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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

ILDS DermLink 2020 funding opportunity

I write to encourage you to consider applying for an ILDS DermLink Grant. Every year the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) provides a number of one-off grants for ILDS Members, or Member sponsored organisations, to be undertaken over a 12-month period.

I am pleased to share that, due to an abundance of excellent applications in 2019, we have increased the 2020 DermLink budget so that we can fund even more projects this year.

The three categories of the DermLink grant are:

1. Materials & Equipment - Up to **US\$3,000** for dermatological materials and equipment;
2. Training - Up to **US\$3,000** for short-term dermatological training for an individual;
3. Field or Community Project - Up to **US\$5,000** for projects in low-resource regions lasting no more than 12 months.

Past DermLink projects include:

- a training programme to raise awareness of topical steroid misuse.
- projects to improve the care for Persons with Albinism (PwA).
- fishermen supported to prevent injuries by marine animals.
- basic dermatopathology education offered to doctors and healthcare workers.
- expanded access to a dermatology mobile app will be offered for healthcare workers to support decisions for the diagnosis and management of dermatologic conditions.
- an educational programme to reduce prevalence of scabies being transmitted in secondary school populations.
- the purchase of AV equipment to enhance the learning experience of students and patients.
- the provision of treatment in Internally Displaced People (IDP) camps contributing towards a research study.

We are particularly interested in supporting projects addressing global health Dermatology or Migration Health issues, and those working with patient groups. We would also encourage previous unsuccessful applicants to consider reapplying.

The deadline for submitting an ILDS DermLink application is **28 February 2020**.

Attached is the application form which includes guidance notes but please do contact the ILDS Secretariat if you have any questions on dermlink@ilds.org.

We look forward to receiving your applications and supporting initiatives that improve skin health for people around the world.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Fuller', on a light-colored rectangular background.

Claire Fuller

Chair, International Foundation for Dermatology