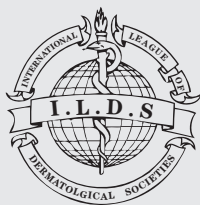


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International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) Reception in Lisbon

ILDS Board welcomes Presidents and Officers of the ILDS Member Societies in Lisbon during the Annual Meeting of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology.

On the occasion of the Annual EADV Meeting in Lisbon, the ILDS Board met with the Presidents and Officers of the ILDS Member Societies who were present during that meeting.

The wonderful garden in which the Reception was held created a relaxed atmosphere giving us the opportunity to inform the Member Societies directly on decisions that the ILDS Board had taken during its Strategy Retreat Meeting held the previous day. The Reception also afforded us the opportunity to have warm personal encounters and lively discussions on the need for regular exchanges of viewpoints of our dermatological leaders in a forum organised by the ILDS.

A few snapshots taken by some of the guests reflect the informal atmosphere.

The next ILDS Reception will take place on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology in San Diego in March 2012, and while more formal invitations will be sent out in due time, please take this early opportunity to mark your diaries.



Professor Wolfram Sterry giving his address at the 1st ILDS Welcome Reception in Lisbon.



Back row (from left to right): Harvey Lui, Yoshiki Miyachi, Jean Bologna, Christopher Griffiths, Chung-Hong Hu, Abdul-Ghani Kibbi, Jean-Hilaire Saurat, Hee Chul Eun, Xuejun Zhang, Eve Arnold. Front row (from left to right): Hemangi Jerajani, Marcia Ramos-e-Silva, Jerry Shapiro, Roderick Hay, Wolfram Sterry, Mary Maloney, Jorge Ocampo-Candiani. David Pariser and Francisco Camacho Martinez were otherwise engaged when the photograph was taken.



The 1st ILDS Welcome Reception held in Lisbon on 21st October, 2011.



From left to right: Harvey Lui, Hee Chul Eun, Hitomi Miyachi, Chung-Hong Hu.

22nd World Congress of Dermatology

Scientific Program Evaluation



Hee Chul Eun, President

The 22nd World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) was held from May 24th to 29th, 2011, in Seoul, Korea. For development of future program, we evaluated the whole scientific programs performed during this congress.

I would like to introduce the summary of the contents

I. Overview

1. Lecture Evaluation Purpose

- 1) To evaluate the overall session organization of the Congress.
- 2) To create a reference for inviting speakers to future congresses, since over 80% of the speakers to whom these evaluations pertain were invited per ILDS recommendation.
- 3) To determine session popularity and participation rate.

2. Lecture Evaluation Method

1) Session Program Surveys

Participants were given printed evaluation surveys at each scientific session throughout the Congress. The survey included questions pertaining to the quality of both the program and speakers. Forms were gathered via CME collection boxes which were located throughout the Congress venue.

2) Evaluation

Four aspects of each session were evaluated – knowledge, practical performance, patient outcome and new principles – with four grade options from poor to excellent.

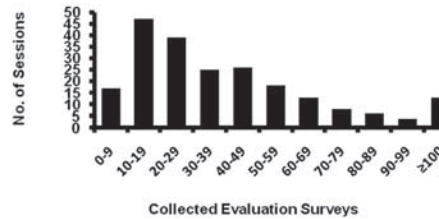
Lectures were evaluated in two areas, content and delivery, with identical grade options.

Lecture evaluations were conducted on all scientific sessions, excluding Ancillary Meetings, Free Communications, Satellite Symposia and Sponsored Symposia.

II. Collection Statistics

1. Total Surveys Collected

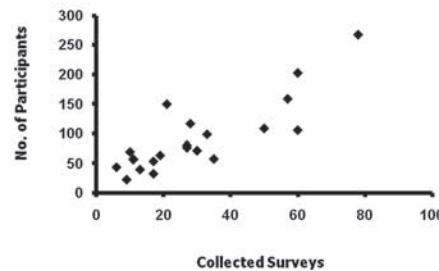
- 1) During the congress, 9,262 evaluation surveys were collected from 216 sessions. On average, 42.9 evaluation surveys were collected for each session (SD 43.9). The highest number of surveys collected for a single session was 365.
- 2) The distribution of collected evaluation surveys is illustrated below:



2. Correlation between Attendance and Survey Collection

A significant positive correlation was found between the number of evaluation surveys collected and the number of attendees (Pearson correlation coefficient 0.838, p-value <0.001).

If a large number of evaluation surveys were collected from a given session, we can assume that many people attended that session and vice versa.



1) Sessions where fewer than 10 evaluation surveys were collected*

Session ID	Date	Session Title	No. of Surveys
SY15	25/05/2011	2011: Anniversaries in Dermatology	0
SY72	29/05/2011	Tropical Dermatoses	2
SY70	29/05/2011	Epithelial Neoplasms (AK, SCC and BCC)	3
WS73	29/05/2011	Adjuvant Treatment of Melanoma: From Clinical Trials to Routine	3
WS70	29/05/2011	Melanomagenesis: A Multi-step Event	4
WS74	29/05/2011	Ackerman's Pattern Analysis: What Is the Impact?	4
SY77	29/05/2011	Pediatric Dermatology	5
WS76	29/05/2011	Genetic Disorders of Keratinization	5
SY41	27/05/2011	Cutaneous Lymphomas of Viral Origin	6
WS50	28/05/2011	Mast Cell Tumor	6
WS71	29/05/2011	Typical and Atypical Mycobacterioses	6
CO19	29/05/2011	Advanced Dermatopathology(half day)	6
WS28	26/05/2011	Pharmacoeconomics	7
SY75	29/05/2011	Low Cost and Effective Treatments in Dermatology	8
WS57	28/05/2011	Alternative and Complementary Dermatology	8
WS79	29/05/2011	Etiologic Clues in Contact Dermatitis	9
CO20	29/05/2011	Phlebology and Management of Leg Ulcers(half day)	9

* Estimated Low Attendance

2) Sessions where greater than 100 evaluation surveys were collected*

Session ID	Date	Session Title	No. of Surveys
PL01	25/05/2011	Plenary Lectures 01	365
PL04	28/05/2011	Plenary Lectures 04	270
PL03	27/05/2011	Plenary Lectures 03	258
PL02	26/05/2011	Plenary Lectures 02	196
WN02	26/05/2011	What's New 02 (Photodermatology, Skin Aging, Pigmentary Disorders, Skin Rejuvenation, Botulinum Toxin and Filler, Hair Biology and Disease)	189
SY24	26/05/2011	Acne: Treatment	149
SY03	25/05/2011	Interventions in Postmenopausal Skin	133
WS80(VP)	27/05/2011	Melasma	128
SY17	25/05/2011	Skin Aging	121
WS53	28/05/2011	Aesthetic Dermatology: Medical Approaches	118
WN03	27/05/2011	What's New 03 (Pediatric dermatology, STD, Psychodermatology, Chronic Inflammatory Dermatoses, Drug eruption, Pruritus and Prurigo)	118
SY21	26/05/2011	Rosacea and More	110
PL05	29/05/2011	Plenary Lectures 05	105

* Estimated High Attendance

III. Session Score Distribution

1. Methods

- 1) Four questions evaluating the following:

Did the session:

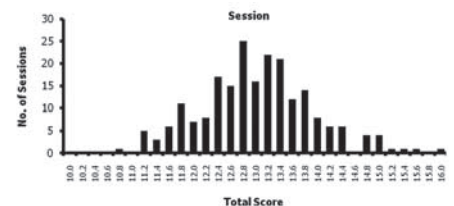
- Q1. Increase knowledge of recent advances in dermatology and skin biology
- Q2. Improve my practice performance
- Q3. Improve my patient outcome
- Q4. Integrate new principles to improve everyday practice

- 2) Scores ranged from 1 to 4 for each question (1 = poor, 4 = excellent)

- 3) Scores from each question were added together to obtain a total score, 4 being the minimum and 16 the maximum obtainable result.

2. Results

Question	Score
Q1. Knowledge	3.38±0.23
Q2. My practice	3.19±0.27
Q3. Patient outcome	3.13±0.29
Q4. Integrate new principles	3.23±0.23
Total	12.94±0.92



3. Results by Session Category

Differences were observed in the number of collected surveys and scores based on the session category. The highest scores were mostly spread amongst Courses and KDA Seminars.

Category	No. of Collected Surveys per Session	Mean Total Session Score
PL (n=5)	238.8±96.2	12.58±0.77
SY (n=77)	41.4±30.1	12.89±0.78
WS (n=81)	33.8±27.4	12.95±1.02
CO (n=21)	29.5±20.3	13.34±1.01
MM (n=11)	41.4±22.2	12.31±0.73
WN (n=5)	93.6±62.1	12.31±0.51
KS (n=15)	37.2±14.5	13.37±0.72

PL: Plenary Lectures, SY: Symposia, WS: Workshops, CO: Courses, MM: Meeting of Minds, KS: KDA Seminars.

We feel that both session types benefited from very clear goals and directions. In case of KDA seminar, early morning session contributed to resolve time zone difference for some attendees, plenty of options, and complimentary light breakfast was an additional incentive. The success of these sessions confirmed that education is a very important aspect of the WCD and that consideration should also be given to non-member participants who are interested in various fields of dermatology which contributed enormously to the finances.

4. Popularity of Video Presentations

Following a few session cancellations, we introduced 3 additional cosmetic dermatology related video sessions. For these sessions, speakers were required to use video for at least 30% of their presentations. However, it seems that the sessions were not as well organized as we had initially expected. The results varied greatly from poor to excellent. We think that in addition to an innovative approach, better preparation and appropriate selection of speakers are also necessary.

IV. Lecture Grade Distribution

1. Lecture Information

1) 1,314 lectures from 71 countries were delivered at the Congress

Countries: Number of Lectures over 20

No.	Country	No. of Lectures	No.	Country	No. of Lectures
1	USA	286	10	India	36
2	Germany	144	11	Australia	30
3	Japan	120	12	Netherlands	30
4	Korea	87	13	Spain	25
5	Brazil	53	14	Switzerland	25
6	France	51	15	Canada	25
7	UK	49	16	Israel	22
8	Austria	43	17	China	21
9	Italy	39			

2. Lecture Grade Distribution

1) Method

Two questions evaluating the following:

- Q1. Presentation content
- Q2. Presentation delivery

Scores ranged from 1 to 4 for each question (1 = poor, 4 = excellent)

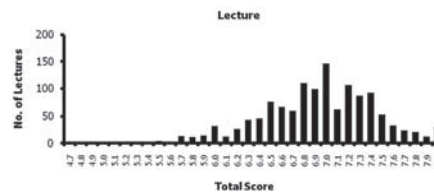
Scores from each question were added together to obtain a total score, 2 being the minimum and 8 the maximum obtainable result.

2) Results

Average Presentation Content Score: 3.45 (SD 0.26)

Average Presentation Delivery Score: 3.42 (SD 0.30)

Average Total Score: 6.87 (SD 0.54)



Top-Ranked Sessions of the 22nd WCD

Rank*	Code	Session Title	Date
Courses			
1	CO15	Dermoscopy for the Experienced (half day)	28/05/2011
2	CO12	Systemic Medical Treatments (half day)	27/05/2011
KDA Seminars			
1	KS09	Latest Information on Acne and Acneiform Diseases	27/05/2011
2	KS13	CTCL Therapies: Navigating the Choices	27/05/2011
3	KS13	Inflammatory Nodules of the Leg	29/05/2011
4	KS13	Advances in the Management of Hair Loss Disorders	29/05/2011
Workshops			
1	WS55	Flaps, Grafts and Lipoinjection	28/05/2011
2	WS35	Melanocytic Nevi	27/05/2011
3	WS42	Dermatopathology II - Inflammatory Skin Diseases	27/05/2011
4	WS32	Botulinum Toxin	27/05/2011
5	WS64	Office Based Dermatosurgery: Breadth and Depth	29/05/2011
6	WS49	Soft Tissue Augmentation	28/05/2011
7	WS37	The Value of Dermatoscopy: The Base of Evidence	27/05/2011
8	WS82 (VP)	Liposuction and Fat Grafts	29/05/2011
Symposia			
1	SY54	Dermoscopy	28/05/2011
2	SY65	Diseases of the Genitalia	29/05/2011
3	SY36	Beware of Routine: Dermatofungal Infections	27/05/2011
4	SY64	Problematic Skin Infections	29/05/2011
5	SY50	Nail Diseases	28/05/2011
6	SY76	Disorders of Pigmentation	29/05/2011
7	SY35	Atopic Dermatitis	27/05/2011
What's New			
1	WN04	Atopic Dermatitis in the Emerging Era of Personalized Medicine Psoriasis Acne New Immunological Tests for the Diagnosis of ACD Dermatopathology Epidermolysis Bullosa	28/05/2011
Meeting of Minds			
1	MM11	Chronic Urticaria	28/05/2011

*Plenary Lectures evaluation results are not included in this table.

V. Lecture Changes

1. Sessions Canceled in Advance: 3 (SY56, WS39, MM08)

2. Lecture Cancellation Rate: 2.09%

Total Number of Scheduled Lectures: 1,342

No Showed Lectures: 28

Total Number of Final Lectures: 1,314

Code	No. of Sessions	No. of Lectures			
		Scheduled	No Shows	Changed	Final
PL	5	28	0	0	28
SY	78	468	14	12	454
WS	81	485	6	11	479
MM	11	38	2	0	36
CO	21	263	6	6	257
WN	5	30	0	1	30
KS	15	30	0	0	30
Total	216	1342	28	30	1314

VI. Commercial Bias

1. 6.2% of participants perceived commercial bias in a session.
2. 6,037 respondents expressed agreement with the statement "This session was free of commercial bias" while 374 expressed disagreement.
3. Over 20% of participants perceived commercial bias in 9 sessions

VII. Conclusion

1. Majority of speakers and sessions received relatively high scores.
2. Screening out sub-par faculties may improve quality of future meetings. Therefore, it may be necessary to check the publication lists through PubMed before selecting certain speakers.
3. Poor communication and cooperation between certain countries and societies are problems. It may be solved through the facilitation of some private routes in addition to the formal approach through each ILDS member society.
4. Innovative approaches only are by themselves limited. Therefore, thorough effort and planning are required for effective sessions.
5. It is important to clearly define goals and direction of each session. Success of courses and KDA seminars is a good example.
6. It may be worthwhile to research the interests of non-member participants.

In Memoriam: Dr. Amal K. Kurban

It is with deep sadness and sorrow that I inform you of the passing away of Dr. Amal K. Kurban. Dr. Kurban graduated with MD degree from AUB in 1952. After a year of internship in Pathology (1952–1953), Dr. Kurban served as a medical officer for the Department of Health in Kuwait (1953–1955), and completed his residency training in Dermatology at AUBMC (1955–1958), followed by two years of fellowship in Dermatology and Connective Tissue Diseases at Johns Hopkins University Hospitals (1958–1960). He was certified by the American Board of Dermatology in 1962.

Dr. Kurban was appointed as Instructor of Medicine (Dermatology) at AUB in 1960, promoted to Assistant Professor in 1961, to Associate Professor with tenure in 1966, and to full Professor in 1972. Dr. Kurban quickly established himself and became legendary for the quality of medicine he performed. He soon became head of Dermatology, and with his colleagues, he successfully established a structured and reputable training program in Dermatology. He served as Chief of Staff at AUBMC from 1977 to 1985. He was always the perfect gentleman dealing with patients, students, residents and colleagues. He was an exemplary clinician, a gifted teacher, and a well-established and recognized researcher.

In 1985 and because of the Lebanese civil strife, Dr. Kurban reluctantly left AUB for Boston, where he joined Boston University as Professor of Dermatology. Over the years he held several leadership positions in that department such as the Director of Clinical Services and Training Programs and Vice Chairman for Academic Affairs. Because of his stellar record in education, he was awarded in 2005 the Lifetime Career Educator Award from the Dermatology Foundation.

Despite the distance, Dr. Kurban kept close contact with AUB faculty and assisted many graduates in pursuing their education and training in Dermatology abroad. In tribute to Dr. Kurban's exemplary record, the Department of Dermatology at AUB launched the "Amal K. Kurban Lectureship and Professorship program at AUBMC", in recognition of his exceptional scholarship, national and international, contributions to the world of dermatology.

The legacy of Dr. Kurban will always be alive, and he will always be remembered as an outstanding mentor and colleague by his innumerable students and friends.

Dr. Kurban is survived by his wife Helena, his daughter Margaret and his sons Andrew, Ramzi and Suhail. We wish them all patience in this difficult time.

The family has held a "Celebration of Life" to his memory on Saturday October 15, 2011 in Boston. Condolences may be sent to:

rk.dermleb@verizon.net or mmkurban@gmail.com
or fax: 00-717-273-9081

A memorial service will take place, or has taken place, in Beirut at the National Evangelical Church – Charlie Saad Hall, facing the Grand Serail on Saturday November 19, 2011 at 12:00 noon.

Abdul-Ghani Kibbi, MD, FACP
ILDS Board Member
Professor and Chair Department of Dermatology
American University of Beirut Medical Center

ILDS Certificate of Appreciation



Professor Emeritus Hachiro Tagami being presented with the ILDS Certificate of Appreciation (2010) by ILDS Secretary-General, Yoshiki Miyachi in Japan earlier this year.

Members' Corner

Letter from the Brazilian Society of Dermatology



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Dear ILDS Colleagues,

Brazil is a huge country: the largest in Latin America and the fifth in the world. That's why the Brazilian Society of Dermatology couldn't be small and is the second biggest in the world. Seventy-five percent of our associates are women and almost half of our Society is living in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, the greatest centers. Only 56 associates don't live in Brazil. The coast is 7,491 km range with beautiful beaches and every year we have a huge anti skin cancer campaign. The Brazilian Meeting of the Dermatology Society happens every September. Next year, our Society will complete 100 years since its foundation. We will have much to celebrate, beginning on February 5th, the day it was created and also the Day of the Dermatologists for us. The Centenary Congress will be held next September in Rio de Janeiro. We welcome you all to this unique celebration!

Best Regards,



Bogdana Victoria Kadunc
President of the Brazilian Society of Dermatology

