



23<sup>RD</sup> WORLD CONGRESS  
OF DERMATOLOGY  
VANCOUVER 2015

## WORLD CONGRESS UPDATE

**October 2012** - Planning for the 23<sup>RD</sup> World Congress of Dermatology in Vancouver 2015 is well underway and we are now less than 1000 days from the opening! From June 8-13, 2015, Canadian dermatologists will welcome the world at the World Congress of Dermatology in Vancouver. What better opportunity to shine the international spotlight on Canadian dermatology while hosting the world's most influential clinicians and scientists in our country. Your participation will be key to the success of the meeting.

As part of our global celebration of dermatology, the WCD has invited all International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) members, both National and Affiliate Societies, to convene their own special half- or full-day meetings on the first day of our Congress. Many ILDS member societies have already signed up to host their own sessions in Vancouver including the American Academy of Dermatology, Women's Dermatologic Society, and the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery.

The Scientific Program Committee, chaired by Jean Bologna will be getting together in New York City November 9-11, 2012 for its first major planning meeting to outline the general structure, topics, chairs, and preliminary speakers for the congress. The scientific committee consists of a core of leading international dermatologists who will ensure international representation in a wide variety of subjects that are core to dermatology and dermatologic surgery.

You don't have to wait until 2015 to benefit from the WCD. We will be hosting special WCD Preview Symposia at major international meetings including the AAD and the 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Dermatologic Congress in Hong Kong (July 2013). Each WCD Preview Symposium will feature dermatologists from around the world presenting state-of-the-art lectures. Our goal is to give participants a sample of what they can expect in Vancouver in 2015. The first of these symposia will take place in Miami on Saturday, March 2, 2013. Please plan to join us for that session during the AAD.

Sponsorship recruitment has been proceeding in earnest and we're delighted to announce that in October 2012, Pierre Fabre Dermo-Cosmétique became the first official WCD 2015 corporate sponsor. Several more sponsorship announcements will be made in the next few weeks.



Vancouver Convention Centre

CDA's Canada House, to be hosted at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel during the WCD and conveniently situated adjacent to the Vancouver Convention Centre, will provide a great opportunity for CDA members to socialize with their international colleagues in an impressive setting with Vancouver's inner harbour as a backdrop. Canada House promises to be a hub for interactive opportunities with other WCD delegates from around the world.

We expect at least 16,000 participants at the WCD, making this the largest dermatologic gathering in Canadian dermatologic history. We hope to see you there!

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).

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