Dear readers,

the 4th World Congress of Dermatoscopy and Skin imaging is now approaching!! The conference will take place in Vienna, Austria from April 16–18, 2015. We expect a very high number of participant in this important event for our society. The final program is now available, please visit the website for further information.

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9 travel grants (€ 1000.– each) for clinicians from developing countries;
1 “Alfred Kopf Award” (€ 1000) dedicated to physicians from Africa.

The grants were directed to young clinicians (<40 years) that could apply by sending their CV and an abstract for poster presentation during the upcoming congress in Vienna by email. In the following pages you will find a list of those who were successful.

Additionally, one research award dedicated to young researchers (<40 years) will be assigned (7000 euros) during the congress. Dr Caterina Longo from Italy is the winner of the research award 2015.

Please go to the final page of the newsletter for further details.

During the AAD congress in San Francisco last March, the executive board members had their annual meeting, you will find the minutes of the meeting on the IDS web page.

Finally, don’t forget to give a look at the page of active studies of the IDS. Many interesting studies are currently ongoing and we wait for your collaboration!

Hope to seeing you soon in one of the next meetings

With all my best regards

Elvira Moscarella
Sergeev Yury:
1. scc?
2. traumatized lymphoplasia?
both would have been excised definitely

Baker Ron:
I thought these would both most likely be SCCs but they were not, though the first, on the nose, "may represent a dedifferentiated squamous cell carcinoma, but is best classified as an atypical fibroxanthoma".

The second, on the arm, was a Seb K.

Pyne John:
Dermoscopy correlates with the histopathology for both lesions. Both AFX and SCC can have a mix of epitheloid and/or spindle cells. Immunoperoxidase stains may be needed to clinch the diagnosis. Although the "conventional" teaching on AFX is that it is a sarcoma with mesodermal origin and thus a dermal primary. Some Pathologists have suggested AFX is an SCC which has lost its SCC expression makers (ie a de-differentiated carcinoma).

Baker Ron:
Immunohistochemistry was done on the nose lesion: Positive: CD10, CD68 (focal) Negative: PanCK, BerEP4, CK5/6, CK14, p63, S100, melan-A, HMB45, SMA, desmin, CD31, CD34.
The morphology and immunohistochemical findings are most compatible with an atypical fibroxanthoma. The tumour has a squamoid appearance in areas, but there is no definite morphological or immunohistochemical squamous differentiation. The tumour may represent a dedifferentiated squamous cell carcinoma, but is best classified as an atypical fibroxanthoma.
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Following you find the names and nationality of those who were successful! All the winners will be presenting their research during the conference.

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Go to the final program to check for the free communication sections!

Networking evening

The networking evening will take place at the Porgy & Bess Jazz & Music Club on Friday, April 17, 7:30 PM.

The address is Riemergasse 11, 1010 Vienna, Austria.

To attend the networking evening you have to buy a ticket. Tickets can be bought at the registration desk.

Don’t miss the event and the concert of “Los Globulos Marrones”!!!
Curriculum Vitae et studiorum

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Biosketch
Caterina Longo is a board-certified Dermatologist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancers. Since 2005 she practices research mainly in the field of noninvasive diagnosis in dermato-oncology, paying particular attention to the study of melanoma and pigmented skin lesions by means of non invasive methods, such as dermoscopy and confocal microscopy for the in vivo and ex vivo study of cytological and architectural aspects of pigmented skin lesions, in correlation with histopathology. Her scientific interest was directed to link dermoscopic and confocal morphologies of melanoma with genetic and proteomic profiles. To reach this goal, she joined the “Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine”, George Mason University (Virginia,USA) directed by Dr. Liotta and Dr. Petricoin in 2008 to develop new proteomic technologies and apply these cutting-edge technologies to the study of human cancer with a special emphasis on melanoma and skin tumors. Besides skin oncology, she is interested in the application of confocal microscopy to assess the skin aging and to monitor the efficacy of treatments. Recently, she is implementing the use of ex vivo fluorescence microscopy for the assessment of tumor margins in Mohs surgery for nonmelanoma skin cancer and other tumors (i.e. breast). She is actively involved in clinical research and she obtained a grant from the Italian ministry of health as Principal investigator to assess the impact of confocal microscopy in clinical setting. Since 2011, she works as scientific consultant at the skin cancer unit of ASMN-IRCCS Reggio Emilia, for the implementation of in vivo and ex vivo confocal microscopy. She is licensed for the position as “Associate Professor” in Italy, MED/35, 06/D4 (Dermatology and Venereology) (Abilitazione scientifica nazionale 2012, atti ai sensi dell'art. 8, comma 9, del DPR n. 222 del 2011) from 16-12-2013 to 16-12-2019.

So far, she published 162 indexed papers on these topics and 262 scientific outputs (162 papers, 12 abstracts, 9 chapters, 69 proceedings in scientific meetings, 7 posters, 3 patents).
Impact factor JCR 2012=465.67, H-Index:19 (Scopus), Total citations (1320).

Scopus (Author ID: 18536496100)
140 peer-reviewed and indexed documents (h-index: 19, number of Citations 1276)
Time frame (2005-today).