



# 25<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Dermatology

SINGAPORE 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



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# Welcome Letter

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**Dear friends and colleagues,**

We are now into the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our individual and collective experiences in confronting the pandemic will go down in history and will be remembered for the ages. It has been a difficult time for everyone. Thankfully, some countries seem to be getting on top of the situation, although in others, the epidemic continues to elude control. The situation will likely get worse before it gets better.

We hope that you have kept your spirits up through these trying times.

The pandemic has undeniably complicated planning for WCD 2023, but the National Organising Committee, Scientific Programme Committee, and ILDS have been soldiering on. As things stand, we are cautiously optimistic for an in-person WCD in July 2023.

A lot will depend on how we respond collectively. There must be a coordinated response because no one is safe until everyone is safe. Equitable vaccine roll-out and high vaccine coverage will be critical for resumption of international travel for business and leisure. It is likely that a certain degree of travel, border, and vaccination status control may be imposed.

We have pivoted our promotional strategies from in-person activities to electronic and social media. We have been working closely with Triumph, our PCO, to come up with new messages and ways of reaching out. For updates on WCD 2023, check out our website and subscribe to our WCD eNewsletter.

We consistently post news and information on our social media platforms viz. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Do follow us on these sites as we would love to stay in touch with you and to receive your feedback. We have regular WCD Podcasts and videos on our YouTube channel, both of which increase the avenues to keep you informed and to generate interest in the WCD. In 2022 we are planning for in-person promotional activities at conferences.

The Scientific Programme Committee has finalised the list of distinguished lecturers, keynote lecturers, participants in controversies in dermatology and the chairpersons for over 60 topics for the symposia. We are confident the scientific programme will be excellent and something that you will look forward to.

We have received tremendous commitment of support from our industry partners. This augurs well for the success of WCD 2023. We are also very thankful for the wonderful support and encouragement from many colleagues and friends in the dermatology fraternity, among them are our WCD Ambassadors who are lending their voices to spread the news of WCD 2023 to all corners of the world.

We thank you all for your help and enthusiasm, and we hope to see you in Singapore in 2023!

**Until then, stay safe and stay well.**

**Best wishes,**

Prof. Roy Chan  
President 25<sup>th</sup> WCD



A/Prof. Yen Loo LIM  
Secretary-General 25<sup>th</sup> WCD



# General Information

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**Dates:** 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

**City:** Singapore, Singapore

**Congress Venue:** Suntec

Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre  
1 Raffles Boulevard, Suntec City, Singapore 039593

**Host:** DSS Dermatological Society of Singapore

**Website:** [www.wcd2023singapore.org](http://www.wcd2023singapore.org)

**Language:** the official language of the congress is English.  
No simultaneous translations are available.

## Professional Congress Organiser

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## Scientific Programme

### ILDS/WCD2023 Scientific Programme Committee

**Martin RÖCKEN** (Germany) – Chair

**Henry LIM** (United States) – Vice Chair

**Jennifer Austin** (Canada) – IADPO representative

**Ramesh BHAT** (India)

**Roy CHAN** (Singapore)

**Jin Ho CHUNG** (South Korea)

**Brigitte DRÉNO** (France)

**Lars FRENCH** (Germany)

**Hassan GALADARI** (United Arab Emirates)

**Christopher GRIFFITHS** (United Kingdom)

**Kenji KABASHIMA** (Japan)

**Margarita LARRALDE** (Argentina)

**Yen Loo LIM** (Singapore)

**Harvey LUI** (Canada)

**Giovanni PELLACANI** (Italy)



# Programme at a Glance

Date Time	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July		
07:00 - 07:45	Hatched	Hatched	DSS Sessions	DSS Sessions	DSS Sessions	DSS Sessions	DSS Sessions		
07:45 - 08:00			Break	Break	Break	Break	Break		
08:00 - 09:20	REGISTRATIONS	SISTER SOCIETIES AND ANCILLARY MEETINGS	Morning Sessions	Morning Sessions	Morning Sessions	Morning Sessions	Morning Sessions		
09:20 - 09:30			Break	Break	Break	Break	Break		
09:30 - 10:50			Morning Sessions	Morning Sessions	Morning Sessions	Morning Sessions	Morning Sessions		
10:50 - 11:00			Break	Break	Break	Break	Break		
11:00 - 12:30			Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary		
12:30 - 12:45			Break	Break	Break	Break	Break		
12:45 - 14:15			Sponsored Symposia	Sponsored Symposia	Sponsored Symposia	Sponsored Symposia	CLOSING CEREMONY		
14:15 - 14:30			Break	Break	Break	Break	Hatched		
14:30 - 15:50			Afternoon Sessions	Afternoon Sessions	Afternoon Sessions	Afternoon Sessions			
15:50 - 16:00			Break	Break	Break	Break			
16:00 - 17:20			Afternoon Sessions	Afternoon Sessions	Afternoon Sessions	Afternoon Sessions			
17:20 - 17:30			Break	Break	Break	Break			
17:30 - 18:00			Satellite Symposia	Meet the expert	Satellite Symposia	Meet the expert		Satellite Symposia	Meet the expert
18:00 - 18:30			Hatched	OPENING CEREMONY	Satellite Symposia	Meet the expert		Satellite Symposia	Meet the expert
18:30 - 18:45	Satellite Symposia	Meet the expert			Satellite Symposia	Meet the expert			
18:45 - 19:45	Satellite Symposia	Meet the expert			Satellite Symposia	Meet the expert			

# Topics

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1. Acne, rosacea and hidradenitis suppurativa: new developments
2. Allergology
3. Antibodies and small molecules (e.g. JAK inhibitors, IFN antagonists)
4. Atopic Dermatitis: new developments
5. Autoimmune and infectious blistering diseases
6. Autoinflammation, SAPHO, PAPA and neutrophilic dermatoses
7. Bacterial infections
8. Benign neoplasms
9. Dermatologic emergencies: diagnosis and treatment
10. Dermatology in women and during pregnancy
11. Dermatooncology
12. Dermatopathology for the clinician
13. Dermoscopy I
14. Dermoscopy II
15. Digital Dermatology and Artificial Intelligence
16. Eczemas: the worldwide relevance
17. Ethics, quality of care, quality of life and costs.
18. Fungal diseases: cutaneous and subcutaneous
19. Fungal diseases: systemic mycoses
20. Genetics
21. Geriatric Dermatology
22. Granulomatous diseases (non-infectious)
23. Hair diseases
24. HIV and AIDS: update
25. Immunosuppressive agents
26. Keratinocyte carcinomas
27. Lasers and laser medicine
28. Lymphomas
29. Medical aesthetics I
30. Medical aesthetics II
31. Melanomas
32. Mixed connective tissue diseases
33. Mucosal and cutaneous reactions to drugs and infections
34. Mucosal disease
35. Mycobacteria
36. Nails and nail surgery
37. Neglected tropical diseases
38. New drugs, new indications, new side effects
39. Parasitic infections
40. Pediatric dermatology
41. Phlebology and vascular diseases
42. Photodermatology
43. Physical therapies: PDT, cryotherapy, peeling, iontophoresis
44. Pruritus and dysaesthesias
45. Psoriasis
46. Psychodermatology
47. Sexually transmitted diseases (STD) – what is relevant in 2023
48. Skin aging: Extrinsic and intrinsic factors
49. Skin disease in general medicine and skin signs of internal disease
50. Skin of colour
51. Skin Optics
52. Skin ulcers and keloids
53. Surgical therapy I
54. Surgical therapy II
55. Topical therapies
56. Unique dermatology issues seen in migrants and refugees
57. Urticaria and angioedema
58. Vasculitis and vasculopathies
59. Viral infections
60. Vitiligo, melasma and hyperpigmentation

# Abstract submission

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## SUBMISSION OPENING

January 2022

## SUBMISSION CLOSING

24<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

## ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

7<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

Free Communications are brief presentations (oral or poster) on studies, investigations, programmes or observations in dermatology, and represent an important component of the Scientific Programme of the World Congress of Dermatology.

Free Communications abstracts must be submitted online through the WCD Congress website at [Wcd2023singapore.org](http://Wcd2023singapore.org). Select "Abstract Submission" and follow the steps, make sure to complete all sections. If all sections are not completed, your abstract submission will NOT be accepted.

The presenting author must register for the WCD by **4<sup>th</sup> March, 2023** in order for the abstract to be accepted for inclusion in the final scientific programme.

For additional information please contact: [wcd2023abstract@thetriumph.com](mailto:wcd2023abstract@thetriumph.com)

# Scholarship

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Scholarship awards will be offered by the WCD to assist deserving and suitable trainees, dermatologists and others from around the world to attend the Congress. Applicants are required to submit an abstract for oral/poster presentation with their application.

There are three types of scholarship: WCD Trainee Scholarship, WCD Rising Star Scholarship and WCD Dermatologist Scholarship.

Scholarship Application Deadline is **4<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**.

Scholarships will not cover all participation costs. Scholarship amount may vary and may be used to cover the costs of registration, travel or accommodation. For further information, please send an e-mail to: [wcd2023scholarship@thetriumph.com](mailto:wcd2023scholarship@thetriumph.com)



# Registration

Fees below are inclusive of any applicable taxes and are quoted in SGD.

CATEGORIES	EARLY RATE	STANDARD RATE	ON SITE
	<i>Until 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022</i>	<i>Until 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023</i>	
ILDS Member*	SGD 1,010.00	SGD 1,160.00	SGD 1,310.00
Non-ILDS Member	SGD 1,310.00	SGD 1,460.00	SGD 1,615.00
Resident & Fellow**	SGD 665.00	SGD 815.00	SGD 965.00
Medical Student***	SGD 665.00	SGD 815.00	SGD 965.00
Nurse & Physician's Assistant***	SGD 665.00	SGD 815.00	SGD 965.00
LI/LMI Countries****	SGD 1,010.00	SGD 1,160.00	SGD 1,310.00
Accompanying Person	SGD 530.00	SGD 530.00	SGD 530.00
Welcome Reception	SGD 60.00	SGD 60.00	SGD 60.00
Social Event	SGD 220.00	SGD 220.00	SGD 220.00

\* Members of international or national dermatologic societies that belong to the ILDS qualify for discounted registration rates. For a complete list of these societies, please check the ILDS website.

\*\* A doctor who is in a training programme that leads to specialization in dermatology. The age limit of the applicant is 40 years old. Proof of Status is required to finalise the registration.

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\*\*\*\* Person residing in one of the countries defined by the [World Bank](#) as Low income or Lower-Middle income. For a complete and updated list, please check the [World Bank website](#).  
A copy of passport is required to finalise your registration.

Registration Fee includes:

## *Delegates*

- ▶ Access to all Congress Sessions and Poster Area
- ▶ Access to Sponsored & Satellite Symposia
- ▶ Access to Exhibition Area
- ▶ Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- ▶ Delegate Bag and Congress Proceedings

Scientific Programme sessions are open to registered delegates only.

## *Accompanying Persons\**

- ▶ Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- ▶ Welcome Reception
- ▶ Two Singapore tours

\* Does not include access to Scientific Programme sessions and Exhibition Area; limit of 3 accompanying persons per delegate.

For more information please visit [www.wcd2023singapore@thetriumph.com](http://www.wcd2023singapore@thetriumph.com)

# About Singapore

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Singapore is an island nation with a population of 5.7 million people, comprising of mostly Chinese, Malay and Indian ethnicities. It offers visitors a fascinating fusion of many cultures from East and West, and has an outstanding record of racial and religious harmony. English is the main language of communication, everyone is multi-lingual, and it is likely to be the only country in the world where the majority of the population speaks both English and their mother tongue language of Mandarin, Malay or Tamil. Singapore is an open, modern and secular democracy.

## Well connected with the World

Singapore is one of the world's most connected countries, strategically located along the world's major trade, shipping and aviation routes. Changi Airport – regularly ranked as the world's best airport – serves more than 100 airlines flying to approximately 100 countries and territories. An estimated 62 million passengers pass through our airport each year (pre-pandemic).

Singapore allows you easy connections to South-East Asian destinations where fascinating and exotic experiences await you. It is the ideal place to embark a post congress vacation!

## Effective COVID-19 Pandemic Control

Singapore has been relatively successful in managing COVID-19, there is a very high vaccination coverage and very low mortality rate. Safety measures are continuously updated to control the epidemic, and to make your visit smoother and safer.

Covid-19-related travel health and border regulations will be updated on the congress website, so check it periodically.

## Clean, Green and Sustainable

Singapore is also known as the Garden City, with over 50% of its area covered in greenery. With hundreds of parks, nature reserves, mangroves, tidal flats and coral reefs, it is no concrete jungle. The Botanic Gardens, a UNESCO Heritage site, and the award-winning Gardens by the Bay are especially popular.

Singapore is an eminently liveable and sustainable city, with clean air, healthy living environment, and a robust and diversified supply of water. It has strived to maintain a balance between development and conserving the environment.

## Efficient & Affordable Transportation

Travel within the city-state is convenient and hassle-free, and traffic jams are rare. Visitors have options to several inexpensive, safe and reliable transportation choices, including the MRT metro system, buses and taxis. This means that hotels, restaurants, cultural venues and other places of interest are all easily accessible.

## Safety & Security

You can visit Singapore with the confidence that your personal safety is in good hands. Singapore is widely regarded as one of the safest countries in the world, with consistently low crime rates, a transparent legal system, and a reliable police force.

## Wide Selection of Accommodation

A wide range of hotel accommodation for every budget, from mid-range to luxury hotels, has been earmarked. Many are within walking distance of the Suntec Conference and Exhibition Centre, the venue for the 25<sup>th</sup> WCD.

# About Singapore

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## Local Culture & Cuisine

The melding of our rich tapestry of cultures into a harmonious collective is arguably the country's biggest attraction. There is also an impressive range of more than 40 different museums, there will be something to discover for every interest.

Singapore is home to more dishes than you can eat in a lifetime – from Michelin-starred restaurants to affordable yet scrumptious meals, this is where you can taste it all. Nothing reflects the patchwork of cultures more than the food here.

## Weather & Clothing

The weather is tropical, which means it is hot and humid through most of the year. It is advisable to wear light, cotton clothing. Jackets are not needed unless indicated. Fortunately all hotels, offices, shopping malls and the public transport are air-conditioned, so you would hardly feel uncomfortable.

## Currency

The Singapore dollar is the official currency. It is made up of 100 cents and is abbreviated with the dollar sign S\$, or SGD to distinguish it from other dollar-denominated currencies.

## INFORMATION ON TRAVEL AND BORDER CONTROLS

### Passport & Visa

PASSPORT VALIDITY:

6 months.

BLANK PASSPORT PAGES:

2 pages requirement for entry stamp.

TOURIST VISAS:

Only a few nationalities need a visa.

For the minority who require a VISA, processing time is 1–3 working days and can be done at:

- Nearest Singapore overseas mission
- More than 330 authorized visa agents
- Online via the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority of Singapore (ICA) website ([www.ica.gov.sg/visitor/visitor\\_entryvisa](http://www.ica.gov.sg/visitor/visitor_entryvisa)).

COVID-19 ARRANGEMENTS

Additional border control measures are in place due to COVID-19.

Visit the [www.safetravel.ica.gov.sg/arriving/overview](http://www.safetravel.ica.gov.sg/arriving/overview) for more information.

VACCINATIONS:

Yellow fever for travelers from certain countries.



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