



International League
of Dermatological Societies



An Introduction to ILDS' work with the World Health Organization

Lars French, Chair, ILDS-WHO Committee

Plenary 1: Getting to know the ILDS: What we do and why
2nd ILDS World Skin Summit
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How it all started – Essential medicines

- First contacts --> with **Essential Medicines (EM) group** at WHO prior to 1995.
- Dr Stuart Maddin (ILDS Board Member) had a small group of dermatologists help review the list of EMs – Rod Hay did the anti-infectives.
- Since then the ILDS reviews the EM list regularly, with new drugs being added and others removed.



Essential medicines are those that satisfy the priority health care needs of the population. They are selected with due regard to public health relevance, evidence on efficacy and safety, and comparative cost-effectiveness.

Essential medicines are intended to be available within the context of functioning health systems at all times in adequate amounts, in the appropriate dosage forms, with assured quality and adequate information, and at a price the individual and the community can afford.

- In 2007 collaborative work on the scabies initiative led to the beginning of a constructive link with the WHO **Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) group**. This started with scabies and ectoparasites and has now broadened into Skin NTDs and more recently Fungal NTDs.
- The ILDS intervention at WHO was partly responsible for
 - a) the adoption of scabies and ectoparasites as Neglected Tropical diseases, and
 - b) the recognition that NTDs often present with skin lesions, and the production of the new WHO training manual for front line health workers.
- In 2008: Jean Hilaire Saurat (ILDS President) started a link with the **International Classification of Disease (ICD) group**, and together with Robert Chalmers the ILDS played a major role in helping develop ICD-11 for skin disease.

Further Development under ILDS President W Sterry



- In 2012 Wolfram Sterry expanded the realm of collaboration with the WHO so as to include psoriasis ([WHO Non Communicable Diseases /NCD](#)) and skin health & ageing ([WHO ageing and health initiative](#)).
- 2014: Under the impulse of Chris Griffiths and others the WHO Member States recognized psoriasis as a serious noncommunicable disease (NCD) in the World Health Assembly resolution WHA67.9 !
- In 2016 the WHO Global Report on Psoriasis, where the ILDS significantly contributed, was published.
- From 2012-2014, Rod Hay and Toby Maurer on behalf of the ILDS helped the WHO HIV team develop the WHO treatment guide for skin disease in HIV which was published by WHO in 2014.



Global report on
PSORIASIS
World Health
Organization

Guidelines on the
treatment of skin and
oral HIV-associated
conditions in children
and adults



Deliverables and Achievements from 2013-2016



| Planned collaboration | Deliverable | Achieved ? |
|---|--|------------|
| WHO Communicable Diseases | WHO guide to the management of skin diseases in HIV patients. | Yes |
| WHO Communicable Diseases (Neglected Tropical Diseases) | Scabies and ectoparasitic diseases (tungiasis, larva migrans) included in WHO list of recognized neglected diseases. Web material provided. | Yes |
| WHO Health Systems | Revising and rationalising the classification used in ICD 11 for skin and related diseases. | Yes |
| WHO Essential Medicines | Make new suggestions for the essential medicines list: eg. Itraconazole. Revision of the list of pediatric and adult medicines used in Derm. | Yes |
| WHO Non-Communicable Diseases | Assistance with a global report on psoriasis. | Yes |
| WHO Ageing and health | Background publication on age associated skin conditions and diseases. | Yes |

- 1. Establish a new structure and working process (ILDS WHO Committee)**
- 2. Define goals of the Committee & responsibilities of Committee Members**
- 3. Make progress in the six priority areas of collaboration with WHO**
- 4. Regular meetings at WHO Headquarters & organization of a networking symposium with the WHO**
- 5. Re-apply for official relations status WHO**

WHO Committee Members:

- Lars French (ILDS Board Member)
- Claire Fuller (ILDS Board Member)
- Christopher Griffiths (ILDS Board Member)
- Harvey Lui (ILDS President)

Chairperson

Ex-officio member

- Rod Hay

**Special Advisor to the ILDS on
Humanitarian Dermatology**

- Matthias Augustin
- Ulrike Blume-Peytavi
- Olivier Chosidow
- Swen Malte John
- Luigi Naldi

External Advisor

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Project/Areas of collaboration with WHO

| Project/Area | Lead | Second |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| International Classification of Diseases 11 (ICD11) | Robert Chalmers | Christopher Griffiths |
| Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) | Claire Fuller | Rod Hay |
| Aging and Life Course | Christopher Griffiths | Ulrike Blume-Peytavi |
| Essential Medicines | Rod Hay | Oliver Chosidow and Luigi Naldi |
| Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) | Christopher Griffiths | Matthias Augustin |
| Occupational Health | Swen Malte John (EADV) | Lars French |

ILDS WHO Networking Symposium on Sept. 14 2017



**International League
of Dermatological Societies**
Skin Health for the World

Global Skin Health: Challenges and Strategies

*a Networking Symposium with the World Health Organization (WHO)
on the occasion of the 26th EADV Congress in Geneva, Switzerland
September 14th 2017, 17:00-20:00*



Agenda

17:00-17:20

Welcome speeches

- *Professor Harvey Lui, ILDS President and Professor Lars French, Chair ILDS-WHO Committee*
- *Professor Luca Borradori, President, European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology*
- *Professor Martine Bagot, Past President, European Dermatology Forum*
- *Professor Matthias Schmuth, President, European Society for Dermatological Research*
- *Professor Henry Lim, President, American Academy of Dermatology*
- *Professor Jianzhong Zhang, Council Member, Asian Dermatological Association*
- *WHO Representative (tbc)*

17:20-19:00

Updates on programmes with respect to the sustainable development goals (SDG)

i. Global Psoriasis Atlas & Ageing and Skin Health

- *Professor Christopher Griffiths, Board Member, International League of Dermatological Societies*
- *Dr John Beard, Director, Department of Ageing and Life Course, WHO*

ii. WHO International Classification of Diseases 11th Revision (ICD-11) – Skin Disease/Monitoring

- *Dr Robert Jakob, Team Leader Classifications and Terminologies, Health Data Standards and Informatics Information, Evidence, and Research, WHO*
- *Dr Robert Chalmers, Co-Chair, Dermatology Topic Advisory Group, International Classification of Diseases 11 (ICD-11) on behalf of the International League of Dermatological Societies*

iii. UV-Induced Skin Cancer: Occupational and Non-Occupational

- *Professor Swen Malte John, European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology*
- *Dr Emile van Deventer, Team Leader, Radiation Programme, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health, WHO*

iv. Integrated Management and Neglected Tropical Diseases

- *Dr Dirk Engels, Director, Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, WHO*
- *Dr Claire Fuller, Chair, International Foundation for Dermatology*

19:00-20:00

Discussion on strengthening collaboration to achieve common goals followed by networking

Regular Meetings at Geneva WHO Headquarters



Face to face meeting between ILDS WHO Committee Members and WHO Departments of interest on March 1 2018

ILDS: R Chalmers, C Fuller, L French, C Griffiths, J Groves, R Hay, U Blume-Peytavi, SM John

WHO: E van Deventer, J Beard¹, R Jakob², N Magrini³, B Mikkelsen)

- exchange information on areas and activities of mutual interest and identify potential additional collaborations.
- highlight to WHO the scope and substance of work that ILDS is undertaking in collaboration with the six WHO departments
- clearly identify the process by which ILDS can re-apply for official relations status



- A central aim of the WHO Committee is to re-apply for the status of official relations with the WHO as soon as feasible.
- Robert Jakob (*Medical Officer for ICD at World Health Organization*) is willing to help the ILDS apply for official relations again and to serve as the Designated Technical Officer (DTO).
 - He received update information on the 6 priority areas in which the ILDS is actively collaborating with the WHO
 - Our application is currently being submitted.



Dr. Robert Jakob

The ILDS is contributing to WHO's priorities and Sustainable Development Goals by:

- 1. revising the ICD-11 for skin and related diseases;**
- 2. improving the recognition of neglected tropical diseases by front-line healthcare workers using skin signs of disease;**
- 3. providing assistance with revisions to list of skin condition related essential medicines;**
- 4. providing expert assistance in the field of occupational health and the skin notably on ultraviolet radiation induced skin disease;**
- 5. producing a global psoriasis atlas to reduce the burden of noncommunicable diseases;**
- 6. providing advice on optimising healthy skin ageing through the life course.**

We encourage you to engage with us !



Past & future opportunities for member engagement in the interest of dermatology and skin health around the world:

- **ILDS-WHO Networking Symposium during the 2017 EADV in Geneva**
- **Participating in the ICD-11 field-testing organized by the ILDS**
- **Help us report cases of occupational skin cancer in your countries**
- **Become a contact point in your country/area for helping the WHO (telemedicine) with the diagnosis & management of neglected tropical diseases**
- **Let us know if there are additional medications that should be considered for the list of essential medicines (<http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/essentialmedicines/en/>)**

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- C Griffiths
- R Chalmers
- J Groves (Executive Director ILDS, London)
- H Lui (ILDS President)
- Our external advisors

