

13th NATIONAL DSI-IDS DERMOSCOPY SUMMIT

The 13th Dermasource India (DSI) – International Dermoscopy Society (IDS) National Summit was held on 17th February 2019, at the prestigious Dr SN Medical College, Jodhpur, India. The Summit, attended by 95+ delegates from across India was hosted by the Department of Dermatology & STD of SNMC, lead by Dr Dilip Kachhawa [Professor & Head]. The limit of <100 delegates was essential to ensure a good Trainer:Trainee ratio. The Summit was coordinated by Prof. Dharmendra Arora, CEO and Founder Director of DSI, and the course curriculum, selection of training faculty and coordination with IDS were efficiently handled by Dr Sidharth Sonthalia, Co-Founder Director of DSI, Member of Board of Directors of IDS & the Chief Founder & Secretary General of the Indian Society Of Dermoscopy, Onychoscopy & Trichoscopy (ISODOT).

The Summit was executed along the lines of the previously held Asia Pacific Summit on Dermoscopy [APSOD], the first unofficial Continental Congress of IDS held by DSI in New Delhi-NCR in June 2017. There were no long lectures; instead short and crisp photographic presentations by each faculty member, followed immediately by live transmission of the features of the disorder being discussed while scoping the lesions of a consenting patient. The entire 9-hour long summit (9 AM till 6 PM) covered basics, Dermoscopy-histology correlation, trichoscopy, inflamma-scopy, entodermoscopy, pigmentaroscopy, onychoscopy, and cutaneous neoplasms, and was attended by all the delegates with spellbound attention till the very end.

Certificates of attendance were issued only to the delegates who submitted the Pre-test and Post-Test analysis sheets (which was 100%). Practical issues regarding ‘which dermoscope to buy’, further sources and books for reading, etc. were discussed in the terminal panel discussion. The eminent faculty who participated to share their knowledge and skills with the enthusiastic delegates included – **Dr Johannes Dayrit** [International Guest Faculty – Philippines], **Dr Sidharth Sonthalia** [Gurugram, India], **Dr Manjul Agrawal** [New Delhi, India], **Dr Vidya Kharkar** [Mumbai, India], **Dr Kripa Shankar Gupta** [New Delhi, India], **Dr Mahima Agrawal** [New Delhi, India], and **Prof. Dharmendra Arora** [New Delhi, India]. The event was covered by leading newspapers and snippets showcased on leading national news channels. The accompanying collage provides a little, yet worthwhile glimpse into the Summit [**Figure 1**].

Although the Summit was a huge success in every way, the delegates’ initial response about their not possessing a dermoscope reiterates the urgency with which many more such summits of larger magnitude must be conducted, especially across the Asia-Pacific region. DSI thanks and honours the unrelenting support provided by the IDS since 2015 in pursuit of this goal and hopes to continue with this academic alliance to empower every Dermatologist with the skillful use of Dermoscopy to improve their patients’ diagnosis and therapeutic outcome.



Figure 1

Glimpses from the 13th DSI-IDS National Dermoscopy Summit (Jodhpur, 17-Feb-2019): (a) Dr Sidharth Sonthalia, the Chief Coordinator & Member, Board of Directors of IDS enlightening the delegates on '27 uses of the dermoscope' and Pigmentaroscopy; (b) Dr Johannes Dayrit (Philippines) dwelling on dermoscopic-histologic correlation, tropical entodermoscopy and dermoscopy of cutaneous neoplasms with special reference to ethnic skin; (c) Prof. Dilip Kachhawa, Head of the Department of Dermatology & STD, SN Medical College, Jodhpur – hosted the event *par excellence*; (d) Dr Vidya Kharkar who trained the delegates on 'interpretation of dermoscopic structures' and inflammoscopy, being facilitated by Prof. Kachhawa and the

Dean of SNMC, Jodhpur; (e) Dr Manjul Agrawal, renowned Hair Transplant surgeon from New Delhi simplifying the intricacies of trichoscopy; (f) Dr Mahima Agrawal, deliberating on dermoscopic evaluation of the normal cutis, hair and nails and detailing the principles of onychoscopy; (g) Dr Kripa Shankar Gupta crystallizing the complex concepts of the physics of Dermoscopy and functional optics of the skin; and (h) a peek at the enthusiastic delegates amassing all knowledge and skills being shared with them at the Summit.