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THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON

Dermatological Care for All: Common Diseases for Neglected People

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ISD Regional Meeting

Organized by the National Institute for Health, Migration and Poverty (NIHMP) in collaboration with the Tigray Health Bureau (THB), the University of Mekele, the Italian Development Cooperation, the International Society of Dermatology (ISD), the International Institute of Social, Medical and Anthropological Sciences (IISMAS), the San Camillo Forlanini Hospital and the International Centre for Migration and Health (ICMH)



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It's my great pleasure to invite you to the 3rd edition of the International Congress "Dermatological Care for All: Common Diseases for Neglected People".

Why a third edition? Our mission is to implement and spread out in developing countries dermatological services and

health training on the field and to promote access to quality skin care at community level, through the best sustainable low cost technology. The past editions of the Congress were attended by dermatologists and specialists from all over the world and they have met a large consensus of the international scientific community and we felt the urgency to continue the debate.

This third edition of the Congress is subtitled "Common diseases for neglected people" because, as we have noticed during many years of work, it is a question of common, but forgotten diseases, probably because they do not directly concern us, or maybe because they affect people who are neglected, forgotten by the advantages of scientific progress. Moreover, social events will be an important part of this Congress, a great chance to improve relationships among colleagues from all over the world, to share ideas and impressions in a friendly atmosphere, while sightseeing the breathtaking outskirts of Northern Ethiopia.

I would like to encourage participation of all professionals involved in health care and community interventions such as infectivologists, public health specialists, epidemiologists, sociologists, anthropologists, nurses, sharing our same goals.

See you in Ethiopia soon!

Programme in brief

The aim of this Congress is to provide an update on the most important tropical diseases, poverty-related diseases, HIV and STIs, ethnic dermatology, and cosmetic dermatology. In the attempt to fulfill the cooperation needs of Developing Countries, participants will debate on the burning question "How to provide dermatological care and medical training through the best sustainable low cost methodology?"

female (nick-named "Lucy") who lived 3.2 million years ago was found in 1974 near Hadar and is now displayed in the National Museum of Addis Ababa. In the city of Axum, the ruins of temples, granite obelisks, palaces and a fortress witness the power and richness of the axumite kingdom.

ITALIAN DERMATOLOGICAL CENTRE (IISMAS), MEKELE

Dermatological diseases represent the most frequent cause of morbidity in developing countries. NIHMP and Tigray Health Bureau support the Italian Dermatological Centre (IDC) IISMAS located within the University Hospital of Mekele.



A copt - christian priest praying



Some of the granite obelisks at Axum



Ethiopia

Ethiopia is one of the poorest countries in the world, but it is full of history, culture and breathtaking landscapes. A remarkably complete skeleton of an adult

The IDC provides clinical and prevention activity as well as scientific and training support for the local health staff. Special attention is addressed to women, children and patients affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, filariasis and onchocerciasis.

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Further development of NIHMP activity in Ethiopia

During 2009 the medical and scientific activity of NIHMP in Tigray will increase: a **new Centre** for the diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases in Mekele and a **Paediatrics and Maternity Ward** in the Adigrat Hospital will be opened thanks to Italian public and private funds.