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Abstract

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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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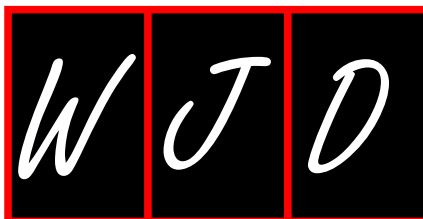
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CONCLUSION

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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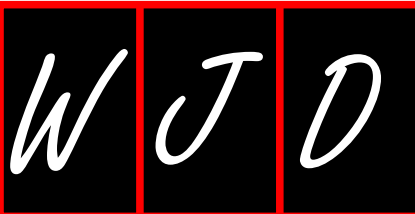
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Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

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

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León, Spain

May 17-19, 2012

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Brisbane, Australia

May 20-23, 2012

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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

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Georgia Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery
Hilton Head Island, CA, United States

June 7-8, 2012

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- Advances in Dermatology
New York, NY, United States

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Seattle, WA, United States

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Sarasota, FA, United States

June 27 - July 1, 2012

3rd World Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Conference 2012
Stockholm, Sweden

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
Marina Bay Sands, Sands Expo, Singapore

September 19-22, 2012

19th Ibero-latin American Congress of Dermatology 2012
Seville, Spain

September 21-23, 2012

Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology
Bedford, PA, United States

October 4-6, 2012

4th World Congress of Tele dermatology
Tbilisi, Georgia

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Madrid, Spain

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Trichology-2012 - International Conference on Hair Transplantation and Trichology 2012
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