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## ISNG website relaunch

On the 19th May the ISNG website was relaunched with a new URL [www.isng.org](http://www.isng.org). The website provides information about the history of ISNG and is kept up-to-date with ISNG projects and activities. There are also listings for events that might be of interest to you, but if you know of any others that we have missed, do get in touch. The website also allows new members to join; if you know of anyone who you think might be interested, please direct them to the website.

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## South African Dermatology Nursing Conference

Pat Kelly, ISNG Advisory Board member, organised a very successful nurses meeting in Cape Town on 1st May. Sixty delegates were present from all over South Africa and from further a field. The programme was full of interesting presentations given by doctors and nurses. The nurses programme was given resounding support by their medical colleagues and Pat has been asked to put together another nursing programme for 2009.

All but one of the Advisory Board was in Cape Town for the conference and they were able to have a successful meeting to discuss the future developments of the ISNG.

Members of the ISNG Advisory Board participated in the nurses meeting by presenting on topics that included Dermatology Nursing in India, Atopic eczema: recognition and management and patient self-management. Steve Ersser was also invited to present at the medical meeting.

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## International Lymphoedema Conference

ISNG is always looking for new partners to be affiliated with and are delighted to promote the work of the International Lymphoedema Framework. They are holding a conference 21st-23rd April 2009. They say "The first International Lymphoedema Conference will be based on a different, challenging, exciting and inclusive format. The main theme of the conference is to achieve care improvements globally through effective service development. To help achieve this, experts in the field of lymphoedema management from around the world will come together to discuss and share their experiences." Lymphoedema care, particularly in developing countries, has always been high on the ISNG agenda, so we plan to do all we can to promote this event. The programme is still being finalised, but more information can be found at [www.wounds-uk.com](http://www.wounds-uk.com) and click on conferences.



## ISNG Advisory Board

Please find below the updated version of the Advisory Board along with their responsibilities. We were pleased to welcome new board members Barbara Page and Arne Langøen at our meeting in Cape Town.

Name	Title	Place of work	Role in ISNG
Steven Ersser	Professor of Nursing Development & Skin Care Research	Bournemouth University, UK	Chair
Rebecca Penzer	Independent Nurse Consultant in Skin Health	Oxford, UK	Deputy Chair and Secretary
Vineet Kaur	Consultant Dermatologist	Varanasi, India	Education
Pat Kelly	Chief Professional Nurse	Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa	Education
Elizabeth Moore	Dermatology Nurse Consultant	Royal Children's Hospital, Victoria, Australia	Networking & Membership
Noreen Nicol	Former Chief Clinical Officer	National Jewish Medical and Research Centre	Education/Budget
Corinne Ward	Tissue Viability Nurse	Malta	Networking & Membership/Europe
Barbara Page	Dermatology Liaison Nurse Specialist	Fife, Scotland	EADV liaison
Arne Langøen	Associate Professor, College of Nursing, Stord/Haugesund, Norway	Stord/Haugesund College, Norway	IT/web development

## Events of interest between June-September 2008

British Dermatological Nursing Group Annual Conference, Liverpool, England, 2nd-3rd July [www.bdng.org.uk](http://www.bdng.org.uk)

European Tissue Repair Society and Tissue Viability Unit, St George's Bay, Malta, 10th-12th September [www.etr.org](http://www.etr.org)

European Skin Care Nursing Network (at the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology), Paris, France, 17th September [www.eadv2008.com](http://www.eadv2008.com)

SCAR Meeting: Scar Management, Montpellier, France, 25th-27th September [www.scar-club.com](http://www.scar-club.com)

## Free resources

**Community Dermatology** - This was mentioned in the last e bulletin, however I

omitted to mention the website where this journal can be accessed:

[www.icttheworldcare.com](http://www.icttheworldcare.com)

**Wounds UK** - There are 3 best practice statements on this website which can all be downloaded free of charge:

- Care of the Older Person's skin;
- Minimising Trauma and Pain in Wound Management;
- Compression Hosiery

[www.woundsuk.com/best\\_practice.shtml](http://www.woundsuk.com/best_practice.shtml)

**Dermatology UK**- There is 1 best practice statement on this website which can be downloaded for free entitled: Best Practice in Emollient Therapy

[www.dermatology-uk.com/index.shtml](http://www.dermatology-uk.com/index.shtml)

**Teaching Aids at Low Cost**- This well established organisation provides a wide range of information and teaching aids for free. They also provide some for which there is a small charge. These are not specifically related to dermatology, but lots of other important health issues.

[www.talcuk.org](http://www.talcuk.org)

**Psoriasis Global Advisory Network**- This is a website from Merck Serono bringing the most up-to-date information about psoriasis. Much of it is related to biologic drugs, but not all of it. Once you have registered for the website you will be sent email reminders of the most recent findings in psoriasis research.

[www.merckserono4psoriasis.net](http://www.merckserono4psoriasis.net)

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