Two major problems facing the health service of Ukraine today are the low quality of healthcare and unequal access to health services. The main objective of improving the health sector is to ensure the equal and fair access of all citizens to healthcare of an appropriate quality.

The greatest difficulties in solving these problems arise from having a large proportion of the population living in rural areas, where incomes are low, and villages are remote from centres of secondary and tertiary healthcare. This is compounded by poor transport links between rural communities and large cities and metropolitan areas, where the majority of healthcare and medtech professionals are based. This means that high-quality, timely, qualified medical assistance is not available for the majority of the population living in rural areas. This problem is very crucial in dermatology, especially in cases of early diagnosis of skin cancer. It leads to late treatment of patients by qualified medical care, and primary care physicians neglecting to obtain timely advice from specialists, resulting in deterioration in health, an increase in chronic diseases and reduced life expectancy.

Bridging the gap

One way to solve this problem is to develop telemedical technologies, including teledermatology, a subspecialty in dermatology, which is probably one of the most common uses of telemedicine and eHealth. Telemedicine and teledermatology tools are now being applied by Ukrainian specialists. One example: in May 2012 the Ukrainian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Cosmetologists, in partnership with the Doctor Bogomolets Institute of Dermatology, conducted melanoma screening in Ukraine under the Euromelanoma project, during which 4,604 people were examined, of whom 820 were examined remotely using telediagnostic equipment and IT technologies.

In the Donetsk region a pilot project was set up for the remote consultation of dermatological patients from the counselling centre at the Donetsk city clinical dermato-venereological dispensary and in two subscriber nodes in city dispensaries in Mariupol and Kramatorsk. Work is organised by the mechanism of SAF (Store-and-forward). Sensitivity of continued on page 3
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telemedical diagnosis was 98.8%, specificity - 58.3%. High relevance was identified in 91.7% of cases.

Pursuant to the Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine No 261 of 23 March 2010, On the introduction of telemedicine in healthcare in Ukraine, a telemedicine network including six nodal stations was built. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 19 September 2011 between the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine, “DTEK” Ltd, the charitable foundation Development of Ukraine, and a private company MTS Ukraine for further implementation of telemedical technologies. The draft law on telemedicine was examined in the Supreme Council of Ukraine and is now in its final stages.

A powerful tool

Thus, Ukrainian teledermatology is designed to be a powerful tool to maximise the availability of skilled medical care for Ukrainians and minimise the costs. We consider it appropriate that the existing network of dermatovenerological dispensaries is maintained, supplemented by the functions of teledermatological nodal stations according to the level of the institution. The most appropriate telemedical mechanism, given the predominantly visual nature of the primary physical diagnosis in dermatology, is consulting in real time, followed by an optional teledermatopathology.

For the purpose of screening for malignant tumours of the skin it is appropriate that teledermoscopy involving trained experts is widely used in this type of diagnosis. World experience proves that implementation of teledermatology in Ukrainian health practice will provide a significant saving (40%) to pay for healthcare services, improve efficiency and the accessibility (temporal and spatial) of dermatological care for every inhabitant of Ukraine.

Volodymyr Korolenko MD PhD
EADV member

Viktor Stepanenko MD DSc
President of the Ukrainian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Cosmetologists
EADV member

Uninterrupted time to focus

Congresses are very important events. Congresses are experiences where information is exchanged and you learn new things. Twice a year, several thousand dermatologists from all over the world leave their homes, their patients and sometimes even their loved ones to meet at the Academy’s congresses. These gatherings of dermatologists are further supported by our collaborating partners by the thousands, and therefore represent a major collective investment of effort, time and money. To what use?

There is the question of the news value. Yes, new things are presented, but they appear in print six months later in your inbox or on your doorstep. How often can you really say that the impact of the news on your clinical practice is instantaneous?

Even if we suppose that every congress introduces highly important new ideas, there is another weak link in the path from congress to your patients: You. Yes, you hear about things, but do you remember them? There is a body of evidence to suggest that you do not, so why bother?

In my view, these are not the main reasons why congresses are very important events. Congresses are occasions where you can concentrate on dermatology. It is the immersion in your chosen field of interest and expertise that counts. There is always something new to learn, even if it may not be news to someone else it can be new to you or me. The reason you participate is that it gives you the possibility to pursue your professional interests without being disturbed. Comforted by the knowledge that you are among your equals, you can have uninterrupted time to concentrate on one task, and that is on becoming a better dermatologist. In our fragmented, digitalised world, full of pop-ups and alarms, that is priceless.

I am already looking forward to going to Istanbul.

Gregor Jemec
Editor
President's Perspective

The victory of academic collegiality

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Education, mutual respect and harmonisation: it is an easy task to be the President of EADV when the Symposium President of the calibre of Prof Jacek Szepeiotowski is at work. Thanks to the interaction in the central and local scientific and organising committees we celebrated in Cracow the 10th Anniversary of EADV’s spring symposia under the motto “The burden of skin diseases”. The success of this Symposium is not only clearly shown by the high number of participants (1,900), but also and mainly by the outstanding level of its educational, social and networking programmes. It is a privilege for us not only because we can discuss and create connections and projects in person, which would otherwise be impossible, but also because it gives us the chance to deal with the problems and the possible solutions that naturally arise in a robust Academy which is rapidly growing and flourishing.

The problems:
1. Education first
2. EADV administration
3. EADV President-Elect election

1. The criticism and comments by EADV members and officers concerning the Academy’s excessive investment in administrative issues compared to education have been discussed at different levels in the governing body. Investment in education is still suboptimal in respect of the mission and vision of EADV which are summarised in the EADV Statutes. But, some new, if minor, initiatives have been decided upon under our administration. The first is already adopted for Junior members. The reduction in the annual membership fee is quite significant (from €75 to €50) and gives many more young dermatologists the chance to participate in the educational and social life of EADV. Other changes in a good direction are also visible on the horizon. Last but not least, the Board is deciding on an interactive model with the European national societies of dermatology in order to adapt the centralised educational model to the different concrete situations in each and every European scientific dermatological society. It is a matter of satisfaction to underline how rapidly this sensitive issue, which will change education in Europe, is being discussed and realised by the EADV governing body.

2. The Board of Directors is the only body entitled to take final decisions on EADV administrative issues after deliberation at the General Assembly in extreme cases. It has been a frustrating experience for each and every EADV Board and EC member to receive a shocking document signed by one EADV Board member about alleged irregularities in the EADV administration. Data and hypotheses have been circulated widely and a final and well-documented answer is needed. In my capacity as the President of EADV I can reassure the complaining Board member - and all those who expressed this concern to me - that I will personally check each hypothesis and statement contained in the document for the sake of clarification and transparency. Please, do not hesitate to contact me directly if you wish to contribute to the clarification of the issue according to your capacity and information so we can come to a final conclusion of this unpleasant episode.

3. Equanimity is both a principle and a virtue. The EADV governing body has been in receipt of an extremely well-documented file focusing on the invalidity of the President-Elect election process. Consulting bodies (Nomination and Electoral Committee and the Board) expressed by a majority, but not a unanimous vote, their opinion on the regularity of the election process. Unfortunately, those bodies are not competent to take a final decision. Equanimity and mutual respect impel us at this stage to clarify and finalise this issue in order to avoid any possible animosities and criticism.

In conclusion, it is a privilege to work with such an open governing body and to witness the tremendous and continuous growth in EADV’s educational programmes and in collegiality and mutual respect for different opinions within our flourishing Academy.

Long live EADV - vivat, crescat et floreat!

Jana Hercogová
EADV President (2012-2014)
Skin cancer screening in the European Parliament

Following the successful 2011 event, a second Skin Cancer Awareness Day was held at the European Parliament in Brussels on 4 December 2012. During the day, Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) were examined in their offices and given advice on protection and information about the different skin cancer types.

The day was organised by the EADV Media and PR Committee in collaboration with other key stakeholders against skin cancer: MEPs against Cancer (MAC group), the Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL) and Euromelanoma. The screening dermatologists who kindly helped out were either members of the Belgian Task Force of Euromelanoma or country chairs that kindly donated their time and expertise to this endeavour.

Lobbying for skin cancer prevention
A round table was also organised focusing on sunbed legislation in the EU. The panel of speakers included scientific experts, representatives of the Directorate General for Health & Consumers (DG SANCO) as well as committed MEPs. Its aim was to seek a clarification of the dangers of sunbed use for European citizens and to encourage politicians to support the early detection of skin cancer.

Tangible results from the day included three written questions addressed to the European Commission by MEPs. These questions were drafted by the MEPs in collaboration and with the advice of EADV in order to focus on the issues that are important for dermatologists in the domain of skin cancer so that political support can promote important and necessary changes.

We present here briefly the essence of the three questions that followed our event at the Parliament. Detailed questions and answers are available the following website: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/plenary/en/parliamentary-questions.html

Would the Commission consider proposing an EU-wide ban on the use of tanning salons for people under the age of 18 in order to ensure better protection of those most at risk of developing skin cancer through the use of sunbeds?

Hannu Takkula MEP (ALDE, Finland)

What is the EU doing to promote the secondary prevention of skin cancer through early detection by healthcare professionals? Would the Commission consider helping to draw up guidelines on the early detection and treatment of skin cancer?

Kriton Arsenis MEP (S&D, Greece), Alojz Peterle MEP (PPE Slovenia), Christel Schaldemose MEP (S&D, Denmark)

What is the Commission doing to encourage and facilitate more uniform registration of all forms of skin cancer at Member State level? Can something more be done to encourage countries or regions to install a population-based registry? How can existing registries be modified in order to register all types of skin cancer?

Michele Rivasi MEP (Greens, France)

Furthermore, another MEP from Slovakia, inspired by our event, spontaneously put forth a question to the Commission, mentioning our event in her draft introduction stating: “On 4 December 2012, a free and voluntary skin screening session took place in Parliament” and titling her question that is briefly presented here “Prevention of skin melanomas”.

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What measures are available to the Commission to combat the increasing incidence of skin cancers? Will the Commission take steps in the foreseeable future with a view to raising awareness and helping to prevent skin cancer?

Monika Flašiková Benová MEP (Slovakia)

Worthy of note is that ever since our first Parliamentary event on skin cancer in September 2011 a list of questions on skin cancer resulted so that even before our December 2012 event three questions on skin cancers had already been addressed to the Commission in 2012.


Let us now keep our fingers crossed that all these questions will generate political interest, bring forth the different issues on skin cancers and lead to appropriate legislation that will benefit our patients and the citizens of the EU.

As Chair of the Media and PR Committee, I take this opportunity to thank the EADV Board for their support on this important dermatology project, as well as all the dermatologists that have given their valuable time and expertise over the past two years that this campaign has run in the Parliament. Without them it would not have been possible.

Myrto-Georgia Trakatelli
Chair
Media & PR Committee

Dear Dermato-venereologist

► Could your presentation skills be better?
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Get some tips at the Presentation Skills section of our Media Training Session

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See yourself as others would see you.
Grow in confidence or else decide that the media is not for you!
See also the “Press corner” on the EADV website for tips on being interviewed for radio/television.

List of participating dermatologists 2011 & 2012

Jana HERCOGOVA (CZ), EADV President
Erwin TSCHACHLER (AT), EADV President-Elect

Lieve BROCHEZ (BE)  John PAOLI (SE/ES)
Matilda BYLAITE (LT)  Ketty PERIS (IT)
Osvaldo CORREIA (PT)  Charles RENOIRTE (BE)
Véronique DEL MARMOL (BE)  Bertrand RICHERT (BE)
Marjan GARMIJN (BE)  Nathalie ROOSELEER (BE)
Monika GNIADECKA (DK)  Diane ROSEEUW (BE)
Gregor JEMEC (DK)  Eggert STOCKFLETH (DE)
Julien LAMBERT (BE)  Mariano SUPPA (IT)
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Eduardo NAGORE (ES)  Johannes VAN DER ENDT (BE)
Arjen F. NIKKELS (BE)
We see ourselves as a centre of excellence in the areas of allergy, skin and asthma and wish to appear and be perceived as such by the general public. We are an independent contact point for sufferers and carers, but also for other interested groups such as the media, businesses, training centres, politics, authorities and associations. aha! Swiss Allergy Centre has a wide network and cooperates closely with medical professionals and professional associations.

Our goal
aha! Swiss Allergy Centre works for the good of allergy sufferers and their families. We ensure that relevant, up-to-date and sound knowledge is available at all times to interested groups and largely free of charge to those affected. It is our goal to help people with allergies towards a better quality of life through professional and expert support.

Our services
aha! Swiss Allergy Centre offers sufferers, carers and other groups the following services:
- High-quality documentation, publications and information
- Expert advice, also through our helpline
- Interdisciplinary training courses
- Prevention and information campaigns on current topics
- Children and youth camps, where the children can learn to cope with their illness while being entertained and attended to. The camps are available in German and soon also in French.

Our events and campaigns
Throughout the year, aha! Swiss Allergy Centre organises several events to promote awareness. Here are a few examples:
- The National Allergy Day: this always takes place in the spring, when allergies are a predominant topic for a large part of the population. Usually the event is changed from year to year. In 2013, it took place virtually through e-boards and e-panels in 12 major Swiss railway stations. In addition to the electronic campaign, helpers distributed information booklets.
- aha! Cup: it usually takes place in autumn, right after the school term has started again. It is a football tournament for children suffering from allergy or asthma. Before the games begin they are coached by players from the Berne Football team, BSC Young Boys.
- aha! Award: the award is given to persons, institutions, or associations that have managed to improve the life of allergy sufferers in an innovative way. The award is under the patronage of the Swiss Federal Agency for Health and is supported by renowned personalities and organisations in the field of medicine, research and industry.

Financing and sponsorship
Our services are largely free of charge to those affected and are financed as follows:
- Donations and legacies
- Cooperative action with companies
- Cost-sharing schemes
- Service agreement with the Federal Social Insurance Office.

The foundation is ZEWO-certified. This acts as a guarantee of transparent, targeted use of donated funds. aha! Swiss Allergy Centre performs an important function for around 2 million people in Switzerland. It is essential to ensure that the foundation can perform this function in the long term.
- Companies, training centres, authorities and associations provide reimbursement for the services at market rates.
- The organisation earns capital for the foundation through market-oriented affiliated companies of aha! Swiss Allergy Centre.

These revenues fully benefit the foundation aha! Swiss Allergy Centre and help to enable it to fulfil the foundation’s purpose in a sustainable way. A seven-member foundation Board functions as a supervisory body governing all the activities of aha! Swiss Allergy Centre. Distinguished individuals from the medical, economic, legal and scientific fields are represented on the Board.

General principles
aha! Swiss Allergy Centre makes its commitment based on the following principles:
- We give sufferers and interested parties answers to concrete questions. With sound, up-to-date, understandable and evidence-based information, we provide quick, uncomplicated help.
- In terms of active prevention, we offer guidance within the flow of information.
- We offer third parties advisory, information and training services so that they can optimise their products and services in the interests of sufferers.
- We cooperate in an interdisciplinary way with experts and institutions, with medical professionals and professional associations, especially with the Swiss Society for Allergology and Immunology.
- We pride ourselves on our professionalism, reliability, communication skills, industry knowledge and independence. Our working practices are subject to an ongoing process of quality assurance and optimisation.
- As part of a holistic approach, and to reinforce our reliability as a healthcare organisation, we also attach importance to promoting the health of our staff in the broadest sense and to designing our working environment appropriately.
- We participate in networking at home and abroad in order to improve awareness of the interests of sufferers in a coordinated way.
- We utilise our funds in a transparent, efficient and focused way and endeavour to achieve the best results with minimal use of resources. We openly provide information about our business activities at any time.

aha! Swiss Allergy Centre addresses the needs of sufferers in a focused, efficient and thorough fashion and their well-being is always at the heart of our activities.

For more information visit www.aha.ch
(website available in German, French, Italian and English).
The purpose of the course was developing practical skills with regard to minor cutaneous surgery, flap reconstructions and the principles of Mohs surgery.

The first part of the course was held at the Forensic Institute in Bucharest and included surgery exercises on cadavers and various presentations to the four groups of participants under guidance from international mentors: Prof Alina Fratila (Germany), Prof Georges Reuter (France) and Dr Antonio Rusciani (Italy), specialised in both dermatology and plastic surgery. Dr Ana Maria Dumitrescu and I from Romania acted as hosts of the course. Various techniques of facial reconstruction were examined individually, from all forms of flaps to different types of sutures, all of them being very important in skin cancer surgery. At the end of Day One each participant was asked to discuss and propose the best reconstruction technique for specific situations proposed by the mentors.

The next day, the second part of the course was held at the private clinic Dermastyle (Dr Leventer) and the topic was various dermatologic aesthetic procedures for the correction of facial scars, especially those after acne. After theoretical presentations a number of patients were treated for scars on the face for demonstration purposes. Among the procedures were excisions, intradermic sutures, dermabrasion, fractional lasers and filling of scars.

The 18 participants in the course were from many countries, including Romania, the UK, Italy, Greece, Moldova, Latvia, Finland, Estonia, Kuwait and Jordan. All of them had the opportunity to ask questions, to propose solutions and to practise hands-on treatments and surgical techniques. At the end of the course everyone attended a gala dinner where in a relaxed atmosphere new bonds and friendships were established. The course was well appreciated by those who participated in it and was hailed a success.

Dr Mihaela Leventer
Course Chair

Country of origin of course participants

Project Proposal Review Committee

Submit your Project
In order to meet the increasing requests for project funding, EADV has created the Project Proposal Review Committee to ensure an objective and standard assessment of proposals before financing.

Before submitting your project, please read carefully the following information.

Application submission
Only applications submitted through the EADV website will be reviewed. The official application form is on the EADV website: http://www.eadv.org/project-proposal/

Criteria
A list of criteria has been established by the committee to evaluate the tenders.
1. The project benefits EADV
2. The project benefits patients with skin diseases
3. The project is pan-European
4. The project does not compete with other internal projects
5. The project is original
6. The project management plan is adequate
7. The project budget is adequate

Evaluation
Each project will be reviewed by each member of the Committee.

When necessary, external reviewers (1 or 2) may be asked for their expert opinion at the decision of the Committee. External reviewers will be former or current members of the EADV Board.

To avoid conflicts of interest
• Participants in projects will not take part in the evaluation or discussion.
• Committee or Board members will not participate in the evaluation of single country projects from their home country.

Deadline: 15 August 2013
This course, organised with the Fostering Trainee Education Committee run by Dr Josette André, took place in April at EADV House in Brussels. The aim was to provide teaching on skin surgery for residents that were already familiar with the basic surgical techniques (stitches, elliptical excisions, grafts etc) and to train them to perform more complex repairs and flaps.

The course was open to dermatology residents from all European countries. Twenty residents from 14 different countries were selected according both to their CV and also to their answers to a small questionnaire testing their knowledge on skin repairs relating to different skin cancers. Seven of them had already attended the course on Basic Skin Surgery run by Dr Myrto Trakatelli in Thessaloniki the previous year. They came from Romania (4), Poland (3), Belgium (2), Finland, Hungary, Egypt, Greece, Slovakia, Lithuania, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Austria, Bulgaria and Italy. They were all very motivated and eager to learn the maximum about techniques in skin surgery. The lectures were given by dermatologists from various European countries with large experience both in cutaneous surgery and in leading hands-on sessions in other meetings.

The course started with a personal presentation by each of the attending residents describing their level and expectations. The tutors also presented their own surgical activity. We were very honoured to have with us Dr François Will (France), Dr Michèle Henry (France), Dr Laurent Parmentier (Switzerland), Dr Bertrand Richert (Belgium) and Dr Myrto-Georgia Trakatelli (Greece). The course ran over two days, every morning devoted to lectures and theoretical talks, every afternoon to hands-on sessions on pigs’ heads.

The first day focused on general principles of haemostasis, flaps, grafts and nail surgery, tips and tricks about sophisticated stitches and ways to improve the elliptical excision (simple flaps). During the afternoon hands-on session, the students were trained on how to perform 11 different flaps (A to T, O to Z, advancement flaps, rotation flaps, rhomboid flaps and Z-Plasty, to name a few). At the end of the day, they had learnt the key points of every skin repair presented. The day ended with a very friendly dinner which reinforced the links between the participants.

Clinical cases

On the second day, in the morning, the residents presented their own clinical cases, the level of which was very high. I would like to take the opportunity here to congratulate the attendees on their excellent work. This was a very interesting and very fruitful session because it triggered a lot of enriching discussions and learning opportunities for all attendees.

During the last afternoon, the most commonly used repair options in each specific anatomic area (nose, eye, temples, lip, cheek, chin, ear, limbs) were reviewed and the residents performed seven other flaps, different from the day before. By the end of the second day, they had learnt how to repair skin defects according to the location of the tumour. Thus, they consolidated the knowledge acquired on both days.

The course ran smoothly thanks to the great organisation by the EADV staff, above all Marc Somja. It is not simple to provide everybody with the necessary equipment and amazingly nothing was missing, neither surgical equipment nor... pigs! This probably contributed to the success of the course.

At the end of the meeting, which took place in a very collegial and warm atmosphere, both the residents and the teachers were very enthusiastic and satisfied with the experience. We later learned about the very high appreciation score, the highest ever for an EADV Fostering course for residents. I would like to thank here all the dermatologists who gave up part of their time to help me in preparing and leading this course.

Dr Florence Corgibet
Course Chair
In 2002, following discussions by Dr Sue Lewis-Jones, Chairman of the British Society for Paediatric Dermatology (BSPD) and Dr Rosemary Lever, Honorary Secretary, with the EADV President, Professor Martin Black from London, and Secretary General, Dr Frank Powell, from Dublin, it was decided that BSPD would offer two fellowships for European trainees to attend the annual BSPD meeting.

The purpose of this fellowship was to cement relationships between BSPD and European dermatologists. Two fellowships are awarded annually at the EADV Annual Congress to trainees to enable them to attend the BSPD Annual Meeting in November of the same year. The award is £500. BSPD also provides free registration for the meeting and a gala dinner. The first recipients were Dr Marija Kastelan from Croatia and Dr Eszter Baltas from Hungary.

**Two awards**

Since 2002 there have been two recipients each year from a wide variety of European countries and the Fellows have sent us feedback reports on their stay. The host trainees look after the Fellows, often providing accommodation for them if possible, and showing them local sights. There is usually an opportunity for the Fellows to visit the local or neighbouring dermatology departments during their stay.

The award is advertised in the JEADV early each year and the recipients are announced in August before the November BSPD meeting.

This relationship has been fruitful for both the host and recipients and the BSPD looks forward to forging more friendships with young, bright dermatology trainees from around Europe.

Dr Olivia Schofield
BSPD President (2011-2013)

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The host trainees, EADV Fellows, their partners and other guests at the gala dinner of the BSPD meeting, November 2012, at The Merchants’ Hall, Edinburgh

**Recipients’ perspectives**

Dr Carmen Vinte and Dr Andreea Stancu, both from Romania, attended the BSPD meeting in Edinburgh held in November 2012.

“I spent four days with British colleagues. I attended the Paediatric Dermatology Clinic at Ninewells Hospital in Dundee for an eczema research workshop directed by Dr Sara Brown. I found it very useful to actually see her taking care of her little patients with atopic dermatitis, while explaining to us the reasons for choosing a certain therapeutic approach. I am able to use the information acquired in my practice back home, and I am very grateful for the time we spent on this topic.”
EADV and Sister Society Fellowships

AAD grants

Through the International Affairs Committee, the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) offers International Society Meeting Travel Grants to dermatology residents, fellows and young physicians (within five years of completing their residency) to attend annual meetings of select dermatological societies. The European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) participates in this programme, with three grants available to AAD members.

Europe a popular choice

EADV meetings are among the most popular choices and grant recipients consistently expressed their gratitude to the International Affairs Committee for the opportunity to attend such prestigious scientific meetings.

Feedback from 2011 and 2012 EADV grant recipients

2011

I would like to thank you and AAD for allowing me the opportunity to attend the EADV annual meeting in Lisbon this past year. During the course of the meeting, I had the opportunity to attend many outstanding lectures and hear colleagues from around the world.

At our acceptance ceremony for the scholarships, I was struck by the great number of colleagues working on outstanding research projects and all working toward the common goal of providing outstanding patient care. This was a unique opportunity to not only meet but gain long lasting professional contacts in our field.”

Elizabeth B Houshmand MD

2012

“Overall, I loved my experience in Prague. I would recommend going to the EADV meeting to any North American resident. It gives a different perspective on how dermatology is practiced in other countries, and a great opportunity to network, to make friends, and to enjoy sightseeing in some of the finest Old World cities.”

Akerke Baibergenova MD

The next day I attended the Yorkhill Hospital in Glasgow, where I met Dr Paula Beattie and two members of her team. I found very meaningful the multidisciplinary approach on several difficult clinical cases presented during the genetics meeting. I am also grateful to her for introducing us to different sites in Glasgow during our stay.

The last two days I took part in the BSPD Annual Meeting. The high quality information presented by the speakers kept me focused and I enjoyed taking notes on several presentations.

On the last day of the meeting we gathered at the Dermatology Department, Lauriston Building, Edinburgh where we were given the opportunity to see in one place several patients from a great spectrum of paediatric skin diseases. The discussions that followed the presentation of these clinical cases focused on “is there anything else, better perhaps, that we can do for these patients?” and exposed me to my British colleagues’ experience of managing several difficult clinical cases.”

Dr Carmen-Daniela Vinte

Colentina Clinical Hospital

Bucharest, Romania

Jean L Bolognia MD

Chair, International Affairs Committee

AAD International Society Meeting Grants

Based upon this reciprocal agreement between EADV and AAD, AAD sponsors three scholarships for EADV members to attend the AAD Annual Meeting every year (Annual Meeting Reciprocal Registration scholarships).

These scholarship programmes are great examples of collaboration and knowledge-sharing among international societies. AAD is also grateful for EADV’s generosity and hospitality extended to grant recipients.

We look forward to continuing these popular and highly-valued programmes between EADV and AAD.

Jean L Bolognia MD

Chair, International Affairs Committee

AAD International Society Meeting Grants

Dr Jean L Bolognia
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee and nearly 2,000 Turkish Dermatologists, we are privileged to invite you this autumn to Istanbul to participate in the 22nd EADV Congress, the largest dermatological event in Europe. Congress Venue ICC (Istanbul Convention Center) is close to the heart of the city. The congress will start on Wednesday, 2 October with a “Networking symposium” and sub-speciality Sister Society meetings and will end on Sunday, 6 October with a “What’s new?” session, followed by a concluding session in the afternoon.

Programme

The outstanding scientific programme of the congress - elaborated by the EADV Scientific Programming Committee and the Local Organising Committee - continues the long-established tradition of scientific and academic excellence. Congress will welcome more than 500 speakers from all over the world who will share their knowledge and experience with the attendees related to all fields of dermatological and venereological diseases, with the emphasis on recent developments. Plenary presentations, symposia, workshops, courses, controversies, forums, masters of dermatology lectures, as well as special sessions like “test yourself” and “what’s new?”, free communications, focused sessions and industry satellites - all the classics of EADV congresses - will be scheduled throughout the duration of the event. A non-dermatological plenary lecture about “orphan diseases” will also be given. Poster presentations will be in the form of e-posters for convenience. This time, the poster reviewers from the Local Committee and Board members had much more work because there were nearly 2,000 abstract submissions just for posters and free communications, which is one of the highest numbers of any EADV congress. We are looking forward to welcoming dermatologists from all over the world to Istanbul to witness this great scientific and informative organisation and enjoy an unforgettable social event in a magnificent city.

Looking forward to meeting you in Istanbul!

Can Baykal
Congress President

Mehmet Ali Gürer
Honorary President
A clinico-pathological self-assessment course using virtual dermatopathology will be held for the first time at the upcoming EADV Congress in Istanbul. The learning objectives of the course are to introduce the participants to digital dermatopathology and associated software.

For those unfamiliar with the term, “virtual microscopy” is the software-assisted manipulation of digital images of tissue sections that have been scanned, to simulate the experience of examining glass slides under a standard optical microscope. The virtual image can be viewed on a computer and also placed on line. The participants of this new course will use their own computer as a microscope, after going online. The software enables them to move from low power with the whole mount, to higher power to examine cellular detail and allows 360 degree rotation of the sections. In addition, clinical data, clinical photographs and associated multiple-choice questions will be presented through the software. Once the questions have been answered, the participants verify that they want to submit the answers and at that point, the answers cannot be changed.

Once the examination is over, there will be brief lectures by the faculty on the key features of the cases. The participants will also get handouts in pdf format, with the correct answers to the questions, discussion about the cases and references. The participants must sign up for the course via e-mail with information available through the EADV website. They will get a username and password, so that they can practise using the software prior to their arrival in Istanbul.

The goal of the course is both to show how this technique and software work, as well as offering good educational content in dermatology and dermatopathology.

The faculty will include Ellen Mooney as chair, who has published studies on comparative diagnostic ability and chaired several courses using this technique, and Werner Kempf and Franco Rongioletti as co-chairs.

Digital dermatopathology is currently used for continuing medical education in the United States (US) and Australia, and has recently been introduced into the EADV Online CME programme. It is also used in the US and some countries in Europe in residency training programmes and in the US in board examinations.

We believe that this new course will be highly interesting to dermatologists who enjoy clinico-pathological correlation and for dermatopathologists who look to a future when glass slides may be accompanied with, if not replaced by, virtual images.

Ellen Mooney MD
Franco Rongioletti MD
With almost 1,900 participants and more than 500 submitted posters from all over the world, the 10th anniversary edition of the EADV Spring Symposium was celebrated as one of the best attended to date. Participants could choose from 54 symposia, workshops, focus sessions and satellite meetings to find topics of most interest to them. A number of renowned speakers covered various aspects of the Symposium motto: “Burden of skin diseases”. Focused sessions such as “Problems of dark skin”, “Itch management” or “The burden of life-long skin diseases” were supplemented with more general symposia and workshops discussing the recent discoveries in common skin disorders, such as acne, atopic dermatitis and psoriasis.

Young colleagues also had also the opportunity to improve their skills at several courses (eg Lasers, Dermatological surgery, Dermoscopy) organised during the first day. Finally, our Symposium ended with the “What’s New?” session, during which well-known speakers presented the latest achievements in photodermatology, paediatric dermatology and dermatologic therapy.

However, the 10th Spring Symposium was not only rich in scientific and educational events, but also gave attendees the chance to meet friends, make new friendships and exchange knowledge and experiences in the Symposium lobbies. After busy congress days most participants took a rest in cafés and restaurants on the market square and delighted in the charming and mystical atmosphere of Cracow. They could also visit world famous monuments and historic buildings, getting an opportunity to get to know Polish history and tradition. And last but not least, the 10th EADV Spring Symposium was also a time to savour Polish art with the beautiful entertainment O.K.O. by Art Ballet Color at the opening Networking Symposium.

A speaker reflects on the event

“EADV’s Spring Symposium in Cracow was a wonderful, glorious, memorable and successful scientific and social event in my life. I was very fortunate to be the first Bangladeshi dermatovenereologist to present my research paper as a speaker at an EADV event. It was a golden opportunity for me to come across the global legends of dermato-venereology and network with like-minded individuals from around the world. As the biggest and most successful symposium in the dermatology world, it involved coordinating hundreds of speakers/presenters of different nationalities in complex educational programmes with simultaneous educational sessions.

The meeting was stimulating, containing high-level scientific knowledge and a great gathering of ideas, experience and knowledge of different people. I enjoyed the symposium very much. It was a great honour for me to meet EADV President Prof Jana Hercogová and Symposium Chairman Prof Jacek Szepietowski. Their cordial reception and kind support were very encouraging for me to dream of being a proud member of EADV. As a whole, it was really invaluable and left me with unforgettable memories.

I think the mission of EADV is to promote and encourage scientific investigation and to facilitate mutual acquaintance and collaboration between persons of different nationalities and various field of dermatology. Its scope of collaboration extends beyond geographical, political and even economic borders. I strongly believe EADV has the capacity to arrange multicentre research involving both developing and developed countries and could provide more scholarships and fostering courses for young dermato-venereologists from Europe and beyond.”

Mohammad Rafiqul Mowla MBBS MD
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Chittagong Medical College and Hospital
Chittagong, Bangladesh
syphilis - the only known venereal entity at that time - was immensely prevalent, up to 1 in 3 hospital inpatients had it. Later, in 1918, Professor Mauricio Brockmann published a study in which 1 in 4 deaths in the War of the Pacific (between Chile and its neighbour countries) had stigmata of syphilis. All the latest advances from Europe in the diagnosis of syphilis (Wassermann reaction and ultramicroscopy) and innovative treatments with Salvarsan first, then with another arsenic compound, Neosalvarsan, were brought to Chile by Prof Luis Prunés from France in the early 20th century.

**Chilean Society of Dermatology**

Two hospitals located in Santiago pioneered patient care in our specialty: San Luis Hospital and the Skin and Syphilis Clinic at the Hospital San Vicente de Paul. In 1914, the University of Chile formalised dermatology instruction, with professors including Mamerto Cadiz, Luis Rivera and Luis Montero Puñó Medina. Prof Prunes, a master of Chilean dermatology and exalted syphilologist, began the first experimental treatments with arsenic in the Hospital San Vicente de Paul in 1938, the same year he founded the Chilean Society of Dermatology (formerly Sociedad Chilena de Dermatosifilología). He also created the Wax Museum of venereal diseases as in Europe, and took care to create and maintain a photographic archive of incredible quality, including histological images and therapeutic improvements of patients. The first Chilean Dermatology textbook was edited by Prof Florencio Prats and released in 1960. Another master of Chilean Dermatology and disciple of Dr Prunes, Prof Hernan Hevia, also devoted part of his medical work to venereology, and is nowadays remembered as a great teacher and excellent clinician, who was a skilled dermatopathologist too.

SOCHIDERM, the Chilean Society of Dermatology, is the only association to which 307 certified dermatologists belong. Around 70% of them work in Santiago, and only 30% work in provinces, which is a very important public health problem, but happening across almost every medicine specialty. Women account for the majority of dermatologists in Chile.

**Dermatology today**

Dermatology has been a very attractive specialty to apply for in the last two decades. Research is mainly performed in university hospitals. Since 1991, there are two main residency programmes in our country, both in Santiago, namely the University of Chile and the Catholic University, with regular courses and structured three-year programmes. It is possible to apply immediately after receiving the MD title, or after serving a few years as a general physician in isolated places of the country. To name the most prominent dermatologists in the last 40 years would be a difficult task, but Prof Juan Honeyman, Dr Marco Antonio de la Parra, Dr Oscar Klein, Dr Daniel Villalobos, Dr Carlos Vera, Dr Isidoro Pasmanik, Dr Julia Oroz, Dr Gonzalo Eguiguren, Dr María Isabel Herane, Dr María Elsa Maira, Dr Raúl Cabrera, Dr Rubén Guarda, Dr Iván Jara, Dr Pilar Valdés, Dr Tirza Saavedra, Dr Montserrat Molgó, Dr Felix Fich and Viviana Zemelman, among many others, have imprinted their own and important hallmark in different areas of national dermatology.

A National Congress of Dermatology is held every two years in different cities of the country, and Revista chilena de Dermatología, founded in 1985, has been published quarterly ever since.

**Dr Perla Calderón and Dr Fernando Valenzuela**

Clinical Hospital of the University of Chile
Santiago, Chile
**Suggested amendments to**

The statutes are available on the EADV website. The process for statute change for your reference is in section 23. Amendments may either be accepted or rejected at the General Meeting but may not be altered or amended from the floor of the General Meeting. The amendments will be voted on electronically.

The amendments were discussed by the Statutes Committee and agreed with the lawyer before being presented to the Board meeting in Krakow on 23 May 2013. Following debate, the Board agreed the proposed amendments but it is ultimately for the EADV Members to decide.

There are two areas which had been brought to the attention of the Statutes and Development Committee as problematic:

1. The first relates to sections of the statutes where there is inconsistency and lack of clarity
   
   Section 4C Voting rights and what is included in the 12 months of membership
   
   Section 6 Late payment and the suspension of membership and loss of benefits.

2. The second is Section 16B, Eligibility to stand for election in the 2nd consecutive term.

   The amendments were discussed by the Statutes Committee and agreed with the lawyer before being presented to the Board meeting in Krakow on 23 May 2013. Following debate, the Board agreed the proposed amendments but it is ultimately for the EADV Members to decide.

   The following gives the background and suggested amendments to the sections on which the members need to vote.

**Member’s Rights – Sec. 4(C) and Sec. 6 of the EADV Statutes 2010**

The present versions read as follows:

**Section 4C**

‘The first 12 calendar months’ membership will be a qualifying period and the member will only become eligible for voting rights and standing for election in the 2nd consecutive year of membership’

**Section 6 - Suspension of Membership**

‘If a member fails to pay his Annual membership fee by 31 May his/her membership shall automatically be suspended and he/she shall lose all rights of membership. Suspension of the membership may be lifted upon payment of the membership fee (together with any arrears) subject to the conditions indicated in the second paragraph of this article.

If the payment of the membership fee and all arrears is made before 31 May the member shall be entitled to exercise his/her right to vote and privileges thereafter but if the payment of the membership fee and all outstanding arrears is made after 31 May the member shall not be entitled to exercise his/her vote on any issue until after 1 January of the following calendar year.’

Section 4C and section 6 exclude rights but do so in a different manner, according to different criteria and for inconsistent periods. The rights of membership as written in the first paragraph of Section 6 are not defined. The second paragraph refers to ‘right to vote and privileges’ but privileges are not defined.

31 May is necessary as the cut-off date to define who is eligible to vote in elections that year and if the member pays after 31 May some of the benefits are re instituted. From a legal perspective it is crucial to be clear what are members’ rights and benefits. The administrative staff needs to have clarity.

The legal opinion suggested differentiating the ‘rights’ from the ‘benefits’ of membership and state these in the internal rules.

**Rights include the following:**

- right to vote
- right to stand for election (Board, EC, Standing Committees, Special Committees, Working Groups, Task Forces, JEADV Editor)
- right to be co-opted onto any committee/group/task force
- right to endorse membership applications
- right to propose and second candidates for elections (for Board Members and Committees)
Update from the Statutes and Development Committee

statutes for members eligible to vote

Members’ benefits include:
- reduced fees at EADV scientific meetings
- JEADV online
- JEADV hard copies
- EADV News
- access to the private section of the EADV website (including the access to the list of members)
- involvement in Fostering programmes

The proposed new wording for Section 4C:
“The first twelve calendar months’ membership are a qualifying period. During such qualifying period members are not entitled to rights which include ability to vote, to stand for any elections, to endorse membership applications, to propose or second any candidates for election.”

The proposed new wording for Section 6:
“Annual membership fees must be credited to the Academy for each calendar year by 31 May. Members whose fee payment is not credited to the Academy are excluded from all rights of membership and from all benefits. Members whose fee payment is credited to the Academy after 31 May are again entitled to benefits from the credit date, and to member rights such as voting, standing for election, endorsing membership applications, proposing and seconding candidates for any elections from 1 January of the following year.”

The vote must include amendments to both sections together.

Section 16 (B) Eligibility to stand for the Board
The present wording is as follows:
‘Each candidate presenting himself/herself for election to the Board must be a National of and resident in the country which they are seeking to represent and be nominated by two voting members resident in that country.’

Being a ‘National’ of the country is clear and under Swiss Law such clarity excludes any different interpretation. Being “resident in” a country may allow some interpretation. It can mean the private residence or preferably the professional centre of activities.

Due to increased mobility in the European context, it happens more frequently that Nationals from one country work and live in another country and cannot fulfil the above requirement in the statutes. Thus they are excluded from standing for the Board to represent their country of professional work.

It is the country of EADV registration, which is decided by the member usually when first becoming a member, that is taken as the country where the member can cast his/her vote.

After much discussion about defining work, residency and looking at the various permutations, it is agreed that the simplest amendment is to use the country of EADV registration. This avoids additional administrative complexity.

Within the internal rules the expectations of a member’s choice of country of registration can be defined as follows:
‘The country of registration for an EADV member is normally where the candidate has the centre of his/her professional activity and where the candidate is residing. Should an EADV member wish to apply to represent a country and this is not the case, the candidate needs to inform the administrative staff who will explore the situation. If a member wishes to change their European country of registration for EADV he/she must inform the EADV office by 31 March.’

The reason for the 31 March cut-off is to allow sufficient time to 31 May to be counted as a voting member of a particular country.

The proposed new wording for Sec. 16 (B) Eligibility to stand for the Board

“This aligns ability to vote in a country with eligibility to stand for the Board for the same country. There are likely to be very few exceptions to the place of EADV registration being the place of work and residence of the individual.

Voting takes place on the above proposed new wording.

Angela Robinson
Chair
Statutes and Development Committee
The second Paediatric Dermatology Fostering course was held at the International University of Catalonia (UIC) in Sant Cugat, near Barcelona, a change of venue from the University of Barcelona to the modern facilities out-of-town at the new UIC.

We had very pleasant weather with warm temperatures that permitted the participants to enjoy the beauty of the town the day after the course.

**Practical focus**

The course was open to dermatology residents in their 3rd or 4th year from all European countries and it was devoted to practical clinical paediatric dermatology. Twenty-four residents from 14 different countries attended the course and heard the lectures from prestigious paediatric dermatology speakers. We started the course with a pre-course exam with 10 clinical cases for all the residents. The test was repeated at the end of the course and the final results were given.

**World experts**

We had the chance to hear from one of the world’s most well-known paediatric dermatologists, Prof Carlo Gelmetti from the University of Milan, who discussed “The history of paediatric dermatology can explain many beliefs”, “Body Modifications (including tattoos)” and “Genetic skin disorders and tumours”. We also heard from Dr Dirk Van Gysel who talked about “exanthems” and “mastocytosis” and is one of the world experts on the field. From eastern Europe Prof Zsuzsa Szalai discussed “Patient education in AD”, “Artefact dermatitis” and “Psoriasis in children: a therapeutical approach”.

Dr Talia Kakourou, a paediatrician and dermatologist from Athens, involved on the Board of ESPD and an expert on paediatric dermatology, gave us an “Update on Haemangioma”, and a “Practical approach to the management of congenital melanocytic nevi” and also an approach to the “Management of the napkin area”.

I conducted the sessions and discussed “Hair alterations in children and neonates” and gave a talk on “seborreic dermatitis - a disappearing disease” and also on “Contact Dermatitis in Children”.

**Hands-on session**

We had a very participative hands-on session with preparations of hair shaft alteration (hair dysplasia) and normal trichogram and a practical study of hair under the optical microscope.

The level of the presented cases from the residents was outstanding with a fully colourful variation of styles and content. The audience was very participative and respectful with their co-residents.

The experience was very worthwhile and from the feedback received we are looking forward the next Paediatric Dermatology Fostering Course in Barcelona in 2014.

Dr Ramon Grimalt
Course Chair
Undergraduate Training in Dermatology and Venereology

An important factor for comprehensive patient care!

When I am called upon by non-dermatologist colleagues to examine one of their patients with skin afflictions, I am always puzzled about how unfamiliar they are at reading and interpreting skin signs. How can this be since all physicians have been trained by dermatologists in medical school? There are several possible explanations for this negligence, the easiest one is that after completing medical school the doctors have simply forgotten what they have been taught. However, an alternative explanation is that we might not have succeeded in communicating how important it is to know how to read skin signs. Interpreting skin changes is crucial for all.

The skill of interpreting global and specific skin changes is crucial not only for dermatologists but for every doctor who sees patients and is a mainstay of clinical medicine overall. Our sister society the European Dermatology Forum, and its current president, Professor Harald Gollnick, is about to start an initiative to harmonise undergraduate training in dermatology and venereology in Europe. I am looking forward to the collaboration of our societies on this project.

Pursuing this line of thought it might be even worthwhile to suggest to our Scientific Programming Committee to consider opening a track of sessions at EADV congresses and symposia dedicated to initiating medical students into our specialty. I am not endorsing replacing dermatologists by non-specialist physicians, but I firmly believe that demonstrating the importance of dermatology for clinical medicine and sharing our skills with colleagues already at the undergraduate level is a valuable forward strategy to strengthen the standing of our specialty as well as helping to improve patient care.

I wish you a brilliant summer and I am looking forward to seeing you in Istanbul.

Erwin Tschachler
EADV President-Elect

Update from the Website Committee

Better communication through social media

Dear Colleagues,

A recent survey on membership recently showed that there was a wish for more communication between the Academy and the members. Therefore the EADV Website Committee has decided to integrate social media in the website and has opened a Facebook page. After long discussions about the content and the management of the page, a Facebook account for the Academy has been created. The page will be used to announce events, important communications from the leadership, reminders for deadlines etc. You will then able to follow up on EADV activities.

As you have probably noticed, other improvements have been made to the website. First, you can now retrieve your username and password directly from the website. After a first log-in with the automatically-created password, you can modify your website details through the “My Corner” page. Secondly, after having successfully settled your payment for membership, you can now also print a receipt to keep a track of your payments or to remit to your national tax authorities.

Additional improvements will be brought to the EADV website in the future. The objective is to facilitate the navigation on the site and increase the visibility of the information coming from the different committees. In order to help dermatology patients in Europe, we provide a search tool on the EADV main page. Anyone who is looking for a dermato-venereologist in his/her area should be able to find it on the website of the leading professional organisation in Europe. Due to the different legislations in Europe, an email will be sent to EADV members to give you the opportunity to accept or decline the publication of your name to the public. We will also ask you which address should appear in the search results since we do not want to show private or inappropriate addresses to the public.

After the 22nd EADV Congress in Istanbul, the chairmanship of the EADV Website Committee will be taken forward by Dr Carmen Salavastru. I know that Carmen will be energetic in this venture; she has been an active committee member and has already helped in improving the website in many ways. I wish her all the best for the future!

Klaus Fritz
Chairman
Website Committee
Lajos Kemény (Hungary)

Lajos Kemény MD PhD DSc is a full professor and head of the Department of Dermatology and Allergology at the University of Szeged, Hungary. Prof Kemény is an internationally recognised dermatologist, former Board member of the European Society for Dermatological Research (1996-2000), and of the European Dermatology Forum (2004-2010), member of UEMS (2010-), head of the Clinical Medicine Doctoral School at the University of Szeged, and vice dean of the Medical Faculty, University of Szeged.

His main research interest is immunodermatology. His group was among the first to describe the role of Toll-like receptors in the recognition of pathogens by keratinocytes. He characterised the interaction of P. acnes and keratinocytes, and confirmed that P. acnes plays an important role in the follicular hyperkeratosis in acne. His group described first that human constitutive photomorphogenic protein-1 (huCOP1), an E3 ligase, contributes to the orchestration of UVB response of keratinocytes, and gene-specific silencing of huCOP1 induces the accumulation of the tumour suppressor p53 protein in keratinocytes. He introduced the excimer laser technology into dermatology, that served as a starting point for the development of fibre optic technology into the phototherapy of skin diseases. He invented the rhinophototherapy for the treatment of allergic rhinitis and for treating nasal polyps.

The inventions in different areas in dermatology are covered by 16 patents. He has 258 original publications (IF: 651, citations: 3770, Hirsch index 35). He has been awarded several prestigious awards, including the Paul-Martini Award (1998), XVI Innovation Grand Prize (2008), Award of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2010), Batthyány-Strattmann Award (2010), Otto Braun-Falco Medal (2010) and the Kaposi Award (2011).

Pavel Chernyshov (Ukraine)

"I graduated from the National Medical University of Kiev in 1999 and started training in dermatology and venereology there. I obtained my MSc in 2000 and my PhD in 2004. In 2008 I undertook postdoctoral studies at the Centre of Dermato-venereology, Vilnius University Hospital, Vilnius, Lithuania (Erasmus-Mundus Programme). My current position is Assistant-Professor at the Department of Dermatology and Venereology of the National Medical University, Kiev, Ukraine.

In 2002 I took part for the first time at the EADV Congress in Prague. I was really impressed by the standard of the lectures, friendly atmosphere and hospitality. After that I took part in four EADV Fostering Dermatology Training Courses and several annual congresses. These events helped me a lot in my professional development. I am a member of the EADV Website Committee, the EADV Task Force on Quality of Life and the European Task Force on Atopic Dermatitis.

My areas of special interest are atopic dermatitis, psoriasis and quality of life in dermatology. My list of publications includes 130 scientific papers on dermatology. I was an invited speaker at the 21st World Congress of Dermatology (Argentina, 2007) and the 10th International Congress of Dermatology (Czech Republic, 2009).

It is a great honour and responsibility for me to be the first representative of my country on the Board of Directors of the Academy. I would like to thank the colleagues who supported my application. I’ll do my best to promote on the national level all EADV educational activities for residents and specialists and have an ambitious plan to triple the number of Ukrainian EADV members during my term."

Branka Marinović (Croatia)

"I graduated from the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, and in 1998 completed my residency training in dermatology and venereology at the Department of Dermatology and Venereology of the same university in 1995. Since than, I have been working at the same Department as a specialist and since 2010 as the Head of the Department. In 2007 I became an assistant professor and in 2012 Associate Professor of Dermatology at the Zagreb School of Medicine.

I was the Secretary and Vice-President of the Croatian Dermato-venereological Society of the Croatian Medical Association and am currently President of the Zagreb branch of the society and member of the Board. I was Secretary of 7th EADV Spring Symposium that was held in Cavtat in 2010. At the moment, I am also a member of EADV’s Project Proposal Review Committee.

My special field of clinical interest is autoimmune diseases of the skin.

It is great honour for me to be elected as a representative of Croatia to the Board of Directors of the Academy. I would like to increase the number of EADV members from Croatia and to make some excellent colleagues from Croatia more visible to the European dermatological community"
EADV Scholarships

1 Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarship
Named after the late friend and distinguished colleague Dr Michael Hornstein, EADV will offer the Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarship to one selected applicant of each Central, Eastern & Northern European country.

Eligible countries – geographic Central, Eastern, Northern & Western Europe: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Germany, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

2 John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship
Named after the late dear friend and distinguished colleague Prof John Stratigos, EADV will offer the John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship to one selected applicant of each Southern European & Mediterranean country.

Eligible countries – geographic Southern Europe & Mediterranean countries: Albania, Andorra, Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Montenegro, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey.

3 Imrich Sarkany Non-European Memorial Scholarship
Named after the late friend and distinguished colleague Dr Imrich Sarkany, EADV will offer the Imrich Sarkany Non-European Memorial Scholarship to a maximum of eight (8) young dermatologists of non-European countries.

Eligible regions - Rest of the world (except Eastern European and Mediterranean countries already listed before) eg Africa, Arab countries, Asia, Latin America, North America (incl Canada), Oceania (Australia, New Zealand etc).

Every EADV scholarship award consists of €1,000 less the fee for a one-year EADV membership*, according to the status of each recipient. Free registration to the Symposium is also provided for each winner.

* valid for the upcoming calendar year.

Other Grants
- Scottish Dermatology Society Grant 2013
- British Society of Paediatric Dermatology Grant 2013
- American Academy of Dermatology Grant 2014

For information about these grants please visit the EADV website: www.eadv.org

Required documentation for application (to be submitted in English only) for any of the scholarships listed above:

- The completed Scholarship Application Form
- A short CV and a list of publications indicating author(s), title, year, place of publication, type of publication (not more than 3 pages)
- A letter of support written either by the training director/head of department, hospital or clinic endorsing the application
- A letter of support written by a “Specialist” EADV member endorsing the application
- A current copy of the applicant’s training or specialist certificate
- A copy of an ID (ie identity card, passport) with a passport-size photo

Application deadline for all scholarships: 30 November 2013.

Further information & the application forms are available at: http://www.eadv.org/scholarships/ or upon request by email to Prof C Zouboulis, Chair, Honours & Awards Committee at scholarship@eadv.org.

Note:
Applicants will be notified of receipt of application by email.
This information will be available on the EADV website from the beginning of September 2013. Applicants will be informed about the status of their application at the end of January 2014. The membership year and status will be activated for the upcoming calendar year 2015.
Calendar of Events

> 2013

4th Congress of the Psoriasis International Network
4–6 July 2013
Paris, France

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

8th South Asian Regional Conference of Dermatology, Venereology & Leprology
1–4 August 2013
Colombo, Sri Lanka

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
22–25 May 2014
Belgrade, Serbia

10th EADO Congress
7–10 May 2014
Vilnius, Lithuania

12th European Society for Paediatric Dermatology (ESPD) Congress
12–14 June 2014
Kiel, Germany

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

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24th EADV Congress
7–11 October 2015
Copenhagen, Denmark

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Fostering Dermatology & Venereology Courses

### Training Courses for Residents

**Genodermatoses**  
Mid-January 2014  
Innsbruck, Austria  
Course chair:  
Prof Matthias Schmuth  
Places: 15

Application deadline: 2 September 2013

**Paediatric Dermatology**  
14-16 February 2014  
Barcelona, Spain  
Course chair:  
Dr Ramon Grimalt  
Places: 30

Application deadline: 4 November 2013

**Melanoma Update and Short Course on Dermoscopy**  
14-16 March 2014  
Zagreb, Croatia  
Course chair:  
Prof Mirna Situm & Dr Marija Buljan  
Places: 20

Application deadline: 28 November 2013

**Contact Dermatitis**  
19-21 March 2014  
Malmö, Sweden  
Course chairs:  
Profs Margarida Gonçalo & Magnus Bruze  
Places: 25

Application deadline: 2 December 2013

**Skin in Organ Transplant Recipients**  
4-6 April 2014  
Zurich, Switzerland  
Course chair:  
Prof Gunther Hofbauer  
Places: 30

Application deadline: 6 December 2013

### Training Courses for Specialists

**Surgery**  
22-23 November 2013  
Brussels, Belgium  
Course chairs:  
Drs George Reuter & Monika Gniadecka  
Places: 20

Application deadline: 30 September 2013

**Interventional Cosmetics**  
2-3 March 2014  
London, UK  
Course chair:  
Dr C Rowland-Payne  
Places: 25

Application deadline: 6 December 2013

**Hidradenitis Suppurativa**  
26-28 February 2014  
Brussels, Belgium  
Course chairs:  
Profs C Zouboulis, V Del Marmol, G Jemec  
Places: 20

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