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COMING TO AUSTRALIA ...THE WORLD CONGRESS OF DERMOSCOPY

For the first time ever, the world's largest meeting for dermoscopy is coming south of the Equator ... to Brisbane, from 17 to 19 May 2012.

Professor H. Peter Soyer from the University of Queensland, the world's leading authority on dermoscopy, is excited at Australia's coup in winning the congress. He points out that dermoscopy has become an important tool in the detailed morphological examination of pigmented skin lesions. Not only is it widely used by dermatologists, but the technique has gained relevance in the primary care setting and has become an essential technique used by GPs for the diagnosis of skin cancers.

According to Professor Soyer, "As the first international dermoscopy congress ever to be held in the Australia, this meeting promises dermatologists and GPs, interested in skin cancer medicine, an exciting and diverse scientific program. It will be a three-day, full emersion in dermoscopy and related issues, in the arena of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer", he points out.

Leading international dermoscopy specialists from Europe, the USA and Japan will share their most recent advances in dermoscopy and present their most interesting cases. At least 100 dermatologists specialising in dermoscopy are expected to attend and participate in the meeting.

The meeting is particularly aimed at GPs, both those experienced in skin cancer medicine and those who would like to learn more. The Skin Cancer College of Australia and New Zealand (SCCANZ) is organising specific sessions on dermoscopy in primary care.

There will be parallel workshops on teledermatology, digital monitoring of naevi, dermoscopic-pathologic correlations and acral and nail lesions.

Other topics will include presentations by experts in epidemiology, genetics, dermatopathology as well as the latest developments in the treatment of advanced melanoma. There will be a special session on confocal microscopy and the International Society for Digital Imaging of Skin will present a seminar on the new cutting-edge optical devices for skin cancer evaluation.

The meeting will be held in the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Registration at early-bird rates is now open online. For more information:
www.dermoscopycongress2012.org.

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