

**First Announcement**

**SKIN ON  
THE MOVE**

**Tropical Neglected Skin Diseases,  
Global Health and COVID-19 Pandemic**

**21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Addis Ababa – Sodo Wolayita**

**Ethiopia**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

These last two years of the COVID-19 Pandemic have turned our world upside down. During this time we worked extensively with the most fragile people in Rome (such as Homeless, Undocumented migrants for example) and in some Developing Countries in Africa and in Middle East.

Finally, after two years of SARS-CoV-2, and despite a terrible fratricidal war in the Northern Region of Ethiopia and the invasion of locusts, which destroy all crops, after numerous meetings with our local colleagues, we have shared the idea of organizing the 'Eighth International Congress **"Skin On The Move. Tropical Neglected Skin Diseases, Global Health and COVID-19 Pandemic"** in collaboration with colleagues from Wolayita Sodo University Teaching Referral Hospital and with St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College.

I would be particularly happy if you could mark the date and you could participate. As always, the Congress aims to make colleagues who carry out scientific research and assistance to sick people, better known.

This 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Congress, which will revolve around the theme **Skin on the Move** will be held in Addis Ababa and Sodo Wolaita (Ethiopia) between **21-26 November 2022**.

The Congress will be an International Congress outside the borders in which we will study and debate on crucial questions about Tropical Neglected Skin Diseases and Global Health also in relation to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which has affected all areas of the world. We will discuss about it first in Addis Ababa, Sodo Wolaita and later in towns bordering in the South Ethiopia.

The meeting is open to dermatologists, health professionals, anthropologists, sociologists, journalists and all specialists interested in promoting and supporting research, strengthening primary health systems, studying the socio-political and cultural contexts, improving collaboration between local communities and health workers and promoting a Global Health idea to improve the lives of people around the world.

The Scientific program will consist of clinical sessions, which will be held in local public facilities in remote areas, workshops, state-of-the-art lectures and free discussions with distinguished experts from all over the world.

Meeting local communities, observing the geopolitical context and the latest socio-cultural events, will also be an important part of the Congress. The Congress will be a good opportunity to discover the hospitality, history and beauty of a particularly interesting country.

We hope, therefore, that you will find this Congress attractive both for its scientific and social aspects.

For all of us this is a challenge that we would like to win with your support.

***A warm greeting  
Aldo Morrone***



### **Call for Preliminary Title**

Participants are cordially invited to submit a preliminary research title relevant to the topics identified above, including reports from observational, process-based research and experimental and modeling studies of past, present and future change in Tropical Neglected Skin Diseases and Global Health.

Preliminary titles for proposed oral or poster presentations (including author names) should be forwarded to the Congress organizers at [dirsci.isg@ifo.it](mailto:dirsci.isg@ifo.it).

Selection of oral and poster presentations will take place and speakers and presenters will be informed by 30 september 2022.

### **Pre-registration**

If you are interested in participating, please send an e-mail at [dirsci.isg@ifo.it](mailto:dirsci.isg@ifo.it) for a preliminary (non-binding) registration.

This will ensure that you receive further information and the definitive program of the Congress as it becomes available.

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