

Report dermatologists 2014

The year began with a setback. Dr. Naafs was inactive for some time because of broken ribs and a pneumothorax after falling from his racing bicycle, a day before his 70th birthday.

The annual CME congress in Moshi this year was attended by the pharmacist Dr. Peter Bakker with a presentation on the implementation of dermatological ointment production in Africa. This led to a plan by the Malawian dermatologists to switch to the production of topical preparations.

Dr. Naafs had recovered somewhat at the end of March and gave a talk on leprosy during a post-graduate course for the German dermatologists in Heidelberg. He also gave a lecture on the differences between the white and the black skin during the post-graduate course for dermatologists held in Eindhoven in the Netherlands.

From 8th of June till 4th of August, he once again lectured at the RDTC in Moshi and participated in examining candidates. Dr. Valesca Padovesi from Italy also came there to attend a refresher course on tropical dermatology for a week and also helped Dr. Kiprono, a prospective professor of dermatology in Kenya, with writing scientific articles.

In September, Dr. Naafs was in Mekelle, Ethiopia where he provided in-service training together with presentations. He was invited to attend the Ethiopian National Dermatology Congress, the first official scientific meeting and he was acknowledged as the first dermato-venereologist who was trained in Ethiopia. He also examined and treated refugees from Eritrea together with Prof. Marrone. This year the European post-graduate course was held in Amsterdam where Global Dermatology Foundation rented a house to provide accommodation for sponsored African dermatologists to attend the EADV. The participants were Workalemahu Belachew, Frehiwot Gutema and Shimelis Doni from Ethiopia, Edith Minde and Jere Mshana from Tanzania and Bwanali Jereni from Malawi. Professor Gail Todd from South Africa also stayed at the house. Dr. Wagner Galvao and his wife, both dermatologists, also visited this house in order to enhance integration between Africa and Brazil. A European group was also set up during the EADV in order to promote dermatology in developing countries.

In November, Dr. Naafs visited Brazil where he gave various presentations and lectures at several universities in Sao Paulo and to leprosy physicians of the Municipality. He visited Bauru where he lectured and discussed research especially with Prof. Dr. Pranab Das, Dr. Garbino and Prof. Virmond. Dr. Naafs attended the Brazilian leprosy congress where he chaired several sessions and in Curitiba hosted the Indian dermatologist Prof. Dr. Kar whom he had invited on his own initiative.

Dr. Naafs also wrote a chapter for the Indian leprosy handbook together with Dr. Noto and Dr. Schreuder. Together with Dr. Van Hees, he wrote on the treatment of Leishmaniasis and mycobacterial diseases for a European book on skin infections. Together with several co-authors Dr. Naafs also wrote articles on leprosy to enable the International Cosmetic Dermatologists to recognize leprosy.

Dr. Van Diggelen worked in Moshi once again from the middle of October till the end of December. This period also meant the end of his activities in Moshi. He would be highly missed there. It is likely that his successor will be Dr. Go.

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