

## Munich International Summer Academy of Practical Dermatology – ISA 2011

The Munich International Summer Academy of Practical Dermatology – ISA 2011 will be held for the second time from July 24 till 29, 2011 in Munich, Germany.

Founded in 2007 by the Department of Dermatology of the Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich, the first meeting was a great success with more than 700 participating dermatologists from 38 countries around the world. From 2011 on, the Munich International Summer Academy of Practical Dermatology stands under the auspices of the German Dermatologic Society and will be held biannually with the aim to provide an intensive and compact one-week course of continuing medical education and practical training in dermatology. The clinically oriented program will encompass keynote and plenary lectures with updates from experts in various fields during morning sessions, and diverse hands-on courses, workshops, and meet-the-expert sessions in the afternoons. Thus, the program will attract both young colleagues in training for advancing and broadening their dermatological skills, as well as experienced dermatologists in practice and hospitals for refreshing and updating their expertise.

This concept has been inherited by the German-speaking version of the congress, the Munich Educational Week for Practical Dermatology (Münchner Fortbildungswoche für Praktische Dermatologie), which can proudly look back to its more than 50-year history of success having emerged to Germany's second largest National Congress of Dermatology with more than 3500 participants in 2010. The Munich International Summer Academy will expand this educational platform to an international audience with English as the main official language.

### Scientific program

The scientific program for the ISA 2011 is already secluded in large parts, and provides a blend of very

enriching presentations. The organizers are very pleased to announce several internationally highly recognized keynote and plenary speakers who will review the latest developments from major areas of dermatology. Among them are: Richard Gallo, San Diego, USA (Inborn Immunity); John McGrath, London, Great Britain (Genetic Skin Diseases); Derek H. Jones, Los Angeles, USA (Aesthetic Dermatology); Dan Lipsker, Strasbourg, France (Autoinflammatory Disorders); Frank Nestle, London, Great Britain (Psoriasis); Jean-Paul Ortonne, Nice, France (Vitiligo); Eli Sprecher, Tel Aviv, Israel (Inherited Hair Diseases); and Gil Yosipovitch, Winston-Salem, USA (Chronic Itch).

Further plenary lectures will cover important updates from a broad spectrum of different areas of dermatology, such as Acne and Rosacea, Atopic Eczema, Dermatotomy, Environmental Dermatology, Hidradenitis Suppurativa, Infectious Skin Diseases, Inflammatory Skin Diseases, Laser therapy, Lichen Planus, Life-Threatening Dermatoses, Oncologic Dermatology, Pediatric Dermatology, Psoriasis, Scleroderma, Urticaria, and much more. Each day shortly after lunch, a one-hour symposium will provide new developments from dermatopharmacology and broaden the knowledge of important dermatological therapeutics with particular focus on alitretinoin, calcineurin inhibitors, and the field of aesthetic dermatology with fillers and botulinum toxin agents.

Whereas the morning program is devoted to plenary lectures, the afternoon provides courses and parallel sessions offering the possibility to learn and discuss in depth special topics of daily practice with one or more specialists in smaller groups. For colleagues interested in dermatotomy, there will be a suturing and knotting course on pig foot for beginners, and for the more advanced a virtual reconstruction course for flaps and grafts on mouse pads; for those interested in aesthetic dermatology, several courses will cover practical aspects of handling, performance,



**Figure 1.** Professor Thomas Ruzicka as chairman of the ISA 2007 and head of the Department of Dermatology in Munich.

and potential risks of injections of different filler materials and botulinum toxins. In addition, there will be hands-on courses on dermatohistopathology, dermatoscopy, laser therapy, mycology, photodynamic therapy, phototherapy, sonography, and trichology.

Workshops and meet-the-expert sessions covering acne, anti-aging therapies, contact dermatitis, lupus erythematosus, phytotherapy, rosacea, scleroderma, sexually transmitted diseases, and tropical dermatology will complement the comprehensive program from which participants can choose the topic in which they are most interested.

### Special offer for low-income countries

The Organizing Committee of the ISA 2011 is proud to offer 100 travel grants to young colleagues in training from low-income countries to support their participation at the ISA 2011 congress.

### Munich – a city worthwhile to visit

The ISA 2011 will be held in mid-summer during the loveliest season in Germany expected to offer warm and sunny low-humidity weather. The venue is located in close walking distance to the inner center of Munich and allows the combination of congress participation with a bright tourist value. Munich as a cosmopolitan city and capital of Bavaria features a rich cultural life including important collections of classic, modern and contemporary art, in July the famous Munich Opera Festival, shopping at the prestigious Maximilian Street, and an overwhelming number of delicious restaurants. After the intensive educational program, a cold Bavarian beer in one of the many traditional beer gardens will help refreshing oneself for the next congress day.

### Social Program

Aside from the intense educational program, the ISA 2011 will give participants an opportunity to meet colleagues from all over the world, to make new personal contacts, and to enjoy international friendship. The social program will offer two highlights, a Bavarian Evening in a traditional Bavarian Beer Hall, and a boat tour to the stunning Starnberger See with a gorgeous impression of the beautiful Bavarian countryside nearby the Alps. Both had become an unforgettable experience of Bavarian life and tradition for the participants of the first ISA congress.

### Detailed information and registration

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