

HSF news *brief*



Welcome!

This is the first newsletter of the Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation and will be published on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. The initial aim of this publication is to highlight the activities of the HSF and to relay any other HS-relevant news to our readers. We plan to be brief, since many of our readers visit our website frequently to search for more detailed information. Look for future issues of the [HSF News Brief](http://www.hs-foundation.org/news/news.htm) online at www.hs-foundation.org/news/news.htm.

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Developing a Global Roadmap for HS Research

The First International HS Research Symposium will be held on March 31-April 2, 2006 at the Dessau Medical Center and the Steigenberger Hotel in Dessau, Germany. It will be hosted by the HSF and chaired by Dr. Ralf Paus and Dr. Christos Zouboulis.

An international group of scientists, researchers and physicians has generously volunteered to share their expertise in the pathogenesis and management of HS. These doctors are dedicated to charting a new course that will produce international, interdisciplinary, and cooperative evidence-based research.

The HSF is currently seeking sponsorships to help make "Directions 2006" a success. With your support, the HSF will be able to bring these prominent and caring doctors together to improve the quality of life for individuals and families affected by Hidradenitis Suppurativa. The HSF would greatly value your commitment to our organization, services and mission.

For more information about sponsorships, please see www.hs-foundation.org/international/international.htm or contact Michelle Barlow directly at 1-619-255-7781.

For other ways you can support the HSF, visit our website and our [ONLINE STORE](#). Do your shopping here, and tell your friends and family about this unique and easy way to help us raise funds.

Thank you for your support!

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HSF Activities in October

Introducing the HSF MSAB

This month, the HSF Medical & Scientific Advisory Board was established, spearheaded by Drs. Ralf Paus, the HSF Director of Basic Research; and Christos Zouboulis, the HSF Director of Clinical Research. Members include the following: Richard L. Gallo, Gregor Jemec, Ichiro Kurokawa, Lynette J. Margesson, Samuel L. Moschella, Jean Revuz, Rodney Sinclair and John P. Sundberg. The HSF is grateful to have this global team of experts volunteer their precious time to advance HS research. *Thank You!*

The HSF Research Database

The HSF online database has over 425 HS-specific papers in many languages. In addition, the HSF bibliography lists over 1050 references. This month, twenty-two new documents were added, including *The Pathogenesis of HS in Man* (1955); *MRI Features of HS* (2005); and *Surgical Management of Acne Inversa* (in German, 2005). To date, over 150 medical professionals, researchers, patients and their families from nearly 20 countries utilize this database to stay current and to educate others about this disease. To access the database, please submit the form located on our website at www.hs-foundation.org/research/database.htm

Web Stats & Other Facts

In October, hs-foundation.org received over 5,800 visitors. Our guests are from 55 countries: 71% from North America, 21% from Europe, and 10% from other regions. The HSF responded to 150 phone/mail inquiries from people with HS, their family members and the medical community. Marketing activities included a minimum of 200 contacts. A comprehensive report will be provided in our 2005 Annual Report, which will be available online in the first quarter of 2006.