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Dear readers,
welcome to the 13th issue of
the IDS newsletter!

In this issue I would like to
give you some updates about the
Society and the dermoscopy
world.

During the last IDS congress
in Vienna, a **consensus
meeting on terminology**
took place the first day of the
conference. This meeting was
open to all participants, with
about 300 dermoscopists
discussing about metaphoric
versus descriptive terminology.
The main results of this
consensus are reported below.

As many of you probably
already know, the next
conference of the IDS will be
host in the city of Thessaloniki,
Greece, in June 2018.

Please take a look at the
official logo of the event in the
next page.

Registration will open soon,
in January 2016 at the official
web site

[www.dermoscopy-
congress2018.com](http://www.dermoscopy-congress2018.com)

We continue with the
educational purposes of this
space, the case of the newsletter
will focus on a

**Fibroepithelioma of
Pinkus**. Take a look at these
beautiful images from the
consultation forum.

And because images and
image databases are crucial in
our lives, I would like to remind
you that we all have now a very
exciting opportunity. On the
website of the IDS you can
download for free **Dermosun**,
a very smart and easy to use
database for images.

Hope to see you soon in one
of the next meetings

With all my best regards

Elvira Moscarella



TWIN UMBILICAL LESIONS

CASE #6282 by Inskip
Michael

age: 83 years; sex: m; trunk

clinical history: These twin lesions on his umbilicus had never really attracted my attention - I had assumed them to be dermal naevi. However he said they had been slowly growing over the last 7 years.



Question: I excised them last week. Would you care to speculate on the histology report ?

Baker Ron: You could make an argument for some BCCish features as you say on the R hand lesion but they are not terribly specific. It ain't all dermoscopy: I think the clinical image might be more useful, especially if it were closer.....maybe time you invested in a macro lens?

And some information on the clinical nature: are they soft like a neurofibroma? Or firm like metastases from a gastro-intestinal or renal source?

Inskip Michael: They are soft and squidgy like dermal naevi or skin tags.

Fine branching vessels is the common feature in both lesions - both were reported as the same histologically - an unusual BCC variant - not usually pedunculated.....?

Bronfenbrener Roman: Fibroepithelioma of pinkus can make these SK/IDN like lesions.... still considered a low-risk type of BCC.

Inskip Michael: Yes these were both reported as 'BCC with features of fibroepithelioma of Pinkus'.

Incompletely excised in depth so they'll need re excision ?

Baker Ron: Well, that fits the history and clinical and dermoscopy!

I've never seen a Pinkus, have suspected a couple but they didn't pan out. Thanks for the case.

Bronfenbrener Roman: Interesting Ron, I have seen a couple. Usually I'm on the fence between an ISK and BCC when I biopsy them. I wonder if your pathologist is reading them as infundibulocystic BCC (which they resemble). I will look for a photo somewhere

Inskip Michael: We see them every few months. Nearly always a retrospective diagnosis.

It is most interesting that there are two adjacent lesions one pigmented and one non pigmented. Pigmented FoP is not common!



**CONSENSUS ON
DERMOSCOPIC/
DERMATOSCOPIC
TERMINOLOGY**

On the 16th of April 2015, in Vienna, the IDS held a general conference for discussion.

All IDS members who were attending the world congress were invited to participate. The conference was attended by roughly 300 participants. Three short presentations by H.Kittler, I.Zalaudek and P. Tschandle, summarizing background and aims of the consensus, conference opened the discussion. Four questions were posed to the audience who voted by hand.

As indicated by hand vote at the end of the conference there was broad consensus that

- (1) metaphoric and descriptive terminology are both suitable methods for the description of dermoscopic features,
- (2) that metaphoric terms should have a definition,
- (3) that if new dermoscopic criteria are described existing metaphoric terms or descriptive terms should be used preferentially instead of inventing new terms (if possible),
- (4) that the number of metaphoric terms should be reduced and synonyms should be replaced by the most popular or the most appropriate term.

A summary of this conference and of an on-line survey will be published soon.

Give a look at the official **logo of the world congress 2018!**



Dermoscopy courses during Sharm Derma 2015



Sharm Derma is one of the main dermatology meetings in Egypt, attracting each year the majority of egyptian and middle-east dermatologist.

The congress is usually divided in two parts, a spring meeting and a winter meeting.

During this year, thanks to professor Hoda Moneib, board member of the IDS, representative for the Middle East, dermoscopy courses were organized.

One course and a practical dermoscopy workshop were organized in May, held by professor Hoda Moneib, dr Elvira Moscarella and professor Manal Bosseila.

The course was again organized in November, with the participation of dr Lallas.

In both occasion, egyptian dermatologists demonstrated great interest in dermoscopy. There is a big need for education, especially among younger generations.