

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 want use the opportunity to inform you about our future activities.

IFSI society news

IFSI Board-Elections

Toshiya Ebata left the board for personal reasons. He is no longer IFSI secretary and he is no longer IFSI board member. The IFSI board thanks him very much for serving the board for so many years and for his great contributions to IFSI.

Earl Carstens finished his second term as IFSI president. All board members thank him very much for his great work in the last 4 years.

The new IFSI president is Elke Weisshaar, Germany, the new vice president is Ethan Lerner, USA, and the new secretary is Hiroyuki Murota, Japan. Alan Fleischer, USA, was confirmed as treasurer.

Members

IFSI has now 167 members and 28 members more compared to one year ago.

End of cooperation with Acta Dermato-Venereologica

The cooperation with ACTA will be finished at the end of 2019. The management of the IFSI membership fees will be organized in future directly by IFSI.

Christiane Weseloh, IFSI assistant, will handle this.

ITCH: official journal of IFSI

Please consider [ITCH](#), the official journal of IFSI. You can read all abstracts of the WCI 2019 there. ITCH needs 25 published articles in order to be indexed in PubMed.

Activities

10th World Congress on Itch

The 10th World Congress on Itch took place in Sydney, Australia, November 17-19, 2019.

156 participants from all over the world enjoyed the conference and the exchange with their colleagues. The venue at Dockside, Cockle Bay Wharf, Darling Harbour, gave a good spirit for the conference, the gala dinner on board of the "Starship Sydney" was a great experience. A big thanks to the "Helloworld" Team, the Congress President, Frank Brennan, and Dedee Murrell, Congress Secretary, for hosting the 10th World Congress on Itch in this beautiful city.

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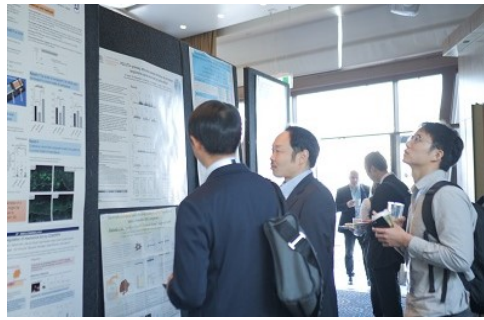
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With 24 travel awards sponsored by Menlo Therapeutics, private donations, Trevi Therapeutics, Kiniksa Pharmaceuticals and Toray Industries the conference was also for young scientists an attractive possibility for sharing their knowledge about itch.



IFSI Travel Grant Winners 2019
(Photos: O. Murrell)



Poster exhibition at the WCI 2019

There were 74 oral presentations and 93 posters during the 3-day congress. The SIG session on Sunday had 7 oral presentations and was this time presented on a whole afternoon. With about 150 participants this was a great success. Everybody enjoyed the fruitful discussions without any time limitations. The feedback of this new SIG format was fantastic.

Future WCI Meetings

The 11th World Congress on Itch will be held in Shanghai, China, 2021 and we hope to see many of you there. YanGang Sun will serve as Congress President. The exact date is not yet set, but will be announced as soon as possible at the IFSI website: <https://www.itchforum.net/>
The 12th World Congress on Itch in 2023 will take place in Miami, USA, with Gil Yosipovitch as the local organizer.

Global Education Day 2020

Save the date: IFSI has an own session at the Global Education Day at the Annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology Association (AAD) in Denver next year: Thursday, March 19th, 2020, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We would be happy seeing you there!

With best wishes for the Holiday Season!

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