology
Nigerian Association of Dermatologists
United States Cutaneous Lymphoma Consortium (USCLC)
Skin of Color Society

Affiliated Societies
North American Hair Research Society
Asian Academy of Dermatology & Venereology