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Welcome!

Welcome to the Spring 2017 ACDS Newsletter which highlights the goings on of the ACDS and a summary of our recent annual meeting in Orlando, FL. We hope it serves as an important source for members and welcome feedback and suggestions for future newsletters.

Katherine K. Brown
Education Committee Chair, ACDS

Message from the President: Sharon Jacob

Plans are well underway for our ACDS 'mid-year' meeting, ["Frontiers in Dermatitis"](#) (November 3-4, 2017 in Washington, DC). The Scientific Chair for our meeting is Bryan Anderson who is working closely with the Meeting Director, Alison Ehrlich to no doubt lead out a superb meeting. I believe the greatest value I have received from my ACDS membership is through the networking experience and educational events I have attended; these opportunities to get involved and share experiences with colleagues have been priceless.

Serving as President of the ACDS is a distinct privilege, supporting and representing those evaluating a condition that has personally changed the course of my own life is humbling. It is my hope to encourage our members to engage in the numerous opportunities within the ACDS, from editorial committees to task forces on business policy, scope of practice and academic positioning. And, at the same time to assure our members are connected and aware of the resources the society has to offer from mentorship to support of professional development and advancement and educational initiatives to scientific engagement and clinical practice innovations.

As the face of dermatologic medicine continues to evolve, I am hopeful that the ACDS will remain at the forefront of defining solutions to the challenges of evaluating complex dermatitis patients, advocacy, leadership and science.

ACDS Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

What an absolutely fabulous 28th Annual Meeting this was in Orlando! Thank you to all those who helped contribute to make it a success with over 215 attendees.

This year marked the first two-day conference focused on current issues in allergic, irritant, occupational and other dermatoses including atopic dermatitis. The first afternoon session was focused on “Defining Gaps in Dermatitis Care” and began with an opening session on “Defining Pathophysiology of Dermatitis” by Susan Nedorost, MD followed by enlightening talks on the “Barrier in Atopic Dermatitis” (Peter Elias, MD), the “Microbiome in Atopic Dermatitis” (Pranab K. Mukherjee, MSc, PhD), and “Sensitization” (Michael Arden-Jones, BSc, MBBS, DPhil FRCP). This was followed by “Open Spaces” forum- where dermatologists, allergists, residents, basic scientists, researchers and advocates came together to discuss how to work together to address educational and research gaps in dermatitis care... read on for more on this ground-breaking session.

What our members are saying/noteworthy pearls:

“Those Hot Topics make the meeting”

“Histamines are proinflammatory so antihistamines help to repair the barrier”

“The patient component was so informative and amazing.”

“We should have a two-day meeting every year!”

“Hearing patient perspectives was inspirational.”

This year we were honored to have **Frank Gerberick, MD** present the **Alexander Fisher Lecture** on “The Evolution of Testing Methods for Assessing the Skin Sensitization Potential of Chemicals” from early guinea pig methods to in vitro, in chemico, and in silico alternative methods and the impact of the local lymph node assay (LLNA).

The Fisher Resident Presentations were top notch!

Ten up and coming contact dermatitis stars competed. We learned that atopic dermatitis patients do not have greater abundance of *Staph aureus* in the nares compared to non-atopics and that there may be access to care or delays in seeking patch test evaluations in some ethnic groups in the US. This year in First Place: Kevin Beene; Second Place: Sam Dekoven; and Third Place: Camille Loranger. Congratulations, Residents!

New this year - The Fran Storrs Poster Award - there were 24 posters in the competition enjoyed during breaks from the general session. And the winner was (drum roll): Megha Trivedi, BS, BA for her poster on "Patch Testing Results in Patients with Vulvar Disease." Congratulations, Megha!

For the 8th year in a row, the **Contact Allergen Bee** reigned as a highlight - members partook in an interactive audience response and the results were enlightening. This year's winner: Dr. Nayoung Lee. Well done, Dr. Lee.

The primary target audience of the American Contact Dermatitis Society's Annual Meeting is its members. Two new Task Forces were formed at this year's meeting to address issues our members brought to light. First, the Task Force on Business Management - this task force will be addressing revenue to RVU translation and other business issues. In addition, the Task Force on Scope of Patch Test Capabilities - this task force will address defining scope of practice for the members in the "find-a-member" directory (e.g. where to go for photopatch testing).

Enjoy these [photos](#) from our time in Orlando.

We want to give a special thanks to our Annual Meeting committee: Amber Atwater, Michael Sheehan, Brian Machler, Peggy Wu, Golar Honari (and advisors Ponciano Cruz and Anthony Gaspari) for their hard work and ingenuity and to our Exhibitors for keeping the venue strong and the conversations lively (reverse alphabetical):

[Wolters Kluwer Health \(Dermatitis Publisher\)](#), [VMV Hypoallergenics](#), [Theraplex](#), [Smartpractice](#), [Pharmaceutical Specialties, Inc](#), [Johnson and Johnson](#), [IntraDerm Pharmaceuticals](#), [Chemotechnique-Dormer Laboratories](#), [Deb USA, Inc](#), and [Amanda Blakely Skincare](#).

"Defining Gaps in Dermatitis Care" - Open Spaces Forum

The purpose of this meeting was to bring together a diversified group of physicians, researchers, and caregivers to take a global look at the issues surrounding dermatitis care, identify gaps, and engage with each other to develop action plans to tackle identified challenges. A few examples help to illustrate the efficacy of this new meeting format. One challenge identified was how to use antibiotics without increasing the risk of MRSA. Participants recommended treating with systemic antibiotics for 10-14 days followed by topical antimicrobials

if needed. Subsequently, it was suggested that more study is needed on the role of mupirocin, as well as the role of microbial biofilms in modulating skin colonization with MRSA. Another “gap” that was discussed in this forum was the need to improve the education of non-specialist providers. Target groups for additional education suggested were dermatology residents, allergy fellows, practicing dermatologists, allergists. Action plan items to address this gap included the journal offering free access to residents, updating patient CAMP narratives, and highlighting ACDS mentorship and career development opportunities. Society members should look for more about this meeting session and examples of gaps identified in an upcoming edition of *Dermatitis*.

Raising awareness with a New Global Symbol of Contact Dermatitis



One year after the launch of the Facebook group: Eczema, Contact Dermatitis and Patch Test Alliance - the group reached out to the ACDS for support of an awareness ribbon for contact dermatitis. To highlight this multifactorial disease that overlaps both allergy and eczema, **Teal** for allergy and **Orchid** for eczema were chosen to represent. May marks the launch of the ribbon globally. The American Contact Dermatitis Society (ACDS) supports advocacy groups using the ribbon to promote awareness for early detection, education and intervention.

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Sharon Jacob is President 2017-2019

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Jonathan Silverberg is the Chair of Research Planning and Development Committee

Call for Committee Volunteers

The strength of the American Contact Dermatitis Society is built on the collective knowledge and resources of our membership. Behind each program there is team of volunteers dedicated to the society and its goals. We are happy to report our committees are full this year and greatly thank our volunteers. To keep the volunteer base fresh and innovative, we rotate members off and on each year so please be thinking ahead for next year. If you would like to be considered to serve on an ACDS committee, please let us know by completing this [form](#). Your submission will be reviewed by the incoming president, Sharon Jacob and committee chairs. On the form, indicate any and all committees of interest. If you have special expertise please feel free to tell us about it.

Committees include: Annual Meeting Committee; Bylaws & Administrative Committee; Clinical Research Studies Committee; CAMP/IT Committee; Editorial & Publications Committee; Dermatitis Article of the Year Committee; Education Committee; Finance & Audit Committee; Fisher Lectureship Committee; Fundraising Committee; Liaison Committee; Long Range Planning Committee; Membership Committee; Mentoring Committee; Nominating Committee; Health Policy Committee; Research Planning & Development Committee; Public Relations Committee; Scientific Review Body for Maibach Award, Interactive Media Committee.

Mark Your Calendars- Re-Introducing the Mid-Year Meeting:

As Sharon Jacob referenced above, this year we will resume the Mid-Year meeting in Washington, D.C on November 3rd- 4th, 2017. This year's meeting, "Frontiers in Dermatitis", will be held at the historic Omni Shoreham Hotel.

[Registration is open!](#)

More details to come on this future opportunity to engage and network with your colleagues. Other upcoming dates to be aware of:

ACDS Calendar

- Board Nominations due- September 8th, 2017
- Mentoring and Mid-Career Development Awards due- October 15th, 2017
- 2018 Clinical Research Award submissions due- October 15th, 2017
- 2018 Annual Meeting Abstracts due- November 15th, 2017
- 2018 Fisher Resident Award applications due- November 15th, 2017
- 29th Annual Meeting of the ACDS - Thursday, February 15th, 2018, San Diego, CA

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