

# International Forum for the Study of Itch (IFSI)

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Dear IFSI Members,

The IFSI officers wish you happy Holidays! The year is drawing to a close and we do not want to miss the opportunity to inform you about our future activities.

### Global Education Day

There is good news – IFSI will participate in the Global Education Day 2019 at the AAD (American Academy of Dermatology) meeting on Thursday, February 28th, 2019. This will take place in Washington DC. Please distribute this information to young colleagues and colleagues interested in Pruritus and Prurigo. Further information and the programme can be found on the IFSI website:

<https://www.itchforum.net/>

### 10th World Congress on Itch

This will take place in Sydney, Australia November 17-19, 2019. The organizing committee is working hard on the program and soliciting funding for the congress. See: <https://www.itchforum.net/>

### Travel grants

Deadline: 31 March 2019. Young scientists under the age of 35 have the opportunity to apply for an IFSI travel grant of US\$ 1500 per applicant for the 10th World Congress on Itch in Sydney (Australia). A total of 9 travel grants are currently available, sponsored by Trevi Therapeutics, Toray Industries and one private donation.

Further information on the travel grants can be found on the IFSI website:

<https://www.itchforum.net/meetings/>

### Itch Special Interest Group (SIG) in IASP

Many members of IFSI are also members of IASP, the International Association for the Study of Pain. Presentations of itch research at the IASP World Pain Congress are increasing, as witnessed by the remarkable turnout at a symposium on itch that was held at the recent IASP pain congress in Boston. This prompted an initiative to establish a SIG for itch which is currently being considered at IASP.

### Pain and Itch Social at Society for Neuroscience (SfN) meeting

The SfN sponsored a Pain and Itch social at the recent SfN annual meeting in San Diego. This is the third year of a SfN-sponsored social for itch (2016) or Pain and Itch (2017-18). The social was well attended by researchers interested in itch.

### Teaching activities: EADV Itch course

The EADV (European Academy of Dermatology and Venerology) organizes an Itch course, which will be held in Brussels, Belgium from 11 – 13 April 2019. The itch course addresses young researchers and clinicians from all over the world who want to learn all the basics of itch and its treatment. Teachers are the IFSI members Jacek Szepietowski, Sonja Ständer, Laurent Misery, Adam Reich and Elke Weisshaar.

With best wishes for the Holiday Season!

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