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OF DERMATOLOGY**

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We are proud to invite the world of dermatology and the International League of Dermatological Societies back to North America for the first time since 1992. The 23RD World Congress of Dermatology will center on celebration, innovation, and inclusiveness. Internationally recognized by leading publications such as *Condé Nast Traveler* and *The Economist* as a destination of choice, Vancouver has a vibrant multicultural population and world-class hospitality that are certain to provide a stunning backdrop to the 23RD World Congress of Dermatology.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS AND KEY DATES

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CONGRESS VENUE

Vancouver Convention Centre
1055 Canada Place
Vancouver, BC
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IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission Deadline
September 12, 2014
Scholarship Application Deadline
September 12, 2014
Abstract Acceptance Notification
December 15, 2014
Advance Registration Deadline
January 15, 2015
Hotel Reservations Deadline
April 30, 2015
Extended Registration Deadline
May 31, 2015
Final Registration Dates
June 1-13, 2015

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YOUR INVITATION TO VANCOUVER

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Canadian Dermatology Association (CDA) and the WCD 2015 National Organizing Committee, we are delighted to extend a warm welcome, and invite you to join us in beautiful Vancouver for the 23RD World Congress of Dermatology (23RD WCD) in 2015. The World Congress of Dermatology is the world's oldest and continuous

“The World Congress of Dermatology is the world’s oldest, continuous international dermatology meeting and takes place only once every four years.”

international dermatology meeting and takes place only once every four years. The first Congress in 1889 pre-dated the modern Olympics by seven years, and was last held in North America in 1992.

The National Organizing Committee, together with the ILDS Scientific Program Committee led by Professor Jean Bolognia, have been working diligently since the closing ceremony of the 22ND WCD in Seoul in 2011 to develop an unparalleled program for the 2015 World Congress. The Scientific Program Committee has committed to bringing global representation to a wide variety of subjects that are core to medical, surgical, and esthetic dermatology. There will be a vast range of special sessions to meet everyone's interests. Young “Rising Star” dermatologists will be showcased in every session.

We hope many of you have or will have the opportunity to experience one of our special WCD Countdown

& Preview Symposia held during recent AAD, EADV, and Asian Dermatological Congress meetings. These Preview Symposia have been designed to give delegates a taste of the quality and educational content that you can expect at the WCD in 2015.

Our Canadian reputation for hospitality, friendliness, safety, and efficiency will be extended to all delegates, sponsors, exhibitors, and accompanying persons. Situated against a stunning backdrop of mountains and the sea, the award-winning Vancouver Convention Centre (VCC) will not only serve as one of the most beautiful venues to ever host a World Congress of Dermatology, but also feature the latest technology to ensure that programs are interactive. The VCC, conveniently located within walking distance of the majority of WCD hotel rooms, will be the perfect launching point for delegates to discover this wonderful cosmopolitan city that we call our home.

We look forward to welcoming you in 2015 to **A Global Celebration of Dermatology** in Vancouver!



Jerry Shapiro

Jerry Shapiro, MD
Congress President



Harvey Lui

Harvey Lui, MD
Congress Secretary-General

THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETIES (ILDS)



"I'll Be There"

Dear ILDS Members, Friends and Colleagues,

This Congress, the 23RD World Congress of Dermatology, will take place in Vancouver on June 8-13, 2015. We are very excited about the momentum that is building for this Congress, and greatly appreciate all the input that has been provided by ILDS member societies such as yours. The quadrennial WCD is one of the ILDS's premier events and we would like to build on the successes of the last several Congresses.

The Programme Committee, headed by Jean Bolognia, has created an innovative, exciting and appealing programme based on your suggestions, and I am sure everyone will benefit from the plenaries, lectures and symposia that are scheduled.

As ever, it will be an exciting time when new members will be elected to the ILDS Board and, of course, the location of the next World Congress will also be decided in Vancouver.

Yes, I'll Be There, and I look forward to meeting you all.

With my best personal regards,



Wolfram Sterry, MD
President, ILDS

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Scientific Committee of the 2015 World Congress of Dermatology, welcome to our meeting. As evidenced by our program and the invited speakers, it is our goal to provide approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of cutaneous diseases from a wide range of perspectives. Indeed, this is truly a global celebration of the most rewarding specialty in medicine. The objective of the Scientific Committee is simple—whether you take sides in one of the Controversies session debates or partake in a self-assessment of your knowledge of dermatopathology—that you leave Vancouver invigorated and more confident in your practice of dermatology.

See you there!



Jean Bolognia, MD
*Chair, ILDS/WCD 2015 Scientific
Program Committee*



ILDS & WCD 2015 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES



INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETIES (ILDS) www.ilds.org

The International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) is a non-governmental organization with an official relationship to the World Health Organization. It was formed to:

- Stimulate the cooperation of societies of dermatology and societies interested in all fields of cutaneous medicine and biology throughout the world;
- Encourage the worldwide advancement of dermatological education, care and sciences;
- Promote personal and professional relations among the dermatologists of the world;
- Represent dermatology in commissions and international health organizations; and
- Organize the World Congress of Dermatology every four years.

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**CANADIAN DERMATOLOGY
ASSOCIATION (CDA)**
www.dermatology.ca

The Canadian Dermatology Association (CDA), founded in 1925, represents Canadian dermatologists. The association exists to advance the science and art of medicine and surgery related to the care of the skin, hair and nails; provide continuing professional development for its members; support and advance patient care; provide public education on sun protection and other aspects of skin health; and promote a lifetime of healthier skin, hair and nails.

The Canadian Dermatology Association will celebrate its 90TH anniversary on the occasion of the 23RD World Congress of Dermatology

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(as of July 2014)

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WCD 2015 PROGRAM

Special keynote presentations and thought-provoking, interactive sessions will provide the focal points for translating knowledge into actions and treatments that dermatologists can provide to their patients. Each day of the Congress will feature a program of distinguished and keynote lecturers, panel discussions, parallel scientific sessions, as well as networked poster sessions. Our Global Celebration of Dermatology will showcase dermatology from five continents in one place.

ILDS AFFILIATE MEETINGS AT THE WORLD CONGRESS – THE “SISTER SOCIETIES”

The ILDS is comprised of over 140 national and international societies, all of whom come together every four years during the World Congress of Dermatology. Special times and meeting space have been set on Monday, June 8th for ILDS Member Societies to host their own half- or full-day meetings.

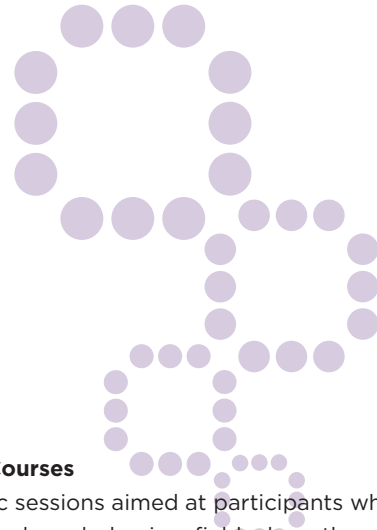
This will be an ideal opportunity for WCD delegates to go on an international tour of dermatology in one day, and for ILDS societies to highlight the unique work of their dermatologist members to the world.

Confirmed ILDS Member and Affiliated societies* hosting sessions on **Monday, June 8, 2015:**

- American Academy of Dermatology
- American Society for Dermatologic Surgery
- Asian Academy of Dermatology and Venereology
- Association of Professors of Dermatology
- British Association of Dermatologists
- Canadian Dermatology Association

- Canadian Skin Patient Alliance
- Chinese Society of Dermatology
- Cosmetic Dermatology Society of India
- Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA)
- European Society for Contact Dermatitis / American Contact Dermatitis Society / International Contact Dermatitis Research Group
- European Society for Dermatology and Psychiatry (ESDaP)
- European Society for Photodermatology and the Photomedicine Society (World Photomedicine Day)
- Gulf Cooperation Council League of Dermatologists (GCCLD)
- Ibero Latin American College of Dermatology (CILAD)
- Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists
- Indian Society of Teledermatology
- International Academy of Cosmetic Dermatology
- International Federation of Pigment Cell Societies (IFPCS)
- International Hyperhidrosis Society
- International Psoriasis Council (IPC)
- International Skincare Nursing Group (ISNG)
- International Society for Cutaneous Lymphomas
- International Society of Dermatology
- International Society of Dermatopathology / American Society of Dermatopathology
- Iranian Society of Dermatology
- Israel Society of Dermatology and Venereology
- North American Hair Research Society
- Société française de dermatologie / Association des dermatologues du Québec / Association des dermatologues francophones
- The Turkish Society of Dermatology
- Women's Dermatologic Society

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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

The 23RD WCD is in the process of applying for CME credits to cover 35 to 40 hours of accreditation. To date, over 40 international societies have confirmed they will recognize the WCD 2015 program for CME credits. Please check the WCD website for an up to date list of these accrediting societies and organizations. Official registrants of the WCD will receive a Certificate of Attendance at the Congress.

WCD 2015 CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Attendees to the 23RD WCD expect that presentations will be based on objective and ethical clinical and scientific evidence, and that they will be free of commercial bias. Diagnostic and treatment methods in dermatology often involve medications, tools, or devices that are commercially available or are in commercial development. The World Congress of Dermatology requires that any person in a position to influence or control content of any WCD activity must disclose all relevant financial relationships with commercial interests. Conflict of interest disclosures will be posted on the website database prior to the WCD in order to promote transparency.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE (PAGES 8-9)

KEY:

PL — Plenary Lectures

In-depth presentations by world-class clinicians and/or investigators on foundational aspects of dermatology.

SY — Symposia

Comprehensive and broad overview of a dermatologic topic aimed at bringing participants up to date on the current state-of-the-art, including relevant basic science, diagnosis, and management.

WS — Workshops

In-depth interactive sessions on specific disorders and techniques with an emphasis on practical knowledge and outcomes.

CO — Courses

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. Half- or full-day.

CN — Controversies

Debate-style presentations on challenging issues in dermatology.

FC — Free Communications

Brief proffered presentations (oral or poster) on focused studies, investigations, or observations in dermatology. There will also be special Free Communications sessions for extended presentations by Residents, Registrars, and Fellows in dermatology.

GC — Global Celebration Forums

Specially-themed sessions featuring international experts and rising stars in dermatology. Hosted by the Canadian Dermatology Association.

SP — Sponsored Plenary Symposia

Industry-sponsored symposia on practical and emerging treatments and techniques in dermatology. Sponsored Plenary Symposia are not eligible for CME accreditation.

SA — Concurrent Sponsored Satellite Symposia

Concurrent industry-sponsored symposia on practical and emerging treatments and techniques in dermatology. Sponsored Satellite Symposia are not eligible for CME accreditation.

AM — Ancillary and Affiliate Meetings

Special time and meeting space have been set aside on **Monday, June 8th** for ILDS Member and Affiliate Societies to host their own half- or full-day meetings. For more information about hosting a society meeting, visit the website to download a request form at derm2015.org or email info@derm2015.org.



PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

This schedule is subject to change. The 23RD WCD website will be updated with current information as it becomes available.

	Monday, June 8	Tuesday, June 9	Wednesday, June 10	
7:00		GC 7:00-8:00	GC 7:00-8:00	
8:00	ILDS National Member and Affiliate Meetings (AM)	WS 08:00-10:00 SY & FC 08:00-10:30 CN 09:00-10:30	WS 08:00-10:00 SY & FC 08:00-10:30 CN 09:00-10:30	
9:00		CO 8:00-11:00	CO 8:00-11:00	
10:00				
11:00		PL 10:30-12:15		PL 10:30-12:15
12:00			FC-Posters 07:30-18:00	FC-Posters 07:30-18:00
13:00			Technical Exhibits 10:00-17:00	Technical Exhibits 10:00-17:00
14:00			CN 14:00-15:30 & 15:30-17:00 SY 13:30-16:30 FC 14:00-17:00 WS 13:30-15:30 & 14:30-16:30 & 15:30-17:30	CN 14:00-15:30 & 15:30-17:00 SY 13:30-16:30 FC 14:00-17:00 WS 13:30-15:30 & 14:30-16:30 & 15:30-17:30
15:00		CO Half Day P.M. 13:30-16:30 & 14:00-17:00	CO Half Day P.M. 13:30-16:30 & 14:00-17:00	
16:00				
17:00				
18:00	Opening Ceremony			
19:00	Welcome and Networking Event			

LEGEND:

- PL — Plenary Lectures
- SY — Symposia
- WS — Workshops
- CO — Courses
- CN — Controversies
- FC — Free Communications
- GC — CDA's Global Celebration Forum
- AM — Ancillary and Affiliate Meetings

Thursday, June 11		Friday, June 12		Saturday, June 13		
GC 7:00-8:00		GC 7:00-8:00		GC 7:00-8:00		7:00
WS 08:00-10:00	CO 8:00-11:00	WS 08:00-10:00	CO 8:00-11:00	WS 08:00-10:00	CO 8:00-11:00	8:00
SY & FC 08:00-10:30		SY & FC 08:00-10:30		SY & FC 08:00-10:30		9:00
CN 09:00-10:30		CN 09:00-10:30		CN 09:00-10:30		10:00
PL 10:30-12:15		PL 10:30-12:15		PL 10:30-12:15		11:00
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SY 13:30-16:30		SY 13:30-16:30		CN 14:00-15:30		WC 13:30-15:30
FC 14:00-17:00		FC 14:00-17:00				16:00
WS 13:30-15:30 & 14:30-16:30 & 15:30-17:30		WS 13:30-15:30 & 14:30-16:30 & 15:30-17:30		Closing Ceremony		17:00
						18:00
		WCD Gala Event				19:00



PLENARY SESSIONS

In-depth presentations by world-class clinicians and/or investigators on foundational aspects of medicine and dermatology.

WCD 2015 DISTINGUISHED MEDICAL LECTURESHIPS

Global experts discuss important medical and scientific issues relevant to dermatology.

Atul Butte, MD, PhD



Division of Systems Medicine,
Department of Pediatrics, Stanford
University School of Medicine (USA)

Presentation: ***The Bioinformatics
Revolution in Medicine***

Atul Butte, MD, PhD is Chief of the Division of Systems Medicine and Associate Professor of Pediatrics, and by courtesy, Medicine and Computer Science, at Stanford University and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Dr. Butte trained in Computer Science at Brown University, worked as a software engineer at Apple and Microsoft, received his MD at Brown University, trained in Pediatrics and Pediatric Endocrinology at Children's Hospital Boston, then received his PhD in Health Sciences and Technology from Harvard Medical School and MIT. Dr. Butte is also a founder of Personalis, providing clinical interpretation of whole genome sequences, and NuMedii, finding new uses for drugs. The Butte Laboratory builds and applies tools that convert more than 400 trillion points of molecular, clinical, and epidemiological data — measured by

researchers and clinicians over the past decade — into diagnostics, therapeutics, and new insights into disease. Dr. Butte's research has been featured in the New York Times Science Times and the International Herald Tribune (2008), Wall Street Journal (2010 -2012), San Jose Mercury News (2010), and the San Francisco Chronicle (2013). In 2013, Dr. Butte was recognized by the White House as an Open Science Champion of Change for promoting science through publicly available data.

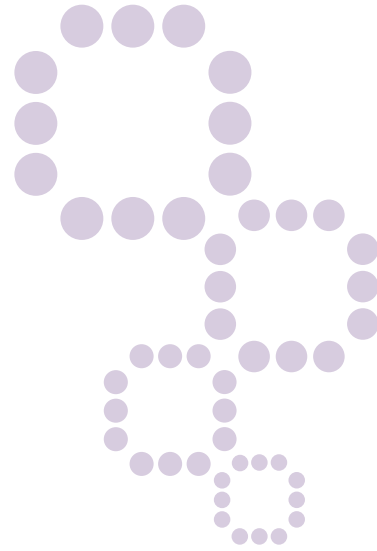
Elaine Fuchs, PhD



Laboratory of Mammalian Cell Biology
and Development, Rockefeller University
(USA)

Presentation: ***Stem Cells in
Dermatology***

Elaine Fuchs is the Rebecca Lancefield Professor in Mammalian Cell Biology and Development at The Rockefeller University. She is also an Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Fuchs has published more than 290 papers and is internationally known for her research in skin biology, its stem cells and its associated human genetic disorders, which include skin cancers. Fuchs' pioneered "reverse genetics," a method of starting with protein and working one's way up to elucidating the genetic basis of the human disorder that is caused by its mutations. Fuchs' current research focuses on the molecular mechanisms underlying how skin stem cells self-renew, maintain and regenerate the epidermis, sweat glands and hair follicles.



Fuchs received her Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Princeton University. After postdoctoral research with Dr. Howard Green at MIT, she joined the faculty at the University of Chicago. She stayed from 1980-2002 until relocating to The Rockefeller University. Fuchs' is the recipient of the Presidential Young Investigator Award, NAS Richard Lounsbery Award, Novartis-Drew Award, Dickson Prize, FASEB Award for Scientific Excellence, Beering Award, National Medal of Science, L'Oreal-UNESCO Award, Madison Medal, Passano Award, Albany Prize in Medicine (with Shinya Yamanaka and James Thompson), March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology (with Howard Green), New York Academy of Medicine Medal, Kligman-Frost Leadership Award (Society of Investigative Dermatology), Lifetime Achievement Award (American Skin Foundation) and Pasarow Award for Cancer Research. Fuchs is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Philosophical Society, European Molecular Biology Organization (foreign member) and Academy of the American Association for Cancer Research. She has trained over 25 graduate students and 100 postdoctoral fellows.

Daniel Kastner, MD, PhD



Division of Intramural Research, National Human Genome Research Institute (USA)

Presentation: **Autoinflammatory Syndromes and the Skin**

Dr. Dan Kastner obtained his A.B. *summa cum laude* in philosophy from Princeton University and an MD and PhD from Baylor College of Medicine. After completing an Internal Medicine residency and chief residency at Baylor, Dan moved to the NIH in 1985 as a rheumatology fellow. He became a tenure track investigator in the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) in 1990, attained tenure in 1995, was named Chief of the Genetics and Genomics Branch in 2001, and was Clinical Director of NIAMS from 2005 to 2010. He is currently the Scientific Director of the Division of Intramural Research of the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). Dan has won a number of awards and honors. In 2010 he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences, and in 2012 he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

Based on a chance encounter with a patient with familial Mediterranean fever (FMF), Dan has studied genetic disorders of inflammation at the NIH for over 20 years. In 1992 his lab mapped the gene for FMF to chromosome 16p and subsequently identified the recessively inherited gene by positional cloning.



This gene encodes what was then a novel protein (pyrin) that is the prototype for a motif found in 20 human proteins, several involved in inflammation. Prompted by an Irish patient with an FMF-like illness, Dan's lab discovered that mutations in the p55 TNF receptor cause a dominantly inherited condition they named TRAPS (the TNF receptor-associated periodic syndrome). Stimulated by other patients, Dan's lab has made seminal genetic discoveries that establish three other distinct illnesses as disorders of the IL-1 pathway, thus helping to define the role of IL-1 in human biology and establishing IL-1 inhibitors as effective therapy. More recently his laboratory has utilized genomic approaches in genetically complex disorders, such as rheumatoid arthritis, Behçet's disease, and systemic-onset juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Dan's group also proposed the now widely accepted concept of autoinflammatory disease to denote disorders of innate immunity.

Julio Montaner, MD, FRCPC, FCCP



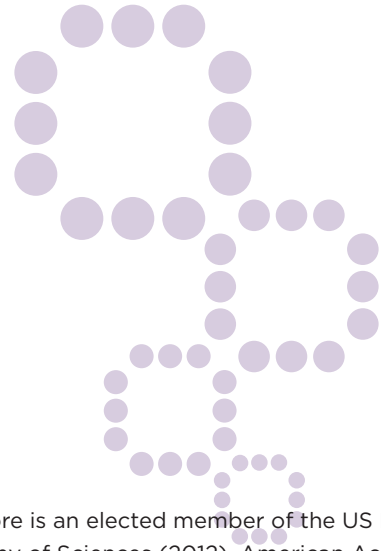
BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS,
St. Paul's Hospital (Canada)

Presentation: ***HIV – Treatment as Prevention***

Dr Julio Montaner received his Medical Degree with Honors from the University of Buenos Aires in 1979. In 1981, Dr. Montaner joined the University of British Columbia (UBC) at St Paul's Hospital (SPH) where he completed his training in Internal Medicine and Respiratory Medicine. While still in training, he led

several clinical studies that demonstrated the role of adjunctive corticosteroids in PCP-related respiratory failure. In 1988, he became the Director of the AIDS Research Program and the Immunodeficiency Clinic at SPH/UBC. Since then, he focused his research in the development of antiretroviral therapies and management strategies. In the mid 90's, he played a key role in establishing the efficacy of NNRTI based highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART). He has been a member of the International AIDS Society since 1988, an elected member of the North American Region since 2002 and President from 2008-2010.

Dr. Montaner has authored over 450 scientific publications on HIV/AIDS. His current research interests include HAART as prevention, optimal use of HAART, salvage therapy, new antiretrovirals, as well as hard to reach populations and harm reduction. In 2008, he received the inaugural Avant-Garde Award of \$2.5 million over 5 years, from the National Institute on Drug Abuse of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), to support his project entitled "Seek and Treat for Optimal Outcomes and Prevention in HIV & AIDS in IDU (STOP HIV/AIDS)". In 2010, he received a Doctor of Science *honoris causa* from Simon Fraser University, the Prix Galien Award, the Order of BC as well as the Albert Einstein World of Science Award. In 2012, he was the recipient of the Grand Decoration of Honour for Services to Austria, the Hope is a Vaccine Award from the Global Alliance to Immunize against AIDS, and The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for contributions to the field of HIV/AIDS.



Patrick Moore, MD, MPH



Department of Molecular Microbiology and Genetics, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Virology Program, Hillman Comprehensive Cancer Institute (USA)

Presentation: ***HHV8 and Polyomavirus in Dermatology***

Patrick S. Moore, is the co-discoverer, together with Yuan Chang, of two of the seven known human cancer viruses: Kaposi's sarcoma herpesvirus (KSHV/HHV8) and Merkel cell polyomavirus (MCPyV). Dr. Moore obtained his undergraduate degree from Westminster College in Utah. After graduate work at Stanford University in biophysical chemistry and a medical degree from the University of Utah, Dr. Moore joined the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) where he trained as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer, and worked in the Arboviral Disease Branch of the CDC. Following his work at the CDC, Dr. Moore completed a Preventive Medicine Residency, an MPH from the University of Berkeley, and became Deputy Commissioner/City Epidemiologist of the New York City Health Department. In 1993, he joined the faculty of the Columbia University School of Public Health. In 2002, Dr. Moore moved to the University of Pittsburgh where he holds a Distinguished Professorship in the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Genetics, and is the Director of the Cancer Virology Program at the Hillman Comprehensive Cancer Institute.

Dr. Moore is an elected member of the US National Academy of Sciences (2012), American Academy of Microbiology (2011), and the American Society of Clinical Investigation (2002). He has been the recipient of multiple honors including the Langmuir Prize (CDC — 1989), the Meyenburg Prize for Cancer Research (1997), the Robert Koch Prize for major advances in biomedical sciences (1998), the Charles S. Mott Prize of the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation (2003), and the American Cancer Society Research Professorship (2008).



WCD 2015 KEYNOTE DERMATOLOGY LECTURESHIPS

Each day of the WCD, three leading dermatologists from around the world will present state-of-the-art lectures on hot topics.



Valeria Aoki (Brazil)

New Stories from the Pemphigus Family



Richard Gallo (United States)

Recent Advances in Antimicrobial Peptides



Matthias Augustin (Germany)

How Do We Prove the Value of Dermatologic Care?



Tim Johnson (United States)

Melanoma Surgery: Sentinel Nodes and Margins in 2015



Rino Cerio (United Kingdom)

Updated Concepts and Dilemmas in Dermatopathology



Kenji Kabashima (Japan)

Multiphoton Skin Imaging



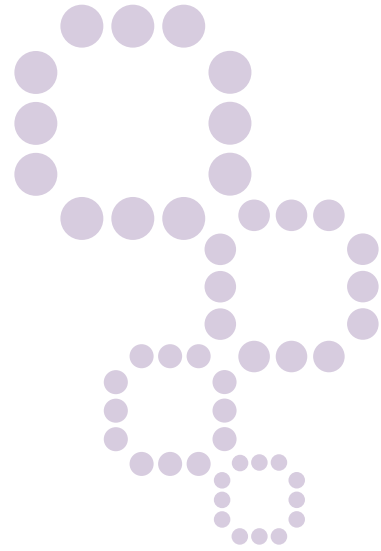
Jan Dutz (Canada)

Using the Skin to Influence Systemic Immunity



Nonhlanhla Khumalo (South Africa)

Hair Disorders and Ethnicity



Mazen Kurban (Lebanon)

Insights from Genetic Hair and Nail Disorders



Mihael Skerlev (Croatia)

Sexually Transmitted Infections: Important Global Trends



John McGrath (United Kingdom)

Exciting Discoveries in Genodermatoses



Flora Xiang (China)

What's New in Vitiligo?



Rosemarie Nixon (Australia)

The World of Contact Dermatitis in 2015



Chris Zachary (United States)

New Surgical Concepts that Every Dermatologist Needs to Know



Kyle K. Seo (Korea)

What's Hot in Cosmetic Dermatology?



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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TUESDAY, JUNE 9

07:00 – 08:00 **Global Celebration Forums** (Concurrent forums hosted by the Canadian Dermatology Association)

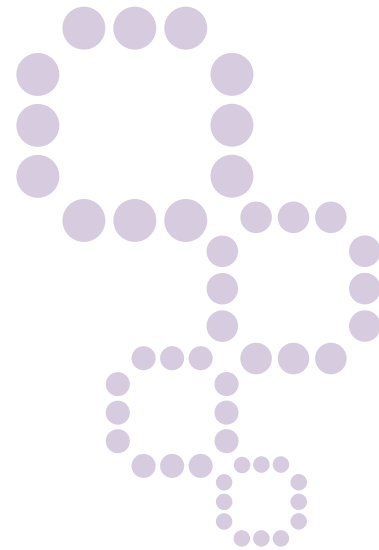
Symposia

08:00 – 10:30

SY-01	Atopic Dermatitis Chairpersons: Sandipan Dhar (IND), Thomas Bieber (DEU), Michael Cork (GBR)
SY-02	Recent Advances in Dermatologic Surgery Chairpersons: Gerhard Sattler (DEU), Scott Fosko (USA), Bogdana Kadunc (BRA)
SY-03	The Pemphigus Spectrum Chairpersons: Masayuki Amagai (JPN), Detlef Zillikens (DEU), Gang Wang (CHN)
SY-04	Urticaria and Angioedema Chairpersons: Michihiro Hide (JPN), Marcus Maurer (DEU), Clive Grattan (GBR)
SY-05	Sexually Transmitted Infections Chairpersons: Stephan Lautenschlager (CHE), Petra Tunbäck (SWE), Tebebe Berhan (ETH)

13:30 – 16:30

SY-06	Pathogenesis of Psoriasis – What's Clinically Relevant? Chairpersons: Frank Nestle (GBR), James Elder (USA), Min Zheng (CHN)
SY-07	Acne Vulgaris and Acneiform Eruptions Chairpersons: Alison Layton (GBR), Diane Thiboutot (USA), Jerry Tan (CAN)
SY-08	Infestations, Bites and Stings Chairpersons: Olivier Chosidow (FRA), Dirk Elston (USA), Beatriz Trope (BRA), Mohamed Amer (EGY)
SY-09	Diagnostic Tools in Dermatology – Confocal Microscopy & Spectroscopy Chairpersons: Salvador González (ESP), Pascale Guitera (AUS), Martina Ulrich (DEU)
SY-10	HIV Infection and AIDS Chairpersons: Percy Naidu (ZAF), Toby Mauer (USA), Vincent Piguet (GBR)
SY-11	Melanoma – Pathogenesis, Risk Factors and Classification Chairpersons: John Kelly (AUS), Hubert Pehamberger (AUT), David Polsky (USA)
SY-12	Pediatric Dermatology – Advances Over the Past 5 Years Chairpersons: Carlo Gelmetti (ITA), Julie Schaffer (USA), Jean-Philippe Lacour (FRA)
SY-13	Public Health Strategies in Dermatology Chairpersons: Abrar Qureshi (USA), Robert Estrada (MEX), Melody Eide (USA)



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Workshops

08:00 – 10:00

WS-01	Fundamentals of Lasers Chairpersons: Agneta Troilius (SWE), Richard Barlow (GBR), Arielle Kauvar (USA)
WS-02	Cosmetic Dermatology for the General Dermatologist Chairpersons: Zoe Draelos (USA), Yan Wu (CHN), David Sudarto Oeiria (IDN)
WS-03	Anti-inflammatory Biologics – How to Use Them Chairpersons: Estaban Daudén (ESP), Alice Gottlieb (USA), Richard Langley (CAN)
WS-04	Scleroderma and Other Sclerosing Disorders Chairpersons: Thomas Krieg (DEU), Kari Connelly (USA), Kazuhiko Takehara (JPN)
WS-05	Herpes Viral Infections, from HHV-1 to 8 Chairpersons: Arjen Nikkels (BEL), Stephen Tyring (USA), Alexey Kubanov (RUS)
WS-06	Practical Approach to the Recalcitrant Leg Ulcer Chairpersons: H.A.M. Neumann (NLD), Albert-Adrien Ramelet (CHE), Brian Kunimoto (CAN)
WS-07	Paraneoplastic Disorders – from Pruritus to Tripe Palms Chairpersons: Jose Antonio Sanches (BRA), Grant Anhalt (USA), Rachel Friedman-Birnbaum (ISR)
WS-08	Hair Biology Chairpersons: George Cotsarelis (USA), Amos Gilhar (ISR), Kevin McElwee (CAN)

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WS-09	Folliculitis – from Eosinophilic to Pityrosporum Chairpersons: Brigitte Dréno (FRA), Charles Lynde (CAN), Nilsel Ilter (TUR)
WS-10	Mastocytosis Chairpersons: Dirk Van Gysel (BEL), Magdalena Lange (POL), Hiroyuki Matsue (JPN)
WS-11	How to Get Your Paper Published Chairpersons: Tanya Bleiker (GBR), Bruce Thiers (USA), Sinead Langan (GBR)
WS-20	Tattoos and Piercings Chairpersons: Carola Lidén (SWE), An Goossens (BEL), Sanjeev Handa (IND)



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14:30 - 16:30

WS-12	Psychosomatic and Factitial Disorders Chairpersons: Jacek Szepietowski (POL), Francisco Tausk (USA), Anthony Bewley (GBR)
WS-13	Allergies — from Food to Pseudoallergens Chairpersons: Eishin Morita (JPN), Thomas Werfel (DEU), Chun Wook Park (KOR)
WS-14	Pregnancy-Related Issues Chairpersons: Christina Ambros-Rudolph (AUT), Luna Azulay (BRA), Jenny Murase (USA)
WS-15	Novel Systemic Therapies for Skin Cancer Chairpersons: Martin Röcken (DEU), Maarten Vermeer (NLD), Ervin Epstein (USA)
WS-16	Community Dermatology Chairpersons: Claire Fuller (GBR), Shyam Verma (IND), Wingfield Rehmus (CAN)
WS-17	History of Dermatology Chairpersons: Daniel Wallach (FRA), Nick Levell (GBR), Anthony Benedetto (USA)
WS-19	Rare Cutaneous Tumors, including Merkel Cell Carcinoma Chairpersons: Paul Nghiem (USA), Jürgen Becker (AUT)

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WS-18	Epidermolysis Bullosa Chairpersons: Dedee Murrell (AUS), Johann Bauer (AUT), Katsuto Tamai (JPN)
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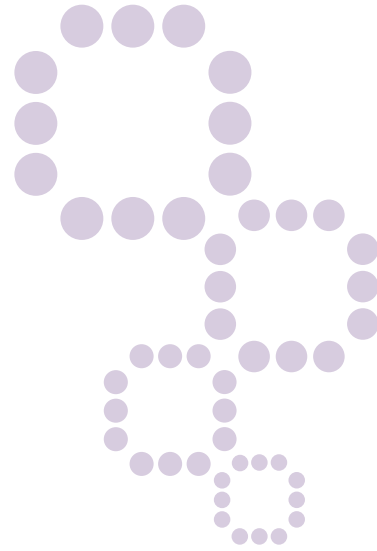
Courses

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CO-01	Basic Cosmetic Dermatology Chairpersons: Gary Monheit (USA), Mitchel Goldman (USA), Marina Landau (ISR)
CO-02	Phototherapy in the 21st Century Chairpersons: Akimichi Morita (JPN), Pravit Asawanonda (THA), Alex Anstey (GBR)
CO-04	Ophthalmology for the Dermatologist Chairpersons: Jean Carruthers (CAN), Peter Dolman (CAN), Steve Fagien (USA)

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CO-03	Advanced Cosmetic Dermatology — Individualized Approach Chairpersons: Martina Kerscher (DEU), Jean Carruthers (CAN), Rhoda Narins (USA)
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TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Controversies

09:00 - 10:30

CN-01 **Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis - To Treat or Not To Treat? Immunotherapy Versus Supportive Therapy**
Chairperson: Abdul-Ghani Kibbi (LBN) Speakers: Francisco Kerdel (USA), Jean-Claude Roujeau (FRA)

14:00 - 15:30

CN-02 **Psoriasis: Is Almost Everyone Treatable with Biologics?**
Chairperson: Hamangi Jerajani (IND) Speakers: Luigi Naldi (ITA), Craig Leonardi (USA)

15:30 - 17:00

CN-03 **Mohs Micrographic Surgery for Nonmelanoma Skin Cancer - Does Every Facial Tumor Really Need It?**
Chairperson: Mary Maloney (USA) Speakers: John Carucci (USA), Michael Bigby (USA), Brett Coldiron (USA)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

07:00 - 08:00 **Global Celebration Forums** (Concurrent forums hosted by the Canadian Dermatology Association)

Symposia

08:00 - 10:30

SY-14 **Advances in Lasers and Other Light Sources**
Chairpersons: Alexander Stratigos (GRC), Rox Anderson (USA), Luis Tovo (BRA)

SY-15 **Novel Systemic Therapies for Inflammatory Skin Diseases**
Chairpersons: Mark Lebwohl (USA), Klemens Rappersberger (AUT), Brian Kirby (IRL)

SY-16 **Photoprotection and Sunscreens**
Chairpersons: Jean Krutmann (DEU), Darrell Rigel (USA), Helio Miot (BRA)

SY-17 **Infantile Hemangiomas & Vascular Malformations**
Chairpersons: Julie Powell (CAN), Ilona Frieden (USA), Seok-Jong Lee (KOR)

SY-18 **Wound Healing — from Surgical Excisions to Leg Ulcers**
Chairpersons: Robert Kirsner (USA), Lisa Gould (USA), Gary Sibbald (CAN)

SY-19 **Skin Signs of Systemic Diseases**
Chairpersons: Jeffrey Callen (USA), Artur Duarte (BRA), Michael Tharp (USA)

SY-20 **Eosinophilic Dermatoses — from DRESS to HES**
Chairpersons: Lars French (CHE), RA Schwartz (USA), Delphine Staumont-Sallé (FRA)

SY-21 **Genito-Anal Disorders**
Chairpersons: Susan Cooper (GBR), Lynette Margesson (CAN), Nina Madnani (IND)



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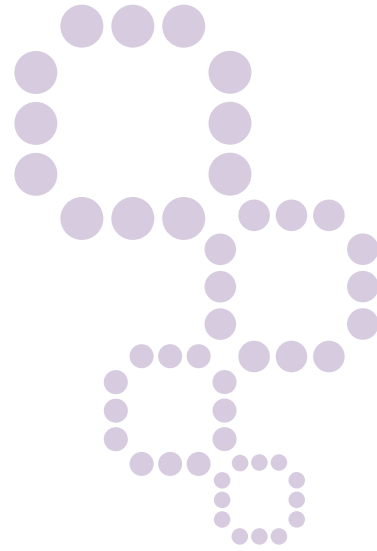
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SY-22	Hair Disorders Chairpersons: Won-Soo Lee (KOR), Elise Olsen (USA), Manabu Ohyama (JPN)
SY-23	Cutaneous Fungal Infections — Superficial Chairpersons: Regina Casz Schechtman (BRA), Shinichi Watanabe (JPN), Nejjib Doss (TUN)
SY-24	Leprosy Chairpersons: Roberto Arenas (MEX), Maria Leide de Oliveira (BRA), Farhad Handjani (IRN)
SY-25	Human Papillomavirus — New Horizons Chairpersons: Douglas Lowy (USA), Charlotte Proby (GBR)
SY-26	Aging Skin — Turning Hope Into Reality Chairpersons: Dana Sachs (USA), Jin Ho Chung (KOR), Edileia Bagatin (BRA)
SY-27	Photodynamic Therapy Chairpersons: Rolf-Markus Szeimies (DEU), Luis Torezan (BRA), Robert Bissonnette (CAN)
SY-28	Vitiligo and Other Disorders of Hypopigmentation Chairpersons: Mauro Picardo (ITA), Davinder Parsad (IND), Alain Taieb (FRA)
SY-29	Topical Immunotherapies — An Update Chairpersons: Anthony Gaspari (USA), Hermenio Lima (CAN), Andreas Wollenberg (DEU)

Workshops

08:00 - 10:00

WS-21	Esthetics — Medical Approaches Chairpersons: Rekha Sheth (IND), Diane Berson (USA), Doris Hexsel (BRA)
WS-22	HIV Infection — What Dermatologists Should Know About Prevention and Treatment Chairpersons: Erwin Tschacher (AUT), Marcio Serra (BRA), Anisa Mosam (ZAF)
WS-23	Management of the Red Leg Chairpersons: Christopher Baker (AUS), Uwe Wollina (GBR), Rokea El-Azhary (USA)
WS-24	Hyperhidrosis and Hypohidrosis Chairpersons: Youwen Zhou (CAN), Ada Almeida (BRA), Hiroo Yokozeki (JPN)
WS-25	Barrier Function — from Atopic Dermatitis to Interactive Moisturizers Chairpersons: Alan Irvine (IRL), Matthias Schmuth (AUT), Assem Farag (EGY)
WS-26	NMSC and Melanoma in the Transplant Patient Chairpersons: Jean Kanitakis (FRA), Fiona Zwald (USA), Alvin Chong (AUS)
WS-27	Molecular Techniques in Dermatopathology — CGH to in situ Hybridization Chairpersons: Boris Bastian (USA), Almut Böer-Auer (DEU), Pedram Gerami (USA)
WS-28	Nail Surgery Chairpersons: Eckart Haneke (DEU), Phoebe Rich (USA), Judith Dominguez-Cherit (MEX)



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

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WS-29	Diabetes Mellitus and the Skin – from Scleredema to Foot Ulcers Chairpersons: Gina Serrano (PER), George Reizner (USA), Yan Zheng (CHN)
WS-30	Wound Healing & Tissue Engineering – Bench to Bedside Chairpersons: Hironobu Ihn (JPN), Vincent Falanga (USA), Adilson Costa (BRA)
WS-31	Vascular Tumors – Benign and Malignant Chairpersons: Omar Sanguenza (USA), Paula North (USA), Eduardo Calonje (GBR)
WS-32	Electronic Medical Records and Office Efficiency Chairpersons: Jon Olafsson (ISL), Daniel Siegel (USA), Samuel Mandelbaum (BRA)
WS-33	Tele dermatology Chairpersons: Amanda Oakley (NZL), Carrie Kovarik (USA), Jayakar Thomas (IND)
WS-34	Graduate Medical Education – Towards A Global Dermatology Core Curriculum Chairpersons: Harald Gollnick (DEU), Jean-Francois Stalder (FRA), Sébastien Barbarot (FRA)
WS-35	The Lichenoid Spectrum – from GVHD to Lichenoid Drug Eruptions Chairpersons: Edward Cowen (USA), Tetsuo Shiohara (JPN), Marcello Menta Simousen Nico (BRA)

Courses

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CO-05	Lasers I – Pigment, Vascular and Hair Chairpersons: Antonio Campo (ESP), Roy Geronemus (USA), Elizabeth I. McBurney (USA)
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CO-06	Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Chairpersons: Kenneth Tomecki (USA), Heidi Kong (USA), Suresh Joshipura (IND), Jose Dario Martinez (MEX)
CO-07	Basic Dermatopathology (includes self-assessment) Chairpersons: Luis Requena (ESP), Christine Ko (USA), Bernard Cribier (FRA)
CO-08	Pediatric Dermatology – Basic and Advanced Chairpersons: Amy Paller (USA), Elaine Siegfried (USA), Danielle Marcoux (CAN)
CO-09	Basic Dermoscopy (includes self-assessment) Chairpersons: Iris Zalaudek (AUT), Joël Claveau (CAN), Raúl Cabrera (CL)



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

14:00 – 17:00

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- CO-10 **The Cutaneous Allergy (Patch Test) Clinic**
Chairpersons: Mark Wilkinson (GBR), Vincent Deleo (USA), Klaus Andersen (DNK)
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- CO-11 **Lasers II – Rejuvenation and Scars**
Chairpersons: Tina Alster (USA), Henry Chan (HKG), Christine Dierickx (BEL)
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Controversies

09:00 – 10:30

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- CN-04 **Is There Now Enough Evidence That Controlling Psoriasis Really Decreases Cardiovascular Risk?**
Chairperson: Xuejun Zhang (CHN) Speakers: Thomas Luger (DEU), Robert Stern (USA), Tamar Nijsten (NLD)
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- CN-05 **Moderate to Severe Bullous Pemphigoid – Total Body Topical Therapy Versus Systemic Agents**
Chairperson: Wolfram Sterry (DEU) Speakers: Pascal Joly (FRA), Branka Marinovic (HRV)
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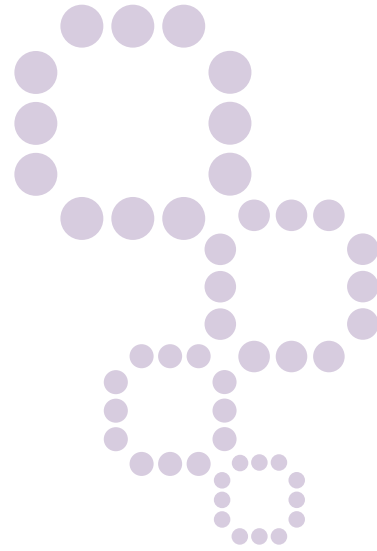
THURSDAY, JUNE 11

07:00 – 08:00 **Global Celebration Forums** (Concurrent sessions hosted by the Canadian Dermatology Association)

Symposia

08:00 – 10:30

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- SY-30 **Allergic Contact Dermatitis**
Chairpersons: Jeanne Duus Johansen (DNK), Matthias Goebeler (DEU), Ponciano Cruz (USA)
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- SY-31 **Clinical Aspects of Psoriasis, Including Co-Morbidities**
Chairpersons: Peter van de Kerkhof (NLD), Joo-Heung Lee (KOR), Alan Menter (USA)
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- SY-32 **Cutaneous Fungal Infections – Subcutaneous and Deep**
Chairpersons: Alexandro Bonifaz (MEX), Rataporn Ungpakorn (THA), Fernando Gatti (ARG)
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- SY-33 **Nails**
Chairpersons: Antonella Tosti (USA), Bertrand Richert (BEL), Dong-Youn Lee (KOR)
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- SY-34 **Practical Management of Acquired & Congenital Melanocytic Nevi**
Chairpersons: Ashfaq Marghoob (USA), Sedef Sahin (TUR), Kee-Yang Chung (KOR)
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- SY-35 **Surgical Complications – from Dehiscence to Recurrence**
Chairpersons: James Langtry (GBR), Chris Harmon (USA), Rainer Rompel (DEU)
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- SY-36 **Bacterial Infections of the Skin – Staph, Strep and More**
Chairpersons: Sheila Friedlander (USA), Roshidah Baba (MYS), Jana Hercogova (CZE)
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- SY-37 **Neutrophilic Dermatoses**
Chairpersons: Uday Khopkar (IND), Joseph Jorizzo (USA), Angelo Marzano (ITA)
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THURSDAY, JUNE 11

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SY-38	Update on the Treatment of Melanoma Chairpersons: Jean-Jacques Grob (FRA), Julia Newton-Bishop (GBR), Claus Garbe (DEU)
SY-39	Photodermatoses Chairpersons: Lesley Rhodes (GBR), Henry Lim (USA), Ryoichi Kamide (JPN)
SY-40	Newly Described Skin Disorders Chairpersons: Fernando Stengel (ARG), Thomas Ruzicka (DEU), Sunil Kalia (CAN)
SY-41	Disorders of Hyperpigmentation Chairpersons: Evangeline Handog (PHL), Raj Kubba (IND), Kyoungchan Park (KOR)
SY-42	Genodermatoses — A Practical Approach to Molecular Diagnosis Chairpersons: Leena Bruckner-Tuderman (DEU), Eli Sprecher (ISR), Yutaka Shimomura (JPN)
SY-43	Dermoscopy — Pigmented Lesions Chairpersons: Peter Soyer (AUS), Toshiaki Saida (JPN), Wilhelm Stolz (DEU)
SY-44	Oral Disorders Chairpersons: Mirtha Cifuentes (CHL), Ginat Mirowski (USA), Silmara Pennini (BRA)

Workshops

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WS-36	Fillers and Toxins I Chairpersons: Susan Weinkle (USA), Koenraad De Boulle (BEL), Nahir Loyo (VEN)
WS-37	Hair Transplantation Chairpersons: Walter Unger (CAN), Bob Haber (USA), Alex Ginzburg (ISR)
WS-38	Trichoscopy Chairpersons: Lidia Rudnicka (POL), Bianca Piraccini (ITA), Ana Maria Pinheiro (BRA)
WS-39	Ichthyoses and Keratodermas Chairpersons: Daniel Hohl (CHE), Julie Prendiville (CAN), Hiroshi Shimizu (JPN)
WS-40	Practical Approach to the Patient with Cutaneous Lymphoma Chairpersons: Rein Willemze (NLD), Gary Wood (USA), Yoshiki Tokura (JPN)
WS-41	Histiocytoses Chairpersons: Flávio Barbosa Luz (BRA), Leslie Robinson-Bostom (USA), Bernhard Zelger (AUT)
WS-42	Systemic Corticosteroids and Steroid-Sparing Agents — Practical Aspects Chairpersons: Norbert Sepp (AUT), Diya Mutasim (USA), Sarah Brenner (ISR)



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WS-43	Alopecia Areata Chairpersons: Amos Gilhar (ISR), Rolf Hoffmann (DEU), Madeline Duvic (USA)
WS-44	Surgical Approaches to Vitiligo Chairpersons: Ahmed Alissa (SAU), Iltefat Hamzavi (USA), Koushik Lahiri (IND)
WS-45	Hidradenitis Suppurativa Chairpersons: Gregor Jemec (DNK), Ana Kaminsky (ARG), Robert Hunger (CHE)
WS-46	Autoimmune Connective Tissue Diseases, from Rheumatoid Arthritis to Sjogren's Syndrome Chairpersons: Beatrix Volc-Platzer (AUT), Erin Boh (USA), Filippa Nyberg (SWE)
WS-47	Sexually Transmitted Infections — Reclaiming for Dermatologists Chairpersons: Angelika Stary (AUT), Sen Yang (CHN), Janak Maniar (IND)
WS-48	Advances and Clinical Outcomes in Morbidity Control of Lymphedema Chairpersons: Saravu R Narahari (IND), Peter Mortimer (GBR), Paula Rebello (BRA)
WS-49	Biomarkers and Personalized Medicine Chairpersons: Dirk Schadendorf (DEU), Richard Warren (GBR), Kenji Kabashima (JPN)
WS-50	Treatment Strategies for Verrucae in Children Chairpersons: Arnold Oranje (NLD), Xing-Hua Gao (CHN), Alessandra Handisurya (USA)
WS-51	Cryosurgery Chairpersons: Paola Pasquali (ESP), Alexsander Kronic (USA), Venkatram Mysore (IND)

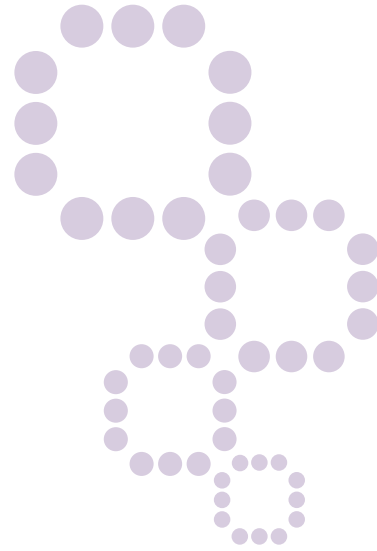
Courses

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CO-12	Practical Immunology Chairpersons: Esther von Stebut (DEU), Jie Zheng (CHN), Mark Udey (USA)
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CO-13	Advanced Dermatopathology (includes self-assessment) Chairpersons: Lorenzo Cerroni (AUT), Jane Grant-Kels (USA), Lawrence Gibson (USA)
CO-14	The Basics of Dermatologic Surgery Chairpersons: Suzanne Olbricht (USA), Laith Akkash (JOR), Agnes Espinoza-Thaebtharm (PHL)
CO-15	Clinical Research — How and Why? Chairpersons: Alexandra Kimball (USA), Menno de Rie (NLD), Thomas Diepgen (DEU)



THURSDAY, JUNE 11

14:00 - 17:00

CO-16 **Rheumatology for the Dermatologist**
Chairpersons: Waldemar Placek (POL), Andrew Franks (USA), Kam Shojania (CAN)

Controversies

09:00 - 10:30

CN-06 **There Is Any Future for PUVA Therapy?**
Chairperson: Chung-Hong Hu (TPE) Speakers: Herbert Hönigsmann (AUT), Bernard Ortel (USA), James Ferguson (GBR)

CN-07 **Laboratory Testing for Chronic Urticaria — Minimal Versus Extensive**
Chairperson: Hee Chul Eun (KOR) Speakers: Nicholas Soter (USA), Torsten Zuberbier (DEU), Kiran Godse (IND)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

07:00 - 08:00 **Global Celebration Forums** (Concurrent sessions hosted by the Canadian Dermatology Association)

Symposia

08:00 - 10:30

SY-45 **Lupus Erythematosus and Dermatomyositis**
Chairpersons: Victoria Werth (USA), Manabu Fujimoto (JPN), Mark Goodfield (GBR)

SY-46 **Dermoscopy — Beyond Pigmented Lesions**
Chairpersons: Masaru Tanaka (JPN), Scott Menzies (AUS), Harold Rabinovitz (USA)

SY-47 **Emerging Insights into Skin Biology**
Chairpersons: Barbara Gilchrest (USA), David McLean (CAN), Nick Reynolds (GBR)

SY-48 **Psychodermatology and Psychopharmacology**
Chairpersons: John Koo (USA), Anna Zalewska (POL), Makoto Hashiro (JPN)

SY-49 **Women's Issues — from PCO to Estrogen Replacement**
Chairpersons: Christa De Cuyper (NLD), Wilma Bergfeld (USA), Mahira El Sayed (EGY)

SY-50 **The Surgical Excision — Metal and More**
Chairpersons: David Zloty (CAN), George Hruza (USA), Dongmei Wu (CHN)

SY-51 **Cutaneous Tuberculosis and Atypical Mycobacterioses**
Chairpersons: Norihisa Ishii (JPN), M Ramam (IND), Samer Ghosn (LBN)

SY-60 **Cutaneous Lymphoma — Diagnosis and Classification**
Chairpersons: Joan Guitart (USA), Keiji Iwatsuki (JPN), Sean Whittaker (GBR)

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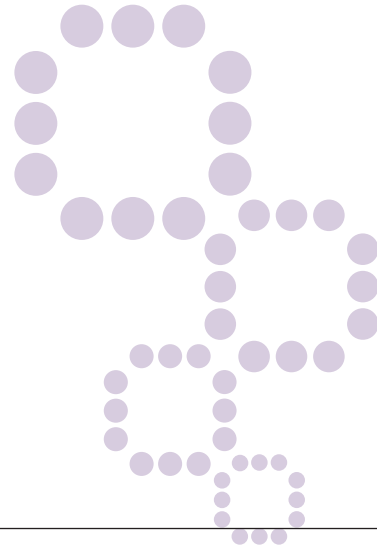
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SY-52	Update on Actinic Keratosis, Basal Cell Carcinoma, and Squamous Cell Carcinoma Chairpersons: Edel O'Toole (GBR), Andrzej A. Dlugosz (USA), Chia-Yu Chu (TPE)
SY-53	Rosacea and Perioral Dermatitis Chairpersons: Jenny Kim (USA), Frank Powell (IRL), Dae Hun Suh (KOR)
SY-54	Bullous Pemphigoid, Dermatitis Herpetiformis and Related Disorders Chairpersons: Sarolta Kárpáti (HUN), Luca Borradori (USA), Takashi Hashimoto (JPN)
SY-55	Vasculitis Chairpersons: Lindy Fox (USA), Milos Nikolic (SRB), Tamihiro Kawakami (JPN)
SY-56	Granulomatous Disorders (non-infectious) – from Sarcoidosis to Interstitial Granulomatous Dermatitis Chairpersons: Luis Puig (ESP), Lajos Kemény (HUN), Kathy Schwarzenberger (USA)
SY-57	Viral Exanthems, Classic and Emerging Chairpersons: Titi Lestari Sugito (IDN), Albert Yan (USA), Andris Rubins (LVA)
SY-58	Cutaneous Lymphoma – Treatment Strategies Chairpersons: Annamari Ranki (FIN), Youn Kim (USA), Martine Bagot (FRA)
SY-59	Neonatal Dermatology Chairpersons: Margarite Larralde (ARG), Lawrence Eichenfield (USA), Yoke Chin Giam (SGP)
SY-61	Auto-Inflammatory Diseases – from Periodic Syndromes to Pyoderma Gangrenosum Chairpersons: Markus Braun-Falco (DEU), Naotomo Kambe (JPN), Karoline Krause (DEU)

Workshops

08:00 - 10:00

WS-52	Chemical Peels Chairpersons: Denise Steiner (BRA), Pearl Grimes (USA), Fukumi Furukawa (JPN)
WS53	Hand Dermatitis – A Clinical Approach Chairpersons: Johannes Ring (DEU), Melanie Pratt (CAN), Rita Sammour (LBN)
WS-54	Androgenetic Alopecia & Chronic Telogen Effluvium Chairpersons: Rodney Sinclair (AUS), Jianzhong Zhang (CHN), Lynne Goldberg (USA)
WS-55	Common Drug Reactions – from Morbilliform to Fixed Drug Eruption Chairpersons: Marius Rademaker (NZL), Wen-Hung Chung (TPE), Claudia de la Cruz (CHL)
WS-56	The Immunocompromised Host – from Infections to Squamous Cell Carcinomas Chairpersons: Jane Tomimori (BRA), Eggert Stockfleth (DEU), Jerry Brewer (USA)
WS-57	Skin of Color Chairpersons: Valerie Callender (USA), Ivonne Arellano (MEX), Mukta Sachdev (IND)



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WS-58	Photobiology Chairpersons: Sewon Kang (USA), Thomas Schwarz (DEU), CR Srinivas (IND)
WS-59	Alternative Therapies – An International Perspective Chairpersons: Robin Graham-Brown (GBR), Yuanhong Li (CHN), Ncoza Dlova (ZAF)
WS-60	Leprosy Eradication Programs Chairpersons: Vivek V. Pai (IND), Maria Teresa Ochoa (USA), Ramesh Bhat (IND)
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WS-61	Fillers and Toxins II Chairpersons: Seth Matarasso (USA), Fabio Cuiabano (BRA), Benjamin Ascher (FRA)
WS-62	Practical Phototherapy Chairpersons: Tania Cestari (BRA), Cheryl Rosen (CAN), Michael Zanolli (USA)
WS-63	Dilemmas from the Inpatient Medical Service Chairpersons: Daniela Kroshinsky (USA), Steven Chow (MYS), Richard Haber (CAN)
WS-64	Environmental Toxins, including Arsenic Chairpersons: Hans Merk (DEU), Arijit Coondoo (IND), Hsin-Su Yu (TPE)
WS-65	Aquatic Dermatology Chairpersons: Vidal Haddad (BRA), Hamilton Stolf (BRA), Juan Pedro Lonza Joustra (CHL)
WS-66	Scars and Keloids Chairpersons: Jill Waibel (USA), Gregory Goodman (AUS), Won-Serk Kim (KOR)
WS-67	Novel Antimicrobials for Dermatology Chairpersons: Jeffrey Weinberg (USA), Regine Gläser (DEU), Nikolai Tsankov (BGR)
WS-68	Leg Veins – from Sclerosants to Lasers Chairpersons: Robert Weiss (USA), Neil Sadick (USA), Eberhard Rabe (DEU)
WS-69	International Classification of Diseases – ICD 11 for Dermatology Chairpersons: Robert Chalmers (GBR), Pablo Fernandez-Peñas (AUS), Michael Weichenthal (DEU)

Courses

08:00 - 16:30

CO-17	Advanced Dermoscopy (includes self-assessment) Chairpersons: Giuseppe Argenziano (ITA), Harald Kittler (AUT), Susana Puig (ESP)
CO-18	Advanced Dermatologic Surgery Chairpersons: Christopher Loeser (DEU), Daniel Berg (USA), Elizabeth Billingsley (USA)



FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Controversies

09:00 - 10:30

CN-08 **Patient Care is Enhanced When Dermatologists Routinely Follow Guidelines of Care: Pro or Con?**

Chairperson: Marcia Ramos-e-Silva (BRA) Speakers: Alexander Nast (DEU), Johnathan Rees (GBR)

CN-09 **Actinic Keratoses — Is Routine Eradication Necessary?**

Chairperson: Jorge Ocampo (MEX) Speaker: Clay Cockerell (USA)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

07:00 - 08:00 **Global Celebration Forums** (Concurrent sessions hosted by the Canadian Dermatology Association)

Symposia

08:00 - 10:30

SY-62 **Facial Rejuvenation — Fillers and Toxins**

Chairpersons: Alastair Carruthers (CAN), Timothy Flynn (USA), Rosa Maria Ponce-Olivera (MEX)

SY-63 **Occupational Dermatoses**

Chairpersons: David Cohen (USA), Magnus Bruze (SWE), Jun Young Lee (KOR)

SY-64 **Pruritus and Neuralgias**

Chairpersons: Sonja Ständer (DEU), Gil Yosipovitch (USA), Martin Metz (DEU)

SY-65 **Parasitic Infections with Mucocutaneous Manifestations**

Chairpersons: Francisco Bravo (PER), Noah Craft (USA), Lobna Boussofara (TUN)

SY-66 **Ethnic Skin and Hair**

Chairpersons: Amy McMichael (USA), Wen Yu Wu (CHN), Fernanda Torres (BRA)

SY-67 **Recent Advances in Dermatopathology**

Chairpersons: Philip LeBoit (USA), Nigel Ball (CAN), Guerkan Kaya (CHE)

SY-68 **Life-threatening Drug Reactions**

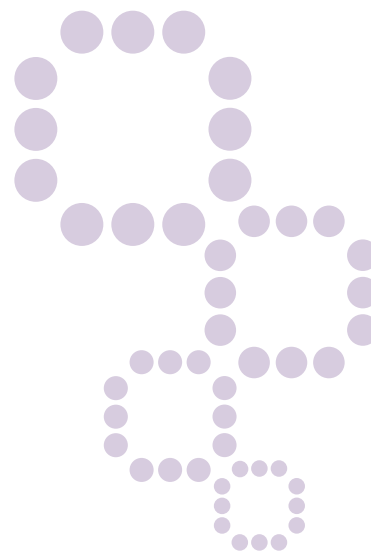
Chairpersons: Neil Shear (CAN), V K Sharma (IND), Baoxi Wang (CHN)

SY-69 **Panniculitis**

Chairpersons: Mark Pittelkow (USA), Kwang Hyun Cho (KOR), Jag Bhawan (USA)

SY-70 **Men's Issues**

Chairpersons: Christopher Bunker (GBR), Falk Ochsendorf (DEU), Ralph Trüeb (CHE)



SATURDAY, JUNE 13

13:00 – 15:30

SY-71	Tropical Dermatoses – from Established to Emerging Chairpersons: Mahmoud Abdallah (EGY), Teresita Gabriel (PHL), Sinésio Talhari (BRA)
SY-72	Drugs in the Pipeline – from Small Molecules to Antibodies Chairpersons: Hervé Bachelez (FRA), Aleksandar Sekulic (USA), Alexander Enk (DEU)
SY-73	Medical Therapy – an Update Chairpersons: Boni Elewski (USA), Steven Feldman (USA), Jaime Piquero-Martin (VEN)
SY-74	Cutaneous Side Effects of New Drugs Chairpersons: Sélim Aractingi (FRA), Mario Lacouture (USA), Bernhard Homey (DEU)

Workshops

08:00 – 10:00

WS-70	Cicatricial Alopecias Chairpersons: Ulrike Blume-Peytavi (DEU), Maria Hordinsky (USA), Sundaram Murugusundram (IND)
WS-71	Microscopically Controlled (Mohs) Surgery Chairpersons: Paul Salmon (NZL), Murad Alam (USA), Brett Coldiron (USA)
WS-72	Advanced Laser Therapy Chairpersons: Chee Leok Goh (SGP), Jeffrey Dover (USA), David Goldberg (USA)
WS-73	Behçet's disease Chairpersons: Ekin Savk (TUR), Mourad Mokni (TUN), Dongsik Bang (KOR)
WS-74	Infections – Impact of Migrations & Travel Chairpersons: Roy Chan (SGP), Aldo Morrone (ITA)
WS-75	Porphyrias Chairpersons: Robert Sarkany (GBR), Gillian Murphy (IRL), Jorge Frank (NLD)
WS-76	Geriatric Dermatology Chairpersons: Wendy Roberts (USA), Maria Isabel Herane (CHL), Anne Lynne Chang (USA)
WS-77	Skin Signs of Drug and Physical Abuse Chairpersons: Eve Lowenstein (USA), Regina Carneiro (BRA)
WS-78	Photopheresis, Plasmapheresis and Immunoapheresis Chairpersons: Michael Hertl (DEU), Robert Knobler (AUT), Alain Rook (USA)
WS-79	Quality of Life and Disability in Dermatology Chairpersons: Andrew Y Finlay (GBR), Tamar Nijsten (NLD), Christine Bundy (GBR)



SATURDAY, JUNE 13

13:30 - 15:30

WS-80 **Flaps and Grafts**

Chairpersons: Roland Kaufmann (DEU), Desiree Ratner (USA), Larry Warshawski (CAN)

WS-81 **Inherited Tumor Syndromes**

Chairpersons: Pierre Wolkenstein (FRA), Thomas Darling (USA), Hensin Tsao (USA)

WS-82 **Stem Cells in Dermatology**

Chairpersons: Emi Nishimura (JPN), Ruby Ghadially (USA), Somesh Gupta (IND)

WS-83 **The Role of H&E vs Immunohistochemistry**

Chairpersons: Jennifer McNiff (USA), Simin Meymandi (IRN), Lyn Duncan (USA)

Courses

08:00 - 11:00

CO-19 **Emergency Room Dermatology**

Chairpersons: Ronni Wolf (ISR), Scott Walsh (CAN), Eduardo David Poletti (MEX)

12:30 - 15:30

CO-20 **Liposuction, Cryolipolysis and Lipotransfer**

Chairpersons: William Coleman (USA), Louis Habbema (NLD), Lisa Donofrio (USA)

Controversies

09:00 - 10:30

CN-10 **The Cutaneous Melanoma Epidemic — Is it Real or an Artifact of Aggressive Diagnosis?**

Chairperson: Francisco Camacho (ESP) Speakers: Earl Glusac (USA), Jason Rivers (CAN), Darrell Rigel (USA)

14:00 - 15:30

CN-11 **Global Dermatology in 2025 — Innovative Expensive Treatments for a Few Versus Low-cost Medications for Everyone?**

Chairperson: Christopher Griffiths (GBR) Speakers: Warren Piette (USA), Bruce Strober (USA)



DELEGATE NETWORKING AND SOCIAL PROGRAM

OPENING CEREMONY

Monday, June 8 - 18:00

The 23RD World Congress of Dermatology will officially commence on the evening of June 8 with the Opening Ceremony. The ceremony will include welcoming addresses by the ILDS and the WCD 2015 Organizing Committee.

The Opening Ceremony is open to all registered delegates, accompanying persons, sponsors, and exhibitors.

WELCOME RECEPTION & NETWORKING EVENT

Monday, June 8 - 19:00

Directly following the Opening Ceremony, the Welcome Reception will be a celebration featuring special entertainment, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

The Welcome Reception is available to registered delegates, sponsors and exhibitors at a fee of US \$25. Due to industry sponsorship compliance rules for medical conferences, registered WCD delegates must purchase their own tickets for this reception. The Welcome Reception is included in the Accompanying Person package fee.

WCD GALA EVENT

Friday, June 12 - 19:00

We invite you to attend the 23RD World Congress of Dermatology Gala Event — the final official social event of the Congress. You will enjoy unforgettable entertainment and fantastic cultural cuisine.

Tickets: \$125 US

Maximum purchase per delegate is 4

CLOSING CEREMONY

Saturday, June 13 - 16:00

The Closing Ceremony will conclude a memorable and rewarding week of academic, social and business exchanges.

The Closing Ceremony is open to all delegates, accompanying persons, sponsors and exhibitors.



GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION (FREE COMMUNICATIONS)

Abstract Submission Deadline — September 12, 2014

Acceptance Notification Date — December 15, 2014

Free Communications are brief proffered presentations (oral or poster) on focused studies, investigations, or observations in dermatology, and represent a vital component of the Scientific Program of the World Congress of Dermatology.

All Free Communications abstracts must be submitted online through the WCD Congress website at derm2015.org. Select “Online Abstract Submission” and follow the steps making sure to carefully complete all sections. If all sections are not completed, your abstract submission will NOT be accepted.

1. RULES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- A. Authors are required to indicate their preference for either oral or poster presentation by checking the appropriate box on the submission web page. The WCD Free Communications Committee will make the final decision on the format of presentation (i.e. poster or oral).
- B. Acceptance or rejection of abstracts will be based on rankings given by a peer review of experts in the associated topic/category. Results of the selection process will be sent out via e-mail to the corresponding author. The Committee decision is final and cannot be appealed.
- C. Abstracts cannot be identical to any abstract that has previously been presented at a major international meeting prior to the WCD 2015. An update to prior work is acceptable.
- D. Instructions on the preparation of posters and information regarding projection facilities will be included with the notification of acceptance.
- E. Submission of an abstract indicates:
 - (i) that the author(s) agree to comply with the abstract submission and presentation rules,
 - (ii) that the presentation is based on scientific and/or clinical methods that are ethical and valid, and
 - (iii) that all authors have contributed to and approve the abstract and its entire contents.
- F. All accepted abstracts will be published electronically on digital media (e.g. CD-ROM) as well as the WCD 2015 website, and distributed to all delegates.
- G. Accepted abstracts are official communications of the Congress. The presenting author agrees to register, attend the Congress, and present the abstract as scheduled by the WCD. The presenting author **MUST REGISTER FOR THE WCD BY MARCH 13, 2015** before the abstract can officially accepted for inclusion in the final scientific program and official Program Book.
- H. Abstracts will be judged for merit according to the following criteria:
 - (i) Scholarly and/or research validity
 - (ii) Educational value
 - (iii) Clarity of presentation
 - (iv) Potential impact on global dermatology

2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT PREPARATION (Refer to the Abstract sample for specific guidance on formatting)

A. Abstracts must be written and presented in English.

- B. **Title:** Use a concise descriptive title that indicates the content of the abstract. The complete title should be CAPITALIZED. Please minimize the use of abbreviations in the title. Commercial trade names for drugs, devices, products, and services may NOT be used in the title.

Authors: Names and surnames for each author must be provided. Do not include degrees or titles. Presenting authors' names will be underlined and the corresponding author's name will be in **bold**.

Affiliations: Each author should be listed by department, institution, city, and country.

Keyword(s): A minimum of one (1), and a maximum of three (3) keywords reflecting the contents of the abstract should be provided.

- C. Abstracts should not exceed 400 words. Abstracts that are not written in understandable English will be rejected and/or returned to the author(s) for revision. Symbols including superscripts and subscripts can be entered in the online system.

Whenever possible, the body of the abstract text must be formatted with the following sub-headings as appropriate. Each sub-heading should be formatted in bold text, begin on a new line, and followed by a colon and space (:). The text for each sub-section should begin immediately after the colon and space (see sample abstract below).

- **Background:**
- **Objective:** (it is acceptable to combine “Background and Objective:” into one heading)
- **Methods:**
- **Results:** (the word “Observations:” can be substituted here if more appropriate)
- **Conclusions:**
- **Limitations:**

It is **NOT** satisfactory to simply state that “The results will be discussed.” Only common and standard abbreviations may be used without definition.

Drugs, devices, products, and services should be identified by generic name only within the abstract, with the single exception that the trade or commercial name can be used ONCE in brackets,

but only after the generic name, i.e. “generic name (trade name®)”. Data must be given in units (International metric system is preferred) that are generally accepted in scientific publications. **NO REFERENCES, TABLES, CHARTS OR IMAGES ARE ALLOWED.**

3. ABSTRACT THEMATIC TOPICS

For reviewing and scheduling purposes, abstracts will be classified into thematic areas. Please indicate on the submission webpage the appropriate topic classifications to which your abstract belongs. A maximum of three (3) thematic categories may be chosen. The WCD Free Communications Committee will attempt to respect the authors' choice regarding their self-selection to a specific topic, but reserves the right to change the allocation in order to achieve a well-balanced scientific program.

- Acne, Rosacea, and Related Disorders
- Adverse Drug Reactions and Environmental Toxins
- Autoimmune and Immunological Disorders
- Basic Science
- Bioinformatics, Clinical Service Delivery, Community Dermatology
- Clinical Research
- Connective Tissue Diseases
- Cosmetic and Esthetic Dermatology
- Dermatitis and Eczema
- Dermatologic Education
- Dermatopathology
- Dermoscopy and Skin Imaging
- Gender and Age Issues
- Genetics and Genodermatoses
- Global Dermatology
- Hair, Nails, and Sweat Disorders
- History of Dermatology
- Infections, Bites, and Infestations
- Inflammatory Disorders
- Lasers
- Medical Dermatology
- Medical Therapeutics
- Mucosal Disorders
- Pediatric Dermatology
- Photodermatology and Phototherapy
- Physical Therapies
- Pigmentation
- Psoriasis
- Psychodermatology
- Quality of Life
- Skin Cancer, Neoplasms, and Oncology
- Surgical and Procedural Dermatology
- Teledermatology
- Wound Healing
- Other / Miscellaneous



4. RESIDENTS, REGISTRARS, AND FELLOWS FORUM

The WCD will schedule a special Forum during the Congress to feature extended oral presentations by dermatology residents, registrars, and fellows on basic or clinical research. Individuals will be chosen for this Forum based on the scientific quality and impact of their work as judged by the WCD Free Communications Committee. When submitting your abstract online, select the applicable box if you are a Resident, Registrar, or Fellow and you wish to be considered for this Forum. You may also wish to consider applying for a WCD 2015 Scholarship if you are submitting your abstract for this session.

5. IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND MANDATORY DECLARATIONS

- A. Online Submission will be available on the Congress website. Please follow the instructions detailed on the website. Your abstract submission will be acknowledged automatically by email, but this confirmation does not constitute official acceptance for presentation. **FAX SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- B. Statement of Responsibility
- All co-authors must agree with the submitted results and conclusions, and consent to being listed as authors.
 - The abstract must not have been submitted in identical format to any other international meeting.
 - Work involving humans or animals, or material derived from them must have been approved by an institutional ethics committee.
 - All authors must complete a Disclosure of Conflicting Relationships declaration form.

- C. Modifications to the abstract may be made before the online abstract submission system is closed after September 12, 2014, unless the abstract has already been accepted by the WCD Free Communications Committee.
- D. Authors who wish to withdraw their abstract must send a written request to: abstract@derm2015.org.

6. WCD 2015 SCHOLARSHIPS AND ABSTRACT AWARDS

Scholarships will be provided by the WCD 2015 to assist participants from around the world to present their work at the WCD. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit and relative financial need as judged by the WCD 2015 Scholarship and Awards Committee. Please refer to the Scholarship and Awards section of the website for the adjudication criteria. Awards will also be provided to outstanding oral and poster presentations.

7. ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

Authors will be notified by **December 15, 2014** as to the acceptance status of their submissions. This includes the assignment of session category and presentation format (oral or poster). Detailed instructions regarding requirements and instructions for oral and poster presentations will also be provided at that time. Abstracts that are meritorious may in some instances be notified for acceptance earlier than December 15, 2014 at the discretion of the WCD Free Communications Committee.

If your abstract is accepted, you must register no later than **March 13, 2015**. Unless you register by that date, your abstract will not be included in any WCD print or online publications or the official program book.

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ABSTRACT SAMPLE

The on-line submission system will automatically provide correct formatting for your abstract.

HLA-B*15:02 and HLA-A*31:01 as genetic markers for carbamazepine-induced hypersensitivity reactions in children [TITLE]

[Authors' Name] Presenting author will be underlined, Corresponding authors will appear in bold.

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[Contents Body] Use descriptive subtitle headings (i.e. Background, Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusions, Limitations)

Background: The use of the anticonvulsant carbamazepine (CBZ) is limited by the occurrence of hypersensitivity reactions that include drug-induced hypersensitivity syndrome (HSS) and Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS). Although rare, HSS and SJS are life-threatening adverse drug reactions with a very high morbidity and mortality. Two genetic variants in the human leukocyte antigen (HLA) region, HLA-B*15:02 and HLA-A*31:01, have been associated with CBZ hypersensitivity in Asian and European patients.

Objective: To replicate the above genetic associations in pediatric patients from North America with a diverse ethnic background.

Methods: We assessed the association of HLA-A*31:01 and HLA-B*15:02 with CBZ hypersensitivity in 42 children with CBZ hypersensitivity, and 91 CBZ-tolerant controls from across Canada. DNA and comprehensive clinical data on the adverse events from all patients were obtained through the Canadian Pharmacogenomics Network for Drug Safety. Genotyping was performed using real-time PCR.

Results: A significant association of HLA-A*31:01 was observed with CBZ-HSS (OR 26.4, $p=0.0025$) and maculopapular exanthema (MPE; OR 8.6, $p=0.0037$), but not for CBZ-SJS. Conversely, HLA-B*15:02 was associated with CBZ-SJS (OR 38.6, $p=0.002$), but not HSS and MPE. Combined, the two risk variants were strong predictors of all CBZ hypersensitivity reactions (OR 8.1, $p=2.6 \times 10^{-4}$).

Conclusions: This study is the first to demonstrate the association of HLA-A*31:01 with CBZ hypersensitivity in pediatric patients, providing important replication of this association. Our results also highlight the importance of this predictive biomarker across ancestries.

Keywords: drug reactions; pharmacogenetics; pediatric



WCD 2015 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The WCD will provide meritorious dermatologists from around the world, regardless of economic background, the opportunity to participate in the educational and networking benefits of the WCD through our scholarship program.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

For All Scholarships:

- English language is mandatory
- Applicants must participate in at least one World Congress scientific activity such as an oral communication and/or a poster presentation. Abstracts for oral/poster presentations must be submitted online to the Congress Secretariat by September 12, 2014
- All scholarship applicants who are trainees must submit verification of their educational status, such as a letter from the Department Head or Program Director
- Attendance at the World Congress must not also be supported by industry. (The committee reserves the right to rescind scholarships to awardees whose abstracts and/or attendance were supported by industry)
- Scholarship applicants who are dermatology residents, registrars, or fellows may also wish to consider applying for the “Residents, Registrars, or Fellows Forum” which offers extended oral presentation times. See section 4 of the “Guidelines for Abstract Submission” page 36.

Additional requirements for:

WCD Trainee Scholarship

- An applicant who is in training in dermatology as a residents, registrar, or fellow (medical students are not eligible for scholarships)

WCD Rising Star Scholarship

- A dermatologist under the age of 40 at the time of the World Congress (June 8, 2015) and not at the rank of Full Professor

WCD Dermatologist Scholarship

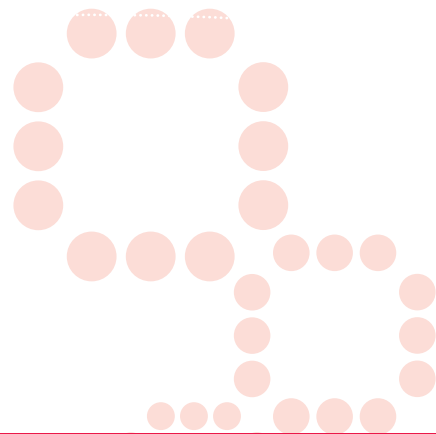
- Certified dermatologists residing in one of the countries defined by the World Bank as Low income or Lower-Middle income. To view a list of these countries, visit www.derm2015.org

Scholarships will not cover all participant costs. Scholarship amounts will be determined by the WCD, and will be used towards defraying the costs of registration, accommodation, and/or travel expenses. Final scholarship amounts will be based on region of residence and the number of members who are officially registered with the ILDS from each region.

To apply, please check the ‘Yes — WCD Scholarship Program’ button on page 2 of the Online Abstract Submission system.

The application deadline is September 12, 2014.

For additional information, please send an e-mail to scholarship@derm2015.org



The ILDS has long maintained that all dermatologists from around the world should have the opportunity to partake in the educational and relational benefits provided by the WCD.





REGISTRATION

Delegates are strongly encouraged to register online at www.derm2015.org by using Visa, MasterCard or American Express. Please note that the online registration system accepts credit card payments only; if you are paying by USD Bank Draft or Wire Transfer, please complete the Registration Form, at the end of this brochure, and mail or scan it together with your payment (additional fees will apply, see below).

For payments made by credit card, the credit card statement vendor/merchant will be shown as **Simply Eventful Management**. The statement will show equivalent US dollar fees in the home currency of the registrant.

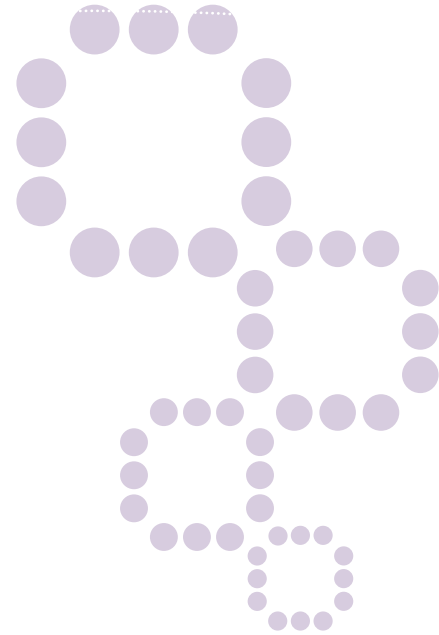
Registrations received by hard copy form are subject to a US \$10 fee. Payments made by wire transfer will also incur a US \$50 bank transfer fee.

Fees below are inclusive of any applicable taxes and are quoted in US dollars.

Category	Advance Registration Until Jan. 15, 2015	Extended Registration Until May 31, 2015	Final Registration From June 1, 2015
Members of ILDS Societies*	\$540	\$640	\$720
Non-ILDS members	\$670	\$770	\$850
Residents, Registrars, & Fellows**	\$245	\$315	\$375
Medical Students**	\$245	\$315	\$375
Nurses & Physicians Assistants**	\$245	\$315	\$375
Accompanying Person(s)	\$245	\$295	\$345
Welcome Reception	\$25	\$25	\$25
Gala Event	\$125	\$125	\$125

* Members of international or national dermatologic societies that belong to the ILDS. For a complete list of these societies, please check the ILDS website at: www.ilds.org

** At the time of the Congress (June 8, 2015). If you are a resident, registrar, fellow, nurse, physician assistant, or medical student in training, your registration cannot be confirmed until we receive written verification of your status by the chairman of your department or program director. Please send your verification to the Congress Secretariat along with your registration by fax (+1 604 738-8697) or e-mail (registration@derm2015.org) within seven days of registering. **When letters certifying status are received after the early registration deadlines have lapsed, late fees will be applicable even when the registration forms are received before the deadline.**



Congress Registration fees include:

Delegates

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Access to all Congress Sessions and Poster Areas
- Access to Satellite Symposia
- Access to Technical Exhibition
- Delegate Bag and Congress Literature

Accompanying Persons*

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Welcome Reception
- Two Social Program options
- Access to Technical Exhibition (*18 years minimum*) for Thursday, June 11 and Friday, June 12 only
**does not include access to any Scientific Program sessions; limit of 3 accompanying persons per registrant*

Scientific Program sessions are open to registered delegates only.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Welcome Reception & Networking Event – Monday evening, June 8

- The Welcome Reception, which follows the Opening Ceremony, is **not** included in the delegate registration fee and must be purchased separately due to industry sponsorship compliance rules for medical conferences. *The Accompanying Persons registration includes the Welcome Reception & Networking Event.*

WCD Gala Event – Friday evening, June 12

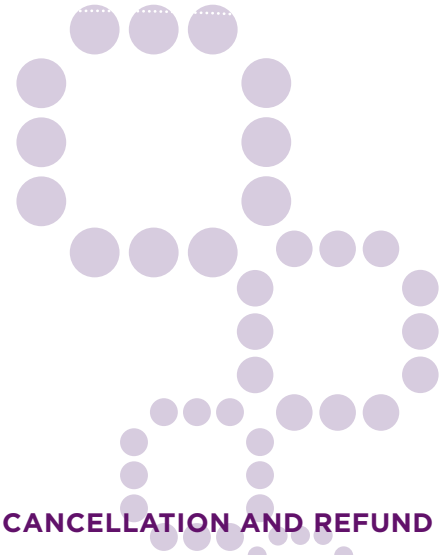
- Tickets for the WCD Gala are not included in the delegate registration or accompanying persons fee and must be purchased separately. Entertainment and food will be provided at the Gala Event. A maximum 4 tickets per registered delegate may be purchased.



COURSES

Courses are ticketed sessions and attendance requires pre-registration with an additional fee:

CO 01	(half day)	Basic Cosmetic Dermatology	US \$40
CO 02	(half day)	Phototherapy in the 21st Century	US \$20
CO 03	(half day)	Advanced Cosmetic Dermatology — Individualized Approach	US \$40
CO 04	(half day)	Ophthalmology for the Dermatologist	US \$20
CO 05	(half day)	Lasers I — Pigment, Vascular and Hair	US \$40
CO 06	(full day)	Microbiology and Infectious Diseases	US \$30
CO 07	(full day)	Basic Dermatopathology (includes self-assessment)	US \$30
CO 08	(full day)	Pediatric Dermatology (Basic AM; Advanced PM)	US \$30
CO 09	(full day)	Basic Dermoscopy (includes self-assessment)	US \$30
CO 10	(half day)	Patch Test Clinic	US \$20
CO 11	(half day)	Lasers II — Rejuvenation and Scars	US \$40
CO 12	(half day)	Practical Immunology	US \$20
CO 13	(full day)	Advanced Dermatopathology (includes self-assessment)	US \$30
CO 14	(full day)	The Basics of Dermatologic Surgery	US \$80
CO 15	(full day)	Clinical Research — How and Why?	US \$30
CO 16	(half day)	Rheumatology for the Dermatologist	US \$20
CO 17	(full day)	Advanced Dermoscopy (includes self-assessment)	US \$30
CO 18	(full day)	Advanced Dermatologic Surgery	US \$80
CO 19	(half day)	Emergency Room Dermatology	US \$20
CO 20	(half day)	Liposuction, Cryolipolysis and Lipotransfer	US \$40



PAYMENT CONDITIONS:

- Advance payment for the Congress must be received in order to confirm the registration. Once your payment has been confirmed, a letter of confirmation will be sent to you via e-mail.
- For bank/wire transfers, a copy of the bank transfer statement with the applicant's name, address and payment details must be sent by fax or e-mail to the 23RD World Congress of Dermatology Secretariat.
- For wire transfers, a fee of US \$50 will be added to the total registration fee (Item B) to cover the bank transfer charge in Canada. All bank/wire transfer charges are the responsibility of the registrant.
- Registrations received by hard copy form, including wire transfer payments, are subject to a US \$10 fee.
- Credit card statements will show the vendor/merchant as **Simply Eventful Management**. Statements will show the equivalent US dollar fee in the home currency of the registrant, based on the exchange rate at the time of the transaction.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

- In order to obtain reimbursement of **delegate registration**, all cancellations for the 23RD World Congress of Dermatology must be submitted in writing to the Congress Secretariat via email to: registration@derm2015.org, or via fax to +1-604-738-8697.
- Cancellations received in writing by **October 1, 2014**, will be refunded, less a 10% administrative fee.
- Cancellations received in writing between **October 2, 2014 and April 30, 2015** will be refunded, less a 25% administrative fee.
- Cancellations received in writing on **May 1, 2015** or later, will not be refunded, other than exceptional circumstances to be reviewed and agreed by the organizing committee.
- Full refunds will be given for cancellations of **course registration** received on or before **March 30, 2015**. No refund will be given for the cancellations received after this date.
- Full refunds will be given for cancellations of **social event registration** made up to **May 1, 2015**. Refunds for social event registration cancellations made from **May 1 to June 1, 2015** are subject to a 50% administrative fee. Cancellations received after **June 1, 2015** cannot be refunded.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Vancouver is one of the most walkable cities in the world with over 13,000 hotel rooms within safe walking distance from the Vancouver Convention Centre. From the budget-conscious to those seeking a full-service experience, there's something for everyone.

Congress registration and hotel bookings are available via the online hotel booking system at www.derm2015.org. Access to the Housing Bureau is only available online to registered delegates and confirmed sponsors and exhibitors.

For general housing inquiries or group housing bookings of 10 or more rooms, please contact the Congress Secretariat at housing@derm2015.org.

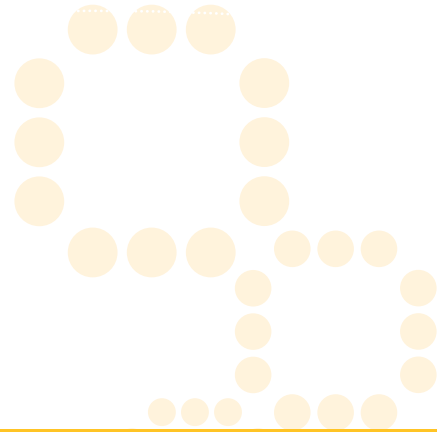
GENERAL INFORMATION

- Reservations must be made prior to **April 30, 2015**. Availability is on first-come, first-served basis and cannot be guaranteed;
- Depending on demand, additional hotels may become available; hotel information is subject to change at any time;
- The WCD Housing Bureau will strive to meet the preferred location and standard of accommodations requested but due to the high demand for accommodations, it may not be possible to provide each delegate with his/her first choice of accommodations;
- The accommodation descriptions contained online are based on information provided in good faith to the WCD Housing Bureau by the hotels. This information was current as of January 2014, but may be subject to change.

- The WCD Organizing Committee has been able to negotiate rates that include complimentary guestroom wireless (WiFi access) and complimentary fitness facility access, where possible. However not all official WCD hotels are providing these additional amenities. Please refer to the individual online hotel description for details;
- All pertinent details will be sent to participants in a confirmation letter via email;
- Check-in time: typically after 15:00 h / Check-out time: typically before 11:00 h — *This may vary according to the specific hotel.*

HOTEL RESERVATION GUARANTEE POLICY

- Rates displayed on the Congress website are in **Canadian dollars**, and do not include taxes or breakfast, unless specifically noted in the hotel description. Extra services may incur additional charges;
- All housing fees are subject to applicable taxes as noted on the 23RD WCD Online Housing system;
- A valid credit card is required by the Housing Bureau for all reservations. At the time of confirmation, the cost of **ONE night's room rate and applicable taxes will be debited from your credit card**. The remaining balance will be charged directly by the hotel according to their reservation policy;
- Credit card statements will show the vendor/merchant as **Simply Eventful Management**.



HOTEL RESERVATION CHANGES AND CANCELLATION POLICY (FOR INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS)

- Changes to hotel reservations up to and including April 30, 2015 may be made directly online with the Housing Bureau; please refer to your confirmation email for login details
- For Cancellations received prior to **October 31, 2014**, reimbursements less a CA \$100 administration fee will be levied; *this fee is applicable regardless of cancellation reason or method;*
- Cancellations received on or after **November 1, 2014** are subject to the equivalent of a one-night stay at your confirmed room rate; *this fee is applicable regardless of cancellation reason or method;*
- Changes to hotel reservations up to and including **April 30, 2015** may be made directly online with the Housing Bureau; please refer to your confirmation email for login details
- Any changes not made directly online (phone, email, fax, mail) will incur a CA \$50 administration fee;

For those groups with more than ten (10) rooms per night, a group sub-block agreement is required. The Cancellation Policy for contracted group sub-blocks is stated in the sub-block agreement.

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VANCOUVER HOTEL MAP



OFFICIAL WCD 2015 HOTELS

The 23RD World Congress of Dermatology organizers have negotiated special hotel rates that delegates can access by making their reservations through the official WCD Housing Bureau (Simply Eventful Management, via the online hotel booking system). Housing will consist of hotel rooms in downtown Vancouver and

the neighboring City of Richmond (approximately 15 kilometers from the Vancouver Convention Centre and within 20 minutes by subway). The following star ratings are based on Forbes Star and the Northstar Rating, and range from 1-star basic hotels to 5-star luxury hotels.

Hotel Name	km to VCC	2015 Rate (CA\$, Standard)	Star Rating
Fairmont Pacific Rim (Headquarter Hotel)	0.03 km	\$315	★★★★★
Fairmont Waterfront (Headquarter Hotel)	0.25 km	\$258	★★★★★
Pan Pacific Hotel (Headquarter Hotel)	0.25 km	\$262	★★★★★
Accent Inn Richmond	14.6 km	\$119	★★★★
Best Western Plus Downtown Vancouver	1.98 km	\$175	★★★
Carmana Plaza	0.75 km	\$239	★★★
Century Plaza Hotel & Spa	1.2 km	\$198	★★★
Coast Coal Harbour Hotel	0.43 km	\$209	★★★★★
Coast Plaza Hotel	2.12 km	\$189	★★★
Days Inn Vancouver Downtown	0.43 km	\$179	★★★
Delta Vancouver Suites	0.79 km	\$235	★★★★★
Empire Landmark Hotel	1.18 km	\$160	★★★
Executive Hotel Le Soleil	0.59 km	\$235	★★★★★
Fairmont Hotel Vancouver	0.75 km	\$247	★★★★★
Fairmont Hotel Pacific Rim	0.03 km	\$315	★★★★★
Fairmont Hotel Waterfront	0.25 km	\$258	★★★★★
Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver	0.93 km	\$247	★★★★★
Georgian Court Hotel	1.7 km	\$229	★★★★★
Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown	1.8 km	\$229	★★★★★
Holiday Inn & Suites Downtown	1.8 km	\$199	★★★
Hilton Vancouver Airport	15.7 km	\$159	★★★
Hyatt Regency Vancouver	0.63 km	\$253	★★★★★
The Listel Hotel	1.3 km	\$235	★★★★★
Loden Hotel	0.7 km	\$289	★★★★★
Metropolitan Hotel	1 km	\$189	★★★★★
Opus Hotel	2.2 km	\$265	★★★★★
Pan Pacific Hotel	0.25 km	\$262	★★★★★
Ramada Limited Downtown Vancouver	0.96 km	\$175	★★
Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel	0.29 km	\$245	★★★★★
Residence Inn Marriott	1.7 km	\$259	★★★
River Rock	13.9 km	\$159	★★★★★
Rosedale on Robson Suite Hotel	1.6 km	\$239	★★★
Rosewood Hotel Georgia	0.9 km	\$320	★★★★★
Sandman Hotel Vancouver City Centre	1.6 km	\$175	★★★
Sandman Suites on Davie	1.8 km	\$175	★★★★
Shangri-La Hotel	0.9 km	\$279	★★★★★
Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre	1.2 km	\$229	★★★★★
St. Regis Hotel	0.93 km	\$229	★★★
The Sutton Place Hotel	0.98 km	\$230	★★★★★
University of British Columbia	10.9 km	\$37	*
Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown	0.29 km	\$245	★★★★★
Wedgewood Hotel & Spa	0.98 km	\$330	★★★★★
Westin Bayshore	0.9 km	\$259	★★★★★



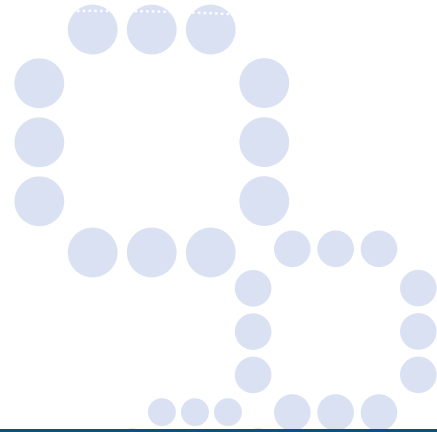
VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE



This spectacular award-winning gathering place will be home of the 23RD World Congress of Dermatology. With its harbourfront location and breathtaking views, the Vancouver Convention Centre (VCC) offers delegates one of the most beautiful settings in the world. At the VCC, you're at the centre of it all with a subway station one block away and over 13,000 quality hotel rooms within safe and easy walking distance.

Fast Facts:

- 43,340 m² (466,500 sq. ft.) of total facility space;
- The only two-time winner of the prestigious International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC) award for 'World's Best Convention Centre' (2002, 2008);
- The VCC has served as the Canada Pavilion during Expo '86 (the World's Fair in 1986), and the International Broadcast Center for the **2010 Winter Olympics**.
- The West building has received LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) **Platinum Certification**, making the Vancouver Convention Centre the first convention centre in the world to receive the highest LEED® rating;
- Awarded "GO GREEN" certificate from the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) for industry-approved, environmental best practices in building management;
- Greenest convention centre in the world, including a living roof, seawater heating and cooling, on-site water treatment and fish habitat built into the foundation of the West Building;
- A six acre 'living roof', the largest green roof in Canada and the largest non-industrial living roof in North America, features more than 400,000 indigenous plants and four beehives;
- VCC recycles an average of 180,000 kilograms of materials annually, nearly half of the total volume of waste generated.



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VISITING CANADA

Canada has a well-earned reputation for generous hospitality, public safety, fair business practices, and tolerance for all groups. As with any international travel, WCD delegates will require a valid passport to visit Canada.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Most delegates will not require a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) to visit Canada. For those who do, there will be a special **WCD Visa Secretariat** to help facilitate your visa application by providing a Letter of Invitation. It is important that delegates apply early to allow adequate time for processing TRV applications. This will allow for a smooth, hassle-free process in coming to Vancouver. Applications for TRVs must be directed to the appropriate visa office abroad well in advance of the intended visit and at least six (6) weeks in advance of travel. We recommend submitting your TRV application a minimum of 3 months prior to your departure to Canada.

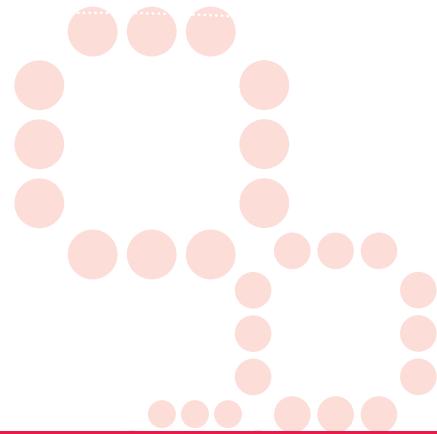
We are very pleased to advise that processing visa applications for travel to Canada has never been more efficient. Canada now accepts electronic applications which means applicants seeking pre-approval for visitation can send a copy of their passport instead

of the original document. Once the application has been approved, delegates will receive instructions for final passport submission and processing. Paper applications are also welcome through visa offices or visa application centres. Visa exemptions for Canada are applicable in 49 countries worldwide.

For more information on visas and for a current list of countries that require visas, please visit our website at www.derm2015.org/visitor-information/entering-canada where you will find Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and links to the appropriate Government of Canada websites.

LETTER OF INVITATION

Delegates may request a Letter of Invitation from the Congress Secretariat by contacting info@derm2015.org and including your full name, date of birth and company or organization. It is recommended that for those delegates who require a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) to enter Canada, you include this Letter of Invitation from the WCD along with your TRV Application. Please visit the Congress website under **Visitor Information** for detailed information on entering Canada.



Canada is known for our people's friendly nature, and Vancouver's citizens take great pride in our friendly, clean, and safe streets.





GENERAL INFORMATION

ATTIRE

Business casual attire is suitable for attending all Congress activities.

BANKING

Regular banking hours in Canada are typically 09:30–16:30 H, Monday to Friday, with extended hours including weekends at some locations. Visitors who wish to cash checks or require other banking services are advised to check times of operation with the institutions. Main branches of Canadian chartered banks, particularly in major centers, are equipped to exchange foreign currency as well. Several major European and foreign banks have offices in Vancouver, and will handle some foreign currencies directly.

Most banks have automatic teller machines (ATMs), which can be accessed 24 hours a day, using bank or credit cards on major international banking networks such as Cirrus, Plus and Interac.

BUSINESS HOURS

Greater Vancouver, like all major international cities, runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The main workdays are Monday to Friday, from roughly 08:00–18:00 H — but hours vary for each organization or business. Retailers are usually open seven days a week, and most stores are open from 09:30–18:00 H each day, except Thursday and Friday, when they are open until 21:00 H.

CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

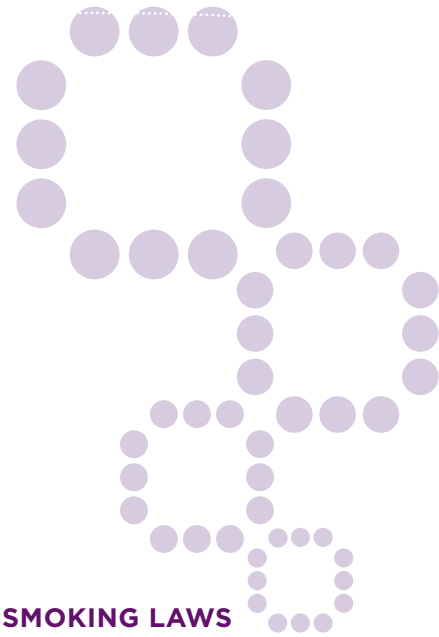
The Canadian Dollar (CAD, \$CA) is the official currency in Canada.

We recommend all visitors use Canadian currency when traveling within Canada. Visitors can exchange currency at Canadian chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions, or at offices of foreign exchange brokers, but it is advised to have local currency on hand prior to arriving. Some hotels, merchants, restaurants and suppliers accept US or other foreign currency at a pre-determined rate, which may differ from the daily rate posted by financial institutions. The “penny” or 1 cent coin (\$0.01) has been discontinued in Canada, and cash transactions are rounded to the nearest 5 cent (\$0.05) value. Credit card transactions will be processed to the exact dollar and cent value.

- Canadian one dollar coin (“loonie”) (\$) = 100 cents
- Canadian two dollar coin (“toonie”) (\$) = 200 cents
- Notes are in denominations of \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5
- Coins are in denominations of \$2, \$1, \$0.25, \$0.10, \$0.05

Infrastructure in Canada — vending machines, laundry machines, pay phones, public transit ticket machines, parking meters — basically anything where you insert coins or bills — will accept Canadian dollars or coins and, in some cases, credit cards.

All major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, shops and restaurants.



ELECTRICITY

Outlets and voltage (110 volts) are the same as in the United States. Small appliances such as hair dryers, irons, razors, etc. can be used in Canada. For those from other countries, adapters are required for electrical appliances. The frequency of electrical current in Canada is 60 Hz.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

The organizers of the WCD cannot be held liable for any hindrance or disruption to the Congress (meeting), in particular if arising from political, social or economic events or any other unforeseen incidents beyond control. The organizers of the WCD accept no liability for any personal injuries or loss or damage to property belonging to Congress (meeting) participants, either during or as a result of the Congress (meeting) or during all tours and events.

CONGRESS CANCELLATION

In the event that the 23RD WCD cannot be held or is postponed due to events beyond the control of the organizers of the WCD, or due to events which are not attributable to unlawful intent or gross negligence of the organizers of the WCD, the organizers cannot be held liable for any damages, costs or losses incurred such as, for transportation costs, accommodation costs, costs for additional orders or financial losses.

PERSONAL INSURANCE

Individual travelers are strongly advised to obtain their own personal health, luggage or other travel insurance; however, regardless of financial status or health care coverage, British Columbia/Vancouver hospitals will not refuse emergency treatment to those who require it. In these situations patients will still eventually be responsible for the cost of their emergency treatments.

SMOKING LAWS

Within the City of Vancouver, smoking is not permitted by law in all indoor public spaces, including public transit, shopping malls, restaurants, pubs, nightclubs and casinos. Smoking is not permitted within six meters of an entryway, openable window or air intake of a building. Signage will be posted to indicate the applicable smoking restrictions.

Please smoke in officially designated areas only.

TAXES AND GRATUITIES

Most purchases in British Columbia are subject to a 7% Provincial Sales Tax (PST)* and a 5% Goods and Services Tax (GST)*, with the exception of liquor (10% GST).

The standard gratuity (tip) in most restaurants is 15–20% of the total bill, before taxes. Gratuities (tips) in Canada are generally expected on services such as restaurants, salon, and taxis.

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TIME ZONE

Vancouver is in the Pacific Time Zone (PST), which is GMT -8 hours. During the month of June, Vancouver is on Daylight Savings Time.

WEATHER

Warmed by Pacific Ocean currents and protected by a range of mountains, Vancouver enjoys mild temperatures year-round. June signals the start of summer in Vancouver, with the average high temperature at 21°C / 69°F. The weather is generally sunny, with an average monthly rainfall of 45.2 millimeters.



ABOUT VANCOUVER

The World in a City

Majestic mountains, sparkling ocean vistas, rainforests and beautiful foliage in all four seasons make Vancouver one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Catering to any interest throughout the year, visitors to Vancouver can enjoy world class shopping, gourmet meals, outstanding live entertainment, sporting events, theatre, outdoor adventure and spectacular sights and attractions. Vancouver is located in British Columbia, Canada's westernmost province, and is set between the Pacific Ocean in the west and the magnificent Rocky Mountains in the east.

The population of "Metro Vancouver" is just over two million, of whom 43% have a native first language other than English. The diverse population of downtown Vancouver reflects over 200 different ethnic groups. Multiculturalism is threaded throughout the region in the restaurants, festivals and these unique neighborhoods that make up the Metro Vancouver area. Vancouver is a highly accessible destination.

Vancouver citizens live and work in the downtown core, so no matter what the time of day, the city is alive with people, energy, and excitement. 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! Positioned between mountains and ocean, Vancouverites' love of nature is easily indulged with the wide array of activities and world-class attractions. Plan to arrive early and stay late to take advantage of the pre- and post-Congress tours.

Vancouver International Airport (YVR)

Vancouver International Airport (YVR) is Canada's second busiest airport, welcoming over 17 million passengers a year. Over 62 airlines operate out of YVR, connecting people and businesses to over 100 destinations around the world. YVR has been named the best medium-sized airport in North America, the second best airport on the continent and the tenth best in the world. Business travelers have rated it #3 in the world. YVR is easily accessible to Greater Vancouver by public transportation, shuttle, taxi and car.

For detailed information on the airport facilities and transportation, please refer to its website at www.yvr.ca.

Between the airport and downtown, efficient transfer service is readily available by:

- **Rapid Transit:** The "Canada Line" is Vancouver's subway link connecting YVR to downtown Vancouver in 26 minutes. It's a fast, inexpensive and easy way to get to the city centre. You can conveniently access trains from both the International and Domestic Terminals.
- **Taxis:** Metered taxi service is located outside of the Domestic and International terminals to downtown Vancouver.
- **Downtown bus shuttle:** An alternative to access downtown Vancouver hotels is on the Downtown Shuttle service provided by Aeroshuttle. Aeroshuttle provides exclusive shuttle service at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) to downtown hotels. No reservation is required for service from YVR. The service is conveniently located in the Ground Transportation area at both the International and Domestic terminal building.



- **Car rentals:** Car rental facilities are conveniently located just steps from the terminal on the ground floor of the parkade.

Getting to Vancouver by Car or Rail

Arriving by Car

- I-5 Freeway from the United States (USA).
- Vancouver is 38 km (24 miles) north of the USA border — a 45 minute drive.
- Three-hour drive — 235 km (145 miles) north of Seattle, USA.

Arriving by Rail

- All trains arrive into downtown Vancouver via the Pacific Central Rail Station.
- Destinations across Canada and the Pacific Northwest (e.g. Washington and Oregon states in the USA).
- Serviced by VIA Rail, Amtrak and Rocky Mountain Vacations.
- The journey from Vancouver to Seattle, USA takes four hours.

GETTING AROUND VANCOUVER

WCD Convention Centre — Hotel Shuttle Buses

Complimentary dedicated Convention Centre buses will shuttle delegates between the main downtown hotels and the Vancouver Convention Centre throughout the meeting.

Walking

Vancouver is one of the world's most walkable and scenic cities. A majority of the downtown hotels are located within a 5–30 minute walk from the Vancouver Convention Centre.

SkyTrain, Canada Line, and Buses

The SkyTrain and Canada Line are completely automated commuter rail systems which offer direct and efficient service between downtown Vancouver, Richmond, and suburban environs. SkyTrain and Canada Line stations have elevators and each train is wheelchair accessible. The SkyTrain and Canada Line systems are supported by an extensive network of public buses.

Buses on 78 routes are wheelchair lift equipped or have low-floor buses. The SkyTrain links with buses at most of the stations and connects with the SeaBus in Downtown Vancouver.

SeaBus

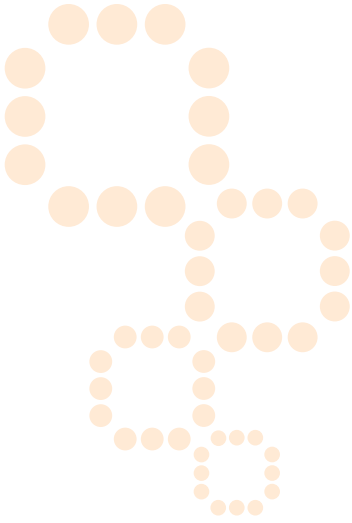
The SeaBus is a unique, passenger-only, wheelchair accessible ferry service. It runs from Vancouver's downtown Waterfront SkyTrain station to Lonsdale Quay in North Vancouver. It's the only marine transit system of its kind in the world. The scenic crossing of the Burrard Inlet takes 12 minutes and bicycles are welcome.

Taxis

All taxis in Vancouver are safe, clean, efficient and metered by law. They are equipped with GPS navigation systems.

Wheelchair and Disabled Access

Vancouver is a world leader in providing extensive wheelchair access in “all public buildings and transit.”



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- Visit www.staralliance.com/conventionsplus/delegates/
- Under “Delegates login” enter conventions code: **AC01S15**
- The online booking tool opens in a separate window*

**Should the online booking tool not open, please ensure that your Pop-Up blocker is disabled.*

Registered participants plus one accompanying person travelling to the event can qualify for a **discount of up to 20%**, depending on fare and class of travel booked.

The participating airlines for this event are:

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Discounts are offered on most published **business and economy class fares**, excluding website/internet fares, senior and youth fares, group fares and Round the World fares.

Please note: for travel to/from Japan and New Zealand special fares or discounts may be offered by the participating airlines on their own network. To obtain these special fares or discounts and for booking office information, please visit: <http://www.staralliance.com/en/business-solutions/conventions-plus/delegates/> and:

- Click on “Conventions Plus Booking Contacts” and enter the conventions code: **AC01S15**
- Choose one of the participating airlines listed
- Call the respective reservation contact listed and quote the **conventions code AC01S15** when requesting the special ticket

When making your travel plans please present confirmation of your registration or proof of attendance for the 23RD World Congress of Dermatology (23RD WCD).



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1896 LONDON
1900 PARIS
1904 BERLIN
1907 NEW YORK
1911 ROME
1930 COPENHAGEN
1935 BUDAPEST
1952 LONDON
1957 STOCKHOLM
1962 WASHINGTON
1967 MUNICH
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