The Skin of Color Society (SOCS) hosted its 17th Annual Skin of Color Society Scientific Symposium on Saturday, March 13, 2021 virtually via Zoom. The day began with the General Annual Business Meeting and the President’s Report by Dr. Lynn McKinley-Grant and was followed by a full program of speakers via Zoom webinar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOCS committees reported on their activity over the past year. Exciting new initiatives were discussed, some of which included: growth of our membership numbers, continued activity of the mentorship program, a record number of (72) abstracts submitted, an increase in sponsorship support, and the continued growth of collaborations with industry, such as SkinCeuticals, VisualDX, and CUTIS.

BOD UPDATE

The SOCS Nominating Committee (Drs. Seemal Desai, (Chair), Lynn McKinley-Grant, Donald Glass, Henry Lim, & Amy McMichael) proposed to the Board of Directors the following slate to fill the vacancies for the 2021/2022 year. Subsequently, the Board of Directors voted and ratified this slate on March 9, 2021 to be approved on March 13, 2021, at the Annual General Membership Business Meeting.

Outgoing BOD members, Drs. Lynn McKinley-Grant, Seemal Desai, Cheryl Burgess, Valerie Harvey, and Maritza Perez were thanked for their service and the new slate of officers were presented and voted on. After the meeting, an additional digital vote was sent and approved by the full membership. Drs. Loren Krueger and Caroline Robinson were elected to the BOD with a term expiring in 2023. Drs. Corey Hartman, Janiene Luke, Rebecca Vasquez, and Shawn Kwatra were elected to the BOD with a term expiring in 2024.

Dr. Donald Glass is the new President for a 1-year term expiring in 2022. Dr. Valerie Harvey is serving as President-Elect, a new Officer position voted on, for a 1-year term. Dr. Candrice Heath is the new Secretary/Treasurer for a 2-year term. Finally, Dr. Lynn McKinley-Grant is now Immediate Past President for a 1-year term.
RESEARCH GRANT AWARD
The 2021 Research Grant winners were announced:

Nayoung Lee, MD – New York University Grossman School of Medicine, “Laser-Assisted Delivery of 5-Fluorouracil versus Triamcinolone in the Treatment of Keloids”
Sponsored by OrthoDermatologics.

Sarah Noor, MD – Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, “Patterns of Chemotherapy and Endocrine Therapy-induced Alopecia in Black Patients with Breast Cancer”
Sponsored by Pfizer.

Courtney Johnson, MD, PhD – Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, “Investigating the Molecular Differences of Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphomas in Black Women for Personalized Therapeutic Options”
Sponsored by Pfizer.

See more.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD
The Research Committee introduced the call for applications for the SOCS Career Development Award, sponsored by Pfizer, for the first time in 2020. The recipient was announced during the business meeting.

Angel Byrd, MD, PhD – Howard University College of Medicine, “Elucidating the Role of Autoantibodies in Hidradenitis Suppurativa”

See more.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
Due to COVID-19, the 2020 mentorship program was put on pause. The 2021 Mentorship pairings will be announced at a future date.

OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM
The 2021 Observership Grant awardees were announced.

- Simi Cadmus, MD – University of Texas/Dell Medical School, Derm Resident
- Caryn Cobb, BA – Brown University, Medical Student
- Elisabeth George, BA – Brown University, Medical Student
- Nwanneta Okwundu, DO – University of Utah, Dermatology Fellow
- Angel Pagan, BS – Ponce Health Sciences University, Medical Student
- Matthew Pimentel, MD – Oregon Health and Science University, Derm Resident
- Natalia Rodriguez – Perelman School of Medicine at Upenn, Medical Student
- Autumn Saizan, BS – Univ of Rochester School of Med & Dentistry, Derm Fellow
- Pearl Ugwu-Dike, BS – Univ of Illinois College of Medicine, Medical Student

See more.

SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM – VIRTUAL
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The Scientific Symposium, co-chaired and moderated by Drs. Andrew Alexis and Amy McMichael, titled “Shaping the Future,” was held virtually from 10:00am to 1:30pm Chicago Central Time. This year’s program featured an exciting lineup of invited expert speakers on an array of skin of color dermatologic topics, including a historical tribute to Dr. John A. Kenney, Jr., updates on the latest research on various dermatologic conditions, a look at evolving issues in
medical journalism and a panel on the future of skin of color dermatology. In addition, we are pleased to present a wide range of oral and iPoster presentations by residents, fellows, and medical students.

Oral and poster presentations were judged by Drs. Tarannum Jaleel, Jenna Lester, Janiene Luke, Kimberly Salkey, and Heather Woolery-Lloyd. The three selected winners will be interviewed by Dr. Candrice R. Heath and featured in a CUTIS podcast. Winners to be announced soon.

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

The official program of the 17th Annual SOCS Virtual Scientific Symposium included presentations by six Medical Students/ Research Fellows who presented information about their original research. The presenters were:

1. Jadesola Olayinka, BSc - SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, “What is a Lace Wig? An Update in Hair Care Practices in Women with African Ancestry”
2. Sadia Perveen, MD - Rawalpindi Medical University, Pakistan, “A Randomized Trial of Oral Tranexamic Acid with Fluocinolone-based Triple Cream Versus Fluocinolone-based Triple Cream Alone for the Treatment of Melasma”
3. Youkyung Roh, BA - Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, “Racial Differences in Healthcare Utilization and Costs in Pediatric Patients with Atopic Dermatitis and Atopic Triad: Results from the Medical Expenditures Panel From 1996-2015”
5. Justine Seivright, BS - University of California Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine, “Hidradenitis Suppurativa Research from Africa: A Bibliometric Analysis”

INVITED SPEAKERS

There were 8 excellent expert talks given during the SOCS Annual Scientific Symposium by invited speakers. The invited speakers included:

1. Howard Bauchner, MD - JAMA Editor-In-Chief, “Evolving Issues in Medical Journalism”
2. Angel Byrd, BS, MD, PhD - Assistant Professor, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Departments of Dermatology, Howard University College of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, “My Educational and Career Journey from an HBCU to Ivy League and Back: Understanding the Role of Neutrophils in Hidradenitis suppurativa”
4. Pearl Grimes, MD, FAAD – SOCS Founding Member, Clinical Professor of Dermatology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, The Grimes Center for Medical and Aesthetic Dermatology, “Our Pioneers and Heroes,” as part of the “History of Skin of Color Dermatology” presentation
5. Shawn G. Kwatra, MD, FAAD - Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, “Racial Differences in Itch: From Bedside to Bench”
6. Susan C. Taylor, MD, FAAD – SOCS Founder, Founding Director, Skin of Color Center, St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital Center, Faculty, Perelman School of Medicine, “Historical Aspects of Diversity in Dermatology” as part of the “History of Skin of Color Dermatology” presentation
7. Antonella Tosti, MD – University of Miami, “Trichoscopy in the Diagnosis of Hair Disorders: Why, When and How”
8. Steve Wang, MD, FAAD - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, “Controversies in Sunscreens”
NEXT GENERATION INVITED SPEAKERS

New to this year’s virtual program, the Symposium closed with a live Panel moderated by Dr. Candrice Heath which focused on four themes: Increasing diversity in dermatology, unique challenges faced as rising stars in dermatology, the role of allyship in advancing the mission of SOCS, and unique role in helping the next generation of dermatologists in getting involved in the field of Skin of Color. The panelists were:

1. Candrice Heath, MD, FAAD – Moderator – Assistant Professor of Dermatology, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
2. Dhaval Bhanusali, MD, FAAD – Hudson Dermatology and Laser Surgery
3. Nada Elbuluk, MD, MSc, FAAD – Associate Professor, Director, Skin of Color Center & Pigmentary Disorders Clinic Director, Dermatology Diversity, and Inclusion Program
4. Jenna Lester, MD, FAAD – University of California, San Francisco
5. Janiene Luke, MD, FAAD – Associate Professor, Residency Program Director, Loma Linda University Department of Dermatology

POSTER GALLERIES

SCIENTIFIC iPOSTER GALLERY

In addition to the oral presentations, 69 Medical Students / Residents / Research Fellows published poster presentations via iPosters, a digital poster gallery.

The list of Scientific Posters starts on page 6 of this document.

INDUSTRY iPOSTER GALLERY

In addition to the Scientific iPoster Gallery, we devoted a gallery to industry posters to display content and research to share among all attendees.

SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM ON-DEMAND

If you missed the live Symposium, you may register to obtain the recording and links to the iPoster galleries on-demand.

Register here.

MOSAIC

In lieu of an in-person setting, we created a SOCS Mosaic with our virtual attendees. Attendees were invited and encouraged to email a photo to be a part of the 2D Mosaic. See the mosaic with the link below.

View SOCS Mosaic

SOCIAL MEDIA

The hashtags used for this year’s program were: #SOCS2021 #SkinofColorSociety and #SOCSScientificSymposium on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.
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Artificial Intelligence Image Recognition of Dermatological Diseases in People with Skin of Color

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03 Geeta Ahuja, BS
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Metastatic Acral Lentiginous Melanoma: A Case Report and Review

04 Andrew Alexis, MD, MPH
Mount Sinai Morningside and Mount Sinai West
Efficacy and Safety of Halobetasol Propionate 0.01%/Tazarotene 0.045% Lotion for Plaque Psoriasis: Post Hoc Analysis of Non-White and White Participants from Two Phase 3 Studies

05 Chiemelum Amechi
Howard University College of Medicine
Cutaneous Tuberous Xanthomas in African and African American Populations - A Call for More Screening and Genetic Testing

06 Alyssa Ashbaugh, BA
University of California, Irvine
Alopecia Areata Clinical Trial Enrollment Outcomes, Clinical Characteristics, and Associated Comorbidities Across Different Ethno-Racial Groups at the University of California-Irvine between 2017-2020

07 Mahima Bhayana, BS
Howard University College of Medicine
Investigating Limitations of African American Enrollment in Hidradenitis Suppurativa Clinical Trials: A Patient Perspective

08 Stephanie Chan, BS
Brown Warren Alpert Medical School
A Framework for Understanding Acral Lentiginous Melanoma Mortality: The Three-Delay Model

09 Jus n Choi
Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

10 Fran Cook-Bolden, MD
Fran E. Cook-Bolden, MD, PLLC and Mount Sinai Hospital Center, New York, NY
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The Skin Hospital, Sydney, Australia
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Background The US population is becoming increasingly more diverse. By the year 2044 the US will achieve “majority minority” status. Studies show that across numerous medical disciplines, minorities have been underrepresented in clinical research trials. For example, while Hispanics account for 16% of the US population they comprise only 1% of the clinical trial research population. Adequate representation by a broad and diverse cross section of the population is important for the generalizability of the study findings regarding a medication’s efficacy, safety, and side effect profile.

About this Survey The purpose of this survey to the Skin of Color Society (SOCS) membership is to gauge the proportion of SOCS members who serve as Principle Investigators (PIs) in clinical research studies and to also assess provider related barriers in the recruitment of minority patients into dermatologic clinical trials/research studies.

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