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Abstract

Congratulations to the publisher, members of the editorial board of the journal, all the authors and readers for launching the *World Journal of Dermatology* (*WJD*) as a new member of the World series journal family! Scientific advances and important breakthroughs have been facilitated by well developed ideas, hypothesis and innovative techniques and any misleading findings and theories are exclusively attributable to certain methodological defects. Thus, the role of new and innovative investigations related to skin care, skin health, various cutaneous diseases and their preventive or treatment strategies and the need for inaugurating this new journal is self-evident. The *WJD* is a peer-reviewed open-access periodical centered in biomedical sciences but with multidisciplinary coverage. If the readers or investigators want to share any new investigations, clinical experience or improvement of such experiences, and any cutaneous research-related academic issues with your peers, you will find the *WJD* a good platform or media to publish your papers!

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INTRODUCTION

I am Santosh K Katiyar (Figure 1), a full Professor of Dermatology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL, United States, and Birmingham VA Medical Center, Birmingham, AL, United States, and the Editor-in-Chief of the *World Journal of Dermatology* (*World J Dermatol*, *WJD*, online ISSN 2218-6190, DOI: 10.5314), on which preparation was initiated on December 4, 2010 and which is officially published on June 2, 2012. The *WJD* editorial board has now been established and consists of 110 distinguished experts from 34 countries. It is my great honor to introduce the *WJD* as a new viable forum for exchange of thoughts, ideas, experiences and investigations to solve the problems associated with maintenance of healthy skin

and treatment of many skin-related disorders and diseases, including the risk of skin cancers. Congratulations to the publisher, members of editorial board of the journal, all the authors and readers for this memorable event.

AIMS AND SCOPE

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CONCLUSION

Together, investigators who want to share any new finding or investigations, clinical experience on the application or improvements of skin care or skin health in biomedical research, the *WJD* is a place you can feel at home!

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February 20-23, 2012

6th Jeddah Dermatology and Cosmetics Conference
 Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

April 27-29, 2012
 2012 Atlantic Dermatological Conference
 New York, NY 10017, United States

May 9-12, 2012
 Society for Investigative Dermatology 72nd Annual Meeting 2012
 Raleigh, NC, United States

May 11-12, 2012
 9 Curso De Cirugía Dermatológica En Directo
 León, Spain

May 17-19, 2012
 3rd World Congress of Dermoscopy 2012
 Brisbane, Australia

May 20-23, 2012
 Australasian College of Dermatologists 45th Annual Scientific Meeting 2012
 Brisbane, Australia

May 25-27, 2012
 Alabama Dermatology Society Seminar in the City
 New York, NY, United States

June 1-3, 2012
 "Preliminary Program" - 13th Congress of the German Society for Veterinary Dermatology
 Düsseldorf, Germany

June 1-3, 2012
 Georgia Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery
 Hilton Head Island, CA, United States

June 7-8, 2012
 NYU Post-Graduate Medical School

- Advances in Dermatology
 New York, NY, United States

June 9-13, 2012
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 Charlotte, NC, United States

June 16-23, 2012
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June 28 - July 1, 2012
 Canadian Dermatology Association 87th Annual Conference 2012
 Ottawa, Canada

July 3-5, 2012
 British Association of Dermatologists 92nd Annual Meeting 2012
 Icc Birmingham, United Kingdom

July 11-15, 2012
 Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants
 Seattle, WA, United States

July 19-22, 2012
 Cosmetic Bootcamp 8th Annual Didactic and Live Technique Symposium 2012
 Colorado Springs, CO, United States

August 22-26, 2012
 Pacific Dermatologic Association 64th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Dermatologic Association

Huntington Beach, CA, United States

September 1-4, 2012
 Brazilian Congress of Dermatology 67th Congress 2012
 Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

September 6-9, 2012
 European Academy Of Dermatology and Venereology 21st Congress 2012
 Riga, Latvia

September 7-9, 2012
 85. Jahrestagung Norddeutsche Dermatologische Gesellschaft 2011
 Berlin, Germany

September 13-15, 2012
 AA 2012 - Aesthetics Asia 2012
 Exhibition and Congress
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September 19-22, 2012
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 Seville, Spain

September 21-23, 2012
 Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology
 Bedford, PA, United States

October 4-6, 2012
 4th World Congress of Teledermatology
 Tbilisi, Georgia

November 22-24, 2012
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 Madrid, Spain

November 26-28, 2012
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 San Antonio, TX, United States

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