

AN INTERNATIONAL ECZEMA COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM AT THE
2026 REUNIÓN ANUAL DE DERMATÓLOGOS LATINOAMERICANOS

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Diagnosis, misdiagnosis,
and therapeutic approaches

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AGENDA

16:00-16:05

Introduction & welcome from IEC President Dr. Alan Irvine

Valeria Aoki, MD PhD
IEC Director
São Paulo, Brazil
Alan Irvine, MD DSc
IEC President
Dublin, Ireland

16:05-16:20

Atopic dermatitis in adults—significance of biomarkers and therapeutic choices

Valeria Aoki, MD PhD
IEC Director
São Paulo, Brazil

16:20-16:35

Atopic dermatitis and disease modification

Paula Luna, MD
IEC Associate
Buenos Aires, Argentina

16:35-16:50

Atopic dermatitis and prurigo

Raquel Leão Orfali, MD PhD
IEC Councilor
São Paulo, Brazil

16:50 - 17:05

Atopic dermatitis and psoriasis

Margarita Maria Velásquez Lopera, MD DrSC
Medellín, Colombia

17:05-17:20

Case discussion panel: managing refractory atopic dermatitis in adults

Fernando Valenzuela, MD
IEC Councilor
Santiago, Chile

17:20-17:30

Question & answer panel discussion & conclusion

All Faculty

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EL ORDEN DEL DÍA

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Introducción

Valeria Aoki, MD PhD

São Paulo, Brazil

Alan Irvine, MD DSc

Dublin, Ireland

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Dermatitis atópica en adultos: relevancia de los biomarcadores y elección terapéutica

Valeria Aoki, MD PhD

São Paulo, Brazil

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Dermatitis atópica y modificación de la enfermedad

Paula C. Luna, MD

Buenos Aires, Argentina

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Dermatitis atópica y prurigo

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Dermatitis atópica y psoriasis

Margarita M. Velásquez Lopera, MD DrSC

Medellín, Colombia

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Panel de discusión de casos: manejo de la dermatitis atópica refractaria en adultos

Fernando Valenzuela, MD

Santiago, Chile

17:20 - 17:30

Discusión

TRADUCCIÓN SIMULTÁNEA

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Alan Irvine, MD DSc
IEC President



Alan Irvine has been a consultant dermatologist in Children's Health Ireland and St. James's Hospital, Dublin, since 2002 and professor of dermatology at Trinity College Dublin since 2007, all in Dublin, Ireland. His interests include epithelial genetics, characterisation of the skin barrier, and the disease mechanisms in, and therapy of, atopic dermatitis.

He has published extensively, including on these topics, in high impact journals such as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Lancet*, *Nature Genetics*, and *Nature Reviews Disease Primers*.

Dr. Irvine's international awards for research include the Times Higher Education Supplement Research Project of the Year and the Paul Gerson Unna Prize (German Dermatology Society). He has delivered several prize lectureships including the MB Sulzberger (American Academy of Dermatology), Watson-Smith (The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh) and Dolovich (the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology).

He was a founding director of the International Eczema Council and serves as IEC president through 2026. He is an elected Member of the Royal Irish Academy and the Academia Europaea and an Honorary Member of the Société Française de Dermatologie.

Dr. Irvine trained in dermatology and genetics in Belfast, Northern Ireland; at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, England, UK; and as a Fulbright Scholar in Children's Memorial Hospital/Northwestern University in Chicago, IL, USA.

Valeria Aoki, MD PhD
IEC Director &
Program Co-Chair



Valeria Aoki is associate professor (tenure track) and director of the Cutaneous Immunopathology Laboratory and a member of the Scientific Committee of the Dermatology Graduate Program in the Department of Dermatology at the University of Sao Paulo Medical School in São Paulo, Brazil. She also is president of the school's International Relations Office.

She has had a career-long interest in understanding autoimmune, infectious, and inflammatory skin diseases in tropical countries. Her clinical interests include blistering diseases, inflammatory dermatoses (atopic dermatitis), and mentoring PhD students and postdoctoral fellows at the University of Sao Paulo.

Dr. Aoki is an IEC Councilor, a member of the Board of Directors of the IEC, and co-chair of IEC Education Committee. She has been an editor of the *European Journal of Dermatology and Venereology*, among numerous other accomplishments.

She served her residency in dermatology at the University of Sao Paulo, and her dermatology clinical training was supported by a Dermatology Foundation scholarship. From 1992-1994, she spent 2 years as a research fellow in immunodermatology under the supervision of Luis A. Diaz, MD, at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, WI, USA. The research project addressed the environmental triggers of endemic pemphigus foliaceus (also known as fogo selvagem [FS]), an autoimmune blistering dermatosis with a complex etiology and unique epidemiologic features. Dr. Aoki stayed on the project as a co-investigator when she returned to Brazil, performing annual clinical follow-up of FS patients using seroepidemiologic surveillance of three groups of cohorts to detect risk factors of FS in endemic areas of the disease.

Fernando Valenzuela, MD
IEC Councilor &
Program Co-Chair



Fernando Valenzuela is a full professor of dermatology and head of the dermatology department at the University of Chile in Santiago, Chile. He has a with special interest in immunodermatology, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, vitiligo, alopecia areata, and autoimmune blistering diseases.

Dr. Valenzuela is the author of more than 80 manuscripts and 10 chapters in different aspects of clinical dermatology and has participated in more than 30 clinical trials. He is a Councilor of the IEC and the International Psoriasis Council (IPC) and has served as president of RADLA and of SOLAPSO (Latin American Society of Psoriasis and other immune-mediated diseases).

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Paula C. Luna, MD



Paula Luna is a dermatologist and pediatric dermatologist at Hospital Aleman in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Dr. Luna is principal investigator in several interventional and non-interventional studies focusing on inflammatory skin disorders. Since early in her career, she has been interested in inflammatory skin disorders, primarily psoriasis and atopic dermatitis, genodermatosis, and neonatal dermatology.

She has directed courses and preceptorships on atopic dermatitis and co-directs the ECHO-Atopic Dermatitis Argentina group, a telementoring program that seeks

Dr. Luna is general secretary of Sociedad Argentina de Psoriasis (SOARPSO), Sociedad de Dermatología Pediátrica para Latinoamérica (SDPL), and Argentinean Society of Psoriasis (AEPSO). She is director of the Fellowship in Psoriasis and other inflammatory dermatosis. Dr. Luna belongs to the board of assessors of ADAR (an Argentinean AD advocacy group), is an associate member of the International Eczema Council (IEC) and a member of the IEC Education Committee, and directs the fellowship program on inflammatory skin diseases at the Hospital Alemán de Buenos Aires.

After completing her dermatology residency and serving as chief resident, Dr. Luna completed a 3-year subspecialty in pediatric dermatology at the Hospital Ramos Mejia in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Raquel Leão Orfali, MD PhD



Raquel Leão Orfali is an assistant professor in Dermatology Department at the University of São Paulo Medical School in São Paulo, Brazil, where she is also an associate researcher in the department's Laboratory of Immunodeficiencies and Dermatology (LIM-56).

Dr. Orfali has been interested in understanding autoimmune, infectious, and inflammatory skin diseases since starting her dermatology residency at Heliópolis Hospital in São Paulo, Brazil.

In 2002, she began as a research fellow at the Department of Dermatology at the University of São Paulo Medical School, with a focus on atopic dermatitis. In 2003 to 2006, she completed an MSc program (mentored by IEC Director Valeria Aoki), focusing on the immunopathogenesis of atopic dermatitis. In 2015, she completed a doctoral fellow in dermatology (again mentored by Dr. Aoki) with a continued focus on the Immunopathogenesis of atopic dermatitis. Dr. Orfali's additional projects in atopic dermatitis included mentoring graduate and postgraduate students and residents at the University of São Paulo.

In 2017, her postdoctoral project focused on extracellular vesicles in atopic dermatitis (under supervision of Dr. Aoki and Maria Notomi Sato), after a fellowship in the laboratory of research in exosomes, at VUmc University medical center in Netherlands (2018), which was finished in 2023.

Margarita Maria Velásquez Lopera, MD PhD



Dermatologist **Margarita Velásquez** is professor and head of the dermatology department at the University of Antioquia in Medellín, Colombia. She holds a PhD in immunology, and her special interests are patient care, teaching, and research in immunodermatology. She is the author of more than 90 publications on immunodermatology, psoriasis, cutaneous lymphoma, hidradenitis, urticaria, and primary immunodeficiencies.

Dr. Velásquez co-authors the evidence-based Colombian guidelines for managing psoriasis in Colombia. She is an active member of the Colombian Association of Dermatology (ASOCOLDERMA), an editor of *Revista de la Asociación Colombiana de Dermatología y Cirugía Dermatológica* (*Journal of the Colombian Association of Dermatology and Dermatological Surgery*), and a member of the Colombian Group of Psoriasis and Immunodermatology (COLPSOR). She is a member of the Latin American Group of Cutaneous Lymphomas and a coordinator of the CIDERM Dermatological Research Center.

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ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL ECZEMA COUNCIL

Founded in late 2014 and led by experts in atopic dermatitis, the International Eczema Council (IEC) is a global nonprofit organization. Dermatologists and allergists from around the globe serve as Councilors and Associates, contributing their expertise to support the IEC's research, programs, events, and education. The IEC has **187 Councilors and Associates in 38 countries**, and this group continues to grow.

Mission: Improve patient care by promoting research, education, and best practices in treatment for atopic dermatitis in people worldwide.

Vision: Transforming the lives of people with atopic dermatitis.

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Date	In Conjunction With	Location	Symposium Title
Sept. 9	European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR) Annual Meeting	Heidelberg, Germany	Eczema and Psoriasis Research Incubator: Cross-Disciplinary Innovation Forum
Oct. 3 (tentative)	European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) Congress 2026	Vienna, Austria	The Relevance of Clinical Trials and Real-World Data

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