Work on Vismodegib, a Hedgehog Pathway inhibitor, which has led to a breakthrough targeted therapy for advanced basal cell skin cancer, derived from the investigation into the causes of a 1971 epidemic of cyclopia in lambs.

This was traced to pregnant ewes ingesting the California corn lily. The responsible compounds were identified (cyclopamine and jervine) and their teratogenic effects are due to specific inhibition of Hedgehog (Hh) signalling by binding to Smoothened (SMO). This established that SMO could be inhibited pharmacologically as a prospective target to treat Hh-related cancers, such as basal cell carcinoma (BCC).

The Hh pathway plays a critical role in embryonic development, but its activity is reduced or absent in adult organisms. The Hh proteins are secreted extracellular proteins. In adults, Patched (PTCH), a cell membrane protein, suppresses SMO and inhibits signalling through the Hh pathway. Hh binding to PTCH releases the inhibition of SMO and leads to activation of downstream transcription factors such as GLI1. Activation of the Hh pathway is important in the development of BCC, both the inherited form (Gorlin syndrome) and the common sporadic form.

Vismodegib, a SMO inhibitor, entered clinical trials in 2007. The Phase 1 study enrolled 33 patients with advanced BCC and the overall response rate was 50% in metastatic BCC patients and 60% in locally advanced BCC patients; this promising result led to the initiation of the pivotal Phase 2 study. The pivotal study enrolled 104 patients with either locally advanced or metastatic disease. The objective response rate, was 30% (95% CI, 16 to 48; P=0.001) in 33 patients with metastatic BCC and response rate was 43% (95% CI, 31 to 56; P<0.001) in 63 patients with locally advanced BCC. The median duration of response was 7.6 months. Because durable response in malignancies with predominate skin involvement is clinically meaningful, these results led to US approval of Vismodegib for the treatment of locally advanced BCC.

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advanced and metastatic BCC in January 2012 with subsequent approvals in Mexico and Israel. Although the majority of BCCs are treated surgically, Vismodegib is an important breakthrough for patients who previously had no other therapeutic option.

**Drug discovery of the year**

On 20 December 2012, Vismodegib was named Drug Discovery of the Year by the British Pharmacological Society. The award celebrates the importance of pharmacology in the development of new medicines and was awarded for the detailed pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic analysis that was completed during the drug development process. The pharmacokinetics of Vismodegib are unusual and are governed by two separate, non-linear processes: solubility limited absorption and saturable protein binding. Whilst the PK challenges faced with Vismodegib were significant, overcoming these challenges allowed for administration of the right drug, for the right patient, at the right dose.

Vismodegib, a new targeted therapy, provides an option for patients with metastatic basal cell carcinoma, or with locally advanced basal cell carcinoma that has recurred following surgery or who are not candidates for surgery or radiation. Trials are ongoing in other forms of BCC. Vismodegib is under review by the European Medicines Agency and other regulatory agencies worldwide. Targeted therapy is at the forefront of research in cancer and in dermatologic diseases with significant unmet medical need.

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**Empathy and advocacy**

When people realise that you are a medical dermatologist, one is sometimes asked ‘How can you stand to look at these ugly diseases?’ It is mostly lay people asking, and in effect, medicine always transgresses the social norms for aesthetic sensibilities with its inherent focus on abnormal bodily functions. It is difficult to claim that haematemesis, incontinence or convulsions should be less shocking to the sensitive lay person than psoriasis. Never the less there is a difference. Dermatological patients are rarely acutely ill, but have to live with their disease.

For patients who are not acutely ill, two types of disease stand out among the many thousand ailments that afflict humans: diseases of the skin and diseases of the mind. In both these areas abnormalities are often easily recognised by lay people as something strange and abnormal, rather than in the professional analytical pathogenic sense that leads to a specific diagnosis. Patients’ social interactions are therefore affected by both these groups of diseases. One important difference is, however, that while dermatological patients are usually passive victims of their disease, many psychiatric patients are actively disturbed in their psychosocial contact with the world. This is an important difference. It underlines the obligation of dermatologists to be their patients’ advocate, and to make clear to the world what it means to have a skin disease. This must be done on many levels to be effective.

Political lobbying is necessary. It is done on a supranational level by organisations such as EADV or our sister organisation, EDF; it is done nationally by the national societies and locally by departments and universities that provide perspective and education to the authorities. It is, however, not only in direct political interaction that such advocacy takes place. Moral initiatives aimed at many levels such as Skin Care For All (http://www.skincareforall.org) also play an important role in promoting the health of our patients. Perhaps the most important advocacy is, however, what dermatologists do daily: they help their patients in dealing with healthcare systems and insurers. Patients would naturally like personalised medicine, while providers would like to offer industrialised medicine, and dermatologists have to translate one into the other. To do so one must be particularly aware of the soul, the skin and the circumstances of the patients. In other words, to do this well, both empathy and advocacy are necessary.

Gregor Jemec
Editor
Quo vadis, EADV?

All EADV administrative issues must be discussed and decided by the Directors of the Academy in advance of any EC directive. It is unacceptable that relevant financial decisions are taken by two EC members without previous proper evaluation by each and every EADV Director responsible.

**Action:** We will ask the EADV administrative and legal office to stop each and every EADV binding decision (if any) with third parties, if we come to the conclusion that the Board has not been involved in the decision-making process exhaustively enough.

**When and how will EADV resources be invested into harmonised educational projects according to the different needs of different dermatological communities in the different European regions?**

**Answer and Action:** In 3 - 6 months, the Directors of EADV will be asked to present to the entire Board a clear description of the state of the dermato-venereological education in their respective country/region. Actions will be taken by the Board, based on current EADV resources, in order to start an educational programme immediately, in light of the specific needs of each and every European dermatological community.

It is our common goal to work towards turning the utopia of today into the reality of tomorrow. We have in our hands a wonderful and already well functioning Academy designed by visionary leaders to provide each and every European dermatologist with the chance to reach the highest academic and practical standards for serving each and every patient.

We will not miss the opportunity.

We have a smart generation of EADV junior members and residents who are asking for more specific and European-harmonised educational projects. Some of them also ask to be involved in EADV's decision-making processes, at least as far as their specific academic needs are concerned.

We will not miss the opportunity to involve the new generation in the internal life of EADV.

We, the EADV members, represent the leading European dermatological organisation devoted to the design and realisation of excellence in clinical care, education, training, ethics and solidarity.

We will not miss these goals.

Quo vadis, EADV?

We will reach our goals.

I will be happy to meet you at the upcoming EADV Spring Symposium in beautiful Cracow from 23-26 May. As you know, the motto of the 10th EADV Spring meeting is “The Burden of Skin Diseases”, a challenging theme and an issue of concern for us all.

Let us transform concern into opportunities, projecting and working together for a better future, under the large flag of our common EADV.

Long live EADV – vivat, crescat et floreat!

Jana Hercogová
EADV President (2012-2014)
Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

I hope I will have the opportunity to meet many of you in Cracow, the most beautiful city in Poland, at our 10th EADV Spring Symposium.

We are proud that for the first time we, the Polish Dermatological Society, are organising an EADV Symposium in Poland, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary. We have put all our efforts into assuring you of a highly valuable scientific programme, comfortable meeting spaces and a nice and warm atmosphere away from routine daily work and duties. That’s why we chose Cracow. Because we believe that Cracow, one of the most beloved places of our late Polish pope, John Paul II, with its grand history, magnificent architecture and great vivacity, will bring you unforgettable reminiscences and breathtaking thoughts and ideas for your future life.

The theme of the 10th EADV Spring Symposium – The Burden of Skin Diseases - will underline the importance of skin disease and dermatological care in contemporary societies. This multidimensional concept emphasises not only the diseased skin but also its enormous impact on the patient’s psyche, wellbeing, functioning, friends and family. We will focus on the potential financial and social consequences of skin diseases and discuss how to manage them effectively. In these days of increased prevalence of skin problems, this is undoubtedly a worthy concept to explore and discuss.

We would also like to raise the awareness about the indisputable importance of skin disorders. I strongly believe that the meeting will provide an excellent opportunity to merge ideas, views, and minds. I hope, that the beauty of the Polish spring, historical splendour of Cracow, and highly valuable scientific sessions will create a unique and inimitable atmosphere to create new ideas, change our thinking and find new ways to help our patients.

Discover Cracow

I and my colleagues also invite you to come and discover Cracow, the city of Polish kings and the former capital of Poland. It is a city full of history with numerous splendid architectural monuments and a place where different cultures meet. Cracow is also the city of science with one of the oldest universities in the world, Jagiellonian University, which numbers Nicolaus Copernicus, the astronomer, amongst its many famous graduates. Cracow is also known for its unique art collections and architectural treasures, such as St Mary’s Church with the famous altar by Veit Stoss, the Main Market Square, the greatest market in medieval Europe, with the arcaded Cloth Hall called Sukiennice – the oldest department store in Poland running for 748 years - and famous museums such as Collegium Maius or the Czartoryski Museum with the fine “Lady with an Ermine”. I am sure you will enjoy the unique and special ambience of this magical European city.

I am warmly welcome you to Poland and to celebrating the 10th EADV Spring Symposium in this beautiful city!

Jacek C Szepietowski
Chairman
10th EADV Spring Symposium

When I pronounce the word Future, the first syllable already belongs to the past.

When I pronounce the word Silence, I destroy it.

When I pronounce the word Nothing, I make something no non-being can hold.

Wislawa Szymborska
Translated by S Baranczak & C Cavanagh
The return of EADV to Prague proved to be yet another highly successful congress in both scientific and social terms. As expected, this magical Bohemian city attracted a high number of participants. As always, data from CME evaluation forms provides us with useful information. It is worth noting that 80% of returned forms were from specialists and 14% from residents. It is hoped that residents will provide us with a higher degree of feedback in future.

Unfortunately, as in Verona, 18% of respondents felt that sessions contained commercial bias. There is certainly room for improvement in this respect, and presenters are reminded of their ethical obligations. On a positive note, also as in Verona, 90% of respondents wished to hear a session about the same topic next year. Another observation worthy of reflection is the fact that 50% of the respondents had their registration fee paid for by industry, highlighting the high dependency on this sector (compared to 43% in Verona).

21st EADV Prague Congress: key statistics

**Highest rated events** (for which at least 20 evaluation forms were received)

1. Test yourself in dermoscopy (TY04) (96.58)
2. How I manage patients with acne (MD01) (95.48)
3. How I manage hidradenitis (MD02) (93.98)
4. Genital dermatology: not all are of an infectious nature (FS08) (93.74)
5. Advanced dermoscopy (CO03) (91.78)
6. Common mistakes with lasers (FS05) (91.08)
7. Opportunistic infections (WS43) (89.91)
8. Vitamin D and skin – updates (FS09) (87.88)
9. Test yourself in paediatric dermatology (TY03) (87.78)
10. Hidradenitis suppurativa: practical challenges (SY31) (87.09)
11. How I manage the psoriatic patient (MD03) (87.08)
12. Media session (WS28) (86.53)
13. Basic dermoscopy (CO03) (86.51)
14. Phlebology (WS56) (86.51)
15. Advanced dermatopathology: new perspectives and tools for diagnosis and treatment (CO06) (86.36)

**Most attended sessions**

1. Rosacea and facial dermatoses (SY22) (572)
2. Plenary lectures 1,2,3 (PL-A) (559)
3. Acne (SY21) (540)
4. What’s New? (WN01-04) (502)
5. Vitiligo and pigmentary disorders: clinical spectrum and management (WS26) (457)
6. STD in your practice: an update (SY26) (436)
7. Evidence-based dermatology: therapy of frequent dermatoses (WS09) (433)
8. Urticaria and angioedema: differential diagnosis and therapy (SY16) (403)
9. Advanced rejuvenation (WS07) (362)
10. Current management of atopic dermatitis: from topical to systemic therapy (WS40) (348)
11. Test yourself in clinical dermatology - advanced cases (TY05) (335)
12. Aesthetic surgery and dermatology (mini-lifting...) (WS30) (334)
13. Photodermatoses: practical diagnosis and common pitfalls (WS45) (332)
14. Which biological for which disease (WS10) (330)
15. Spotlight and pearls in dermatovenerology (Part 1) (CO08) (320)

Unfortunately, some popular sessions did not make it in the top attended shortlist due to inadequate room size, which is a recurring problem when it comes to planning room allocation in the context of a packed scientific programme.

The most frequent comments regarding courses were:

- the request for separate attendance certificates for each course other than the overall CME certificate
- the desire for a short break due to dwindling concentration over a 3 hour period
- the overwhelming request to be allowed to take flash-free photos of projected slides. Once again the issue of not declaring one’s conflict of interest in several sessions was brought up
- As always, a number of respondents complained about the poor quality of English of some of the speakers
- Logistics-related complaints focused on over-heating and bad sound-proofing in some of the rooms.

The Scientific Programming Committee in collaboration with the CME-CPD Committee will, as always, constructively address all these issues and proposals with a view to finding viable solutions and responding to reasonable general expectations. Finally this brings me to my usual plea for delegates to continue contributing to this invaluable feedback process by filling in the session evaluation forms.

Lawrence Scerri
Chairman
CME-CPD Committee
Obituary

Karl Holubar
1936-2013

Prof Karl Holubar, one of the leading personalities in European dermatology, died on 6 January 2013.

Prof Holubar graduated from Vienna Medical School in 1960. He served as Acting Chairman of the Department of Dermatology I at Vienna University (1980-1981); Professor and Chairman of the Department of Dermatology of the Hadassah Medical Center, Hebrew University, Jerusalem (1983-1986); Associate Professor for the History of Medicine, University of Vienna (1986); Full Professor for the History of Medicine (1989) and Professor and Chairman of the Institute for the History of Medicine at Vienna University from 1989 to 2001. He officially retired in 2001 but remained active and, in spite of some painful health problems, continued to participate in many national and international meetings, the last one being the Austrian national meeting in November 2012.

Prof Holubar authored hundreds of papers, including books, book chapters, original articles, special issues of journals, congress reports, posters and abstracts. He received many scientific awards and was a member of many dermatological and medical societies, national and international. He was President of the Austrian Society of Dermatology from 1979-1980.

Among other editorial activities, Prof Holubar served as co-editor of Dermatology (1984-1994) and was a member of its Editorial Board and Scientific Advisory Board until his death.

Prof Holubar's contribution to basic science is in the field of immunofluorescence and immuno-electron microscopy of bullous diseases. But he will mainly be remembered as the herald of the history of European dermatology. I worked in close collaboration with him because he was a mentor and an example for all dermatologists interested in the history and the culture of our specialty.

When we created the French Society for the History of Dermatology (SFHD) in 1989, Karl came to Paris to advise and support us, and he was from 1989 to his death an active and helpful SFHD Vice-President. Karl was Founding President (1999) and Honorary President of the European Society for the History of Dermatology and Venereology. He himself designed the ESHDV logo, reproduced right. This logo spells the word ‘skin’ in many ancient and modern languages and those who knew Karl will remember that he was able to speak and write in almost all of these languages. His erudition was immense, and his enthusiasm to promote the culture and history of dermatology was impressive, and indeed impressed all of us, in personal conversations, in scientific meetings, in scientific journals. Dermatology has lost an irreplaceable Master.

Daniel Wallach MD
SFHD Honorary President
ESHDV Honorary President
Introduction to dermatological surgery

This introductory Fostering course to dermatological surgery for residents took place for the first time in Papageorgiou Hospital in Thessaloniki, Greece. The course was open to dermatology residents from all European countries that wanted to acquire basic surgical skills. Residents from 14 different countries attended the course and heard lectures from dermatologists from various European countries with vast experience in cutaneous surgery.

The course started with a personal presentation by each of the attending residents, with emphasis on the level of their surgical experience and a description of what they were hoping to learn during this course. This was followed by presentations by the lecturers, an introduction to the principles of cutaneous oncologic surgery and finally, a brief explanation of what they would be taught at this workshop and how exactly the course would evolve.

Over the following two days the programme was divided into a theoretical and a practical session: each morning the basics of cutaneous surgery were covered, such as office equipment for surgery, anatomy for skin surgery, basic types of stitches, anaesthesia, basic flaps for reconstruction, total skin grafts, basic nail surgery, dressings and secondary wound healing, while in the afternoons the participants had the opportunity to have a real hands-on experience working on the legs and heads of pigs and practising the various points presented in theory.

Practical surgical techniques

The dermatologists who taught this course, both on the theoretical as well as the practical side, were (in alphabetical order): Dr Véronique Blatiere (France), Dr Florence Corgibet (France), Dr Kostantinos Kalokasidis (Greece), Dr Bertrand Richert (Belgium), Dr Elena Rossi (Italy) and myself, who hosted this course together with the chair of my department Prof Dimitrios Sotiriadis. Some of the dermatologists from the department of Dermatology of Papageorgiou Hospital also helped out for the practical session (Dr Stelios Haralabidis, Dr Abir Nasr and Dr Leda Katsohi) and we had the secretarial support of Ms Amalia Papanikolaou. Last but not least, Mr Ioannis Tegos, the technician from the experimental surgery facility of Papageorgiou Hospital, was there to back us up for any technical need and, of course, Ms Ildikó Papp from the EADV office was there for all the small yet vital details.

At the end of each afternoon the residents presented their own clinical cases, the level of which was very high with great diversity in content. The teachers commented on the surgical or medical management of the cases presented giving advice for improvement in techniques or discussing alternative approaches in reconstruction.

The participants all seemed very enthusiastic at the end of the meeting; however, we were still all pleasantly surprised when we learned about the very high appreciation score the course got. It actually received the highest ever score for an EADV Fostering course for residents and I would like here to sincerely thank all the people who contributed to its success.

We plan more courses to follow on the subject of cutaneous surgery both at an introductory as well as at an advanced level and we hope that they will also be welcomed with the same enthusiasm and motivation from the residents. It is after all for them that we aspire (and are inspired) to have high level courses!

Myrto Georgia Trakatelli MD
Course Co-Chair

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Participants’ Feedback

“I enjoyed the surgery course very much! The basic theoretical presentations about anatomy, sutures and excisions were a good review of my knowledge. The practical training on pig heads was the most interesting for me to practise the basic flaps. The experts were explaining and teaching very individually according to my surgical skills.”

Sylvia Pintens (Belgium)
Nomination and Election Monitoring Committee

Some years ago, when this committee was founded, the major task of the group was to guarantee the fair election of the president of our Academy. In the meantime – especially after the introduction of our new statutes in 2006 – the political life of our Academy has changed considerably. There are continuously ongoing elections at various levels:

• Election of national representatives to the EADV Board of Directors by EADV members of that country
• Election of members to participate in EADV committees
• Election of chairpersons of committees
• Election of representatives of the EADV Board in the Executive Committee (EC)
• Election of officers (eg Treasurer, Secretary General)
• Election of the President (as President-elect)

For all these elections the procedures are regulated within the statutes or the “internal rules” and I am ably assisted in monitoring these by my fellow committee members: Prof Monika Arenbergerova (Prague), Prof Dusan Buchwald (Bratislava), Prof Americo Figueiredo (Coimbra) and Prof Herbert Hönigsmann (Vienna).

Candidates have to be nominated and declare their willingness to accept the candidature. For this procedure they have to be EADV members in good standing; also the persons who propose candidates or second proposals have to be EADV members in good standing.

Problems that arise often consist in a too late application or insufficient documentation on the nomination forms. The committee decided as an “iron rule”: when the documents are either incorrect or do not arrive in time at EADV House, the candidature or the vote cannot be accepted. Both fax or email messages have to arrive at EADV House by the exact time. Problems of transmission are not accepted as excuse.

Verification and monitoring

Another problem is the verification of the right to vote. Only EADV members in good standing and only when they have finished one year of EADV membership before 31 May of the current year are entitled to vote. So there has to be a close cooperation between this committee and the Membership Committee and the secretariat in EADV House. Many thanks to Catherine Cathala!

Regarding the term “country” the committee decided that the passport, ethnic origin or political citizenship were not the critical factors, rather the official working place determines the affiliation to a country.

The major task is the election of the President-elect by all EADV members. While in former times this election occurred at the General Assembly with only a few members present and the possibility to “vote by proxy” which often gave rise to discussions, EADV now makes use of an official election management agency ERS (Electoral Reform Services) in London which is in regular contact with EADV and with whom all the procedures are discussed before and during the election.

The election functions according to the rule of the “single transferable voting system”, a procedure known very well in Malta and Ireland, but not so much understood in other countries. It takes a certain time to understand the method; however, it has the big advantage that voters can give priorities to several candidates in one voting step. ERS is an independent company handling this electronic voting system with absolute objectivity. There is no way to fake or influence voting results.

So, for instance, in July 2012 an email communication was sent to all members entitled to vote for President-elect. In this email a link and a security code to access the voting website were given. When email communication was not possible or was returned to the sender, the material was sent by post to the colleague concerned. Among the more than 3,000 members of EADV, this only occurred in 140 cases. It is the rule that the member is responsible for giving his or her correct and current email address to EADV House. One week prior to the voting period a “reminder to vote” letter was sent to those members who had not voted.

Ethical issues

Sometimes “ethical” issues come up when people accuse other persons of bad behaviour or even “criminal deeds”. In these cases the committee usually advises the parties concerned to solve these problems within the country, if necessary in front of the court. EADV is not the body to interfere with personal accusations and law suits. In the case of a very severe accusation the Ethics Committee is involved.

Such accusations have also included anonymous letters blaming persons of incorrect behaviour, attempts to bribe “votes” or general criminal behaviour in the past. With regard to anonymous letters the committee decided to ignore them; there is no other way to deal with this unpleasant phenomenon.

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Committee Updates

Of course, all issues are discussed with the EADV lawyer; in the past this was Valter Cassola in Florence, and for the past two years with Gianluca Airaghi in Lugano. The practical handling is administered by the Secretary General and his staff. Special thanks should go to Monica Cauchi who has done a tremendous job over the last years!

There was the special situation in 2012 in that one of the candidates for President-elect was active as Secretary General. Therefore the Board had decided that in this case also the handling of the election and the administration of affairs should be done by the Nomination and Election Monitoring Committee together with the staff in EADV House. Great thanks are owed to Alexandre Dewaide for this excellent job!

Summing up, we feel that few medical or academic societies have a comparable degree of truly democratic participation of individual members in the various election processes which are crucial for the shaping and future of our Academy.

Johannes Ring MD PhDs
Chair
Nomination & Election Monitoring Committee

Membership

Greetings to all EADV members, and to all those who are considering joining our wonderful and vibrant Academy!

The Academy is very large with a membership of some 3800 active members and it is still growing. We have several categories of membership to accommodate all interested prospective members, including Specialist Dermatology and Venereology, Trainee, Scientist and Retired membership.

International reach

We, the members of the Membership Committee – Dr Susan Cooper (UK), Prof Ljiljana Medinica (Serbia) and Prof Jørgen Serup (Denmark) and myself as Chair – are keen to encourage you to join. You don’t have to be from the continent of Europe – we are proud to include those from North America in the west right across eastwards to Ukraine and Russia. And, as many of you know, our next annual congress will be in Istanbul, Turkey, that beautiful, historic city where East meets West.

Just now, we are all set for our Spring Symposium in the beautiful old university city of Cracow in Poland. Not only can you expect a stimulating scientific programme, but also to be in an historic and beautiful setting, with so much to see and do each day after you have attained your CME-CPD points!

Supporting new members

It is important that new members do not feel they are left to fend for themselves once they have joined the Academy, and so we have been considering ways in which we could address this. We already have a number of ideas – good ones, we think – in which we could welcome new members to the Academy.

As we cannot, as yet, provide you with any concrete details, we suggest you consult the EADV website. This will keep you updated on all activities and will indicate upcoming activities. One thing this committee is intent on doing is meeting all new members in the near future, not only to welcome you, but to answer any questions you may have in an informal setting.

Retirement is no bar to membership

Finally, just a word to our retired members. Please be aware that there is a Retired Members’ category. Although many of you are aware of this, perhaps some of you are not. There is a reduction in the annual fee for our retired members so it is worthwhile informing the Membership Department so you can avail yourself of this, while continuing to enjoy the other many benefits of membership.

We look forward to seeing you in Cracow!

Sarah Rogers
Chair
Membership Committee
Maryse Brandenburger
(Luxembourg)

“I graduated from the University of Strasbourg in France in 1985. Then, in 1986 I was awarded a degree in dermato-venereology at the Department of Dermatology of the ‘Hospices Civils’ in Strasbourg. From 1986 to 1988 I worked in the Department of Angio-Dermatology of the ‘Uniklinikum Essen’ (Germany) under the watchful eye of Prof Kluk. In 1988 I became a member of the association of Luxemburgish physicians. I work mainly as a private practitioner, but also partly as a staff member at the Zitha Clinic (Luxembourg). Having been President of the Luxemburgish Society of Dermatology from 1995 to 2009, I am now its Vice-President.

Being a member of the Board of EADV appears to me as an exciting challenge. In my opinion, it is essential to try to permanently enhance the quality of dermatology in Europe and more specifically in my country, Luxembourg. The improvement of standards for clinical care, education and medical training is very important to me. I’m convinced that the best way to reach this goal is to be open-minded, to cooperate, exchange ideas and perhaps discuss different interpretations with dermatologists from other countries. Living in a small country in the heart of Europe with a high percentage of foreign people working here, I know the benefits of gathering the experience and knowledge of different people.”

Martin Röcken
(Germany)

Martin Röcken is Professor of Dermatology and Head of the Department of Dermatology, Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, Germany. He was elected as a member of the EADV Executive Committee (EC) in 2012, together with Prof Liliana Medenica. He feels that his major role on the EADV Board is the promotion of strong clinical dermatology all over Europe and EADV as its leading training institution. He focuses on extensive and continuous teaching and the development of novel therapies.

Prof Röcken is an innovative clinician, who first reported phototherapy for scleroderma or topical paromomycin for cutaneous leishmaniosis. He pioneered immune-deviation as therapy for psoriasis, a concept that has now been realised in the approved psoriasis therapies with either fumarates or anti-IL-12/IL-23 antibodies. Most recently he successfully developed novel surgical treatments and immunotherapies for skin cancer, including metastatic melanoma.

His continued responsibility for teaching is best reflected in his dermatology books. It started with one of the first European dermatology books on skin diseases in HIV and AIDS in the late 1980s. Most popular are his Color Atlas of Allergic Diseases, published in eight European languages, and the recent Color Atlas of Dermatology that has already been translated into German and Russian, and that will soon appear in Spanish.

Prof Röcken also chairs EADV’s Project Proposal Review Committee. After his election to the EC, he decided to step back from this position in order to avoid potential conflicts of interest. He was involved with other large European dermatology societies in setting up the European Skin Research Foundation (ESRF), an independent body that gives young dermatologists and dermatology trainees the opportunity to get a profound academic training in an experienced teaching department.

Carmen Maria Salavastru
(Romania)

“I studied medicine at the Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Faculty of General Medicine, and I specialised in dermato-venereology at the First Department of Dermatology, Colentina Hospital, Bucharest.

My teaching career began in 1994 as an assistant professor at Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy and continues as Assistant Professor and Consultant Dermato-venereologist at Colentina Clinical Hospital. In 2004, I was visiting dermatologist at the Dermatology and Allergology Department of München Klinik und Poliklinik für Dermatologie und Allergologie, Technische Universität and in 2005, due to my interest in paediatric dermatology, at the Paediatric Dermatology Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow (Scotland). I became a member of the Executive Committee of the Romanian Medical Association in 2011 and of EADV in 2001, where I also am a member of the EADV Website Committee. I joined the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) in 2007 and the European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR) in 2009. My colleagues know me best for the European Programme for Training Romanian dermatologists in dermato-cosmetology which I run and for the successful Imaderm project, whose picture database can be accessed via the EADV website. I have also authored or co-authored seven scientific books and my future projects focus on developing educational programmes for residents, particularly online medical courses and webinars that can bring an improvement in teaching at low cost. Supporting young doctors by sharing one’s medical experience and helping them improve themselves defines me as an involved and concerned medical doctor.”
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee and 2,000 Turkish Dermatologists, we are delighted to invite you this year to Istanbul to participate in the 22nd EADV Congress beginning on Wednesday 2 October and ending on Sunday 6 October. The Turkish Society of Dermatology strongly supports the organisation of this important event with great hospitality. Recently, increasing numbers of dermato-venereologists from non-European countries have also attended EADV congresses. Istanbul has direct flight connections, with nearly all of the countries around the world due to its strategic location and we are sure that it will be very easy for you to reach Istanbul.

**Bridging east and west**

After the successful 5th EADV Spring Symposium in 2008, it is now our great pleasure to welcome you again to Istanbul, one of the most attractive historical cities in the world. Istanbul is the city that bridges Europe and Asia, which you will be able to observe through the windows of the Congress Venue ICC (Istanbul Convention Centre). Our congress venue is close to the heart of the city, Taksim Square, and there are many hotels of different categories within walking distance. Istanbul, a city embracing different cultures, offers impressive history, many natural beauties, an exotic cuisine and various entertainment facilities for all.

It took a long time to prepare the Congress programme and the joint efforts of EADV’s Scientific Programming Committee and the Local Scientific Committee have produced an outstanding final programme taking into consideration the large spectrum of dermatological diseases and recent developments. Nearly 500 speakers will share their experience with the attendees. We believe that our meeting will present high-level scientific knowledge with the contribution of leading dermatologists and many specialists who are experts in their fields.

**Key dates:**

- Early bird registration deadline: 12 June 2013
- Late registration deadline: 3 September 2013
- Hotel reservation deadline: 20 September 2013
- Sub-specialty meetings: 2 October 2013
- Scientific programme opens: 3 October 2013

22nd EADV Congress
2–6 October 2013
Istanbul, Turkey

2013

Prof Can Baykal
Prof Mehmet Ali Gürer

Dermato-venereology in a changing world
changing world

We are looking forward to welcoming dermatologists from all over the world to Istanbul to witness a memorable scientific and social event and experience the fascinating atmosphere of this metropolis.

For further information please visit www.eadvistanbul2013.org

Please join us in Istanbul!

Can Baykal Mehmet Ali Gürer
President Honorary President
22nd EADV Congress

Fellowships for Istanbul Congress

EADV is offering 500 fellowships of a reduced registration fee (€100) to dermato-venereologists, who are not otherwise supported, to attend its Congress in Istanbul from 3-6 October 2013.

To apply, please download and complete the application form legibly (preferably in capital letters, if not printed) at http://istanbul2013.eadv.org/grants and email/submit it to fellowship@eadv.org before 3 June 2013.

Terms & conditions:

• Applications must be received strictly by the closing date. Any late applications will not be considered.
• EADV members are eligible to receive a fellowship on more than one occasion.
• Preference will be given to Junior EADV members and EADV members who have submitted an abstract or poster.
• Non-members may receive a fellowship once only. In order to be eligible to receive it again, you need to apply/be an EADV member.
• Applications will be assessed by the EADV Honours & Awards Committee and their decision will be final.
• Only one application per person may be submitted.
• Companies or travel agencies are not eligible for fellowships.
• Please note that block bookings will receive no consideration.
• You will be notified if your application was successful by 31 July 2013.

Dr Michael Boffa and Prof Christos C Zouboulis
On behalf of the EADV Honours & Awards Committee
The Finance Committee has worked on several items in the last period. We live in a fast changing world and one which has been for several years now in an economic crisis with periods of recession. EADV has also had to face up to this changing world.

In the first place governments, but also public opinion, have asked us to think about our relationship with industry. Independence is nowadays mandatory.

On the other hand, industry is merging making fewer companies potential partners for EADV. Industry is also less willing to support professional organisations. In the past EADV made contracts with industry for three years. Today contracts are only obtained for a specified participation in a congress.

Diversifying funding

To continue the high-level educational work of EADV we need many members. Although EADV membership numbers are growing steadily, we would like to have more members whom we can represent.

The change for EADV to take over all the responsibilities for the congresses, including the scientific programme, organisation etc, will make EADV strong and independent from local organisations. This will be in its favour as much as for the quality of our meeting as for the costs.

The late change from Riga to Prague for the 2012 Congress saw a decline in attendance and we also saw reduced participation from industry at the Verona meeting. Prague was, however, a great success for EADV. We made a loss on the Verona meeting and a profit on Prague.

Reserves

The Finance Committee is also actively involved in the control of the budget. The 2013 budget is fixed and the Treasurer is now working on the 2014 budget. To keep our society safe, from a financial point of view, the Board decided to set up a reserve account. Up till now, although it has only been in existence for a short period, this account has made a small profit for EADV.

New strategies are necessary in case the contribution from the industry diminishes in the future. It is our challenge that EADV, with an internationally recognised reputation in education for dermatologists, will be able to adapt to the changing world around us.

Martino Neumann
Chair
Finance Committee

Erratum

In our report on the Dermatopathology Summer School, Part 2, in the last issue of EADV News (No 45, page 8), we inadvertently used the photo of lecturers and participants, and map of countries of origin of participants, from another course. We reprint the correct photo and map here and apologise for this error.

Dermatopathology Summer School, Part 2, 25-29 June 2012, Graz, Austria
Following on from the success of the previous two years, the joint EADV-ESDR Summer Research Workshop was located this year in Rotterdam, in collaboration with EDEN (European Dermato-epidemiology Network). In contrast to the programme of scientific and laboratory research techniques that dominated the curriculum in Vienna and Rome, the course this year focused on epidemiological research within the clinical dermatology arena.

The programme was put together by Dr Carsten Flohr (EDEN), Prof Nick Reynolds (ESDR), and Prof Tamar Nijsten (EADV), who also hosted the course at the Erasmus Medical Centre. Organisational input was also provided by Prof Erwin Tschachler (EADV) and Ildikó Papp (EADV). Over five days, a wealth of experienced speakers provided an in-depth overview of dermato-epidemiology, including Dr Sinead Langan (London, UK); Dr Luigi Naldi (Milan, IT); Prof Martino Neumann (Rotterdam, NL); Dr Phyllis Spuls (Amsterdam, NL); Dr Maarten Vermeer (Leiden, NL); Dr Esther de Vries (Rotterdam, NL); Dr Marlies Wakkee (Rotterdam, NL); Prof Hywel Williams (Nottingham, UK); and Dr Rein Willemze (Leiden, NL).

Twenty-five participants from 15 countries were invited to attend following competitive selection. The vast majority were dermatology residents, either already undertaking a PhD or planning to start a substantive period of clinical research in the near future. The structure of each day was varied, with a mixture of interactive lectures, small group workshops and practical computer-based sessions.

Complex analyses

The five days of the course were topically arranged, starting with an introduction to epidemiological research, including observational study designs, bias and confounding and basic statistic analysis, followed by interactive seminars on clinical trials, evidence-based dermatology/critical appraisal, and the use of registries and large databases. Computer-based sessions allowed participants to get to grips with SPSS (self-perceived sensitive skin) for descriptive but also more complex analyses, such as logistic and linear regression, as well as survival analysis. The programme was interspersed with journal club and research presentations from the participants, which gave a constructive platform to discuss research methods and critical appraisal techniques.

Whilst the weather in Rotterdam was reported to be the worst for several years, a small reprieve mid-week did permit a group boat-trip around the docks, followed by a scrumptious dinner at the Hotel New York. A few local ‘delights’ were also provided each lunchtime, in the form of ‘kroketts’ (ragout-filled croquettes) and ‘karnemelk’ (soured buttermilk), much to the intrigue of participants and lecturers alike!

Overall, feedback from participants was excellent. The course provided a great opportunity for networking with like-minded individuals from around Europe, and it is hoped that a forum will be created via EADV for past and future participants to share advice, experiences and encouragement in all matters related to dermatological research.

Dr Carsten Flohr (EDEN)
St John’s Institute of Dermatology
London, UK

Prof Tamar Nijsten (EADV)
Erasmus Medical Centre
Rotterdam, NL

Prof Nick Reynolds (ESDR)
Institute of Cellular Medicine
University of Newcastle, UK

Dr Laura Savage
Leeds Centre for Dermatology
Leeds, UK

Dr Emma Wedgeworth
St John’s Institute of Dermatology
London, UK
Having recently finished my term as EADV President I would like to thank the many people who worked hard to make the Academy a success during the years of my presidency.

The Executive Committee (EC) carries out the day-to-day business of the Academy and is composed of four officers elected by the Board of Directors (the Secretary General, the Treasurer, and two Board Representatives) who, together with the President, President-Elect and Past President (elected by the members at large), meet 6-8 times a year. The EC is delegated by the Board to run the vast amount of daily Academy business and to report to the Board at their twice-yearly meetings.

I was very fortunate to work with an excellent EC! Board representatives

Thousands of dermatologists and trainees attend our meetings. In addition, the Academy hosts multiple educational events in different countries through its successful Fostering Programme. These have benefited many young residents throughout Europe. We also provide several hundred scholarships every year to facilitate attendance at our congresses of those from economically deprived areas as well as many other donations and financial support of worthy causes.

Every Officer, Board member, Committee member and Chair works in their “spare” time for EADV without receiving payment of any sort. An effective, professional and supportive administrative staff is, therefore, essential to continue these important activities that constitute the mission of our Academy. I believe that EADV has been exceptionally fortunate to be served by a loyal and efficient staff headed by our Chief Administrative Officer Nancy Induni. The various members of the administration and their duties are listed elsewhere in this issue.

Looking forward there are many challenges on the horizon, not least of which is the ever-increasing restrictions on the support by industry for our congresses. Incomes from congresses constitute our main source of revenue. Without income we can no longer provide or support education in economically-deprived areas of Europe. During my presidency the Board wisely decided to initiate a Financial Reserve Fund to provide some security for the future. With prudent management of these resources I believe that EADV can continue to be built into the future and face the challenges that lie ahead!

Frank Powell
EADV Past President

Josette André and Sorin Tiplica, Secretary-General Erwin Tschachler and Treasurer Jørgen Rønnevig, together with President-Elect Jana Hercogová and Past President Andreas Katsambas, guided EADV through some challenging times. I would like to thank them on behalf of all the members for their major contributions to our Academy.

EADV is a complex organisation with concurrent activities in at least six different European countries at any given time. Through the Scientific Programming Committee we run some of the biggest and most successful medical meetings in Europe that involve coordinating hundreds of speakers/presenters of different nationalities in complex educational programmes with simultaneous educational sessions.

Award presentation to Prof Wolff

At its meeting in Prague in September 2012, the EADV Board of Directors decided to bestow honorary membership of EADV upon Prof Klaus Wolff for his outstanding contributions to the development of clinical dermatology and dermatological research. Prof Wolff was chair of the Department of Dermatology at the Medical University of Vienna for over 20 years and the teacher and mentor of many leading dermatologists in Austria, Europe and worldwide. Besides his countless accomplishments as a clinician, researcher and teacher, Prof Wolff has had a lifelong commitment to fostering international exchange between dermatologists on a global level and from 1987 to 1992 he was president of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) and International Committee of Dermatology.

For me it was a great honour and pleasure to hand over the certificate of EADV honorary membership to my teacher and mentor in front of the bust of Ferdinand von Hebra, one of the founding fathers of Austrian and European dermatology.

Vienna, March 2013

Erwin Tschachler MD
EADV President-Elect

Frank Powell
EADV Past President
Notice is hereby given that under the terms of the Statutes (Articles 14, 15, 16 & 17) nominations for Board Directors representing the following countries will be received by the Secretary General not later than **FRIDAY, 14 JUNE 2013.**

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* The incumbent ends first term of office and can be re-elected.
** Only one of the two Board Members from Spain, Prof Ramon Pujol, can be re-elected.
(2) Two vacancies

- Voting members from the above countries shall elect their national Board Member.
- Only **Specialist Members** in good standing are entitled to stand for election.
- Each candidate must be a national of and resident in the country they are representing.
- Candidates must be proposed and seconded by two EADV members in good standing who are resident in the country of the nominee.

All nominees must send in:
1. The completed **Nomination Form** signed by the applicant.
2. The form must also be signed by the two EADV members supporting the application.
3. A **curriculum vitae** of up to two (2) A4 pages of the candidate.
4. A **mission statement** by the candidate.
5. A recent head and shoulders photograph of the candidate.
6. A completed current **Conflict of Interest Form**.

**Submission of required material will only be possible electronically** (files should be either in Word or pdf format or scanned).

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

The relevant Nomination form and Conflict of Interest Form can be downloaded from www.eadv.org and should be sent electronically to secgen@eadv.org

The election of EADV Board Members will be conducted electronically in September 2013. It will be managed by Electoral Reform Services (ERS) of London. The voting system used is safe and confidential. If more than two valid nominations are received the single transferable voting system will be used.

Further information can be obtained at www.eadv.org

Carle Paul PhD
EADV Secretary General
April 2013
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

TREASURER-ELECT

Notice is hereby given that nominations will be received to fill the position of EADV Treasurer-Elect. Nominations will be received by the Secretary General not later than FRIDAY, 14 JUNE 2013.

- Only Specialist Members in good standing are entitled to stand for election.
- Candidates must be proposed and seconded by two EADV members in good standing.
- The Treasurer-Elect will be elected by the Board of Directors at their meeting in October 2013 in Istanbul.

All nominees must send in:
1. The completed Nomination Form signed by the applicant.
2. The form must also be signed by the two EADV members supporting the application.
3. A curriculum vitae of up to two (2) A4 pages of the candidate.
4. A mission statement by the candidate of not more than 300 words.
5. A recent head and shoulders photograph of the candidate.
6. A completed Conflict of Interest Form.

Submission of required material will only be possible electronically (files should be either in Word or pdf format or scanned).

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

All candidates must be approved by the Nominations and Election Monitoring Committee before being considered for election.

The relevant Nomination Form and Conflict of Interest Form can be downloaded from www.eadv.org
Kindly send all documents to: secgen@eadv.org

Further information can be obtained from www.eadv.org

Carle Paul MD PhD
EADV Secretary General

April 2013
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

- FOSTERING SPECIAL SKILLS COMMITTEE
- FOSTERING TRAINEE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
- SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given to fill the positions of Chairperson of the Fostering Special Skills Committee; Fostering Trainee Education Committee; and Scientific Programming Committee.

Nominations will be received by the Secretary General not later than FRIDAY, 14 JUNE 2013.

- Only Specialist Members in good standing are entitled to stand for election.
- Candidates for election to CHAIRPERSON must be proposed and seconded by two BOARD MEMBERS.
- Chairpersons will be elected by the Board of Directors at the Board Meeting to be held in Istanbul in October 2013 and is by single transferable vote if necessary.

All nominees must send in:
1. The completed Nomination Form signed by the applicant and the two Board Members.
2. A curriculum vitae of up to two (2) A4 pages of the candidate.
3. A mission statement by the candidate.
4. A recent head and shoulders photograph of the candidate.
5. A completed Conflict of Interest Form.

Submission of required material will only be possible electronically (files should be either in Word or pdf format or scanned).

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

The relevant Nomination Form and Conflict of Interest Form can be downloaded from www.eadv.org and should be sent electronically to the Secretary General: secgen@eadv.org

Further information can be obtained from www.eadv.org

Carle Paul MD PhD
EADV Secretary General
April 2013
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO FILL VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES – 2013

Notice is hereby given to fill vacancies on Board Committees.

Nominations will be received by the Secretary General not later than FRIDAY, 14 JUNE 2013.

- Only Specialist Members in good standing are eligible to stand for election.
- Candidates for election to Committees must be proposed and seconded by two EADV members in good standing.

Committee members will be elected by the Board of Directors and the single transferable vote system will be used if necessary.

All nominees must send in:
1. The Nomination Form signed by the applicant and the endorsers.
2. A short CV (with a recent photograph if available)
3. A completed Conflict of Interest Form.

Submission of required material will only be possible electronically (files should be either in Word or pdf format or scanned).

The relevant Nomination Form and Conflict of Interest Form can be downloaded from www.eadv.org and should be sent to the Secretary General: secgen@eadv.org

Further information can be obtained from www.eadv.org

CURRENT VACANCIES:
Committee Members:
- Ethics Committee (1 vacancy)
- Finance Committee (1 vacancy)
- Fostering Specialist Skills Committee (2 vacancies)
- Fostering Trainee Education Committee (1 vacancy)
- Media & PR Committee (1 vacancy open only to Board Members)
- Nomination & Election Monitoring Committee (2 vacancies open only to Board Members)
- Project Proposal Review Committee (1 vacancy)
- Scientific Programming Committee (1 vacancy open only to Specialist Members from the Eastern Region*)
- Website Committee (1 vacancy)

* Eastern Region: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia & Ukraine

Candidates must indicate clearly on the Nomination Form for which position they are applying.

Carle Paul MD PhD
EADV Secretary General

April 2013
Visits to centres of excellence

Nantes, France

In February 2013, I visited the Dermatology Clinic at Nantes University hospital under the EADV Fostering Programme “Visit a centre of excellence”.

My intention was to gain an update on diagnosis and treatment in oncodermatology and see how the teaching of dermatology for students and interns is organised in France. So I spent most of my time in the Onco-dermatology Unit with Prof Brigitte Dreno and her team. Throughout the one-week training, I saw the professional and warm attitude of the medical staff there. I also had the honour of meeting Prof Jean-François Stalder, Head of the Department of Dermatology in Nantes.

Every day during the week I had the opportunity to see a lot of patients, together with Prof Dreno, Prof Stalder and their teams. I participated in official visits to the day clinic, traditional hospital clinic, research staff meetings and outpatient clinical consultations.

The outpatient clinical consultations included consultation in oncodermatology with Prof Brigitte Dreno and Dr Gaëlle Quereux, in acne with a meeting where the most interesting cases and rare diagnoses presented at the Department were discussed.

I would also like to thank Ildikó Papp who helped me to establish contacts and was always happy to assist me with advice and suggestions for the arrangement of my visit.

A big thank-you to the EADV Fostering Committee and to the head and the staff of the Department of Dermatology in Nantes.

Irina Sergeeva MD
Novosibirsk, Russia

Mönchengladbach, Germany

It was my pleasure to visit the Centre of Excellence “Zentderma” in Mönchengladbach, Germany.

The true meaning of ‘excellence’ I could readily understand after meeting Dr Rolf Ostendorf, who is not only a passionate dermatologist, but a great human being as well. He was a perfect host who cared for me all the time and at no point was I homesick as he made my visit very comfortable.

There were so many things to learn from him including mole checks, photodynamic therapy, phlebology, dermatosurgery and lasers. It was a great opportunity for me to learn about the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancers and pre-cancerous lesions that we seldom see in an Indian scenario.

Compassionate attitude

I admired the compassionate attitude of Dr Ostendorf towards his patients and, last but not least, I learned useful administrative skills from him. He also invited me to his house for dinner and it was a wonderful meeting with his wife and son. I am grateful to Dr Ostendorf and EADV who gave me the opportunity to visit this true centre of excellence in dermatology.

Vivek Mehta MD
New Delhi, India

Dr Vivek Mehta (centre) and Zentderma staff
In addition, each EADV committee has an assigned staff member for support, ranging from organising and recording the committee meetings to organising additional committee activities such as the EADV summer schools.

The major decision to take charge of congress organisation, taken by the EADV board in 2010, has helped the organisation to exert better control over the congresses and to secure their quality.

At EADV meetings or through members’ services, the EADV staff is often the primary contact for dermatologists and venereologists who show interest in our association. The staff is committed to provide the best and equal services to all EADV members.

The EADV staff members were last presented to you in 2006. Since then a lot of changes have occurred. The most noticeable change is the opening of the In-House Congress organisation office in Lugano, Switzerland. Therefore, we would like to introduce you to our 18 dedicated administrative and congress teams.

Although the headquarters are now located in Lugano, the beautiful “Art Nouveau” house in Brussels has remained the property of the Academy and hosts its administrative office.

Meet the EADV Team

Over the years EADV has become a highly professional organisation with fully dedicated people in the Lugano and Brussels offices. Compared to the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), which has 150 staff members, we are relatively small but we have managed to increase our membership from 1500 to 4000 over the past 10 years (2000-2012); organise two congresses per year totalling more than 10,000 attendees and 10-12 courses, and serve the EADV Board, EC and the 14 EADV committees which requires a lot of talent and expertise.

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Nancy Induni
Nancy is the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Academy.

In order to provide the most accurate information to the Executive Committee, the Finance committee, run by Prof M Neumann, and to the Board of Directors to help in decision-making, Nancy liaises with the accountants, auditors, lawyers and appointed advisers.

She provides day-to-day management of the Academy and the personnel. You can contact Nancy at the following e-mail address: office@eadv.org

Astrid Branca Rossini
Astrid is the accountant of the Academy.

She assists the EADV Treasurer, Prof J Ronnevig and the CAO in the budgets (congresses and symposia, EADV, etc) and daily payments from/to the Academy. She also coordinates the accounting of the EADV offices.

Astrid can be reached at the following e-mail address: astrid@eadv.org

Giuditta Azzini
Giuditta recently joined the EADV staff to provide administrative support to the Secretary General, Prof C Paul, the Nomination and Election Monitoring Committee, run by Prof J Ring, and the CAO. Giuditta manages the correspondence with suppliers, Swiss institutions and internal departments related to the daily run of the office.

You can contact Giuditta at giuditta@eadv.org

Mattia Bosco & Gabriele Pizzino
Mattia and Gabriele are the contact points between the pharmaceutical and exhibiting companies at EADV congresses and spring symposia and the EADV office.

Mattia is in charge of sponsoring and exhibitions. He coordinates the exhibition set-up, produces the daily reports and the promotion of EADV events to the companies.

If you are an exhibitor, you can contact mattia@eadv.org

Gabriele assists Mattia, coordinates the settlement of payments and the production of documents (sponsoring brochure,
EADV Staff

Luis Antonio Gomes Carvalho

Luis supports the abstracts submission and assists the Scientific Programming Committee in the elaboration of the EADV events programme.

Suggestions or comments can be sent to luis@eadv.org

Nadja Hirzel

Nadja assists the Scientific Programming Committee, which is run by Prof L Borradori, records the minutes and administers the CME-CPD Committee chaired by Dr L Scerri. During congresses and spring symposia, Nadja gives information relating to scientific sessions to the local hostesses and assists the speakers.

You can meet Nadja at the CME Kiosk if you have any questions about the accreditation or the credits claim.

You can also contact her at the following e-mail address: nadja@eadv.org

Emanuele Graziano

Emanuele assists both Nadja and Luis on the Scientific Programme and the CME accreditation of EADV events.

He supports Luis in the abstract submission process and set-up, assists Nadja on the production of meeting announcements and final programmes.

You can meet Emanuele at the CME booth during EADV congresses and spring symposia or contact him by e-mail at emanuele@eadv.org

Catherine Cathala

Catherine is the Senior Administrative Officer. She runs the EADV office in Brussels and reports to the CAO. She supervises activities related to the membership and supports the Membership Committee, run by Prof S Rogers, the Statutes and Development Committee, run by Dr A Robinson, the PPRC (Project Proposal Review Committee), run by Prof M Röcken, and the Ethics Committee, chaired by Dr M Waugh.

During the congresses Catherine coordinates EADV events and internal meetings such as the Board, AGM and EADV committee meetings.

She liaises with Belgian suppliers for insurance and supports our accountant to input invoices for external services provided in Belgium.

Please do not hesitate to contact Catherine at the following email addresses: catherine@eadv.org or membership@eadv.org

Vanessa Ahmetaj & Marc Somja

Marc and Vanessa provide daily assistance to EADV members for membership queries and details and communicate the list of new members who are approved by the Board members.

exhibitors’ manual and directory).

He is available at the EADV booth for exhibitors during the EADV congresses and spring symposia. Both Mattia and Gabriele ensure companies are satisfied with their bookings and keep a steady relationship with the EADV.

If you are an exhibitor, you can contact at gabriele@eadv.org

Diana De Simone

Diana manages the logistics and organisation of EADV congresses and spring symposia. She gives support to the local organisers, liaises on all sponsoring issues with Mattia. She also assists the CAO in requests from the EADV leadership during these events and coordinates the EADV congress shipments with Alexandre.

Questions can be sent to diana@eadv.org

Valeria Fabris & Natascha Gugolz

You are attending or plan to attend an EADV meeting? Natascha and Valeria will ensure that your registration is received and are available to help you if you encounter any difficulties.

They also manage the registration for groups and the EADV Board of Directors and Officers, and establish the monthly reports on our congresses/spring symposia attendance.

If you have any queries about your Congress registration or payments, please do not hesitate to contact them at natascha@eadv.org or valeria@eadv.org

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Emanuele Graziano

Emanuele assists both Nadja and Luis on the Scientific Programme and the CME accreditation of EADV events.

He supports Luis in the abstract submission process and set-up, assists Nadja on the production of meeting announcements and final programmes.

You can meet Emanuele at the CME booth during EADV congresses and spring symposia or contact him by e-mail at emanuele@eadv.org

Vanessa Ahmetaj & Marc Somja

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Additionally Marc gives support on the organisation of Fostering courses.

Vanessa processes the application files for the scholarships and organises the scholarship ceremony during EADV congresses and spring symposia in collaboration with Ildikó for the Honours and Awards committee, run by Prof C Zouboulis.

If you go to the membership booth at EADV events, you will be able to meet and greet them. If you have any specific queries about your membership status, your online access to the JEADV or your username and password, do not hesitate to contact Marc or Vanessa at marc@eadv.org or vanessa@eadv.org.

Any other issues can be sent to membership@eadv.org

Alexandre Dewaide
Alexandre updates the EADV and congress websites with the webmaster. He assures the in-house helpdesk and the technical assistance at the Board meetings.

He is the administrative officer in charge of the Website Committee, chaired by Dr K Fritz, assists the EADV News Editor in the publication of the EADV newsletter and provides assistance to the Media & PR Committee Chair, Dr M Trakatelli, in the organisation of campaigns or events. Alexandre also organises the logistics for the AAD and other congresses where EADV promotes the Academy’s activities.

If you have suggestions or articles for EADV News, you can send them to alexandre@eadv.org

Ildikó Papp
Ildikó assists both the Fostering Trainee Education Committee, run by Dr J André, and the Fostering Skill Specialists Committee, chaired by Dr R Ostendorf.

She helps Fostering course organisers in the preparation of their event and liaises with the participants.

Ildikó also gives support to the Honours and Awards Committee which offers scholarship, fellowships and grants for EADV events.

If you wish to organise or participate in a course or if you wish to apply for an award, you can send an e-mail to ildiko@eadv.org

Monica Cauchi
Monica assists the Secretary General in the administration of EADV. She records minutes of the leadership meetings and the Annual General Meetings.

Monica liaises between the Secretary General and the Board of Directors. Communications to the Secretary General can be sent to eadvsecg@go.net.mt or secgen@eadv.org.

Maryse Clappier
Maryse assists Prof Jean-Paul Ortonne, our JEADV Editor, and liaises with the publisher. She administers the JEADV publishing process.

If you wish to submit a scientific article to the JEADV or if you have any questions, you may write to Maryse at the following e-mail address: jeadv@eadv.org

As EADV Secretary General I rely fully on the professionalism of the EADV staff to organise the day-to-day work and very much value their contribution in making EADV a successful organisation. The EADV staff looks forward to meeting you at our next events or counting you or your friends among our valued members!

Carle Paul
EADV Secretary General
Fostering courses for specialists in dermato-venereology

- **Surgery**
  
  22–23 November 2013
  
  Brussels, Belgium

- **Phlebology**
  
  31 January – 2 February 2014
  
  Düsseldorf/Mönchengladbach, Germany

Course chair: Dr George Reuter & Dr Monika Gniadecka

Course registration fee: EADV member: 250 € – non member: 400 €

Application deadline: 30 September 2013

Allocated on a first-come-first-served basis

CME: provided

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Course chair: Dr Rolf Ostendorf

Course registration fee: EADV member: 250 € Non-member: 400 €

Application deadline: tbd

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Fostering courses for registrars/residents/trainees in dermato-venereology

- **Systemic Treatment in Dermatology**
  
  28–30 August 2013
  
  Toulouse, France

- **STIs**
  
  11–13 September 2013
  
  Oxford, UK

- **Hair & Scalp**
  
  15–17 November 2013
  
  Bologna, Italy

Course chair: Prof Carle Paul

Application deadline: 28 May 2013 - EXTENDED DEADLINE -

Course chair: Dr Angela Robinson

Application deadline: 3 June 2013

Course chair: Dr Bianca Maria Piraccini

Application deadline: 28 June 2013

Courses are free of charge.

Educational material, certificate of attendance, free pre-booked accommodation and catering during the course are provided.

In addition, EADV junior members (registrars/residents/trainees) are eligible to receive a grant.

All courses are in English.

### APPLY NOW!

Application forms for all courses available online at

www.eadv.org/fostering-courses
Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

Spring is arriving in Toulouse and I can now see the sun rising from the window of my hospital office while writing to you. Like every Monday morning, I am collecting the EADV correspondence with the highly dedicated EADV Administrative Officer, Monica Cauchi to prepare for the work of the week.

Cracow

2013 is going to be a very busy and exciting year for EADV with the Spring Symposium in Cracow (23-26 May 2013) for which an outstanding scientific programme has been developed by the Congress Chairman Prof Luca Borradori and the EADV Scientific Committee led by Prof Luca Borradori. Spring Symposia give us all the opportunity to combine an excellent CME programme and exchange of experiences between dermatologists from all over Europe and beyond in a more intimate context than during the EADV Congress.

Elections

2013 will be a year of elections with the election of the EADV Treasurer-Elect, 16 elections for Board Member vacancies, 7 elections of EADV Committee Chairpersons and a number of open positions to fill within these committees. More information about these open positions can be found on pages 17-20 of this issue of EADV News.

Committee chairpersons and members

I would like to take this opportunity to give credit to my colleagues serving on EADV committees. EADV committees are appointed by the EADV Board and are essential to implement and follow through on EADV actions.

There are currently 13 EADV committees (chairperson shown in brackets):

- CME-CPD Committee (Lawrence Scerri)
- Ethics Committee (Michael Waugh)
- Finance Committee (Martino Neumann)
- Fostering Specialist Skills Committee (Rolf Ostendorf)

• Fostering Trainee Education Committee (Josette André)
• Honours & Awards Committee (Christos Zouboulis)
• Media & PR Committee (Myrto-Georgia Trakatelli)
• Membership Committee (Sarah Rogers)
• Nomination & Election Monitoring Committee (Johannes Ring)
• Project Proposal Review Committee (Martin Röcken)
• Scientific Programming Committee (Luca Borradori)
• Statutes & Development Committee (Angela Robinson)
• Website Committee (Klaus Fritz)

All committee chairs and members are highly committed and are working hard to promote excellence in Dermatology. They need to be thanked and acknowledged for their major contribution to the EADV. Committee chairpersons have the privilege to participate as observers at EADV Board of Directors meetings and contribute greatly to the EADV vision.

Please take the time to be a candidate for one of these Committee open positions and make the difference in helping to shape the future EADV!

I would like to end this letter by quoting the famous saying of Abraham Lincoln, one of the greatest Democrats: “a house divided against itself cannot stand.” Maintaining EADV unity and collaborative spirit is essential. There is a high level of diversity of opinions among EADV members regarding the way EADV should operate and the direction that has to be taken. This is the beauty of our geographic and cultural diversity.

The most important for the future is to promote mutual respect, common goals, and active listening while maintaining confidence in the EADV democratic structure. Be sure I will make this my ‘raison d’être’ as Secretary General.

Yours sincerely,

Carle Paul
EADV Secretary General
secgen@eadv.org
Please send your pictures to media.pr@eadv.org in order to be considered for publication in the future issues.

Photo Competition

This issue’s winning entry was sent to us by Dr Erwin Suys from Kortrijk, Belgium. Dr Suys will receive a work on dermatology chosen by our Editor.

A 77-year-old woman with a non-Hodgkin’s B-Cell lymphoma giant cell intravascular subtype. The skin was the only localisation of the lymphoma. It provoked an important oedema of lower abdomen and both legs.

After four sessions of RCHOP therapy there was remarkable regression.

Calendar of Events

> 2013

10th EADV Spring Symposium
23–26 May 2013
Cracow, Poland

15th ESDaP Congress
6–8 June 2013
Roskilde, Denmark

EAACI-WAO World Allergy & Asthma Congress 2013
22–26 June 2013
Milan, Italy

9th World Congress of Cosmetic Dermatology
27–30 June 2013
Athens, Greece

STI & AIDS 2013
14–17 July 2013
Vienna, Austria

3rd 5-Continent-Congress
18–21 September 2013
Cannes, France

12th World Congress of Paediatric Dermatology
25–27 September 2013
Madrid, Spain

22nd EADV Congress
2–6 October 2013
Istanbul, Turkey

> 2014

11th EADV Spring Symposium
May 2014
Belgrade, Serbia

XV World Congress on Cancers of the Skin
3–6 September 2014
Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

23rd EADV Congress
8–12 October 2014
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

> 2015

24th EADV Congress
7–11 October 2015
Copenhagen, Denmark
22nd Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology

“Dermatovenereology in a changing world”

2-6 October, 2013

Istanbul Congress Center,
Istanbul, Turkey

www.eadvistanbul2013.org