

Vietnamese Dermatology

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Abstract

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BACKGROUND: The World Health Academy of Dermatology, the Vitiligo Research Foundation, the University of Parma-Italy and the University of Rome Guglielmo Marconi, Rome-Italy have successfully joined Vietnamese Dermatology Community in the ambitious project of positioning Vietnam in the Dermatologic Olympus.

AIM: The aim of our special issue is to present some pearls of the Vietnamese Dermatology devoted to the description of the national and hopefully international declining of traditional therapies.

METHODS: We present 36 contributions from all academic hospitals of Vietnam reflecting the therapeutic strategies and every day's dermato-venereology practice in Vietnam.

RESULTS: This special issue show the efficacy and safety of our Vietnamese approach continuously embracing the concept that "old and traditional is beautiful when safe, effective and cheap".

CONCLUSION: Vietnamese Dermatology is deeply concerned with any possible marketing orientated lucrative therapies, thus emphasising the risk/benefits ratio of "old-traditional" versus "new" therapeutic strategies.

Vietnamese Dermatology is presently proudly living an exciting era of great changes thanks to the fertile continuous cooperation with international leaders and associations [1], [2], [3].

The World Health Academy of Dermatology, the Vitiligo Research Foundation, the University of Parma-Italy and the University of Rome Guglielmo Marconi, Rome-Italy have successfully joined our Vietnamese Dermatology Community in the ambitious project of positioning Vietnam in the Dermatologic Olympus.

Other private and public institutions are joining and will join us.

In this very peculiar issue, you'll find 35 contributions from all academic hospitals of Vietnam reflecting the therapeutic strategies and every day's dermato-venereology practice in Vietnam.

Our publications are mainly directed to the

large General Medicine Community and only secondarily to the smaller Dermatology Community.

Some pearls of this Vietnamese Dermatology Special Issue are devoted to the description of the national and hopefully international declining of traditional therapies.

PUVA Therapy is becoming increasingly unpopular in Vietnam while the Narrow Band and Broad Band Phototherapies are prevailing. This is just one example among others.

Other sections of this special issue show the efficacy and safety of our Vietnamese approach continuously embracing the concept that "old and traditional is beautiful when safe, effective and cheap".

Last, our Vietnamese Dermatology is deeply concerned with any possible marketing orientated lucrative therapies, thus emphasising the risk/benefits ratio of "old-traditional" versus "new" therapeutic

strategies.

This is the "file rouge" of this Vietnamese Special Issue.

A strict therapeutic Ethical approach is the basis for our victorious international leadership.

This is our vision and mission.

The new Era of Vietnamese Dermatology culminated with the World Dermatology Summit of Hanoi of December the 2nd, 2017 [4].

After this spectacular international event, many other international meetings and round tables and workshops have enriched the Vietnamese Dermatology.

We are now ready to proudly show our Leaders attitudes with the organisation of the World Vitiligo Day in Ha Noi on June 25th, 2019 [5].

We're waiting for you all to be warmly welcomed.

This Special Vietnamese issue is something more than a series of medical and surgical reports.

It is, in fact, the description of what Vietnamese Dermatology is in the moment in which everyone perceives that everything is changing.

We proudly work as an International Team being aware that medical and surgical developments are nowadays a challenging global issue - we accept the challenge for a better Dermatology in a better

World.

Hopefully, the readers will give us their precious comments, criticism and advice.

Here we are today in Vietnam, ready for sharing and absorbing from every corner of the Planet what's good for all our patients.

Enjoy the reading!

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