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

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
**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!
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.

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.