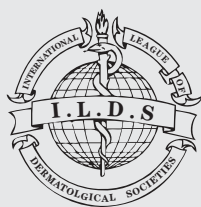


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## Community Dermatology Journal – Where Are We Now?



Photo caption: A health centre in Ethiopia  
Photo: Paul Buxton

The Community Dermatology Journal is a publication of the International Foundation for Dermatology, a standing committee of the International League of Dermatological Societies. It is funded by the ILDS, via the IFD, along with donations from ILDS Member Societies as well as individuals. 7'000 copies of the CDJ are printed in the U.K. twice yearly and mailed to over 130 countries worldwide.

Welcome to issue 14, eight years after an editorial board was formed and the first issue appeared. Since then, with one exception, two issues have been published each year and currently 16'000 copies are distributed free of charge to health workers in 178 countries.

Initially, the journal was published by ICTHES World Care (International Community Trust for Health and Educational Services), a charity founded by Murray McGavin in 1999 which already published Community Eye Health and other journals. Since 2010 production has been undertaken by Evonprint in Henfield, W Sussex, who provide a full layout, editing and printing service to a very high standard. The editors and various members of the Editorial Board carry out review of all material and proof reading and original articles are subject to external per review.

In 2007 the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) under the auspices of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS), generously provided both office facilities and the services of Eve Arnold, as a part time administrator. This has greatly enhanced the efficiency with which the jour-

nal is produced and makes for much better communication with contributors. It also means that it is produced under the aegis of the IFD – an important association that opens communication with an organisation actively involved in community medicine. We also have to thank the British Association of Dermatologists for its continuing editorial support and, in particular, John Caulfield, for his services.

The first issue stated that our objectives were to bring up to date, relevant information on the diagnosis and treatment of skin disease to health workers in rural areas, using the recourses available to them. It also sets out to provide information that can be used to educate health workers and the populations they serve.

So how are we doing in terms of these objectives? Most comments have come from dermatologists in established medical centres and these have been encouraging. However it is hard to know how a rural medical officer in a village in Tanzania or India views the journal; we welcome feedback!

It is a challenge to keep the contributions appropriate to the training and resources of community health officers. In this respect we have been very fortunate in having increasing numbers of papers from centres dealing with dermatology in the community. Recent examples include epidemiological studies of school children in North Eastern Ethiopia and a study on scabies and myiasis in Nigeria. The paper in this issue on skin diseases in HIV orphans is a collaborative study between the ALERT centre in Ethiopia and the London School of Tropical Medicine in London. Other papers dealing with practical problems of obtaining clean water, using banana leaves for sterile dressings and the use of emollients are examples of practical methods of managing dermatological conditions in the community.

In a wider context the journal also aims to increase awareness of the need for Dermatology services in developing countries and to draw attention to the opportunities for providing them. The numbers of specialists spending time helping to train medical officers, nurses and doctors overseas is encouraging. Distribution is always a challenge! It is disappointing when piles of the journal end up on an office shelf, rather than in the hands of workers in the community who need them. But on the whole distribution is very effective thanks to the commitment of helpers in the UK and overseas who see that copies reach the people they are meant for. The journal is available on line, which greatly increases its availability. The journal has electronic links with Teaching Aids at Low Cost (TALC) and we are establishing links with other health education websites.



**23rd World Congress  
of Dermatology  
VANCOUVER 2015**

## 23rd World Congress of Dermatology – Vancouver 2015

### Accommodation for Everyone in Vancouver

Situated against a backdrop of mountains and the sea, the award-winning Vancouver Convention Centre will not only serve as one of the most beautiful venues to ever host a World Congress of Dermatology, but it will also feature the latest technology to ensure the programs are interactive.

The majority of the hotels for the Congress are located in downtown Vancouver and are within walking distance to the Convention Centre. Vancouver has been voted as one of the world's most walkable and scenic cities. The distance from one end of the downtown core to the other end is only 1.5 kilometres (1 mile), less than half an hour anywhere by foot.

Although Vancouver is a pretty compact city, each area has a distinct character and accommodation options. Whether you desire historic, luxurious or boutique, your preferred accommodations are easily accessible. From four diamond properties to moderate, there are lodging choices for every style and neighborhood. Vancouver has a wide variety of accommodations that easily meet the needs of the budget-conscious or those seeking to be pampered. One of our headquarters hotels even has a cruise ship terminal built within it!



The Vancouver Convention Centre precinct includes three hotels and its own cruise ship terminal.

Vancouver citizens live and work in the downtown core, so no matter what time of the day, the city is alive with people, energy and excitement. The Vancouver Convention Centre is within walking distance to a spectacular variety of accommodation, dining, shopping, tourist attractions and transit.



Downtown Vancouver hotels feature stunning views of the city.

Few convention cities can offer such a wide range of cosmopolitan amenities with a downtown core that is safe, clean and pedestrian-friendly. Come and find out for yourself why so many people who visit Vancouver dream of living here forever.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vancouver for the **23rd World Congress of Dermatology** from June 8th–13th, 2015! The 23rd WCD Committee has reserved hotel rooms throughout Vancouver for early June 2015 at preferred rates and with extra privileges and amenities for Congress delegates.

For more information, please contact the Congress Secretariat at [info@derm2015.org](mailto:info@derm2015.org) or visit [www.derm2015.org](http://www.derm2015.org).

*Jerry Shapiro, President  
Harvey Lui, Secretary-General*

## ILDS Certificate of Appreciation



*Dr. S. Premalatha* being presented with the 2011 ILDS Certificate of Appreciation during DERMACON 2012 in Jaipur, India by *Hemangi Jerajani*, Regional Director of the ILDS

### ILDS Certificate of Appreciation 2011

The ILDS Certificate of Appreciation 2011 was awarded to Dr. S. Premalatha. Dr. Premalatha is one of the senior professors in Dermatology from Chennai India. She did her MBBS and MD (Dermatology) from Madras Medical College and served in early half of her career in Madras Medical College, later in Stanley medical college and at Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute – a deemed University at Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.

She had a brilliant academic career. She is one of the first few Dermatologists from India to have been

awarded PhD in Dermatology (1982). Her principal fields of interest in Dermatology are clinical dermatology and dermatopathology. She guided many research programmes including a research project on 'Tuberculosis Cutis with Reference to Dermatopathology'. She has a very good clinical acumen and observation. She was first to identify palmar freckles as an important cutaneous sign in Neurofibromatosis. She also reported 'Cerebriform Tongue – A Clinical Sign in Pemphigus Vegetans' in BrJD, 1981. She has published more than 85 articles – national (55) and international (30) journals, authors books and contributed chapters in multi-authored dermatology text books.

She received many awards from Indian and international societies of science, some of the important ones being: FAMS (Fellow of National Academy of Medical Sciences of India) in 1994 and 'Teacher par Excellence Award' from IADVL in 2007 and the latest being the ILDS Certificate of Appreciation 2011 – awarded by the International League of Dermatological Societies – which was awarded to her by Prof. H.R. Jerajani during DERMACON 2012 at Jaipur. She is a multitalented personality with interest in painting, music, photography, travel, writing, mimicry, apart from being a avid amateur photographer of nature and birds.



*Harvey Lui*, International Director of the ILDS, presenting *Dr. Gilles Lauzon* with the 2012 ILDS Certificate of Appreciation in July, 2012 at the Canadian Dermatology Association Annual Conference



*Professor Anne Kobza Black* having received her 2012 ILDS Certificate of Appreciation from Christopher E. Griffiths at the British Association of Dermatologists' Annual General Meeting in Birmingham, June 2012



Presentation of the ILDS Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. María Isabel Herane at the annual meeting of the Chilean Society of Dermatology in Viña del Mar. From left to right, Drs. Juan Honeyman, Irene Araya (current President of the Society), María Isabel Herane and Jean Bologna

At the annual meeting of the Chilean Society of Dermatology in Viña del Mar, Dr. María Isabel Herane was awarded the ILDS Certificate of Appreciation. Dr. Herane has served as the President of this Society and is the co-editor of its journal, *Revista Chilena de Dermatología*. She has represented Chilean dermatology on the International Affairs Committee of the American Academy of Dermatology as well as in the Reunión Anual de Dermatólogos Latinoamericanos (RADLA). María Isabel was also the co-chair of the Acne Symposium at two World Congresses, in Buenos Aires and in Paris.

She was recognized as a writer, an educator, an effective leader and most importantly, an advocate of Chilean dermatology. In addition to the Certificate of Appreciation and pictorial reviews of her career in dermatology, she was presented with flowers and gifts by the leadership of the Chilean Society of Dermatology. The admiration for Dr. Herane was clearly palpable and heartfelt.

## ICD-11 Update

### ICD-11: Entering the Beta Phase

#### Time for the Dermatology Community to Comment

The ambitious project to revise the International Classification of Diseases has reached a very important new phase with the launch of ICD-11 beta (<http://apps.who.int/classifications/icd11/browse/f/en>) in early May 2012. This comes five years after the announcement of the current Revision Project and a year later than originally intended.

An enormous amount has been achieved since October 2009, when the revision process initially got underway. There are currently nearly 30,000 entities in the draft, of which some 2,000 are assigned primarily to dermatology. As might be expected in a global venture such as this with its reliance on good will from large numbers of organisations and people, the speed at which different sections have been revised has varied considerably. Thus the original Neoplasms Topic Advisory Group collapsed without having contributed anything of substance and a new one to replace was not formed until earlier this year. Some new Topic Advisory Groups have been formed only recently and, as a result, have had little time to contribute.

The beta drafting phase is due to last until May 2014, at which time there will be a year for WHO to consolidate the classification before it is presented to the World Health Assembly in May 2015. It is recognized that significant parts of the draft are not beta-phase ready. Nevertheless it is now important to start carrying out field tests to identify where further changes may be required and to start the process of formal peer review.

The Diseases of the Skin chapter has been developed as a dermatology resource to include the majority of disease concepts of relevance to the skin. The 2,000 entities for which the Dermatology Topic Advisory Group has been assigned primary responsibility represent less than half the content of the chapter. For many more conditions, however, the Group is formally recognized as having a significant interest. By introducing a polyhierarchical structure into ICD, WHO has enabled representation of disease entities in more than one location. It is thus now possible to include relevant infectious, complex developmental and inflammatory disorders etc. within the skin disease chapter as cross-references from elsewhere.

Including cross-references and headings, the Diseases of the Skin chapter contains over 5,000 entries. Some 1,500 of these are cross-references to other sections of the chapter or to other chapters. Examples are shown below to explain this.

Neoplasms chapter: primary site

#### Benign cutaneous neoplasms

- Benign cutaneous melanocytic neoplasms
- Benign keratinocytic acanthomas
- Benign neoplasms of epidermal appendages
- Benign dermal fibrous and fibrohistiocytic neoplasms
- Benign tumours of cutaneous smooth muscle
- Benign proliferations and neoplasms of cutaneous blood vessels
- Benign cutaneous neoplasms of neural and nerve sheath origin

Diseases of the skin chapter: cross-reference from neoplasms chapter

#### Benign proliferations, neoplasms and cysts of the skin

- Benign cutaneous melanocytic neoplasms
- Benign keratinocytic acanthomas
- Benign neoplasms of epidermal appendages
- Benign dermal fibrous and fibrohistiocytic neoplasms
- Benign tumours of cutaneous smooth muscle
- Benign proliferations and neoplasms of cutaneous blood vessels
- Benign cutaneous neoplasms of neural and nerve sheath origin
- Other benign neoplasms of the skin
- Cutaneous cysts

Note that the headings and content are very slightly different as cutaneous cysts are grouped with benign neoplasms in the skin diseases chapter.

In the absence of a Communicable Diseases Topic Advisory Group, the Dermatology Topic Advisory Group was also given responsibility for supervision and review of sexually transmitted diseases, parasitoses, mycoses and a range of other relevant infections including non-tuberculous mycobacteria and herpes virus infections.

Many groups and individuals have assisted in the development of the skin diseases chapter. The members of the Topic Advisory Group have been very

supportive, especially my Co-Chairman, Professor Michael Weichenenthal, Professor Mark Pittelkow, Professor Mourad Mokni, Professor Peter Soyer and Professor Pablo Fernández Peñas who have all contributed enormously to the Topic Advisory Group and to the formation of its constituent Expert Working Groups. They have overseen the design and structure of the chapter as well as each contributing in their own specialist areas. Dr. Alanna Bree and Professor Jacek Szepietowski have each done tremendous work in developing their sections of interest, namely genetic and paediatric dermatoses and psychocutaneous disorders. The other experts who have given freely of their time to assist in specific sections are too numerous to mention individually. Nevertheless I should like to highlight the hard work done by Professor Fenella Wojnarowska in immunobullous diseases, Dr. Senathirajah Ariyaratnam in oral mucosal disorders, Professors Vera Mahler and Ana Giménez-Arnau in contact dermatitis and occupational dermatoses, and Professors Celia Moss and Bernard Cohen in neonatal and developmental disorders.

There have also been very fruitful collaborations with other Topic Advisory Groups, in particular with Rheumatology (Professor Jonathan Kay), Rare Diseases and Genetic Disorders (Professor Segolène Aymé of Orphanet), Reproductive Medicine (Dr. Doris Chou), Oral medicine (Dr. Ramon Baez) and Internal Medicine (Mrs. Julie Rust).

There are still significant lacunae in the Diseases of the Skin chapter (e.g. hair disorders) which I am continuing to address. There are also a number of issues to be resolved with other groups (e.g. disorders of the eyelids). Even more of a task is that of populating all the definitions and other attributes for each entity. This will continue to occupy the Topic Advisory Group over the next two years.

Now that a reasonably complete draft is available to comment on, I should like to invite all interested ILDS members to look at it, identify errors and omissions and to submit their comments and criticisms online at <http://apps.who.int/classifications/icd11/browse/f/en>.

A more formal process of peer review will get underway in the near future. It is vital that the dermatology community engage to ensure that what is finally included in ICD-11 meets the requirements of dermatologists and others involved in treating skin disease.

*Robert Chalmers*, Co-Chair and Managing Editor  
Dermatology Topic Advisory Group,  
ICD Revision Project, WHO.

## Member's Corner



### International Forum for the Study of Itch

#### ILDS Summit in Berlin

We are happy to announce that IFSI, as one of the younger member societies of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS), had the opportunity to present our activities on June 4th–5th 2012 during the ILDS Summit in Berlin. In a fine lecture, Jacek C. Szepietowski, President of IFSI, informed about all activities since the society's foundation. He informed about all past meetings, the future World Congresses of Itch (WCI) and the current activities of our Special Interest Groups (SIG). He also referred to the itch section in *Acta Dermato-Venereologica*. The activities of IFSI were appraised by all attending societies in a very positive manner.

#### Itch Course in Brussels

For the first time in the history of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV), a Fostering Itch Course of the EADV took place in Brussels on June 22nd–25th, 2012. Organizer was Jacek C. Szepietowski, Poland. Among the lecturers were Elke Weisshaar, Heidelberg/Germany, Sonja Ständer, Münster/Germany, Laurent Misery, Brest/France and Adam Reich, Wrocław/Poland. The course was attended by selected dermatologists in training who had to pass through a selection procedure prior to attending. The full 3-days course found high approval and was evaluated positively. We will see if further courses will take place in the future.

#### Special Interest Groups (SIG)

##### SIG on Scoring Itch in Clinical Trials

The Special Interest Group on *Scoring Itch in Clinical Trials* (chair: Sonja Ständer) concentrated first on the evaluation of tools for assessment of the itch intensity and their use in clinical trials. As the results of its activity, two papers on the validation of several scales including the visual analogue scale (VAS) were prepared and are scheduled for publication in *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* (4th issue 2012). For the first time, the cut-off points for different itch severities using VAS were proposed. Now the SIG is finalizing the consensus paper on itch measurement.

##### SIG on Questionnaires

The SIG on *questionnaires to assess chronic itch* published a consensus paper in *Acta Dermato-Venereologica* by Elke Weisshaar (Germany), Uwe Gieler (Germany), Jörg Kupfer (Germany), Masutaka Furue (Japan), Hideshi Saeki (Japan), Gil Yosipovitch (US). This paper addresses the expectations of using itch questionnaires to better assess chronic itch and guide therapy. The SIG will continue its work within the IFSI to build an itch questionnaire that can be used in the future.

#### SIG Paraneoplastic Itch

This new SIG started its work and has had three meetings meanwhile. The SIG is led by Ben Zyllicz (Switzerland), its active members are Thomas Metzang, Melanie Weiß and Elke Weisshaar (Germany). It is planned to publish a consensus paper that will be discussed within IFSI.

Jacek C. Szepietowski, President  
Elke Weisshaar, Secretary



### 21st EADV Congress in Prague, Czech Republic

It is our very great pleasure to invite you to the 21st EADV Congress that will be held in the historic city of Prague, capital of the Czech Republic.

This is the second time the EADV has held a Congress in Prague, a city that bridges the cultures of Eastern and Western Europe.

The theme of this Congress is *Skin is Vital*. This emphasises the central importance of skin in our health and well-being.

Physicians and scientists from all over the world will gather in Prague for this Congress.

#### Save your time!

Make a secured payment and get immediate confirmation to pick up your badge at our dedicated desk.

For further information about congress registrations, please click here: [www.eadvprague2012.org/registration/](http://www.eadvprague2012.org/registration/)



### Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS): 60 years of Service, Leadership, Camaraderie

The Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS) is celebrating its 60th (Diamond) Anniversary the whole year round of 2012, through a series of activities aimed at enriching camaraderie among its 894 member dermatologists and continuing its compassionate service to the Filipino populace.

One of its earliest achievements is the successful hosting of the 20th Regional Congress in Dermatology last February 2012, attended by more than 1,400 dermatologists from Asia-Pacific region and from other areas like India, the Middle East, Europe and the USA. Focused on *Emerging Concepts in Dermatology: Paradigm Shifts and Other*, the convention was graced by 99 locally and internationally renowned

speakers, sharing the latest on all aspects of dermatology. Ongoing meetings are several Life Enhancement Action Program (LEAP) assemblies among our chapter members, touching on diverse matters as leadership, harmony in interaction and practice enhancements. As a culminating activity, the society will have its 2nd National Conference with the theme *Philippine Dermatology at its BEST!* on November 7–9, 2012, covering varied motivating topics from *Derma Hotline*, *Secrets of Longevity*, *Case-Based Challenges to Harmony in Life and Practice*.

Various productive Medical Outreach Missions are being carried out at different deprived areas throughout the country, participated in by a big number of our consultant/resident dermatologists. Gift-giving visits were done with the resident leprosy patients at the Jose R. Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center (Tala Leprosarium) and the in-house aged residents of Kanlungan ni Maria. Soon to be visited are the Home for the Mentally Retarded (Elsie Gatche's Village) and the HIV-infected patients in San Lazaro Hospital. Last July, a Child Skin Care Clinic by our Pediatric Dermatology Subspecialty Core Group was effectively executed, aimed at disseminating vital information on common skin diseases among the youngsters of the family. By October, the society will join the celebration of the World Psoriasis Day in an array of parade and educational activities with the Filipino psoriasis patients.

Sixty years of meaningful existence is perhaps a rarity, especially among people of diverse personalities and inclinations. Our society has soared in unity and camaraderie, and we fervently hope it will continue to do so.



20th Regional Conference of Dermatology (Asian-Australasian) hosted by the Philippines Dermatological Society last February 2012



Outreach gift-giving mission at Kanlungan ni Maria, Antipolo City, last April 2012