

As patients with Hidradenitis Suppurativa, we would like to personally extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants, organizers, sponsors and supporters of the HSF and the First International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Research Symposium, "Directions: 2006." The results of these collaborative efforts give us a rational basis for our hope in finding more effective therapies that will greatly improve the quality of life and quality of care for all who live with HS/AI.

~ Michelle Barlow, President and Robert Howes, Vice President

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Developing a Global Roadmap for HS Research

International HS Research Symposium

March 30-April 2, 2006 • Dessau, Germany

The doctors and scientists attending "Directions 2006" represent patients, universities and hospital medical departments from 12 countries: Australia, France, Canada, China, Denmark, England, Germany, India, Japan, Scotland, Spain and the United States of America. The symposium is being hosted by the Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation and the Dessau Medical Center in the city of Dessau, Germany. It is supported by unrestricted grants from Creative Fusion Inc., Labcatal, and by private donations. You can download the symposium program [HERE](#).

In mid-March, the HSF will be publishing the submitted abstracts for "Directions: 2006" online, and a full report of the proceedings will be provided online by the end of April. This information will demonstrate the forging of novel, international and cooperative research efforts for Hidradenitis Suppurativa/Acne Inversa.

The HSF is Now a Member of the IAPO

The International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO) promotes patient-centered healthcare via a unique global alliance that represents patients of all nationalities across all disease areas. This membership supports the HSF's mission to improve the quality of life for those with HS, their families and their carers, through international representation and advocacy.

<http://www.patientsorganizations.org/>

Labcatal Supports the HSF

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The HSF is still seeking individual and corporate support for the symposium. If you are unable to offer support at the levels listed on the attached Sponsorship Form, you may be interested in giving \$500 for dinner beverages, coffee breaks, or other items. Your support will be recognized at the event and in the symposium program. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Barlow at 619-255-7781.

Experimental Dermatology Becomes the Official Journal of the HSF

The Board of Directors of the HSF unanimously voted to adopt *Experimental Dermatology* (EXD) as the foundation's official home journal. The publisher, Blackwell Munksgaard, has welcomed the HSF to EXD and looks forward to this new and promising alliance. *Experimental Dermatology* provides a vehicle for the rapid publication of innovative and definitive reports, letters to the editor and review articles covering all aspects of experimental dermatology. The HSF plans to publish abstracts from the Symposium in EXD in May or June of this year.



<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp>

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