Ensuring Continuity

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As I was completing my EADV Presidential duties in Prague, Nikki Walker of GIC Management, who helps produce the EADV News, asked how would I be adjusting to PPS. As I looked distinctly perplexed, she reminded me that PPS stands for Past-Presidents Syndrome. The Syndrome, she assured me, leads to lasting effects but is not fatal. Getting the message quickly, I realised that the British have another way of saying much the same thing: ‘Old soldiers never die, they just fade away!’

The week after the Prague Congress suddenly brought home the reality of PPS to me, as I realised that virtually all of the frantic EADV e-mails had ceased arriving (and so it has continued since). Immersed like I was in the EADV Presidency, I had learned to cope with the increasing workload and complexity of affairs. However, after 2 years, it was very much time to hand over the reins and I wish my successor, Jean-Hilaire Saurat from Geneva, the best of luck for the future.

In fact, it was Jean-Hilaire who came to my rescue and prevented further ‘fade-out’ by asking me to stay on as Editor of the EADV News. This I am happy to do, and will continue working with Nikki Walker and Els Vanpee on this project.

Developing the EADV News since early 2001 has been a real challenge, but I believe we now have a periodical that has successfully grown in stature and scope to meet members’ needs. The aim of EADV News is quite simply to inform you of all the expanding activities of the EADV itself. But if the EADV is to continue to function in a formative way, it is vital that we hear your concerns and viewpoints. No holds are barred, no subjects are sacrosanct! Let me hear from you on: martin.black@kcl.ac.uk (and help to prevent further decay from the PPS...!).

Professor Martin M. Black
Editor
The previous presidents, as well as the members of the executive committee, have shaped the origins of the EADV. They have organised congresses of increasing quality over the years. Allow me to remind you of their names: Emiliano Panconesi, Nikolas Parisis†, Philippe Lauret, John D. Stratigos, Hans W. Rothenborg, Antonio Cabral De Ascensao †, Imrich Sarkany, Jean-Paul Ortonne, Jose M. Mascaro, Martin M. Black.

I did not have the opportunity to interact with many of these respected colleagues, with the exception of the following: Jean-Paul Ortonne (1996-1998) refocused the EADV into an evolving organisation and chaired a memorable congress in Nice, the first of a new type, placing the Academy in a leadership position. Buying a house in Brussels was the historical contribution of Jose M. Mascaro (1998-2000); Martin M. Black (2000-2002) launched the house and introduced a core of administrative activity, as well as a ‘consultants culture’ into the EADV to help define its mission and vision.

So what remains to be done during my presidency period? A lot, I’m afraid - most probably it will be impossible to complete the majority of the projects within just 2 years!

The duties for 2002-2004 are of two kinds: first, to ensure continuity and efficiency in EADV’s daily functioning; second, to launch projects related to members’ needs.

Ensuring continuity: the Blérot Project

EADV is a European organisation with its headquarters in Brussels. This is a strength, but it also introduces significant challenges for the management of the Academy. Chief among them is the active participation of officers from all the member countries, especially those located remotely from Brussels. To address this, an inventive management plan will be implemented. Its code-name is “Blérot” after the name of the architect of the EADV house in Brussels. The goal of this plan is functional networking, facilitating management of all of EADV’s activities, including the congresses, through intelligent use of the EADV house. I am confident that, with the input of our Secretary General Frank Powell, this will be accomplished. It is a must if we want to cope with the challenges we are facing.

Our members’ needs

If asked to name the single most pressing problem facing the European dermatologist, I would answer, without a doubt: the image of the Dermatologist in the minds of patients, politicians, and health professionals. It is of major importance that the image of the “skin doctor” be defended - not only for the good of skin disease patients themselves, but also to ensure that our members will continue to enjoy a respectable clinical practice. The EADV is the premier dermatological organisation in Europe, and the only Society with sufficient potential to address these issues. The EADV must therefore rise to this challenge.

There are many ways to achieve these goals, and many potential partners. I will cover strategies under review in the next issue of EADV News.
Registrations and last minute preparations for EADV’s first-ever Spring Symposium, to be held in Valetta, Malta between 27 February and 1 March, confirm the vision of the Board when it decided to launch an additional EADV educational programme. At that time they understood the need for a smaller, more intimate event than the annual EADV congress. Now, the stage is set in Malta for a highly interactive, practical exchange with contributions from all over the world.

Abstracts from afar
In November, abstract submission had reached close to the 300 mark. Abstracts have been received from a wide number of different countries from as far apart as Brazil, Chile, Australia, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Korea and China, in addition to the European and Mediterranean countries.

Satellite symposia
Fujisawa, Biogen and Serono have confirmed their sponsorship of the event together with their Satellite Symposia on 27 February, 28 February and 1 March respectively.

Music for all
The social programme of the 1st EADV Spring Symposium promises style, elegance and fun as well as music for all possible preferences. Details for the choral and organ concert, which precedes the Opening Ceremony on Thursday 27 February, have been finalised with Maestro Buhagiar, the Maestro di Cappella at St John’s Co-Cathedral. At the time of going to print with this edition of EADV News, final arrangements for the concert on 28 February were being made. It is most likely to be held at the multi-faith chapel near the Hilton hotel and be free of charge, with donations going to a charitable cause. For updated information visit the Symposium website at: www.eadvmalta2003.com.

A Salsa band will be the main feature at the Saturday night Carnival gala event, which will also feature the Closing Ceremony and Prize giving. Ladies will wear black, silver, or gold and gentlemen in dark suit or tuxedo.

Promotional activities
For over a year, the Symposium Chairman, Joe Pace, has been relentlessly travelling far and wide to promote this first EADV Symposium. His latest visits include the Pan Arab Congress in Bahrain, which he attended as a guest of the Congress President, and the Romanian Congress in Bucharest. He also profited from the official opening of the Intercontinental Hotel Malta just before Christmas to organise an EADV Press Conference.

Joe Pace and his colleagues in Malta are looking forward to hosting the first EADV Symposium participants in just under two months!

Symposium Chairman, Joe Pace, at the Pan Arab Congress in Bahrain.
The annual congress is a key tool through which the Academy offers ongoing education. EADV first granted scholarships for selected dermatologists to attend the congress in 1997. Each year, the Awards Committee assesses new ideas for grants, with a view to constantly improving the EADV scholarship programme and offering more educational support to specific dermatologists. (Details of some of these awards, and how to apply, are to be found on page 5).

In conjunction with other European dermatological societies, the annual scholarships provide our younger colleagues with the opportunity to attend the annual EADV congress or participate in several activities offered by these other dermatological societies. In 2002, a total of six different scholarships were awarded to trainee dermatologists, mainly from former Eastern European countries, as well as to Mediterranean, American and Canadian residents.

**Cooperation with other societies**

The American Academy of Dermatology scholarship of $750 was awarded to three dermatology residents of the United States and Canada. In addition to the grant offered by AAD to help towards travel costs, they benefited from complimentary registration to the congress and accommodation provided by EADV.

The Irish Association of Dermatologists awarded a young Eastern European dermatologist a grant of £500 towards travel and accommodation costs and EADV waived the congress registration fee.

Through the Gerda Frentz Fellowship, in its third year, EADV provided a grant of €1,000 and complimentary registration to the congress to each of ten young dermatologists from CEEDVA member countries. The Central Eastern European Dermatovenereological Association (CEEDVA) manages the nomination process and selects eligible candidates on behalf of EADV.

Making its debut in 2002, was the AMED scholarship. Through this programme, EADV offered a grant of €1,000 and complimentary registration to the congress to each of five young dermatologists from Mediterranean countries. The Mediterranean Association of Dermatology (AMED) is responsible for operating the nomination and qualifying process on behalf of EADV.

In addition to the above grants, which enable young dermatologists to attend the EADV annual congress, the EADV assists the Scottish Dermatological Society and the British Society of Pediatric Dermatology with their scholarship programmes. For both these awards, the EADV Scientific Committee is responsible for evaluating the nominations received from candidates.

The Scottish Dermatological Society once again invited a young dermatologist from Eastern Europe to attend their Annual General Meeting, held in Inverness in June 2002, with a grant of £1,000. The British Society of Pediatric Dermatology kindly offered, for the first time, two scholarships of £750 each to two trainees of Eastern Europe to facilitate their attendance to the society’s Annual General Meeting in Bristol in November 2002.

**The scholarship breakfast**

The recipients of all these awards were invited to the EADV scholarship breakfast held during the 11th EADV Congress in Prague. The scholarship breakfast originated in 2001 with the concept of uniting all scholarship winners to meet one another and exchange their ideas, as well as being able to meet EADV officers and receive their award.

In its second year, the scholarship breakfast in Prague proved even more successful, due to the increased participation of both winners and EADV officers. The young award recipients were able to exchange ideas with more experienced colleagues and establish new friendships in a convivial and relaxed atmosphere. EADV President, Prof. Martin Black handed each recipient their award and all were congratulated on their success. The young winners were most enthusiastic and appeared eager to
**EADV Scholarships 2003 - Call for Candidates**

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<td>An annual scholarship is provided by the Irish Association of Dermatologists (IAD), to facilitate travel and accommodation expenses for a young dermatologist from Eastern Europe to attend the 12th EADV Congress in Barcelona, Spain, 15-18 October 2003. The successful applicant will receive a grant of 500 pounds sterling, and will also have their registration fee waived by the EADV. Candidates who wish to apply should contact their National Dermatological Society and submit a brief CV with two (2) letters of support. These will be forwarded to and evaluated by the EADV Executive Scientific Committee. Please note that candidates who have previously received an EADV scholarship or who graduated from medical school more than 15 years ago, are not eligible for this award. Applications must be submitted by 20 February 2003.</td>
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<td>&quot;British Society of Pediatric Dermatology&quot; Scholarship 2003</td>
<td>The British Society of Pediatric Dermatology (BSPD), invites two (2) trainee dermatologists from Eastern Europe to attend their Annual General Meeting, to be held in November 2003 in Dublin, Eire. The successful applicants will receive a grant of 750 pounds sterling each, to facilitate their attendance to the meeting, and possible accommodation with a local dermatological family, where it is hoped that long-lasting friendships will be established. Candidates who wish to apply should contact their National Dermatological Society and submit a brief CV with two (2) letters of support. These will be forwarded to and evaluated by the EADV Executive Scientific Committee. Please note that candidates who have previously received an EADV scholarship or who graduated from medical school more than 15 years ago, are not eligible for this award. Applications must be submitted by 28 February 2003.</td>
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<td>&quot;Scottish Dermatological Society&quot; Scholarship 2003</td>
<td>The Scottish Dermatological Society (SDS) invites one trainee dermatologist from Eastern Europe to attend their Annual General Meeting, to be held June 2003 in Glasgow, Scotland. The successful applicant will receive a grant of 1,000 pounds sterling, and will be invited to visit dermatological departments in Scotland over a period of one week. Accommodation will possibly be arranged with a Scottish dermatological family, in the aim of establishing long-lasting friendships. Candidates who wish to apply should contact their National Dermatological Society and submit a brief CV with two (2) letters of support. These will be forwarded to and evaluated by the EADV Executive Scientific Committee. Please note that candidates who have previously received an EADV scholarship or who graduated from medical school more than 15 years ago, are not eligible for this award. Applications must be submitted by 20 February 2003.</td>
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<td>&quot;Gerda Frentz Memorial Fellowship&quot; 2003</td>
<td>The European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) is to offer a Fellowship to a young doctor from each of 14 Eastern European countries. Fourteen (14) dermatologists, one from each Eastern European country being a member of CEEDVA (Central Eastern European Dermatovenereological Association), will have the opportunity to attend the annual EADV Congress in Barcelona, Spain, 15-18 October 2003. The successful applicants will each receive free registration to the congress and a grant of 1,000 euro to facilitate travel and accommodation expenses. Interested applicants should contact their National Dermatological Society or CEEDVA representative. Please note that candidates who have previously received an EADV scholarship or who graduated from medical school more than 15 years ago, are not eligible for this award. Applications must be submitted by 31 January 2003.</td>
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For further information about any of the above awards please contact:

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**Focus on tomorrow’s talent**

Based on such success, the scholarship breakfast will continue as a regular, annual event during EADV congresses. It is hoped that, as the Academy continues to flourish in its development, so too will these kinds of awards, dedicated as they are to the benefit of our young dermatologists of tomorrow.
One is so preoccupied with the present, that the origins of the JEADV seem a distant and sometimes hazy memory. The EADV at that time was in its infancy. The Academy had surprised itself, and everyone else, by emerging from the UEMS to run its first congress in Florence, which was successful beyond everyone’s dreams and expectations. However, it remained an institution whose birth had not been welcomed with open arms by the dermatological powerhouses in Europe.

Getting into print

The Academy spelt out its needs for a journal and a number of principal publishers were invited to tender. Whilst initially the possibility of a multi-lingual journal was entertained, it rapidly became apparent that this would not be practical. A Publishing Committee, comprised of Emiliano Panconesi, Imrich Sarkany, John Stratigos, Philip Lauret and Antonio Cabral de Ascensoa, appraised the tenders. The results were put to the Board in Brussels in March 1991. The Committee and the Board chose Elsevier Science Publishers (ESP), but wished to negotiate further with the runner up, Blackwell Science (BS). The tenders from ESP and BS were further negotiated and refined. At that meeting in Brussels in 1991, the administration of the Academy was devolved to an Executive Committee (EC). The EC became aware of the formulation of another European journal in the field, and it became urgent to have a real presence for the Academy journal if it was to have a chance to establish itself. For this reason, it became a necessary aim to have a ‘pilot issue’ published and in members’ hands in time for the second EADV Congress in Athens, October 1991. Derek Freedman, as Chair of the Publishing Committee, took the lead in organising this.

On the occasion of an editorial transfer, Derek Freedman and Torello Lotti, Founding Editors of EADV’s flagship journal, offer a brief history of the JEADV.

A Journal is born

The challenge then lay in producing a ‘pilot issue’ and finding an editor. The pilot issue was due in eight weeks from the appointment of the publisher, instead of the usual twelve weeks minimum time from receipt of manuscript. Our publishers rose to the challenge, but the greatest debt of gratitude is owed to the contributors (R. Marks; G. N. Pavlakis; M. Meurer, S. Franz, & O. Braun-Falco; H. Rothenborg; T. J. Ryan) who succeeded in giving us a quality pilot issue of forty pages with Sarah Rogers and Frank Powell acting as an ad hoc editorial board and Derek Freedman as executive editor. Finding an editor who had the standing and enthusiasm took place concurrently. Many luminaries were identified by the search committee, but eventually the spotlight fell on Torello Lotti, who was appointed Dermatology Editor and Editor-in-Chief in Athens in October 1991. Derek Freedman was appointed as Venerology Editor and Administrative Editor.
First steps

At that point in time, the principal aim of the Journal was to provide the members of the Academy with a balance of editorials, CME articles, reviews and original articles of interest to practitioners. However, we soon came under pressure to place the Journal in the best position to attract accession to Index Medicus and Current Contents. Consequently, priority was placed on original articles. The dermatological field was crowded with almost forty journals with an international circulation, and the policy of the Index Medicus was restrictive. Whilst cited in Excerpta Medica, Oncology and Information Services, and Core Journals of Dermatology since its inception, we had to wait until 1998 for inclusion in Index Medicus. During those six years, we had published quarterly for the first three years and then bi-monthly: a total of sixteen volumes and 6061 pages.

Looking back

Over the decade of editorship, we have had the privilege of receiving a vast amount of research review and CME material from our colleagues, not only in Europe, but also throughout the world. We hope we have contributed to the knowledge and practice of our specialty. We hope we have encouraged presentation of work especially for the inexperienced and aspiring. We hope we have brought the opinions of experts to a wide audience. We hope that we have stimulated flames of interest, and put only a few people to sleep! We have been personally rewarded by seeing our impact factor climb from 0.466 in 1999 to 0.981 in 2001 and an immediacy index of 0.140 and a cited half-life of 3.3. We have entered the ‘top 20’ journals in our field. Since 2000, the JEADV has been published by Blackwell Science in Oxford, UK.

It has been a privilege to found the JEADV, serve as editors for the past decade, and to see it become firmly established. This would not have been possible without the ongoing backing of the Board and Executive Committee of the EADV and the Editorial Board of the Journal. But greatest thanks must go to that unsung army, our reviewers. Every article we published is not only a reflection of the author’s work and thoughts, but has been immeasurably improved and sharpened by the criticism and comments of the reviewers. All our articles are peer reviewed by at least two referees, including supplements. It takes a lot of time and thought to review an article thoroughly, and many do this unstintingly and with little thanks.

Our editorial staff, Diana Sears and Annalisa Barbieri (Italy) and Janet McConnell (Ireland) have made order out of chaos, chased referees and tried to ensure that the editors maintained their deadlines. We owe them a great debt of gratitude.

We now hand over the Journal we founded to the new editor, Prof. Jean-Paul Ortonne (France). We hand over a strong, healthy, vigorous adolescent ready to take a place in the adulthood world. We wish him every success in his task. We have every expectation that he will fulfil our aspirations for the Journal.

Derek Freedman
Torello Lotti
Founding Editors, JEADV
The music of the 11th Annual Congress

Founding President of EADV, Prof. Emiliano Panconesi observed in the last edition of the EADV News that "Mozart loved Prague and Prague loved, and still loves, Mozart". Participants at the 11th EADV Congress in Prague could not fail to notice this passion. The inherent love of music, the arts and culture, that clearly fills the lives of the Czech people, orchestrated the Congress from its spectacular Opening Ceremony through to its closure. To set the theme for the days to follow, delegates were welcomed into the amphitheatre by renderings of Mozart and entertained by exceptional displays of dance, rhythm and acrobatics during the official opening. As the congress unfurled, dermatologists, venereologists, accompanying guests and industry representatives were serenaded with extracts from Mozart, Bach and Dvořák in the elegant surroundings of some of Prague’s most prestigious and historic buildings.

More than six thousand participants (actually 6,056) from 87 countries enjoyed the hospitality orchestrated by Congress President, Jana Hercogová, Vice President, Jaroslav Strejcek and Honorary President, Vladimír Resl during 4 days in Prague. Their achievements, and those of the city in general, were all the more remarkable given that only 6 weeks prior to the congress, Prague was devastated by the worst floods it has ever witnessed.

Two months after their success, Jana Hercogová, Jaroslav Strejcek and Vladimír Resl review some of the highlights of the 11th EADV Congress.

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Prague 2002 - the 11th EADV Congress

A historical moment

Throughout history Prague has been the natural centre of Europe, both the centre of European politics and the centre of European dermatology. For one week in October, Prague was once again at the heart of European dermatology as more than 6,000 dermato-venereologists gathered for the 11th Annual Congress of the most prestigious European society of dermato-venereology. For us, and all our colleagues in the Czech Society of Dermatology and Venereology, it was the best possible present to celebrate our Society’s 80th anniversary. We would like to thank all of you who ‘crossed the bridge form West to East’ and joined us in Prague for this historical event, despite the devastating floods that hit our city just weeks before.

Now that the meeting is over, more than two years of preparation, one week of the Congress itself and two months since seem to have passed in a flash. To help our Congress live on in your memory for just a little bit longer, we would like to share some of the key successes.

Eastern European focus

According to Prof. Martin Black, immediate Past-President of EADV, the first EADV Congress to be held in a former ‘Soviet block’ country was “one of the best congresses in the history of the EADV” (letter of Prof. Black to the Czech Society of Dermatology and Venereology) - the highest number of participants and the most charming social events!

EADV grants allowed more than 1,000 dermato-venereologists from Eastern European countries to attend the Congress, many of them participating in an international meeting for the first time, for which they were very grateful.

Record-breaking participation

In the year of the World Congress in Paris, who would have expected the EADV
Congress to attract more participants than ever before. 6,056 delegates from 87 countries covering all five continents convened in Prague, just over 300 more than gathered in Munich for last year’s meeting. Physicians were able to choose from 119 sessions (including 14 satellite symposia) and 618 lectures (25 under the patronage of the sister societies). In addition, 998 posters were presented. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the course on cosmetic dermatology due to transportation restrictions caused by the flooding. Remarkably though, this was the only upset to the programme resulting from this natural disaster.

**A central gathering of dermatology**

Numerous sister societies organised scientific, general or board meetings during the Congress, as well as four patients’ societies, and five editorial board meetings. Prague hosted not only European societies (such as UEMS, ESDR, EDF), but also American, (AAD), Brazilian (BSD), and some international ones (IACD), including the largest international dermatological society - the International Society of Dermatology which organised the first meeting of the International Council of Dermatological Societies.

**Old and new**

Benefiting from the experience of previous EADV congresses, we maintained some of the ‘old’ aspects and introduced some ‘new’ features. We decided to continue the tradition started by the first Congress President, Prof. Panconesi who published a Book of Proceedings. Last year, the same idea was realized by Prof. Ring. If you are still interested in including your presentation to the 11th Congress proceedings book, please send your paper to the publisher (mnlpublimed@mnlpublimed.it).

On the other hand, we introduced an EADV Members Hospitality Suite for the first time. We are very proud that 861 EADV members attended the Congress and happy that many of you benefited from this new service to members. Also new, was the fact that the Congress was given accreditation by the European Union - a first in the history of the EADV. 18 credit hours could be obtained by attending the Congress. Other initiatives, such as holding poster discussions during the coffee breaks and using the same room (whenever possible) for the same scientific topic, worked well. Even ‘new’ books were launched in Prague. Attendees were able to order the International Dermatology: An Approach to Human Mobile Population and the Millennium Book on European Dermatology during the Congress, as well as benefit from one issue of the International Journal of Immunopathology and Pharmacology devoted to the Congress. If you would like further information on these publications, please contact: lucie.lestinova@lfmotol.cuni.cz.

**Cultural Prague**

In addition to the traditional Opening Ceremony, a special Awards Ceremony took place in the heart of the Charles University. Three international colleagues were awarded with the Medals of the University, nine prominent women dermatologists were awarded...
The AAD and its Relationship to International Members

Dr. Bruce H. Thiers, Member of the Board of AAD reports on his efforts to gain representation for international members on the Board of Directors.

As many international members are aware, in 2001 I proposed an amendment to the bylaws of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), the purpose of which was to allow non-resident fellows to elect a representative to the AAD Board of Directors. In 1988, in return for lower membership dues than their United States counterparts, newly elected international members forfeited their right to vote in AAD elections (this privilege was retained by non-resident fellows who were elected before 1988). In retrospect, this policy was, in my opinion, ill conceived for at least two reasons. First, it led to a two-tiered membership structure in which some international colleagues had voting rights while others (who often worked along side them) did not. Second, it created a system analogous to ‘taxation with representation’ (one of the slogans that rallied the American colonists against the British in the early days of the American revolution); despite being loyal dues-paying members, international dermatologists were being ‘taxed’ (although at a lower rate than their American counterparts) yet had no voice in AAD affairs.

The proposed bylaw amendment would have at least partially remedied that injustice. It would have allowed international members to elect a representative to the Board of Directors who would represent their interests in a way no current Board member can. In my opinion, this change was long overdue. International membership is the strongest growth area for the Academy; 20% of our active members currently bear non-United States addresses, and 30% of new member applicants are international. And international members are strongly supportive of the Academy. In 2000 (the year I chaired the scientific programme at the annual AAD meeting in San Francisco), 27% of physician attendees, including many who gave high quality scientific presentations, came from countries outside the United States. I strongly felt that we needed to recognize the contributions of our international members, whose thoughts, ideas, and opinions are important to us, and that we should demonstrate our collegiality in a tangible way by giving them a voice on the Academy’s Board of Directors. In proposing this amendment, I was simply trying to ‘do the right thing.’

Unfortunately, the bylaws amendment failed to get the required two thirds of votes by literally a fraction of a percent, missing by just a few votes, and a second attempt at passage, coming shortly after the horrible events of 11 September 2001, was likewise unsuccessful. Nevertheless, I am not discouraged, and I promise to continue my efforts to gain representation for all AAD members.

We should all be grateful to Dr. Bruce Thiers for trying to establish an international representative on the AAD Board of Directors for international members. Recently, the Board of Directors, at the request of the AAD International Affairs Committee asked your Editor (in my position at the time as President of EADV) to be a non-voting International Representative for a 2-year term. Other good news from the AAD is that the term ‘International Fellow’ will replace the term ‘Non-Resident Fellow’ in the future.

ESDaP and its Collaboration with EADV

Dr. Françoise Poot, Secretary General of ESDaP, explains why partnership with EADV makes sense.

The European Society for Dermatology and Psychiatry (ESDaP) is a non-profit organisation, established in 1993 in Vienna. Our primary purpose is to provide a forum for European physicians and psychologists working in the fields of psychodermatology, psychosomatic dermatology, and dermatopsychiatry. Like EADV, we also aspire to improving the quality of patient care. One of our aims is to promote interdisciplinary research and education on dermatology, psychology and psychiatry in order to improve the knowledge, the management and the treatment of patients. Our partnership with EADV fits this aim perfectly.

We are happy to be considered a sister society of the EADV for many reasons. The crossover potential between our two organisations is rife - we even have a veteran EADV member, Prof. Emiliano Panconesi, as our chairman! It also makes sense for us to accept EADV’s kind invitation to make use of the ‘home for European dermatology’. The location of the EADV House in Brussels is ideal. Everyone of our group can stop by with ease. Presently, we are too small a society to have our own meeting place or office. By placing our archives...
The Integration of FEDSS within EADV Congresses

Prof. Martino Neumann, the Convenor of FEDSS reviews the Federation’s role in future EADV congress programmes.

In the last two decades many societies have been founded in Europe, based on one common subject: Dermatological Surgery. The term dermatological surgery must be interpreted in a broad way since it embraces all fields of dermatological surgery varying from ‘cold steel to lasers’ and from ‘cancer to cosmetics’. Amongst these societies are the European Society of Micrographic Surgery (ESMS), the European Society for Laser Dermatology (ESLD), the European Society of Cosmetic and Aesthetic Dermatology (ESCAD) and more.

Over the last few years, many members noticed an overlap between the various societies in the field of Dermatological Surgery. For this reason, the presidents of the above-mentioned organisations got together in Geneva during the EADV meeting in 2000 and founded the Federation of European Dermatological Surgical Societies (FEDSS). The aim of the FEDSS is to co-ordinate the strategic positions of all its member societies.

We noticed that, during EADV congresses, the educational and scientific meetings of our member societies are all concentrated on the Wednesday before the official opening ceremony, leading to the following problems:

- Speakers, as well as participants, have to run from one room to another to be able to fulfil their own chosen programme.
- Many of the EADV congress attendees who would like to participate in a surgical meeting are not able to do so because these meetings are not incorporated in the official programme. Furthermore their time is limited, so they often do not arrive before the official opening.

The FEDSS therefore raised this concern and I was given the opportunity, this year in Prague, to discuss the aims of the FEDSS within the Board of the EADV. It was concluded by all sides that close co-operation was an excellent idea and would benefit not only EADV and the members of the Societies of FEDSS but also all European dermatologists.

Although organising and planning an annual EADV congress takes a long time, we are delighted that EADV members will recognise the first integrated activity of the FEDSS within the programme of the 12th Congress in Barcelona. In the near future, the European Societies united by FEDSS will work closely together and will become active partners within the EADV educational programme.

As part of the Academy’s on-going relationships with other societies, EADV News brings you up to date on the news, views and activities from across the globe.
The EADV Membership Committee is tasked with studying membership issues and making strategic recommendations to the EADV Board. The Committee Chairman, Demetris Ioannides, explains several initiatives below.

At present, the Committee is focusing on member benefits within the framework of the EADV congresses. The Membership Committee believes that the following measures may justify immediate action in order to increase the number, and the retention, of members. These suggestions have been submitted to the Board for consideration and debate. We would also like to hear your thoughts.

Differential in registration fees
Recent congresses have seen different levels of registration fees (EADV members 350 euros, non-members 500 euros, membership fee 115 euros), which have resulted in a small (45 euros) divergence between the member and the non-member fees. Given that all new members should be approved by the Board, it is currently difficult to apply for membership for the first time at a Congress (and take advantage of the different registration fees). We therefore propose that an "applicant for membership" registration category be introduced. This category will have the same fee as the member fee.

Our Congress pricing recommendation is as follows:
- EADV members 350 euros
- Non-members 900 euros
- Applicants for membership 115 Euros
- Membership fee 115 euros

A powerful incentive will thereby be created to become a member by registering for a congress for the first time at a cost of 230 euros (115 + 115), resulting in a 670-euro savings in the year of application and in a 435-euro savings in the fees for the years to follow.

Registration and abstract submission
As a tangible member benefit, we recommend the establishment of a priority booking status for members to expedite the processing and confirmation of advance registration forms, as well as for the participation in courses. This registration policy should be clearly stated and included in all the congress announcements and in the final programme.

On-site services
We also suggest that free services (within certain limits) be offered to members attending EADV congresses. These might include: fax machine, copier, Internet access, a special lounge or vouchers, etc.

The Committee’s proposal for a hospitality suite for members was first implemented at the last congress in Prague (see page 9). Our secretary, Dr. Fenella Wojnarowska, visited the suite many times and found it to be a very successful idea. She met many people there and it was both relaxing and good for networking.

Other measures
The following measures are also under consideration:
- Reduction of Congress fees by 15% after 5 years and by 25% after 10 years of membership.
- OGM followed by a social event for old and new members (e.g. the welcoming of new members by the EADV officers) with food and beverage and possibly short entertainment.
- Preference given to members for free event admission and reductions for social events.
- Opening of EADV bank accounts or sub-accounts in the countries that are represented on the Board to facilitate the collection of membership fees.

Your feedback
What do you think? Please help the EADV Board determine the nature of your EADV member benefits! Let us hear your reactions and thoughts to the above recommendations. Please send your comments to: Membership Committee Chairman, c/o EADV House at office@eadv.be or fax: 00-32-2 650 0098.
The EADV Finance Committee is tasked with reviewing EADV’s financial situation and making strategic recommendations to the Board. Below, Chairman Jon Hjaltalin Olafsson reports on progress.

The new Finance Committee was appointed at the EADV General Meeting in Munich in 2001. At our first meeting, held at the opening of the EADV house in Brussels last April, we recognised that we were missing the benefit of continuity, as all our committee members were new. However, my predecessor, Dr Albert Ramelet, was of great assistance in conveying the knowledge gathered by the former Finance Committee.

In just a few years, the EADV has developed into one of the most prominent dermatological societies in the world. With this growth, the finances of the Academy have naturally become more complicated resulting in the emergence of new duties for the Committee.

During our first meeting, a new policy for the Finance Committee was discussed, in accordance with the wishes of the Executive Committee, and new goals agreed upon. These include:

- To oversee and improve the solid financial basis of the EADV.
- To evaluate which activities should be supported by the EADV based on its financial capability, such as improving medical/dermatological education, patient care in dermatology and venereology etc.
- To suggest and develop, together with the Executive Committee, new guidelines for the Academy as well as the local groups and societies implicated in the organisation of EADV meetings.

We have already started our work on these and other subjects. For example, we succeeded in maximising the interest earnings of the Academy’s bank accounts, an achievement that has already produced solid benefits for the EADV. The tasks are many (we have only touched on a few here), but you will hear from us again soon!

Members of the EADV Finance Committee
Jon Hjaltalin Olafsson, Chairman (IS)
Dimitris Rigopoulos, Secretary (GR)
Luca Borradori (CH)
Mario Lecha (E)
Jacques Delescluse, Ex officio
EADV Treasurer (B)

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with the Maria M. Duran Medal of the International Society of Dermatology (ISD), and the Czech Society of Dermatology and Venereology honoured nineteen colleagues with honorary membership. The EADV President’s Dinner took place at the French restaurant of the Municipal House and the Congress President’s Dinner for speakers was arranged at the magnificent Spanish Hall of the Prague Castle.

Finally Prof. Martin Black passed his presidency to Prof. Jean-Hilaire Saurat and the new President-Elect was voted for. Congratulations to Prof. Johannes Ring!

Dear colleagues, dear EADV members, we hope you felt at home in Prague. Please come again very soon!

1. Prof. Martin Black, MD, EADV President and Prof. Jana Hercogova, MD, Congress President, 2. Spanish Hall of the Prague Castle, 3. The EADV flag was given by Prof. Janna Hercogova, MD, (far left) Congress President 2002 to Prof. Mario Lecha, MD, (far right) Congress President 2003
Dear Sir,

I am pleased to put in writing the issues I proposed for discussion at the end of the OGM of the EADV in Prague, as you suggested. It is my strong opinion that EADV, which represents the European counterpart of the AAD, could be interpreted as an interactive scientific and political umbrella under which all national and European dermatological societies feel properly represented, both scientifically and politically.

Scientifically speaking, EADV has done a lot; organising increasingly successful annual congresses, printing a good journal and now even organising educational spring meetings. On the ‘political’ side, I feel that EADV should do something more in order to help European dermatologists and dermatological surgeons be properly prepared to face important issues such as: office based medicine and surgery, office accreditation, patient information (general information about what a modern dermatologist and dermatological surgeon can do, informed consents, web interactions, etc), and measures to effectively protect the privacy of individually identified information (the American HIPAA - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act).

AAD has been devoting quite a big effort in trying to help its members to feel better prepared and protected when these high priority issues are discussed at state and national political level. A large number of European dermatologists are practising in office-based facilities and the diagnostic and therapeutic arsenals they can propose to their patients are constantly increasing both in number and technical complexity.

Office-based medicine regulations are becoming very strict in the States with the specific purpose of discouraging dermatologists and dermatological surgeons, from performing some invasive procedures in their offices. Surgeons, and plastic surgeons in particular, were never in favour of dermatologists performing surgical procedures since they feared the competition that specialists, well trained in diagnosing dermatological lesions, could have generated. AAD is actively involved in controlling the impartiality of the accreditation process necessary to properly qualify office-based surgical offices. AAD is an active member of AAAHC (Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care) along with all other major American surgically oriented societies. This association should be taken as a useful example of an impartial, officially recognised accrediting group which satisfies the needs of all physicians who are actively involved in office-based surgical procedures.

Very possibly the same scenario will happen, or is already happening, in Europe. I think that EADV should do its active part by nominating specific task forces to study these problems and produce valuable guidelines for its members. The many sister societies, which represent surgically oriented dermatologists, could help form these task forces under the coordination of the EADV by providing leading experts in different fields. FEDSS, the Federation of the European Dermatological and Surgical Societies (ESDS, E-Nail, ESCAD, ESLD, ESM S) is more than willing to cooperate with EADV in this ambitious, but absolutely, necessary project. I have already talked with Prof. Eckart Haneke, Prof. Martino Neumann, Prof. Julian Conejo Mir and Dr. Alejandro Camps Fresneda and they all agree to give their expert contribution within a specific task force. I have collected quite a lot of material to start the project and I am convinced that the joint efforts of us all will produce valuable help to all our members.

I hope you find this proposal feasible within the mission of EADV. Looking forward to hearing from you and hopefully working with you on this project, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

Leonardo Marini, M.D.
Founder President ESLD,
Past President ESCAD
Secretary General FEDSS

As a new feature of EADV News, the Editor invites you to share your views and ideas. Suggestions on issues you feel to be important are welcome, as are your comments on, and reactions to, articles featured in the newsletter.

Letters to the Editor is your opportunity to actively contribute to the life of the Academy. Please let us hear from you.
Write to: The Editor, EADV News c/o EADV House at: office@eadv.be or fax: 00-32-2 650 0098. The publishing of contributions remains at the Editor’s discretion.

Letters to the Editor
Member in the News

EADV Chooses President-Elect

At the OGM in Prague in October, EADV’s members selected Prof. Johannes Ring from Germany to be the Academy’s next President-Elect.

Professor Johannes Ring has served as Director and Department Chair of Dermatology and Allergy at the Technical University Munich since 1995. His formative years were marked by international exposure. While attending medical school at Ludwig Maximilian University Munich from 1964-70, he completed externships in Duluth (USA) and Tokyo (Japan). After graduating, he became a research fellow in Experimental Immunology at the Institute for Surgical Research in Munich. He earned a Ph.D. in Immunology in 1976.

Professor Ring returned to the USA in 1977, this time to complete a one year postdoctoral fellowship at the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, California. He began a long working relationship (spanning 12 years) with Ludwig Maximilian University in 1978, first serving as a staff member in the Dermatology Department. Dipping into a humanistic field, he earned a doctorate in Bavarian history in 1979. In 1983 he became a Professor of Medicine (Dermatology and Venereology) at Ludwig Maximilian.

Professor Ring was appointed Director and Chairman of the Department of Dermatology and Allergy at the University Hospital Hamburg-Eppendorf in 1990, and stayed in this position for 5 years before moving on to his present post at the Technical University Munich.

In addition to his academic labours, Professor Ring served on the Board of the European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR) from 1984-90, including a one-year term as President in 1989-90.

Besides his leadership experience with the ESDR, Professor Ring has been an active member and leader in a number of medical societies, including the German Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology (DGAI), the International Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (IAACI) and the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EACI). He has also served as a Board member of the German Dermatological Society (DDG) and an Executive Committee member of the European Dermatology Forum (EDF).

Professor Ring became a member of the Executive Committee of EADV in 1998 and served as the Congress President of the memorable 10th EADV Congress in Munich in 2001.

In outlining his vision for EADV, Professor Ring stressed the need to widen members’ involvement: “We need more members who are actively willing to participate in the daily work of our Academy for a strong European Dermato-venereology!”

We wish Prof. Johannes Ring a very successful term of office as President-Elect, leading to the full Presidency of the EADV, commencing in Florence in November 2004.
The draft minutes of the 16th OGM held in the Congress Centre Prague on Friday, 4 October 2002 are enclosed with this issue of the EADV News. Please note that these are draft minutes and are subject to the approval of the members at the Extraordinary OGM which will be held in Malta on Thursday 27 February 2003.

**Extraordinary OGM**
This Extraordinary OGM is being held to consider possible changes to our Statutes, a copy of which you will also find enclosed with the minutes. We are obliged to re-examine our Statutes for a number of reasons. The official address of the EADV has changed and this triggered the need to re-examine the Statutes. In addition, the list of membership categories in the Statutes is incomplete, and concerns have been raised about election procedures and duration of terms of office of Board Members/Officers etc.

**Examining our Statutes**
The Board has appointed a Working Group (Drs Hornstein, Rebora and Houset) to examine these issues urgently and report their advice to the Executive Committee and Board. If you would like to contribute to this review, please contact the Working Group via the EADV House. The Board will consider the various suggestions put forward, and make recommendations to the OGM where the matter will be decided. Our Statutes are the cornerstones of our Academy, so I would encourage every member to give consideration to this matter and if possible attend the Extraordinary OGM in Malta. For the democratic functioning of the EADV, the involvement of each member is important!

**Board elections**
This year we will be having elections for new Board Members in France and Holland. I will be writing to members in these countries explaining how to vote for the representative they want in the near future.

**12th Congress**
The 12th EADV Congress in Barcelona promises to be an exciting meeting in a beautiful vibrant city. Reduced registration rates are available for doctors from Central and Eastern European Countries, Residents, Students and Nurses. Plan now to come to this important Congress! Don’t miss Barcelona 2003! I hope to see you in Malta!

Frank C. Powell
Secretary General

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

**An Extraordinary OGM will be held on:**

**THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 12:15 pm**

**INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL MALTA, ST JULIAN’S**

**To consider possible alterations to EADV Statutes**
Important Reminders

1st EADV Spring Symposium
Register before 15 February 2003 to benefit from substantial reductions (member rates: €275 instead of €325 on site)
www.eadvmalta2003.com

12th EADV Congress
Abstract submission before 30 March 2003
Register before 30 June to benefit from early registration reductions
www.unicongress.com/eadv2003

Invitation to Members

All EADV members are invited to the:

EADV President’s Cocktail
at 19:00
Friday 21 M arch 2003
Golden Gate Salon B1
Hotel Marriott, San Francisco, USA
During the AAD Annual Meeting

Calendar of Events

> 2003

1st EADV Spring Symposium
M alta
27 February - 1 March 2003

EADV Extraordinary O GM
Congress Centre, M alta
12:15
27 February 2003

AAD 61st Annual Meeting
San Francisco, USA
21 - 26 March 2003

10th International Congress of ESDaP
Brussels, Belgium
8 - 10 May 2003

SDS Annual Meeting
Glasgow, Scotland
6 - 7 June 2003

12th EADV Congress
Barcelona, Spain
15 - 18 October 2003

BSPD 18th Annual Symposium and AGM 2003
Dublin, Ireland
14 - 15 November 2003

> 2004

2nd EADV Spring Symposium
Budapest, Hungary
30 April - 1 May 2004

13th EADV Congress
Florence, Italy
17 - 21 November 2004

> 2005

14th EADV Congress
London, UK
12 - 15 October 2005
First EADV International Spring Symposium

MALTA

27 February - 1 March 2003

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