

Konbit Sante co-founder receives Presidential Citation from American Academy of Dermatology

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FALMOUTH, ME — Dr. Michael Taylor of Portland recently received a Presidential Citation Award from the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) for his work with Konbit Sante Cap-Haitien Health Partnership, which he co-founded in Maine in 2001 with his wife, Wendy.

The Taylors spent several days in late February and early March attending the AAD's 77th Annual Meeting conference in Washington, D.C. The Presidential Citation was awarded by AAD President Dr. Suzanne Olbricht on Feb. 28 during the Academy's 2019 Stars of the Academy Awards Ceremony at the Marriott Marquis.

Dr. Taylor received a plaque which reads "In recognition of your long-term commitment to the health of underserved peoples through the establishment of Konbit Sante and partnership with the Justinian Hospital in Cap Haitien, Haiti." He was also recognized at the AAD's annual business meeting on March 3.

The largest organization of dermatologists worldwide, AAD has more than 16,000 members from more than 35 countries. More than 6,000 dermatologists attended the Annual Meeting.

While in Washington, the Taylors had a special lunch with U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine, in the Capitol dining hall. Congresswoman Pingree entered an acknowledgment of Konbit Sante and its role into the Congressional Record on Feb. 28 (see attached document).

In addition to co-founding Konbit Sante, Dr. Taylor is a member of Gloderm, a committee composed of dermatologists who promote and engage in education and care programs in the developing world, and of the Climate Change Consortium, which focuses on the adverse effects on skin caused by climate change. AAD is one of several medical organizations, including the American Medical Association, that are bringing attention and scientific knowledge to this crisis.

PHOTO CAPTION: Dr. Michael Taylor, left, receives the American Academy of Dermatology Presidential Citation Award from AAD President Dr. Suzanne Olbricht, center. At right is Wendy Taylor, Dr. Taylor's wife and Konbit Sante co-founder.

Konbit Sante Cap-Haitien Health Partnership is a 501(3)(c) founded in Maine in 2001 to strengthen capacity for better health care in Cap-Haitien, the second-largest city of Haiti. We partner with four health-care facilities in Greater Cap-Haitien, and have offices in Falmouth and Cap-Haitien. For more information about our work, mission, and values, visit konbitsante.org.