

Meeting News

2nd World Congress of the International Academy of Cosmetic Dermatology (IACD), November 9-11, 2000, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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Seldom, if ever, has a conference had a nicer and more beautiful location than the 2nd World Congress of the IACD at Hotel Sofitel on the beach of Copacabana in Rio de Janeiro. Therefore, I found it surprising that the only Nordic participants that I could locate were Professor Timo Reunala and myself from Finland, as well as my classmate from the Medical School in Helsinki in the 1960s, Professor Jouni Uitto, currently Chairperson of the Department of Dermatology at the University of Jefferson in Philadelphia, USA.

We Nordic dermatologists are sometimes suspicious of conference arrangements in warmer countries as regards punctuality etc, but the



Fig. 1. Nordic dermatology faces, in the second row from left: Prof. Timo Reunala (Tampere), Prof. Lasse Kanerva (Helsinki) and Prof. Jouni Uitto (Philadelphia). Prof. Andreas Katsambas (Greece) is seen in the foreground.

President of the meeting, Marcia Ramos-e-Silva from Rio de Janeiro, took excellent charge of a wonderful meeting, with perfect arrangements.

The name of the conference and the society that arranged the meeting may have been somewhat misleading. As

emphasized by the organizing committee, the congress did not focus only on the recent developments in all kinds of areas related to cosmetic dermatology, but also on subjects related to dermatological diseases. After all, in dermatology beauty and health cannot be dissociated. Many contemporary approaches to cosme-



Fig. 2. Brazilian dermatologist being beautified at the extensive exhibition.



Fig. 3 Lawrence Parish (USA), President of the Academy, getting Brazilian help with his poster.



Fig. 4 Larry Millikan (USA), Secretary General, arriving to the conference.



Fig. 7. Timo Reunala (Finland, left) chairing a session with colleagues Denise Steiner and Célío Abdalla from Rio de Janeiro.

tic and dermatological issues were dealt with, in fact the whole spectrum of dermatology was included.

About 800 participants from 39

countries took part in the meeting, where simultaneous translation from/ to English and Portuguese was provided and the lecture rooms were full the entire time, up to the last



Fig. 5. A new book, "Women's Dermatology - From Infancy to Maturity," Parthenon Publishing Group, 640 pages, was released during the meeting. Editors of the book, from the left: Marcia Ramos-e-Silva (Brazil), also president of the meeting; Lawrence Parish (USA) and Sarah Brenner (Israel).



Fig. 6. Deborah Greig (New Zealand), vice-President of the Austro-Asiatic office, giving her presentation entitled "Barrier problems: immediate irritant and allergic reaction to cosmetics in New Zealand."

presentation. The majority of participants were, of course, from Brazil, but many well-known dermatologists from all over the world were present, such as Lawrence Parish (USA); the President of the Academy, Anthony Benedetto (USA); vice-President of the North American office, Larry Millikan (USA); (Secretary General) Timothy Flynn (USA); (Treasurer) Deborah Greig (New Zealand); vice-president of the Austro-Asiatic office, Alan Shalita (USA); Sarah Brenner (Israel); Andreas Katsambas (Greece); André Rougier and Jean Revuz (France); Robert Knobler (Austria); Piet De Doncker (Belgium); and many others.

Joining the International Academy of Cosmetic Dermatology is not such a bad idea. The registration fee is US\$ 120, which includes the official journal of the Academy, *Clinics in Dermatology*, which is much more expensive otherwise. Updated information about the IACD can be found on the Internet at <www.dermato.med.br/iacd>.

The first meeting of the IACD was held in Malta, and the next one, which will be the third, is to be arranged in Beijing in May 2003. Before that a focus meeting is planned for Durham, South Africa in January-February 2002. A focus meeting is also planned to take place in Helsinki, on July 9-12, 2003, in association with the First World Congress of Occupational and Environmental Allergy (1st WOREAL). I hope to see many Nordic dermatologists in Helsinki in 2003!



Figs. 8 and 9. McDonald's has come to the Favelas of Rio.

