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Dermatology Researchers & Clinicians Gather in Los Angeles

Society for Investigative Dermatology Hosts 68th Annual Meeting
Featuring Scientific Awards and Patient Art

CLEVELAND, OHIO – May 8, 2007 – The Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID) convenes its 68th annual meeting, featuring state of the art lectures, symposia and exhibits on the science of skin health and diseases, on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

“Founded in 1937, SID celebrates its 70th year in 2007. This year, the SID has attracted over 1500 experts in the field of skin biology from around the world for this landmark conference. This gathering is an opportunity for scientists and clinicians to interact and share information about skin biology and the treatment of skin diseases,” said Dennis J. Barbour, Esq., SID Executive Director.

The SID’s highest award for distinguished service to cutaneous medicine, the *Stephen Rothman Memorial Award*, will be presented to Barbara Gilchrest, MD of Boston University at the meeting. Other honorees at this meeting include Rajan Nair, MD, John Voorhees, MD, Stuart Yuspa, MD, Antoinette Hood, MD, Robert Modlin, MD, David Fisher, MD, PhD, and Jonathan Barker, MD. These individuals are being recognized for outstanding scientific careers and dedication to the advancement of the science of skin research.

“These honored scientists are visionaries working to increase our understanding of skin health and diseases and, ultimately, to improve care for dermatology patients,” said Alice Pentland, MD, SID President.

The SID’s annual meeting will also showcase patient art, reflecting the SID’s commitment to patient advocates and to facilitating communication among patients,

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clinicians, and scientists through multiple media. The 2007 Patient Art Exhibit, titled *The Art of Translation*, serves as a forum for patient advocate groups to express their personal feelings about skin disease to researchers in both academia and industry. At past meetings, the artwork has stimulated discussion among attendees and patient advocates. Investigators from around the globe come to the SID meeting to learn about skin disease through intellectual and scientific means. The art exhibit adds another way to understand the full impact of disease – through the emotions and experiences of those who are afflicted.

One patient art exhibitor, Chris, has commented, “it is really something that I look forward to doing every year. I just recovered from another laser treatment on my face (have had over 55 treatments in the past 12 years). I am stuck in the house recovering for over a week each time and art is my outlet.”

Other significant activities during the SID’s 68th annual meeting include three satellite symposia on *Advances in Acne Research*, *Regulation of Inflammation in Psoriasis*, and *Immune Modulation and Malignancy: Epidemiology and Mechanisms*. Fifteen minisymposia are also planned on a variety of topics and will highlight oral presentations from some of the best abstracts submitted to the conference.

Founded in 1937 and headquartered in Cleveland, the SID has over 1700 members worldwide and is dedicated to the advancement and promotion of the sciences relevant to skin health and disease through education, advocacy and scholarly exchange of scientific information. The SID publishes the Journal of Investigative Dermatology, the premier journal dedicated to research in cutaneous biology. The annual meeting of the SID attracts over 1500 participants who gather to exchange research and information about the latest scientific advances in the field of dermatology. For more information about the SID and its activities, please visit www.sidnet.org.

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