

## DO WE MAKE A PROGRESS IN DERMATOVENEREOLOGY MISSION?

In the last five years, the Croatian Dermatovenereological Society (CDVS) and I myself have nourished continuing scientific relationship with our friends, recognized international dermatovenereologists worldwide. Through organization of international symposia and congresses, and especially through our journal, *Acta Dermatovenereologica Croatica* (ADC), we have done our best. In our journal, we will continue focusing on the updates in dermatology and venereology, along with taking active part in international meetings. The next one will be the continuing medical education course Immunodermatology I (Zagreb, April 29, 2005) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Croatian – Italian Symposium on Psoriasis (Ivanić Grad, September 23-24, 2005). On May 18-21, 2006, CDVS will organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Croatian Dermatovenereologists with international participation in Split.

The purpose of ADC is to inform the readers on all CDVS activities and professional events in Croatia and abroad. I take this opportunity to invite all those interested to take an active role in our journal as ADC peer-reviewers.

From Vol. 13, 2005, congress abstracts and reports will not be published anymore (except for crucial ones). We suggest and support more active collaboration in the sections of historical articles and Letters to the Editor. We invite you hereby to report on your work in various fields of dermatology, venereology, pediatrics and pharmacology, to mark the transition to visually dependent culture in the field of dermatovenereology.

To continue our professional relations with our international friends, I would like to inform about our close contact with the **Israeli Society of Dermatology and Venereology**. It was a privilege for me as ADC Editor-in-Chief to take active part as a lecturer at the Scientific Symposium of the Israeli Dermatological Society. On February 4, 2005, a scientific meeting of the Israeli Society of Dermatology and Venereology was organized by Professor Sarah Brenner, a renowned, internationally recognized dermatovenereologist from Department of Dermatovenereology, Sourasky Medical Centre, Tel Aviv (Fig. 1). At the beginning of the

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Dermatitis Papulosa Juvenilis	1. ד"ר אוליבר קרייג
Giant Condyloma Acuminata	2. ד"ר אביגדור שרבנניק
Cat Scratch Disease	3. ד"ר עינת תמיר
Lupus Erythematosus	4. ד"ר יוניד ווהל
Sarcoidosis	5. ד"ר יאקוב מאשיה
Histiocytosis x	6. ד"ר הלנה מרטינז דה מורנטי
pemphigus Vulgaris	7. ד"ר הלנה מרטינז דה מורנטי
Leishmaniasis	8. ד"ר פנינה שמש
Behcet's Disease	9. ד"ר יילן גולדברג
Laugier - Hunsiger Syndrome	10. ד"ר יילן גולדברג

**Figure 1.** The program of Scientific Meeting on February 4, 2005 in Tel Aviv

Symposium, Professor Dr. Alcalay, president of the Israeli Society of Dermatology and Venereology, addressed the audience and presented basic information on the Society. As invited speaker, I had a pleasure to hold a lecture on our experience in psoriasis treatment. Then, selected cases were presented by professionals from Professor Brenner's Department. She paid great attention to every detail to make sure that the lectures be perfect and satisfy the audience's expectations. The following lectures were presented: Dermatitis papulosa juvenilis (Dr. Oliver Kreiger); Giant condyloma acuminata (Dr. Avigdar Srebrenik); Cat scratch disease (Dr. Einat Tamir); Lupus erythematosus (Dr. Jonid Wohl); Sarcoidosis (Dr. Jakov Mashiah); Histiocytosis (Dr. Helena Martinez de Morentin); Pemphigus vulgaris (Dr. Helena Martinez de Morentin); Leishmaniasis (Dr. Pnina Shemesh); Behcet's disease (Dr. Ilan Goldberg);

and Laugier-Huntziger syndrome (Dr. Ilan Goldberg). The venue of this prestigious symposium was Sourasky Medical Centre in Tel Aviv. These very interesting case presentations were followed by rich discussion. I believe the meeting was magnificent. Professor Sarah Brenner was a superb educator, gentle with her subordinates and tolerant of her colleagues with warmth and grace. This event enjoyed active participation of the Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Centre area dermatovenerologist faculties and residents (Fig. 2).



**Figure 2.** Prof. Brenner (from right hand side first)

As Editor-in-Chief of ADC, I was very satisfied with the contacts made with the Israeli dermatovenerologists and some presenters who expressed their wish to publish in ADC.



**Figure 3.** Old Jewish cemetery in Jerusalem

I combined my participation in the Meeting of the Israeli Society of Dermatology and Venereology with inspiring visits to the magic Israeli places as well as Jerusalem and Yad Vashem, with open



**Figure 4.** Professor Brenner and me in Jerusalem

sense for the wealth of the historical heritage of Israel. There I realized once again that the horrible Holocaust from 60 years ago should not be forgotten ever (Fig. 3-5).

I am grateful for having had the honor and pleasure to be the guest of the Israeli Society of Dermatology and Venereology, with my appreciation for Professor Brenner and her skill, compassion, and commitment to create this Symposium.

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**Figure 5.** Yad Vashem Memorial Museum Mount of Remembrance