

ITSCC President's Newsletter: Winter 2021

Dear Colleagues,

As 2021 draws to a close, I am feeling particularly grateful for the opportunity to spend some holiday time with friends and family. Though the COVID pandemic may never allow us to get "back to normal," we have regained the opportunity to travel, visit family, and celebrate with food and drink together. Despite Omicron in the news, I am optimistic that the precautions we all take are rewarding us with safe and joyous social togetherness. I am also thrilled to share the current activities and exciting news for ITSCC as we roll into 2022!

Some highlights:

Save the date for our in-person annual meeting: Thursday, March 24, 2022. We are reviving our annual dinner conference, set for the evening before the American Academy of Dermatology meeting in Boston. We have an excellent agenda of talks led by our Program Chair Dr. Emily Ruiz, and a very cool venue picked out, so stay tuned for registration details!

2022 Oscar Colegio Memorial Lecture: Our keynote speaker at the March 24 meeting will be Dr. Kevin Emerick, Associate Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Emerick is Division Chief of Head and Neck Surgical Oncology and Co-Director of the Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer Multidisciplinary Clinic and Program at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Hospital.

ITSCC Website Redesign: A major project for the ITSCC board this year has been a redesign of our website, led by Dr. Thuzar Shin and a team of much appreciated volunteers. The new website will include a streamlined interface, updated information and teaching materials for physicians and patients, a brand new Members-Only section with resources for transplant dermatologists, a section for the junior members of ITSCC (jITSCC), and more. We hope to unveil the new site at our Annual Meeting in March!

Congratulations to members Natalie Zeitouni and Faramarz Samie, editors of the newly published textbook *Dermatology and Solid Organ Transplantation*. This textbook features contributions by many members of our organization and is an excellent resource on the topic. Consider buying one for your resident/fellow program as well as one for yourself!

<https://www.routledge.com/Dermatology-and-Solid-Organ-Transplantation/Zeitouni-Samie/p/book/9780367431464>

Don't forget to **renew your membership for 2022 now, or join if you have not already**. Like all small organizations, ITSCC suffered attrition during 2020-21 and we are optimistic that we can revitalize our membership with these renewed activities. It is easy to join or renew at www.itscc.org, and current members will be receiving a reminder email in the coming week. **If you are able, please join me in supporting ITSCC** with a charitable donation as well. Your tax-deductible donation supports the education and research of physicians and scientists committed to improving the quality of life of organ transplant recipients.

Happy New Year,

Sarah Arron (President, 2020-22)