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Congress Program Highlights

The scientific program of the 23RD World Congress of Dermatology has been reviewed by the American Medical Association and approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.

We now have 1,500 invited presentations scheduled during the 23RD WCD. Daily scientific sessions will include plenaries, symposia, courses, workshops and controversies that address and discuss a wide variety of topics including medical and surgical dermatology, as well as practical cosmetic sessions.

The Call for Abstracts online submission deadline extension has now passed and we are very excited to have received over 3,500 abstracts. Abstract submissions will be presented in oral and poster formats and our Free Communications Committee is now actively reviewing all submissions. Official acceptances will be sent out by December 2014. We will be opening the Online Abstracts submission system and accepting a limited number of „Late Breaking Abstracts“ soon so be sure to check www.derm2015.org for updates.

Our program also features a number of full- and half-day courses during the Congress. Courses are didactic sessions aimed at participants who wish to gain new knowledge in a field where they may not already be familiar. Basic aspects of the topic are covered in addition to key current breakthroughs and advances.

You must register for courses in advance as seating is very limited. To view the courses offered, check the Congress website at <http://derm2015.org/program/scientific-program/>



Accommodations: We encourage you to book early to have the best selection! The late spring is a busy time in Vancouver and hotels are expected to sell out. Our WCD Housing Bureau has negotiated special group rates at over 40 hotels that are available to registered WCD Delegates only. Select from basic accommodations to 5-star luxury. <http://derm2015.org/registration-housing/housing/>
Tours and Activities in Vancouver

Vancouver is one of the most popular tourist destinations on earth. It is known for spectacular natural beauty, a vibrant and cosmopolitan city centre and an appeal to individuals of all ages. Vancouver is also a friendly and safe city that is well suited for family vacations and excursions. Vancouver is an ideal starting point for journeys to popular destinations such as Whistler, Banff, Seattle and Alaska.

Cruises to Alaska are now available for booking! Choose from one of three 7-day cruises through some of the most spectacular landscapes in North America!



Glaciers calve, whales leap, and sea lions lumber onto bobbing ice floes. Wonders continue one after another on the pristine coastline which features port stops for sightseeing along the way. Take this special opportunity to experience some of the most breathtaking wilderness in the world while travelling in luxury. These 7-day trips conveniently depart from downtown Vancouver.

<http://derm2015.org/program/social-program-tours/pre-post-congress-tours/>

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- Luxury Train Trip through the Rocky Mountains on the world-renowned Rocky Mountaineer
- Granville Island Market Culinary Tour
- UBC Botanical Garden, Nitobe Memorial Garden & Museum of Anthropology
- Victoria Day Trip featuring Butchart Gardens Tour & Tea
- West Coast Whale Watching & Wildlife Adventure
- Ocean Kayaking in Deep Cove
- Salmon Fishing



<http://derm2015.org/visitor-information/pre-post-tours/>

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**World
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DUBAI — BID 2019



Dubai ruler backs bid to clinch 24th World Congress of Dermatology 2019

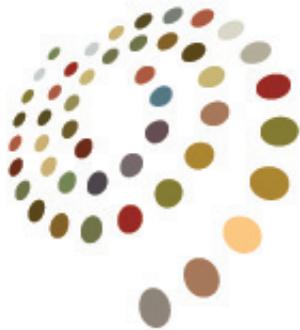
Dubai, United Arab Emirates: His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, has called for „team spirit“ between city’s public and private sectors, urging all parties to work together to win the bid for the World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) in 2019. Speaking as he toured the 14th Annual Dubai World Dermatology and Laser Conference and Exhibition (Dubai Derma) held at the Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC) this past April 8-10, 2013, Sheikh Mohammed said the UAE has the necessary will, infrastructure and organizational experience to host all kinds of international events, including those in the medical field.

The World Congress of Dermatology, which is held every four years, was last held in Seoul in 2011 and will next be held in Vancouver, Canada, in 2015. Dubai is competing to host the event in 2019, and is facing competition from countries such as Brazil, Italy, the Czech Republic, Turkey, India and China.

During his tour of Dubai Derma 2014, Sheikh Mohammed visited participating stands and inquired about the latest technological developments in the fields of dermatology, plastic surgery and laser treatment. The Dubai ruler also took the time during his visit to meet with a number of doctors and heads of regional and international dermatological societies who were taking part in the event.

The successful meeting, which is considered the largest in the region with over 5000 delegates, is held under the auspices of the GCC League of Dermatology, which has officially bid to host the WCD for 2019. The event offers the highest standard of exhibitions, lectures, courses and workshops, and will return to Dubai for its 15th edition April 8-10, 2015.





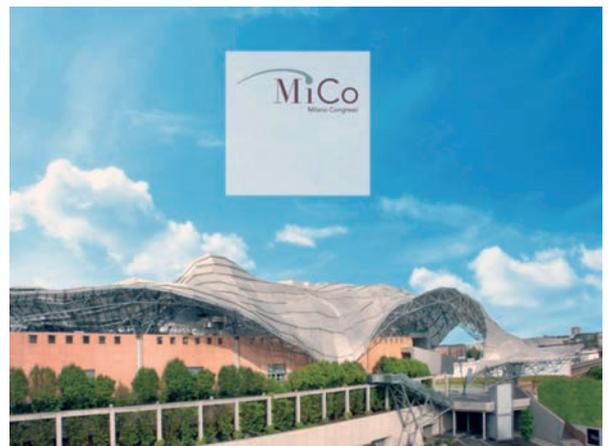
XXIV WORLD CONGRESS OF DERMATOLOGY MILAN 2019



24th World Congress of Dermatology 2019

Milan, and more in general Italy, is becoming increasingly appealing for organizing large meetings and conventions.

The number of international conferences in Italy increases every year, demonstrating Italy's reliability and credibility and supplying an important indicator of the improved competitiveness of Italian conference facilities. The growth in Italian conference centers is, however, not only in the quantity, represented by the increase in the number of conferences organized, but we have also seen a noticeable improvement in the quality of what is offered: the average number of participants at each individual event has gone up considerably, and the average length of conferences has also increased. However, the great advantage that Italy offers is the variety of the locations and the possibility of offering conference-goers leisure itineraries and activities, the like of which cannot be found anywhere else in the world. It is obvious that the growth in the Italian conference business is linked above all to the growth in competitiveness of the tourist resorts, where the number of conference-goers is constantly increasing, equaling the market-share of the towns and cities that are traditionally the leaders in the Italian conference market. To those who have to organize a conference, produce a large company convention, or create an event, Italy can offer you more: highly modern structures, efficient services, air, road and rail connections, but above all, its coastline, its mountains and its cities of art, representing added value for a sector which aims more and more to play a leading role in Europe and the world.



....see you in Milan!!!

Think skin say Milan

Think skin say Italy

The Italian Bidding Committee
for WCD 2019 BID



Prague applies to host the 24th WCD 2019

On behalf of the Czech Academy of Dermatovenereology, I am very pleased to present the Prague candidacy to host the 24th World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) 2019.

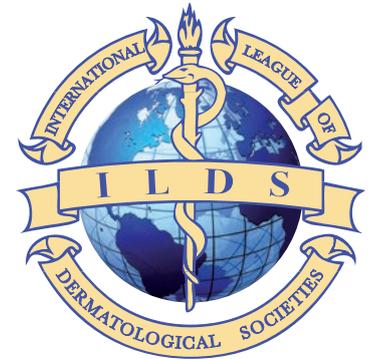
Prague is a beautiful city located in the very heart of Europe. With its history and magnificent architecture (the city of a „hundred spires”), it presents a unique culture influenced by a mix of various styles that have formed the city throughout many centuries. It is a cultural centre, full of music and arts. Prague is also very safe and offers a high standard and affordable congress facilities and hotels.

We strongly believe in the success of our candidacy. In 2019, it will have been 17 years since the ILDS World Congress of Dermatology was in Europe (Paris 2002). Moreover, it will have been 32 years (Berlin 1987) since this great congress was hosted by a city in the centre of Europe, and an unbelievable 84 years (Budapest 1935) since the WCD was organized in a previous Eastern European Country, where life and people, similar to Prague, defeated separation and the restricting political regime. Thus, Prague stands as a representative of Central and Eastern Europe, the re-united region that had undergone the greatest geopolitical changes in late 20th century.

We hope we will have the opportunity to welcome you at the 24th World Congress of Dermatology in Prague in 2019, not only for a network and an exchange of scientific information in dermatology, but also to experience Prague's spirit and hospitality.

Prof. Jana Hercogová, MD, PhD
Czech Academy of Dermatovenereology

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Rio de Janeiro

24th WCD 2019

Rio de Janeiro is not only the land of beautiful beaches, of Sugar Loaf, Christ the Redeemer and Maracanã, but also a city well prepared to competently host the WCD 2019 with great joy and cheer, typical of Brazilian people.

BRAZILIAN DERMATOLOGY

Brazilian dermatology foresees a fast growth. There are several traditional schools that graduate high quality experts who have managed to exponentially increase the Brazilian scientific production. Brazilian Dermatology Society celebrated its centenary in 2012 and is one of the largest dermatology societies in the world with more than 7,500 members.

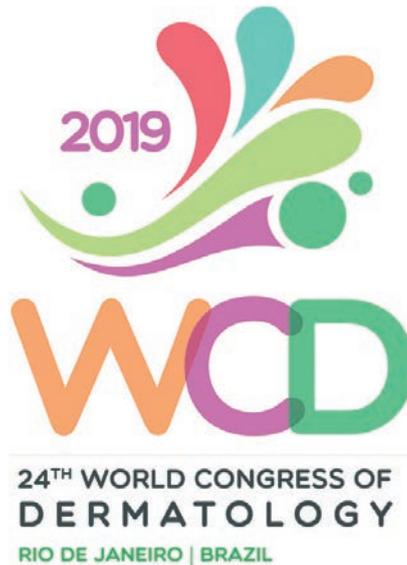
INFRASTRUCTURE

Rio is known for its hospitality and infrastructure to host a great number of tourists. It is estimated that by 2015 the number of hotel rooms will reach 38,376 and many of them are near the beaches. The city also counts on a large and comfortable convention center with excellent public transport connections. The convention center has a stop in front of the venue, so that you can travel in a most inexpensive way using public transport, avoiding traffic jams during the WCD 2019.

TOURISM

Brazil hosted the FIFA World Cup in 2014 in a wonderful way and it is not by chance that Rio will also host the 2016 Olympic Games. Rio is the main touristic destination in Brazil and its vocation to tourism couldn't be better explained than the description recently published in The New York Times:

"I traveled to Rio to experience urban beauty so intense that even the locals pause to applaud it. Rio may be the most voluptuous city in the world, with soft beaches, dramatic mountains, waterfalls, a rain forest, lagoon and orchids peeking out of lush old trees lining the streets. Papayas and jackfruit drop from branches all over town, symbols of the city's overabundant sweetness." J. Kantor (NYT, February, 15 2013)



Development of dermatological education in Cambodia

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During the regime of the Khmer Rouge (1975-1979), qualified healthcare in Cambodia collapsed almost entirely. Nearly all the country's hospitals and private practices were closed down, and the University of Health Sciences (UHS) in Phnom Penh was forced to shut down. Homicide, untreated disease, starvation and death due to overwork resulted in only 50 of the 1,000 or so physicians of the old regime surviving Pol Pot's 40-month reign of terror. In January 1979, Vietnamese forces drove the Khmer Rouge out of Cambodia and established themselves as liberator-occupiers, eventually staying 11 years. During this time medical services were re-established in a rather sketchy and basic manner. The UHS in Phnom Penh also resumed work, however, under extremely reduced conditions.

The political and therefore the medical situation improved with the recovery of national sovereignty and elections in 1994 which led to the establishment of aid-programmes to promote the development of medical care. In the field of dermatology/venereology there was also a clear need for improvement. Even in the early 2000s there was only one board-certified dermatologist and a handful of graduates of a 10-month diploma course at the Institute of Dermatology in Bangkok in Cambodia. They were confronted with the task of caring for 11 million Cambodians, compared with medically developed countries that have about one dermatologist per 25,000 inhabitants. All these physicians were working in Phnom Penh only so the rest of the country, therefore 80% of the population, were practically without qualified dermatological care. Competent dermato-histopathology was not, and is still not available today.

Under the supervision of the UHS, and with German and French support, a "Diploma Course Dermatology" was developed. From 2005 until 2014, five courses were conducted. These trainings had 10 participants and included the following two week modules: Basics of dermatology; dermatoses caused by bacteria; dermatoses caused by fungi, viruses and parasites; diseases of allergic origin; inflammatory diseases of the skin; constitutional diseases of the skin and photo-dermatoses; skin tumours; sexually transmitted diseases; skin diseases according to location and skin diseases according to age.

During course modules, students were required to complete 320 hours of internship in hospitals and laboratories in Phnom Penh. The training was designed to teach basic principles of diagnostics and therapy and was intended to qualify participants to recognize and treat the majority of dermatoses prevalent in Cambodia.

At the request of the UHS and the Ministries of Health and Education, full specialisation in dermatology according to international standards was developed and finally implemented at the beginning of 2013.

Internships have the following structure:

- One year of interdisciplinary training, i.e. rotation through hospital departments covering internal medicine, surgery, gynaecology/obstetrics and paediatrics.
- Two years of dermatological training in Cambodia, divided into eight months in the Department of Dermatology at Preah Kossamak Hos-



pital (see below), eight months in the clinic of the National Centre for Sexually Transmitted Infections, and eight months in the

- Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre.

- One to two years of dermatological training in the departments of dermatology at the university hospitals in France.

Every year, two to three graduates from the UHS are chosen to start their specialization according to the results of a written and oral

selection process.

In 2008, with the help of mostly German institutions, a modern dermatology department, for the purposes of patient care, was established at Preah Kossamak Hospital which is one of the major public hospitals in Phnom Penh. It also serves as a centre for under and post-graduate training and, to a modest degree, research. The department is headed by Professor Mey Sithach, a fully qualified German-trained Cambodian dermatologist. Facilities include in- and out-patient care, an operating theatre, cryomed-surgery, proctoscopy, dermatoscopy, phlebology and teaching and training rooms. A well-stocked library and internet access are available to the department staff and dermatology students. Teledermatology and telepathology make up some of the ever-increasing online facilities.

Outside Phnom Penh, a fair number of diploma course graduates have established dermatological departments and private practices. These departments are usually localized in provincial referral hospitals, which cooperate with the local branches of the National Leprosy Programme and the National Programme of STIs and HIV/AIDS. It is planned to gradually increase the number of these facilities and improve their quality by supporting staff in terms of continuous education, logistics and financing.

The development of dermatology/venereology in Cambodia could not have been accomplished without ongoing funding by mainly German donors. These include the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in Bonn, the Centre for Migration and Development (CIM) in Frankfurt and Else Kröner Fresenius-Stiftung (EKFS) in Bad Homburg. Generous financial support was also provided by Stiftung Hilfswerk Deutscher Zahnärzte für Lepra- und Notgebiete (C.H. Bartels Fund) in Göttingen and the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) in London. Since 2013, the Association of German Dermatologists (DDG) in Berlin has been supplying regular donations.



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June 10: Discover Ontario and Quebec — 6 - 7 pm

June 11: Discover the Western Provinces — 6 - 7 pm

More details to be revealed before the events.



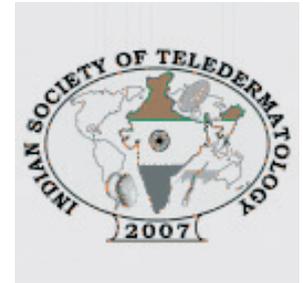
MEMBERS' CORNER

Indian Society of Teledermatology

Telederm India 2014

The Fifth National Conference of Indian Society of Teledermatology was held at Chennai, India on 24th August. The theme of the conference was „The present state of Dermatology's future“. The conference was partnered by the IADVL Chennai City Chapter. The entire day's session was webcasted. It was privileged by the participation of both the founder President and present President of the International Society of Teledermatology, Profs. Peter Soyer and Jayakar Thomas, respectively. Virtual presentations were made by Prof. Peter Soyer, University of Queensland, Australia, and Prof. M. Ramam from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, India on Store-and-Forward Teledermatology in Australia and interface dermatitis, respectively. Prof. A. S. Thambiah Oration, oral presentations, panel discus-

sion, prize papers for the post-graduate and students were the other sessions which were very much appreciated by and useful to the delegates. The all-new-concept of Virtual Skin clinic and Teleconsultation was launched in collaboration with Ms. S10 which was the most awaited service from the Society.



Indian Society of Teledermatology (INSTED) observes World Psoriasis Day 2014

Indian Society of Teledermatology [INSTED] observed World Psoriasis Day on 26th October 2014. The event included CME on „Psoriasis an Overview“ and „Difficult Case-Discussion“ followed by Patient - Doctor interactive session.

Prof. Jayakar Thomas, President of INSTED, introduced the CME topic „Psoriasis- an Overview“ and also delivered a lecture on „Childhood Psoriasis“ supported by statistical evidence from his institutional experience. Other topics covered in the CME included Phototherapy; Psoriatic Arthropathy; Biologics in Psoriasis; Difficult case discussion included cases of pustular psoriasis and erythrodermic psoriasis, the heads of post-graduate teaching institutions and other senior faculty discussed the cases and their experience and views were exchanged. During the patient interactive session, patients shared their experiences on various aspects. The overall impression from the patients' view revealed the fact that it is the emotional stress and fear about the future that worsens the disease course. All assembled agreed upon the theme of the event, „Together we fight it - To build a better world for people with Psoriasis“. „Halt Psoriasis“ - the movement launched by INSTED was once again stressed. „Lifestyle modification holds the key to control

psoriasis“ remained the take home message this year too. 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'.



Program „SUN, Childhood Friend“

Brazilian Society of Dermatology, Section Sao Paulo

On October 2006 I was honoured with the nomination for „Young Dermatologist International Achievement Award“ by ILDS. I felt very proud to receive the Certificate during WCD in Buenos Aires (2007). Since then, I have kept in my mind the special mission to „...trying to make a difference, particularly for people with skin disease who are less privileged in this world“.

This document summarizes our Program that during the last 2 years attended to 140,000 children in public and private schools in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Our homepage is <http://solamigodainfancia.com.br/>

Sincerely yours,

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PROGRAM „SUN, CHILDHOOD FRIEND“

Preventive and health promotion projects aim to induce healthy habits in children through education about sun exposure to protect against and reduce the incidence of skin cancer.

Education about the prevention of skin cancer is most effective when it is taught as part of a health education curriculum; this type of playful and integrated approach requires collaborative planning and development of information between teachers and dermatologists to improve education about prevention and to strengthen the consistency of the messages and practices that are available to students.

The program „Sun, Childhood Friend“ is a school health education and disease prevention project that aims to teach children and educators through activities in school that aim to encourage the adoption and maintenance of behaviour that ensures proper sun protection and the consequent prevention of skin cancer.

The Sun, Friend of Children partner schools receive materials to facilitate the classroom instruction, and the program also encourages the implementation of structural measures (such as planting trees) and institutional measures (such as encouraging the use of hats, appropriate clothing, sunglasses and sunscreen). This program features very flexible elements that can be used independently or as supplements to the curriculum of existing health promotion in school.

To efficiently achieve the project's objectives, teams of coordinators of school units and teachers must be trained with distance education courses to expand their scientific knowledge and stimulate the proliferation and transformation of educational content into fun activities and thus educate students about the importance of safe attitudes toward sun exposure and the consequent prevention of skin cancer.

Through partnerships with the education departments of the municipalities of the state of São Paulo, the Brazilian Society of Dermatology - Regional São Paulo created a workshop with class attendance and a didactic book for the teacher program that promoted good practices in sunlight. This partnership also included the creation of a distance education course and comprehensive program access for all teachers in these school systems to playful

activities designed to increase the knowledge of the students. The proposed actions are directed toward teacher handouts that contain suggestions for lessons for the students, Monica „The Skin and The Sun“ comic books and DVDs, a folder with information about the main sun protection measures, and questionnaires for the students, parents and teachers to assess their knowledge about the importance of sunscreen.



Steps in our education program:

Step 1: Agreement of cooperation with the departments of education and voluntary registration of schools and teachers to access the program information.

Step 2: A workshop directed at multiple design professionals to ensure adequate technical material for teaching.

Step 3: A training course for coordinators of the volunteers that is promoted by the dermatologists of the Brazilian Society of Dermatology - Regional São Paulo. These educators are responsible for implementing

the project, providing information through the distance learning course and providing questionnaires of voluntary compliance before and after the lessons.

Step 4: Distribution of the Monica student comic books through the 1st to 5th years of registered public education schools, distribution of the Monica's school DVDs that encourage students to join the project (01 per academic unit) and distribution of folders.

Step 5: Evaluation of the program in terms of the development of cultural activities, such as textual productions, graphics, drama, dance and music that are relevant to the topic. At the end of the program, participation certificates will be issued by the Brazilian Society of Dermatology - Regional São Paulo to the teachers, and study awards with cultural tours will be issued to the students.

The dissemination of sun protection policies among schools and partnering community organisations can elicit structural changes and events that promote the most appropriate methods of sun protection. Moreover, an educator kit that contains one book, one DVD, five posters, Monica's Gang packaging and a game that is aimed at children will encourage proper sun exposure behaviours in a playful manner.

Program „SUN, Childhood Friend“ City of São Vicente

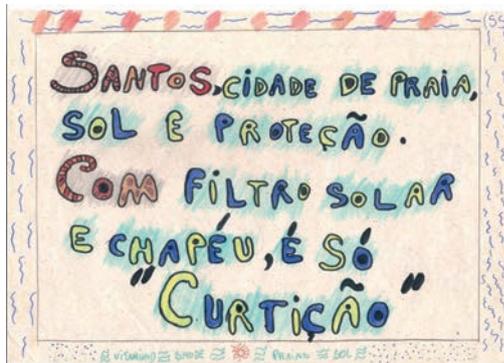


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INTRODUCTION

According to data from the National Institute of Cancer (INCA) for the year 2012, skin cancer accounted for 25% of all cases of disease in Brazil. Ninety-six percent were non-melanoma tumours.

Faced with this grim reality, the Brazilian Society of Dermatology –São Paulo State branch (SBD-SP) launched a long-term educational programme in 2013 called THE SUN: CHILDHOOD'S FRIEND to promote good sun exposure practices and prevent skin cancer. This program was designed to be applied to students from the first to the fifth Foundation Years. Some cities in the state of São Paulo have now joined the project. Among these cities is São Vicente, which is a coastal city in a region known as “Região Metropolitana da Baixada Santista”. With the support of the regional Rotary Club, SBD-SP has celebrated a partnership with the City of São Vicente Department of Education (SEDUC-SV) to develop the programme in this school network.



THE ACTIONS

In the initial step, the SEDUC-SV board and SBD-SP members converted the scientific knowledge into a pedagogical language via the utilisation of child-friendly activities designed to teach the children about preventive measures and to stimulate behavioural changes in sun exposure-related habits.

The main materials offered by the SBD-SP to the SEDUC-SV schools have been cartoon magazines and DVDs, particularly those issued by Mauricio de Souza. Mauricio de Souza is Brazil's most renowned cartoonist, and the educational materials involve the very popular Monica's Gang (Turma da Mônica) characters and are called „The Skin & The Sun“ („A PELE E O SOL“). The word cancer appears only once in these materials because their purpose is to emphasise that sun exposure is a part of children's play and people's outdoor routines. The next steps involved training from pedagogical leaders and educators who provided 45 hours of e-learning to 120 participating school teachers (80.0% of the teachers have completed the course) regarding how to apply the programme in 31 units to 15,000 children (69.7% of the students of the primary municipal network) in 2013.

The activities of the students included elaborate texts, drawings, videos and the creation of musical, dance and theatrical performances related to the theme and the cartoon materials.

Many of the drawings and posters were displayed during the Annual Dermatological Meeting of São Paulo State (RADESP) from December 5th to December 7th, 2013.

The best works in each category were presented and awarded prizes in a public ceremony on the final day of the event.

THE PROSPECTS

The SEDUC-SV intends to complete the e-learning training of newcomers and the teachers who could not participate in 2013.

Additionally, the programme has already been incorporated into the science curriculum of the first five terms of the Foundation Years of the public school network.

The main purposes are to elicit long-term preventive consciousness and better sun exposure-related behaviours within the school community and to make teachers and students the propagators of change within their families and Vicentin society in general.

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French Society of Dermatology in the 21st Century

French Society of Dermatology (FSD) (Société Française de Dermatologie) is a dynamic organization of more than 1700 members. It is closely associated with the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) and is a Member Society of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS). France is the birthplace of the World Congress of Dermatology (WCD), held 125 years ago in 1889.

FSD has 27 committees working on specific topics in the field of Dermatology, eg. Bullous Diseases, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Epidemiology, Skin Cancers, among others. These committees allow FSD to have an active and attractive and both academic and office-based clinical research and international visibility.

FSD has a national annual meeting named „Journées Dermatologiques de Paris” (JDP), in December each year with more than 4500 attendees. The high scientific level of this meeting is acknowledged by many colleagues worldwide eg, Canada, South America, Africa, Asia and others. Regarding the International audience of JDP, Prof. Olivier Chosidow, the current president of FSD decided, in association with the organizing committee in 2013, to introduce simultaneous translations into English and Spanish in many of the sessions. In addition, FSD may invite international speakers for different meetings.

To cover our international actions, Prof. Brigitte Dréno has been designated to head an „International Relations” Committee responsible for:

- Increasing interactions with other European and international societies (EADV, ILDS, ADF, EDF, EUMS and ESDR),



- Creating international grants with other French-speaking countries in relation with Association des Dermatologistes Francophones (ADF)
- Reinforcing the interaction with the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD); Prof. Roderick Hay, the Chairman, was invited in 2013 for a workshop meeting.

Last, but not least, FSD is organizing a French-Speaking Symposium during the WCD in Vancouver with ADF and Association des Dermatologues du Québec (ADQ) to take place on Monday, 8th June from 8 am to noon.

Indeed, FSD is an active scientific Society which looks forward to continuing to serve the ILDS and its projects.

Brigitte Dréno
Chair of International FSD Committee
Olivier Chosidow
President of SFD
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Launch of the South African Dermatology Nursing Association

This last year has seen the formation by a group of dermatology nurses to establish the South African Dermatology Nurses Association (SADNA).

SADNA was formed as an independent association for dermatology nurses throughout South Africa to be a leading voice for dermatology nurses who had established a track for the care of people with skin diseases.

The aims of the SADNA are to:

- Promote the development of the highest standard of care for the patient receiving dermatological care
- Promote the development and expansion of dermatology to the benefit of the patient
- Promote and support education and research
- Provide a source of expertise for nurses, faculty, clinical and managerial colleagues in the field of dermatology
- Provide a platform for the dissemination of developments and knowledge in the field of dermatology nursing

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Launch of the South African Dermatology Nursing Association continued

Activities planned

- National conference presenting educational and development opportunities for nursing faculty roles
- Publications, to highlight the contributions of nurses to skin care and dermatology development
- Developing a clinical nursing care dermatology nursing, skin care and mental care topics primarily for nurses in various settings
- Working with other groups to develop, evaluate and promote an evidence-based practice in skin care nursing e.g. Best practice in Evidence-based practice
- Developing and maintaining a website which will give access to skin care resources for nurses and other health care professionals
- Promote close professional collaboration through our work with other key organizations.

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Mycetoma. A Review

The Mycetoma Research Centre was established in 1991 at Socha University Hospital, Khartoum, to provide integrated medical care for mycetoma patients and to foster research. The following review is a practical account, based on the author's unparalleled experience, and supported by relevant literature.

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Background

Mycetoma is a progressive and disabling tropical disease which has many serious medical and socio-economic impacts on patients, community and health authorities. There are two main forms.

Etiopathogenesis is caused by true fungi, most commonly *Madurella mycetozuans* and *Nocardia brasiliensis*.

Clinical features include the development of a painless subcutaneous mass, slow formation and eventual development of discharge containing grains. It usually spreads to involve the skin and the deep structures resulting in destruction, deformity and loss of function. It is occasionally fatal. 82% of cases affect the hand or foot in endemic areas other parts of the body may be involved such as the nose, ear, leg, back, head and neck, thigh and genital areas. It is the eyes however, because mycetoma spread more frequently in young adult men aged 20-40 years and in one sex almost 50% more young patients.

Epidemiology

The true incidence and prevalence of mycetoma world wide is not precisely known, increased in all 81 states of the reported data relate to hospital patients with advanced disease. This is attributed to the nature of mycetoma which is usually painless and slowly progressive. Also, most patients present at a late stage because of poor health facilities, lack of health facilities and financial constraints.

Mycetoma is endemic in the tropical and subtropical regions and present in the "tropical belt" which stretches to a broad band across Africa, South America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent, the Pacific, the Philippines, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, South Africa, Tunisia and Sri Lanka.

Currently there is no prevention or control programme in mycetoma because there is no well recognized prevention in mycetoma. The mode of infection is unknown. The prevailing theory is that the causative organism is introduced into the

Fig. 1. Mycetoma nodule involving the right ankle causing severe foot and leg deformities with multiple draining discharge and fistulae.

performed by Akhtar in Sudan during the period 1982-1983 and by Saeed, Hassan and colleagues in Sudan between 1988 and 1992. In Akhtar's study, 120 mycetoma patients were followed up for 2.5 years and the estimated prevalence was 4.8 per 100,000 population. Saeed, Hassan reported on 210 mycetoma cases from 16 dermatological centers throughout Sudan over a period of 39 years and estimated a prevalence of 4.8 per 100,000 population. The gross epidemiological incidence is comparable to those from other "tropical belt" tropical infections such as leishmaniasis, schistosomiasis, malaria and dengue. Unfortunately, mycetoma is not on most of the World Health Organization lists.

Usually only two large epidemiological studies have been performed to estimate the disease prevalence in these states. Unfortunately, prevalence was calculated. These studies were

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Everyone working in dermatology has their own vision of how the profession can make a difference, but it is those who act on their ideas and maintain their commitment who will leave a lasting impression.

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