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## Newsletter



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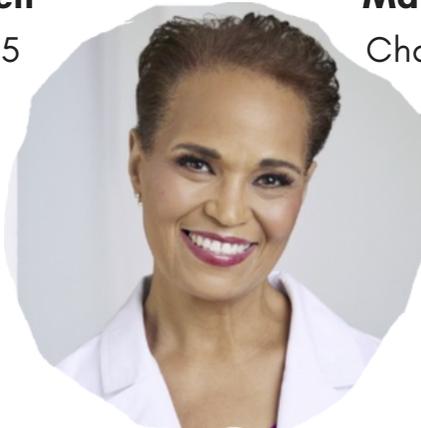
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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi SWSCC,

We're thrilled to bring you the first edition of the year!

With exciting events ahead, we'd love to hear from you—what topics would you like to see in the newsletter? What educational event themes interest you the most?

This newsletter is designed to keep you informed about the latest in the cosmetic industry while making it an enjoyable read!

If you have an idea or would like to contribute an article, feel free to reach out to me at [vianney.aguilar@coptis.com](mailto:vianney.aguilar@coptis.com) or connect at LinkedIn.

We're also looking for volunteers to get involved—let us know if you're interested!

Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you!

Best,



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## EDUCATIONAL MEETING JANUARY

**Speaker:** Sue Sperring, Symrise

**Topic:** Antioxidants 101, 201, and 301

This engaging session unpacked the power of antioxidants, molecules that neutralize harmful free radicals, and their essential role in personal care.

From extending product shelf life to supporting healthy cellular function. Antioxidants are more than just a buzzword.

Sue Sperring explored the three main classes of antioxidants, how to choose the right one for your formulation needs, and the testing methods used to evaluate them.

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# EDUCATIONAL MEETING JANUARY



## NEWS FOR THE NATIONAL SCC HQ

### ENROLLMENT FOR THE SCC CERTIFICATE PROGRAM ENDS APRIL 15TH

The SCC is taking enrollment for the inaugural Certificate in Skin Care program until April 15, 2025. This program offers a flexible combination of in-person and online courses (both live and on-demand), utilizing on-demand course recordings for any content they may have missed live. This format is advantageous for those with full-time employment, who may not be able to attend all the live content during work hours--you can view the recorded content on-demand, 24/7 throughout your time in the program. The deadline to complete the program for those already enrolled is July 15, 2025, and we will be offering this track again this fall

<http://www.sconline.org/CERTProgram>

### CAREERS & MENTORSHIP ROUNDTABLE APRIL 16TH

Join us for an inspiring and informative Career & Mentorship Roundtable, brought to you by the Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SCC) NextGen Advisory Committee. This unique event brings together a powerhouse panel of experts from across the beauty industry to share career insights, offer mentoring advice, and answer your questions live. You can expect personal career stories, insights into different beauty career paths, and more!

**Speakers:** Akshay Talati, RPh, Gabriella Baki, PhD, and Ron Robinson

**Moderator:** Roanne Bogrow

**Format:** Live online with webinar replay access following the event.

**Date:** April 16, 2025 (2:00pm - 3:30pm ET)

**Register:** [SCC Live Webinar: Careers & Mentorship Roundtable](#)

## NEWS FOR THE NATIONAL SCC HQ

### SCC79 CALL FOR PAPERS

#### **DEADLINE MAY 5, 2025**

The Society of Cosmetic Chemists has officially begun planning the 79th Annual Scientific Meeting & Showcase (SCC79). This year, the meeting returns to the Sheraton NY Times Square in New York, NY on December 15-17, 2025.

All scientists, academicians, students, policy makers and other stakeholders in the cosmetic and personal care community are invited to submit an abstract of original work, lab demonstration or case study for consideration to present as a podium lecture.

[SCC79 Call for Papers](#)

### 2026 CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTIONS

All chapter elections are handled by the National SCC office through an electronic platform. Members can be assured that the nominations and elections processes are managed on a secure platform, in a timely manner, and in accordance with SCC Bylaws, policies, and procedures.

- **Candidate Eligibility:** Any member running for any Chapter-elected office MUST have been a member of the chapter in good standing as of April 1, 2025. Eligibility is determined & verified by National SCC.
- **Eligibility Form:** This form completed by the Chapter Secretary must be submitted before August 1 to the National SCC Office for confirmation of candidate eligibility.
- **Voting:** Members with voting privileges who were in good standing as of July 1, 2025, will be sent a ballot for the election. Any member joining after July 1, 2025, is not eligible to vote.

# Upcoming events.

2025

APR  
23

## GOLF EVENT

 Time: Shotgun starts at 1:30p.m

 Location: 1600 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, TX, 76051

 Arrive by noon to register and eat lunch before the tournament.

MAY  
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## SWSCC MONTHLY MEETING

 Details: to follow

JUN  
3&4

## NYSCC SUPPLIERS DAY

 Location: Javits Convention Center, New York, NY.

SEP  
18-20

## FLSCC SUNSCREEN SYMPOSIUM

 Location: Disney's Yacht & Beach Club  
1700 Epcot Resorts Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL.

SEP  
30

## SWSCC EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

 Details: to follow

OCT  
29&30

## CASCC SUPPLIERS DAY

 Location: Long Beach Convention Center, Los Angeles, CA

# 2025 GOLF

**EVENT**

**WEDNESDAY**

**APRIL 23**

**1600 FAIRWAY DRIVE,  
GRAPEVINE, TX, 76051**

**Shotgun starts at 1:30pm  
Arrive by noon to register  
and eat lunch before start)**

**REGISTRATION IS  
NOW CLOSED**

**Golf tournament non golfer  
dinner still open!**

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and register by April 16th**





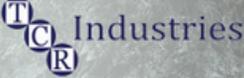
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## EDUCATIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY

**Speaker:** Sofia Iglesia, MS, Senior Scientist R&D, Revision Skincare

**Topic:** Targeting the Root Cause of Infraorbital Dark Circles and Under-Eye Puffiness with a Multi-Corrective Topical Eye Cream



This in-depth presentation addressed one of skincare's toughest challenges: under-eye dark circles and puffiness. Sofia Iglesia shared insights from a scientific study on a multi-corrective daily eye cream designed to target the root causes. Ranging from vascular issues to melanin-related pigmentation. With considerations for different ethnicities and Fitzpatrick skin types, the talk highlighted a multimodal, effective, and tolerable solution for improving the appearance of the under-eye area across diverse patient populations.



# SWSCC EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY MEETING JANUARY





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## SWSCC COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT - STUDENT OUTREACH -

Ashley Nguyen, Cassie Lindeman, and Olivia Smith recently had the pleasure of visiting Texas Christian University, where they connected with bright, inquisitive students eager to explore the world of cosmetic chemistry.



They shared valuable insights on formulation, innovation, and the diverse career opportunities within the industry, aiming to inspire and support the next generation of cosmetic scientists.

Their visit was all about fostering creativity, curiosity, and a passion for discovery. Representing GOODIER and the Southwest Society of Cosmetic Chemists, we're grateful for dedicated professionals like them who take the time to mentor and engage with future industry leaders.

A special thank you to Nora Del Bosque for making this opportunity possible!

## WHY JOIN THE SOCIETY OF COSMETIC CHEMISTS (SCC)?

Becoming an SCC member connects you with professionals who understand the challenges and opportunities in the cosmetic and personal care industry.

Here's why thousands of professionals choose SCC:

### EDUCATION & RESOURCES

Get free or discounted access to the SCC Media Library, a complimentary Journal of Cosmetic Science subscription, and exclusive discounts on continuing education, including webinars, lectures, and hands-on labs.

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  - Discounts on global industry events
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**Ready to take your career to the next level?**

**Join SCC today and be part of a global community driving innovation in cosmetic science!**

## EDUCATIONAL MEETING MARCH

**Speaker:** Krissie Gerrard, Founder & Owner, Envy Cosmetic Consulting LLC

**Topic:** Product Development – Keystone of a Brand

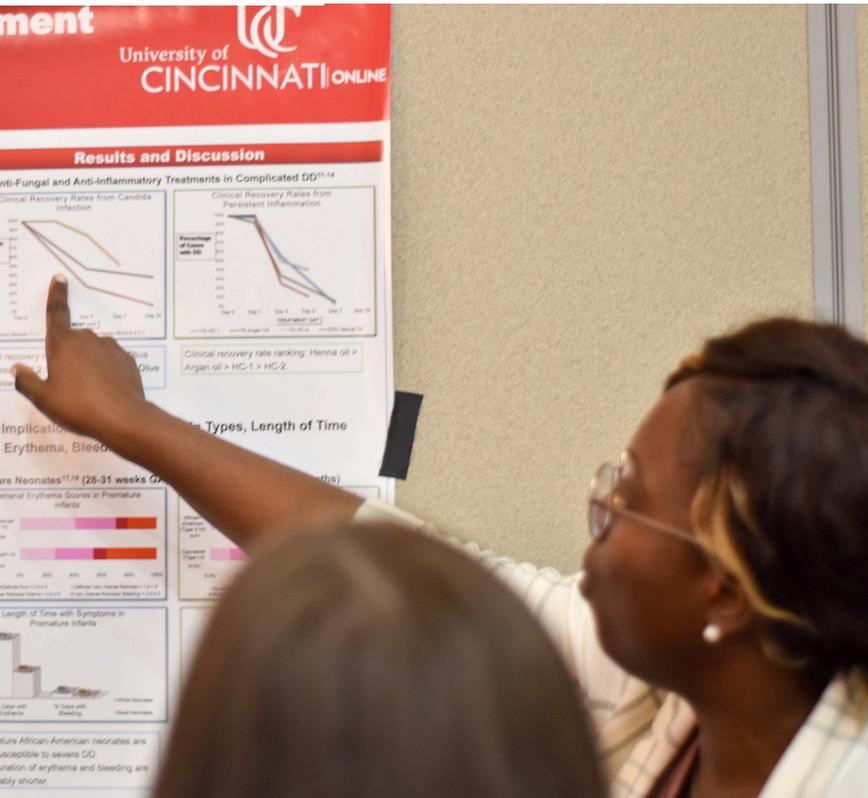
Krissie Gerrard delivered an insightful session on the critical role Product Development plays in the success of a brand.

Just like a keystone supports an arch, PD is central to every stage of a product’s life cycle, from concept to launch and beyond.

The presentation offered a practical roadmap for navigating cosmetic product development, highlighting key PD touchpoints, cross-department collaboration, and strategies to avoid common pitfalls in the process.



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# SWSCC EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY MEETING MARCH





# SUSTAINABILITY IN COSMETICS

## HOW DIGITAL TOOLS CAN OPTIMIZE GREEN FORMULATIONS

The cosmetics industry has long depended on synthetic ingredients, excessive packaging, and resource-heavy production methods. However, growing concerns over climate change, plastic pollution, and deforestation are pushing the industry toward more sustainable alternatives. Consumers are increasingly prioritizing eco-friendly beauty.

**\$8.25  
Billion**

The global clean beauty market, valued at \$8.25B in 2023, is set to grow at a 14.8% CAGR through 2030. (Grand View Research)

**\$15.7  
Billion**

The natural and organic cosmetics market is projected to hit \$15.7B by 2025, reflecting rising clean beauty demand. (Statista)

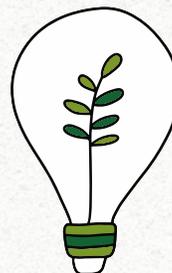
**17.6% of  
Consumers**

Nearly 1 in 5 consumers prefer eco-friendly brands, signaling a strong shift toward sustainability. (Exploding Topics)

**15.8%  
Prefer  
Recyclable  
Packaging**

15.8% of consumers prefer products with recyclable packaging. (Exploding Topics)

Despite this demand, achieving true sustainability remains a challenge. Certifications like **ECOCERT**, **COSMOS**, and **Leaping Bunny** require rigorous compliance, making it essential for brands to adopt advanced technology solutions.



**Digital tools are transforming the way formulators develop eco-friendly products, streamline sustainability efforts, and meet evolving consumer expectations.**

Let's start looking into the process and how digitalization will help us.

## Formulation & Sourcing Ingredients



What happens here?

*You select ingredients and create the formula*

What digital tool can help you in this process?

You need the right **digital ingredients database**.



How a digital ingredients database help?

- Quickly find and compare raw materials based on desired properties, solubility, supplier, and INCI.
- Instantly check certification status to ensure compliance with standards like COSMOS, Ecocert, and USDA Organin, among other certifications.
- Evaluate environmental impact with **eco-score ratings** and **carbon footprint** analysis before formulation.
- Ensure ethical and sustainable sourcing through ingredient traceability and smart contract verification for fair trade and cruelty-free claims.

## Now let's look at packaging

In addition to managing ingredients, a software will also allow for comprehensive management of packaging items.

Here are some key features and capabilities:



- **Material Composition** – Identify if packaging is glass, plastic, or other materials.
- **Manufacturing Methods** – Track processing details for better sustainability insights.
- **Disposal Instructions** – Provide clear waste management guidelines.
- **Customized Warnings** – Set alerts based on specific sustainability criteria.
- **Nature & Origin** – Record sourcing details and environmental impact.
- **Composition Details** – Log additional data for a complete packaging profile.



**Overall, an optimize digital tool can provide a flexible platform for managing packaging-related data, allowing users to customize and input information according to their specific needs and requirements.**

# Product Development: Regulatory & Performance Testing



What happens here?

*You develop your product to meet regulatory and performance standards.*



What digital tool can help you in this phase?

## A PLM Software

How a PLM software will help?

**Real-time Compliance Monitoring** – Detects regulatory issues early, preventing costly reformulations.

**Sustainability Guidance** – Rates formula based on environmental impact and suggests sustainable alternatives.

**Certification & Market Compliance** – Predicts ingredient suitability based on certification and regional regulations.

## Why it matters?

PLM software **extracts and analyzes formula data instantly**, calculating key metrics like carbon footprint and sustainability scores.



For example, if you want your product to achieve ISO 16128 certification, a PLM software consolidates the ingredient data of the formula (percentages, natural content, origin) to generate precise compliance reports. Ensuring your product accurately performs the final ISO 16128 calculation while also verifying compliance with its standards.

Green beauty isn't just clean—it's smart, precise, and transparent.

Digital tools, from AI to compliance tech, are redefining sustainable cosmetics.

Now's the time to go digital and make beauty better for the planet.  
Is your brand ready to embrace digital solutions for green formulations?

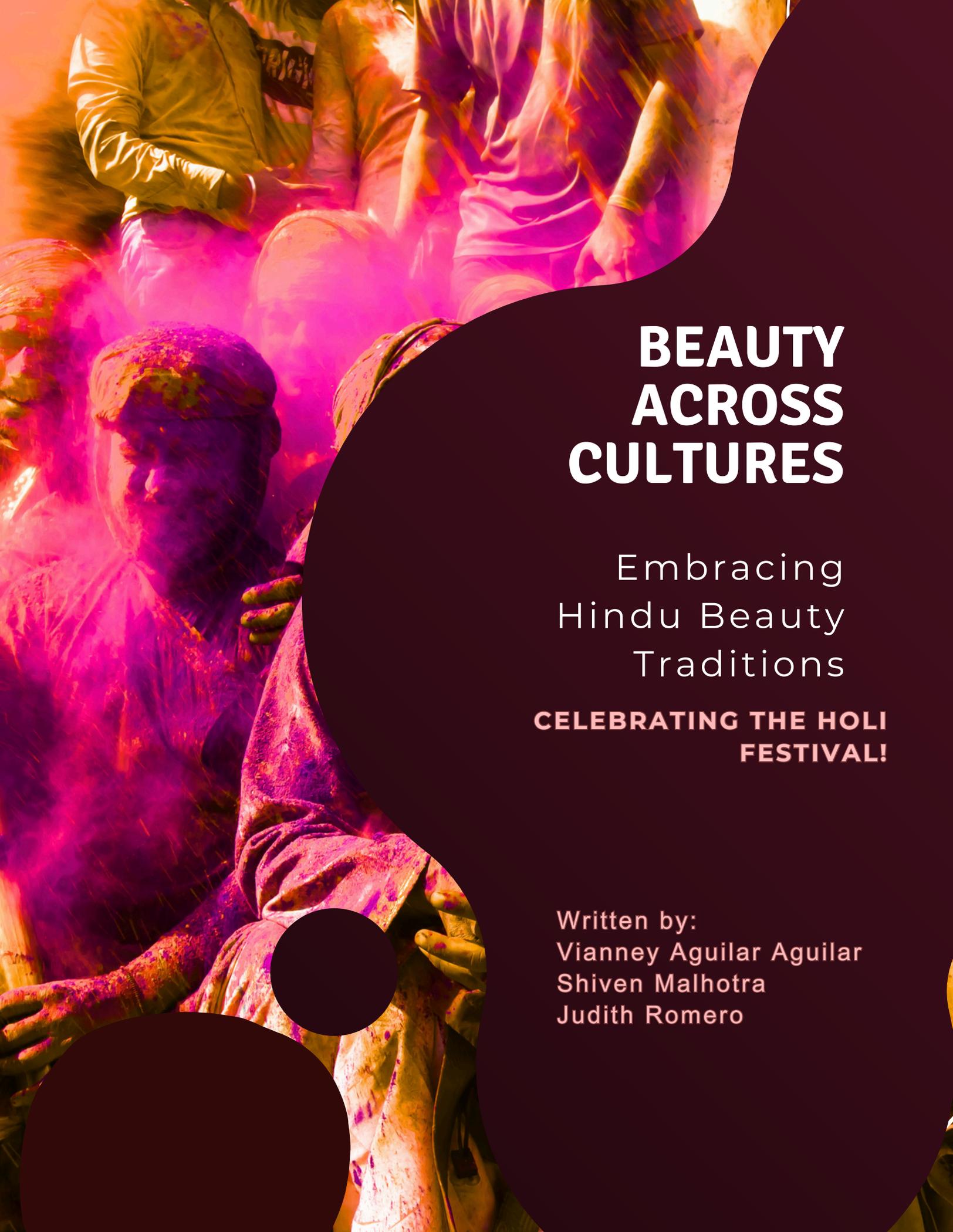


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# BEAUTY ACROSS CULTURES

Embracing  
Hindu Beauty  
Traditions

**CELEBRATING THE HOLI  
FESTIVAL!**

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As we approach Holi (March 25, 2025)—the vibrant Hindu festival of colors—we're embracing the Hindu beauty ideals.



Holi is more than just playful splashes of color; it symbolizes the triumph of good over evil, inner radiance, and spiritual harmony—values that are also deeply woven into Hindu beauty traditions.

As we welcome Holi, let's honor these natural beauty traditions:

## **HALDI (TURMERIC) & UBTAN:**



The Haldi ceremony is a cherished pre-wedding ritual where family and friends apply a turmeric (haldi) paste to the bride and groom. This age-old tradition is believed to enhance their glow, cleanse the skin, and ward off negativity. In Indian culture, turmeric symbolizes prosperity and purification, while its natural antiseptic properties have long been valued for radiant, blemish-free skin.

## KAJAL & KOHL:

Used for centuries, kajal and kohl are traditional eye cosmetics with both beauty and medicinal significance.

Composition:

- Kajal - Made from soot and natural oils.
- Kohl - Often contains soot, galena ( $PbS$ ), minium ( $Pb_3O_4$ ), and magnetite ( $Fe_3O_4$ ).

Beyond enhancing the eyes, kajal holds deep spiritual and therapeutic value, much like the mesmerizing gaze of Hindu goddesses. Traditionally crafted from kohl stone (galena) and blended with healing ingredients, it is believed to cool, cleanse, and strengthen the eyes while protecting against ailments like conjunctivitis and cataracts.



Kajal is also thought to ward off the evil eye, making it an integral part of Hindu rituals and self-care traditions. **Mother's often apply a small dot with Kajal behind a child's ear or on the chin to signify their protected status.**

## OILS & HAIR RITUALS:

In Hindu culture, long, dark, well-nourished hair symbolizes beauty and vitality. Applying oil before rituals or celebrations serves as a protective barrier and reflects Ayurvedic self-care wisdom.



### Sacred Oils in Indian Hair Care:

- Amla Oil: Strengthens roots, reduces stress, and protects against pollution.
- Coconut Oil: Boosts circulation, deeply nourishes, and prevents dryness.
- Almond Oil: Hydrates the scalp and enhances shine.
- Shikakai: A natural cleanser that strengthens and revitalizes hair.

### Time-Honored Hair Rituals:

- Champi (Oil Massage): A soothing scalp massage that improves circulation and hair health. Origins of the word shampoo can be traced back to this word.
- Perfuming Hair: Infusing hair with incense or fragrant oils for a calming effect.
- Wearing Flower Garlands (Gajras): Adorning hair with jasmine or roses for natural fragrance and elegance.

These ancestral hair rituals blend beauty, wellness, and tradition, passed down through generations.

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