Dear IDS Members,

Welcome to the 2nd issue of our new IDS newsletter!

In this newsletter we want to highlight some important news which will hopefully interest you.

- **Upcoming activities & events** that are planned within the society, including our scientific program at the upcoming AAD meeting.
- **Links to our latest podcasts** covering topics such as: looped and hairpin vessels, acral pigmentation, mammary Paget’s disease, basosquamous carcinoma, red and pink lesions and special cases.
- **Our active studies** that you can still be a part of including two short surveys on your attitudes towards artificial intelligence and our members’ practices and beliefs regarding dermoscopy and related imaging techniques.
- The highlights of the latest issue of our official journal *Dermatology Practical & Conceptual (DPC Journal)*.
- **Exciting new local events and courses.**

As always, don’t forget to visit Dermoscopedia.org to learn more about dermoscopy and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Thanks for all your support. We wish you happy reading!

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IDS SCIENTIFIC MEETING AT THE AAD
The IDS is organizing its annual scientific program at the AAD in Washington, DC on Thursday, February 28, 14:00-18:00. Our exciting [program](#) is now available on our website. We can also recommend several [other dermoscopy sessions](#) at the meeting. The IDS together with the Pigmented Lesions Subcommittee will also be organizing the 2nd DERMOSCOPY BOWL FOR US RESIDENTS during the Annual Meeting of the AAD in Washington. [Registration](#) is open on our website now. The finals of the Dermoscopy Bowl will take place during the [Joint meeting of the ICG/IDS/ISDIS](#).

IDS PODCASTS
Feel free to click on the links below to enjoy some of our latest productions:

“[Looped vessels](#)” by Caterina Longo

“[Dotted vessels](#)” by John Paoli

“[Mammary Paget’s disease](#)” by Zoe Apalla

“[Basosquamous carcinoma](#)” by Amilios Lallas

“[Pigmentation of the sole](#)” by Michael Marchetti

“[Unexpected dermoscopic findings](#)” by Josep Malvehy

“[Red and pink lesions - Part 1](#), ”[Part 2](#)” and ”[Part 3](#)” by Cliff Rosendahl

“[Acral cases](#)” by Aimilios Lallas

IDS ACTIVE STUDIES
Don’t miss your last chance to contribute to and participate in our active studies. It would be very helpful if you could participate in the following two short surveys:

**IDS 2019 Survey on Artificial Intelligence**: A survey on the attitudes towards artificial intelligence among the members of the International Dermoscopy Society. Coordinators: John Paoli and Sam Polesie

**IDS 2019 General Survey**: A survey trying to pinpoint the practices and beliefs of the members of the International Dermoscopy Society. Coordinators: Konstantinos Liopyris, Aimilios Lallas and Iris Zalaudek
At the DPC journal, the IDS’ official journal, we have recently introduced the tradition of presenting a brief and critical introduction of the new issue by our Editor-in-Chief, Professor Giuseppe Argenziano. The latest issue was published in January. We are also proud to say that the DPC Journal recently introduced its new, modernized and refreshed website!

We would like to start with the beautiful editorial written by Teresa Russo and co-authors, named “No one should die of melanoma: time for this vision to be realized”. Can you name the famous dermatologist who coined these words? Yes, again, we can say that Bernie Ackerman created a beautiful legacy and left it for upcoming generations of dermatologists to continue his mission.

In this editorial, we would like to underline the three main actors in the fight against melanoma and melanoma mortality. The first is the tumour itself, the second is the patient and the third one is the dermatologist him/herself. These three actors play major roles in determining the mortality of melanoma.

Another paper which we would like to point to is titled “Familiar melanoma: diagnostic and management implications”, which highlights the fact that 10% of melanomas diagnosed nowadays are genetically linked to patients with familiar melanoma. This is a beautiful review regarding the diagnosis and management of families affected by this type of melanoma.

The last paper we would like to feature is written by the Bologna group which, as you may already know, is famous for nail dermoscopy. This is a review paper written by our Section Editor, Michela Starace, providing the latest updates on nail dermoscopy and differential diagnosis of adnexal skin disorders.

This is just a short overview to give you a brief introduction to all the amazing work and papers presented in the latest issue of DPC Journal. DPC journal is a double open access journal and all materials presented in the journal are easily accessible. This supports the great philosophy of the IDS, which stands strongly by the belief that all information has to be easily accessible and the knowledge has to be spread among the members of our society!

For more information, follow us on our social media pages where you will be informed on a regular basis! Until the next Issue, we hope you will enjoy our latest issue!

Warm regards from the DPC team,
All members of the International Dermoscopy Society are welcome to promote local events and courses related to dermoscopy or skin cancer on our website. Below you will find just a few of the many local courses we are aware of, but if you are organizing any such events or courses, please send the event details to john.paoli@vgregion.se.

**JOINT MEETING OF THE ICG/IDS/ISDIS**
Location: Independence Salon D, Marriott Marquis, Washington, D.C., USA (during the AAD 2019)
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2019, 17:30-21:30

**ST. JOHN’S DERM ACADEMY DERMOSCOPY COURSE**
Location: The Royal College of Physicians, London
Date: March 29, 2019.
Description: This course is aimed at consultant dermatologists and dermatology trainees but is also suitable for GPs and plastic surgeons.

**4th NORDIC DERmoscopy COURse**
Location: Gothenburg, Sweden
Date(s): March 28-29, 2019
Organizer(s)/Speaker(s): John Paoli
Description: Two-day basic/intermediate dermoscopy course for Dermatologists.
Language: English
Website: [http://nordicdermatologycourses.org/nordic-dermoscopy-course-5170/](http://nordicdermatologycourses.org/nordic-dermoscopy-course-5170/)

**ISCD - INTERNATIONAL SHORT COURSE ON DERMOSCOPY**
Location: Graz, Austria
Date(s): TBA (July 2019)
Organizer(s)/Speaker(s): Department of Dermatology, Medical University of Graz
Description: One-week dermoscopy course including 5 modules (pigmented and non-pigmented skin lesions, histopathologic correlation, dermoscopic algorithms, trichoscopy, special sites, etc).
Language: English
Website: [https://www.medunigraz.at/dermoscopy/iscd-international-short-course-on-dermoscopy/](https://www.medunigraz.at/dermoscopy/iscd-international-short-course-on-dermoscopy/)