

Meetings, Transactions and Society News

2007 Maria Duran, MD Awards

The Maria Duran Committee wishes to honor the memory of Maria M. Duran, MD, former Secretary-General and Executive Vice-President of the International Society of Dermatology, via the awarding of the Maria M. Duran Medals to women leaders in dermatology and to dermatologists who have made significant contributions to dermatologic conditions affecting women and children. This year the medals went to Prof. Antonella Tosti of Italy and to Dr. Lourdes Tamayo-Sanchez of Mexico. Both were awarded on February 5, 2007 as part of the International Society of Dermatology's reception at the American Academy of Dermatology annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Antonella Tosti, MD is a Full Professor of Dermatology at the University of Bologna, Italy where earlier she was Director of the Residency School of Dermatology. She is the Director of the Center of Allergology at the Institute of Clinical Dermatology as well. Her major research activities include Allergology, the mechanisms and identification of new allergens; Hair and nail biology and their clinical and basic aspects. She is a member of several prestigious societies – the European Academy of Dermatology, European Nail Society (President), European Women Dermatological Society, European Hair Research Society, European Society of Contact Dermatitis, International Society of Dermatology,

American Dermatologic Association, and the American Academy of Dermatology to name a few. She is on the editorial boards of the European Journal of Dermatology, Journal of Dermatological Treatment and the Archives of Dermatology. Her contribution and leadership in the field of Dermatology is impressive as she has 508 publications and twenty books to her credit.

From the other side of the world, Dr. Lourdes Tamayo-Sanchez, was a pediatric dermatologist who hailed from Mexico. She was very much respected by her colleagues and loved by her patients as she was the Chief of the Dermatologic Service of the Instituto Nacional de Pediatría from 1992. Her dedication to her profession was unquestionable. She was from 1999–2001, the President of the IX World Congress of Pediatric Dermatology. She was a scientific member of 15 organizations around the world and honorary member of 16 different prestigious societies. She wrote six books and had one hundred twenty seven publications. It was unfortunate that she passed away a month before she receiving the Maria Duran Medal. The medal was accepted on her behalf by Prof. Ramon Ruiz-Maldonado, ISD President, who is also from Mexico.

Prof. Antonella Tosti and Dr. Lourdes Tamayo-Sanchez, we are so proud of you! Kudos!

Vangee Handog, MD
Chair, Maria Duran Committee



Dr. Antonella Tosti (left) receiving the Maria Duran Medal from Dr. Vangee Handog



Dr. Ramon Ruiz-Maldonado (center) receiving the Maria Duran Medal from Dr. Jean Bolognia (left) and Dr. Vangee Handog (right) on behalf of Dr. Lourdes Tamayo-Sanchez's family