

# HSF news *brief*



In just a matter of weeks, the First International HS Research Symposium will take place, so our enthusiasm in sharing this newsletter with you knows no bounds. As patients with Hidradenitis Suppurativa/Acne Inversa, today more than ever we understand the value and importance of research. Research – past, present and future – not only brings us closer to understanding our disease, it also represents a living and breathing historical record of those who have lived with HS/AI. Behind each study, case report and clinical trial, there are *real* people with HS/AI who consented to studies and/or presented for treatment. And behind each study there are *real* and compassionate doctors and researchers with a *real* interest in helping alleviate the decades of pain and suffering that patients endure. We hope you will join us in applauding all of the individuals who have participated or will participate in HS/AI research, and join us in supporting the efforts and commitment of the HSF Symposium attendees. ~ Michelle Barlow and Robert Howes

## directions2006

Developing a Global Roadmap for HS Research

International HS Research Symposium

March 30-April 2, 2006 • Dessau, Germany

This first-ever symposium brings together an interdisciplinary group of scientists and physicians devoted to studying HS/AI and its biological basis. It has been structured as a forum to exchange new concepts and research findings on HS pathogenesis and management, and will result in new, cooperative, international research efforts to improve the quality of life and quality of care for those affected by this disease. It is the intent of all involved to put HS/AI on the fast track and find both the causes and appropriate cures for the disease.

As of January 29, the following doctors/researchers are scheduled to attend the HS Research Symposium: David R. Adams, George Cotsarelis, William Danby, Laurence Fardet, Sabine Fimmel, Damian Garcia-Olmo, Wolfgang Hartschuh, Gregor Jemec, Ichiro Kurokawa, Hjalmar Kurzen, Celeste Lebbe, Anirban Mandal, Lynette Margesson, Wolfgang Marsch, W.H. Irwin McLean, Samuel L. Moschella, Ralf Paus, Uppala Radhakrishna, Jean Revuz, Rodney Sinclair, John Sundberg, Jan von der Werth, and Christos C. Zouboulis. You can download a preliminary schedule of the symposium [HERE](#).

### Medical & Scientific Advisory Board News

The HSF is very pleased to welcome W.H. Irwin McLean (Dundee, UK) to its MSAB.... Members of the MSAB are performing a comprehensive HS/AI literature review utilizing the HSF database/virtual library. You can access this FREE database by submitting an online access form at <http://hs-foundation.org/research/database.htm>

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### Raising the Profile of HS/AI

Actively promoting “Directions: 2006” by the HSF has led to interactions with national and international agencies which champion the interests of patients, and has raised the profile of Hidradenitis Suppurativa worldwide. We would like to thank the following organizations who have partnered with the HSF for providing notification of the upcoming HSF symposium:

Rare Diseases Task Force, Working Party of the European Commission - DG Health and Consumer Protection/ Public Health, European Union. January 2006 Electronic Newsletter, “OrphaNews Europe” [LINK](#)

Dessau Medical Center, Calendar of Events, Germany. [LINK](#)

American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), Calendar of Events, United States. [LINK](#)

Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) & Archives Journal, Calendar of Events, United States. [LINK](#)

Alliance for Humane Dermatology, Dermatology Conference Planner, Canada. [LINK](#)

Health On the Net Foundation, Medical Meetings Database, Switzerland. [LINK](#)

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<http://www.hs-foundation.org/support/donate.htm>
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