

Entretiens d'**Avène**  
Asia

# Atopic Dermatitis Controversies and Updates

— November 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 —

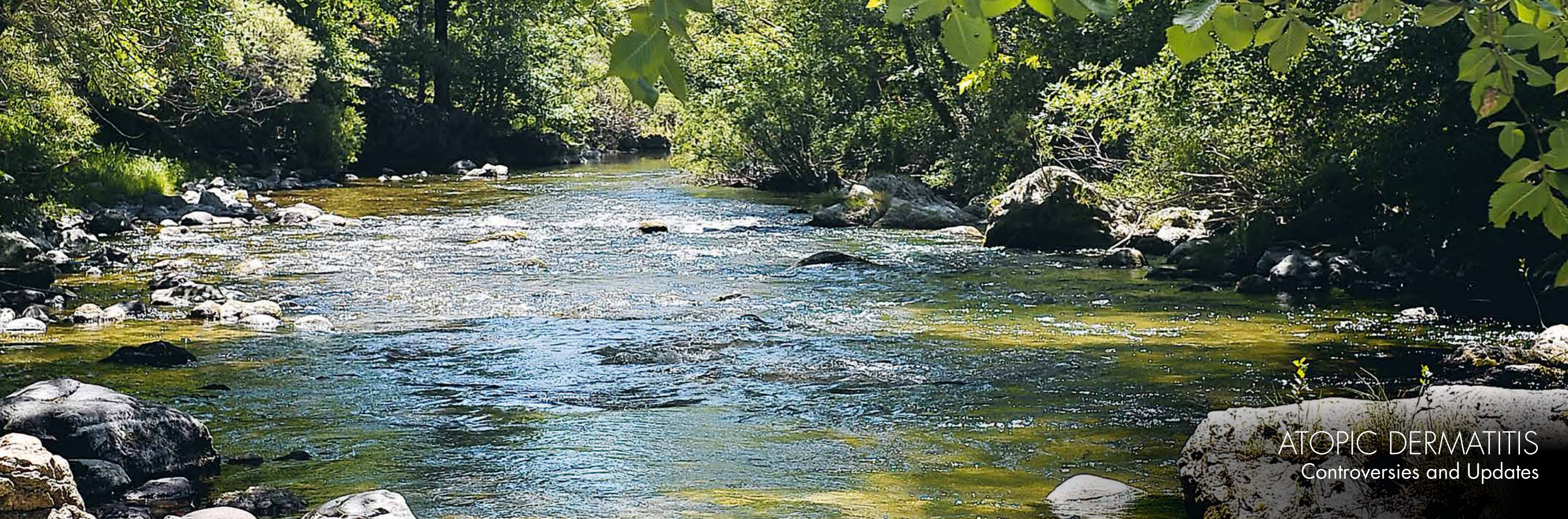
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ATOPIIC DERMATITIS  
Controversies and Updates

# WELCOME NOTE

Yen Loo Lim - President



**Dear colleagues,**

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Entretiens d'Avène.

The Entretiens d'Avène is taken out of France for the first time and it is now in Singapore. We are confident that this first Asian edition of the "Entretiens d'Avène" will be an exciting meeting.

I am honored to chair this meeting, which is committed to active exchange on a special topic of Dermatology. This year, it will be around the theme "Atopic Dermatitis - Controversies and Updates".

Atopic dermatitis is a priority in dermatological practice and research not only because of its high prevalence, but also because of its heavy and long-standing impact on quality of life patients and their families. In recent years, basic research has allowed us to gain new insights into the complex processes that underlie the pathogenesis of atopic dermatitis. Some of these

new findings at the bench level have already guided us significantly in patient care.

At this meeting, we have with us an outstanding faculty who will deliver and share with us their contributions and experience from the bench to the bedside on atopic dermatitis.

I am looking forward to this meeting and I hope you are too. See you in Singapore!

**YEN LOO LIM,**  
President of the Dermatological  
Society of Singapore

# PROGRAM

## PRESIDENT

**YEN LOO LIM**, President of the Dermatological Society of Singapore

## CHAIRS

**Alain TAIEB**,  
University of Bordeaux, France

**Mark TANG**,  
National Skin Center, SINGAPORE

Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Scientific session from 9 a.m. to 5:20 p.m.;  
Gala dinner in the evening at CE LA VI,  
Marina Bay Sands - Singapore

## MORNING SESSION UPDATE ON ATOPIC DERMATITIS

9:00/9:20 ..... Welcome by Laboratory:  
**Steven CONQUY**  
Opening Address by  
**Yen Loo LIM, Singapore**

9:20/10:00 ..... **Mark TANG, Singapore**  
Atopic Dermatitis in Asia -  
Is there an Asian Phenotype ?

10:00/10:40 ..... **Fook Tim CHEW, Singapore**  
The Diverse Skin Barrier Dysfunction  
in the Asian Population & Its Role in  
Atopic Dermatitis Pathogenesis

10:40/11:00 ..... Coffee break

11:00/11:40 ..... **Cheng-Che Eric LAN, Taiwan**  
Atopic Dermatitis and Occupational  
Hand Eczema: What's the link and  
how best to manage

11:40/12:20 ..... **Alain TAIEB, France**  
Which is the therapeutic translation of  
our current understanding of Atopic  
Dermatitis?

12:20/14:00 ..... Lunch break and group picture

## AFTERNOON SESSION CONTROVERSIES ON ATOPIC DERMATITIS

14:00/14:40 ..... **Gayle FISCHER, Australia**  
Topical Corticosteroids in Atopic  
Dermatitis - Is it really safe?

14:40/15:20 ..... **Norito KATOH, Japan**  
H1 Antihistamines in Atopic  
Dermatitis - Does it really work?

15:20/15:40 ..... Coffee break

15:40/16:20 ..... **Ellis HON, Hong Kong**  
Complementary and alternative  
medicine (CAM) for Atopic  
Dermatitis: The Good, the Bad and  
the Ugly

16:20/17:00 ..... **Hyunjong KIM, Korea**  
Skin Barrier Repair for the Primary  
Prevention of Atopic Dermatitis -  
Does it really work?

17:00/17:20 ..... **Wrap Up**  
by Alain Taïeb and Mark Tang.  
Closing Address by Dr Yen Loo LIM

## FOOK TIM CHEW



Fook Tim Chew obtained his PhD from the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 1998. He was formerly a Research Fellow at the Department of Paediatrics, NUS (1999-2001), before joining the faculty at the Department of Biological Sciences (NUS) in July 2001. He is currently the Principal Investigator of the Functional Genomics Laboratories, Associate Professor (in Genetics and Immunology) at the Department of Biological Sciences, and Vice Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Student Life at the Faculty of Science, NUS.

His laboratory focused itself in the field of genetics, allergy and immunology, and has research collaborations and links with many basic academic research groups, allergen manufacturers / industry, regulatory bodies and clinicians worldwide. He has spoken widely around the world and has published >120 scientific articles and >200 international conference presentations to-date. He speaks regularly both locally and internationally on topics ranging from genetics and genomics, allergens, asthma and allergies, environmental health, education, thinking, entrepreneurship, leadership, life sciences and biomedical sciences in Asia.

He has been awarded several honours for his contributions to research, education and service. These include: the NUS Outstanding University Researcher Award (1999); National Medical Research Council-National University Hospital Young Scientist Award (1997), Chua Toh Hua Memorial Gold Medal (Outstanding PhD Thesis in Biomedical Sciences, NUS) (1998), NUS Excellent Teachers (2001/2 and 2002/3); NUS Faculty of Science Teaching Excellence Award (2002/3, 2003/4, 2004/5, 2008/9); NUS Faculty of Science Teaching Honour Roll (2005/6 and 2006/7), NUS Office of Life Sciences Young Investigator Award (2003); Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors Award (2004); NUS Long Service Award (2004, 2009, 2014) and CRISP Award Outstanding UROPS Undergraduate Project (Supervisor) (2008). He was awarded the Singapore Youth Award in 2004, for his contributions in Science and Technology.

## GAYLE FISCHER



Gayle Fischer is a clinical and academic paediatric dermatologist Professor from Sydney Australia. She holds a senior Doctorate from the University of Sydney for her thesis «Vulval disease in adults and children.» She is the author of a textbook and a website on vulval disease and has published over 100 studies in peer reviewed journals. Her major research interests include long-term management of lichen sclerosus and lichen plants, paediatric psoriasis and compliance with topical corticosteroid treatment. She is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Sydney, and has recently been the Dean of Education and Chief Examiner of the Australasian College of Dermatologists

## ELLIS HON



Ellis Hon is a paediatric Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He received undergraduate medical education at the University of Western Australia. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatricians (FAAP) and Fellow of Critical Care Medicine (FCCM). His Doctor of Medicine (MD) thesis is on the assessment of eczema. He has published more than 200 peer-reviewed scientific papers, books and book chapters; and his research interests include many paediatric issues. He has performed extensive research on topical emollients, antibiotic, corticosteroid, systemic immunotherapy, food avoidance and dietary supplementation, traditional Chinese medicine and bench research on eczema biomarkers, as well as many paediatric psychosocial issues. Dr Hon is particular keen to education parents to dismiss a lot of myths and fallacies that hinder good child health and skin care in Hong Kong.

## NORITO KATOH



Norito Katoh is Professor and Chairperson of Department of Dermatology, Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine, Japan. He qualified in medicine in 1989 and gained a PhD in 1997. He has been board certified dermatologist and allergist since 1995 and 2004, respectively. He worked at Immunobiology Laboratory, Department of Dermatology, University of Bonn, Germany as a post-doctoral researcher in 1997-1998.

Professor Katoh is Chairperson of the Establishing Committee of Guidelines for the Management of Atopic Dermatitis by Japanese Dermatological Association. He is also Chairperson of Establishing Committee of Clinical Guidelines for the Management of Atopic Dermatitis, supported by Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. He has published numerous clinical and scientific articles in international journals about the pathogenesis of allergic skin disorders including atopic dermatitis and contact dermatitis.

Professor Katoh is a members of Board of Directors of International Society for Atopic Dermatitis, Japanese Society for Investigative Dermatology, and many others. He is an editorial member of Journal of Dermatological Science and Journal of Dermatology.

## CHENG-CHE ERIC LAN



Cheng-Che Eric Lan received his MD degree from National Cheng-Kung University Tainan, Taiwan, and PhD degree from Kaohsiung Medical University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Currently, Dr. Lan is the Professor at Dermatology Department and serves as the Secretary (Physician) at the Office of Secretariat, Kaohsiung Medical University. Dr. Lan has served as the Secretary for Asian Society of Pigment Cell Research and is currently the associate editor for *Dermatologica Sinica*, the official journal of Taiwanese Dermatological Association. Dr. Lan focuses his academic research on pigmentary disorders, wound healing, and photobiology. He enjoys clinical practice as much as academic research.

## ALAIN TAIEB



Alain Taieb is Professor of Dermatology and Head of the Department of Dermatology and Pediatric Dermatology at Bordeaux University Hospitals, Director of the National Reference Centre for Rare Skin Disorders established in 2005. Dr Taieb studied paediatric dermatology under Prof J Maleville at Bordeaux Children's Hospital and is a former research fellow from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He serves or has served on the board of several national (Société Française de Dermatologie, Société de Recherche Dermatologique) and international societies (ESPD, ESPCR, EAACI). Former president of the Société Française de Dermatologie Pédiatrique, and coordinator of the Inserm- Dermatological Learned Societies committee. Serves as associate editor, *British Journal of Dermatology*, *Pigment Cell Melanoma Research*, *Melanoma Research*, *Experimental Dermatology*. Has created and managed the European Task Force on Atopic Dermatitis from 1990 to 2000, and created of the Vitiligo European Task Force on Vitiligo with Dr M Picardo in 2003; Chair of the special interest group on Vitiligo of the international federation of pigment cell societies (IFPCS). Organiser of the annual course of Paediatric Dermatology, Arcachon since 1992; Organiser or co-organiser of several international meetings (European Soc Ped Dermatol, Bordeaux, 1990; European Soc Pigment Cell Res, Bordeaux, 1997, World Congress of Dermatology, Paris, 2002; International Symposium on Atopic Dermatitis, Arcachon 2005; International Pigment Cell Conference, Bordeaux 2011). Has authored more than 500 articles in peer-reviewed journals and more than 50 chapters in multiauthored books. Co-author of "History of Atopic Dermatitis" with Drs Wallach and Tilles, Masson, 2004, "Neonatal Dermatology" Maloine, 2009, with Drs Enjolras, Vabres and Wallach, and "Vitiligo" (Springer, 2010, with Dr Picardo). His major topics of interest are paediatric dermatology, genodermatoses, atopic dermatitis, pigment cell disorders and the ex-vivo study of the epidermal melanin unit (physiology and pathophysiology). He has received the Certificate of appreciation of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) in 2009 for several achievements made during his career and the American Skin Association award for his work on pigment cell disorders in 2012. H factor 49.

## MARK TANG



Mark Tang is a Senior Consultant Dermatologist at the National Skin Centre (NSC) in Singapore, where he is the Director of Research and Head of the Eczema Clinic. He is also a Clinical Associate Professor at the School of Medicine, National University of Singapore (NUS).

He is a Dean's List graduate from the National University of Singapore, where he won numerous undergraduate and postgraduate awards for academic excellence, including the VS Rajan Gold Medal in Dermatology. He completed his Internal Medicine and Dermatology training in Singapore, as well as post-residency Dermatology fellowships at the University of Pennsylvania, USA and University of Toronto, Canada.

His main clinical and research interest is in Atopic Eczema and is the principal investigator for several investigational studies and clinical trials in Atopic Eczema. He has published extensively in many internationally peer-reviewed medical journals on a range of dermatological diseases. He was involved with the setting up of the Eczema Support Group in Singapore.

He is actively engaged in undergraduate and postgraduate dermatology education and is a course director of the NUS-NSC Diploma in Family Practice Dermatology program and a member of the NHG-NUS Clinical Leadership in Research Faculty. He has been awarded the NUS Dean's Award for Teaching, the National Healthcare Group Education Leaders Award, the NSC Best Teacher Award and the NSC Service Champion Award for Excellent Patient Care.

## HYUNJONG KIM



Hyunjong Kim is the Director of the Department of Dermatology and the Atopy Clinic at the Seoul Medical Centre (SMC), Seoul Korea. She is also the Principal Researcher, Department of Environmental Health Research at SMC. She was also recently appointed the CCO of the Human Understanding Design Centre at SMC. After obtaining her M.A. in Immune and Cellular Technology from the Yonsei University in 1997, she went on to obtain her M.D., followed by her Ph.D. from the same medical university. She completed her Dermatology Residency and Research Fellowship at Yongdong Severance Hospital, Seoul. She also undertook research training at Dr Elias' laboratory at UCSF, San Francisco, USA as well as clinical research work at the National Skin Centre in 2014.

She is actively involved in various dermatological societies in Korea and Asia, and is the General Director of the Korean Society for Skin Barrier Research, Scientific Committee Member of the Asian-Pacific Barrier Research Society, Director of Assessment and Risk Management of the Korean Society of Cosmetic Research and Member of the Intelligence Committee of the Korean Society of Investigative Dermatology.

Her main clinical and research focus is in Atopic Dermatitis and Skin Barrier and has a extensive publications in these areas. She was part of the task force that developed the Korean Dermatological Association Questionnaire for Atopic Dermatitis and Korean Atopic Dermatitis Treatment Guidelines.



# SPOTLIGHT ON SINGAPORE



Singapore, often referred to as the Lion City, the Garden City, and the Red Dot, is a leading global city-state and island country in Southeast Asia. The “garden city” vision was introduced by then Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew on 11 May 1967 to transform Singapore into a city with abundant lush greenery and a clean environment in order to make life more pleasant for the people.

The cosmopolitan and culturally diverse nation is home to 5.5 million residents, 38% of whom are permanent residents and other foreign nationals. Singaporeans (Chinese 74.1%, Malays 13.4%, Indians 9.2%, and Eurasians) are mostly bilingual, with English as its common language and a second mother-tongue language.

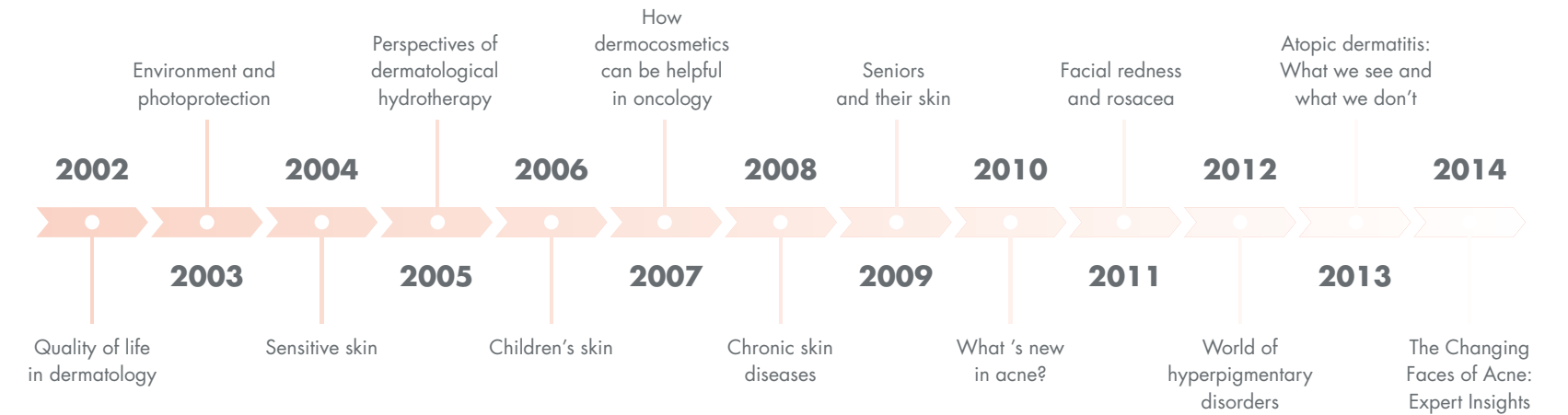
Since its independence in 1965, Singapore embarked on a path of development, as an Asian tiger economy, based on external trade and its human capital. Singapore is a global commerce, transportation and financial hub, with the world’s 3rd-largest foreign exchange centre, 4th-largest financial centre and one of the top two busiest container ports in the world since the 1990s. It is ranked as Asia’s most influential city and 4th in the world by Forbes.

# CONCEPT

The "Entretiens d'Avène" have been held annually since 2002, originally at the Avène Hydrotherapy Center, nestled within the Haut-Languedoc Regional Park. This year, they take place abroad for the first time. The event is designed as a roundtable-style meeting between experts on a key theme, in the aim of informing the scientific and non-scientific communities about the latest advances in dermatology research.



# PREVIOUS MEETINGS



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