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Editorial

As you have heard, the EADV is now in its 17th year, but EADV News is still in its relative infancy (3rd year)! Despite this, I keep hearing nice comments from you about the infant’s continuing progress! It now appears on our new website which was launched last year. Of course, the principle aim of EADV News is to inform you actively of all happenings within EADV, but at the same time to give you insight into new developments in European and global Dermatology and Venereology. I still serve as your Editor but aim to expand the team this year into a more comprehensive publications group. At the very forefront of our thinking is that we want to ‘air’ what is relevant to you, your feelings on Dermatovenereology and the EADV in particular.

As our President points out, we have a busy year ahead: an early Extraordinary General Meeting to approve long overdue changes in EADV Statutes, followed by a Spring Symposium in Budapest and our 13th Congress in Florence. For those of you who do not know Budapest, I can tell you that you are in for a real treat – scientifically, culturally and also gastronomically! The year ends with the Renaissance of Dermatology’ in Florence (our 13th Congress). As we all know, Florence is a very special place, and especially for the EADV where our Congresses were born in 1989!

A very Happy ‘EADV 2004’ to you all.

Martin M. Black
Editor
EADV is successful, this is a clear and undisputable observation, which has been confirmed and extended in 2003. EADV has been successful in 2003 with its congresses and symposia: after the memorable success of the first Spring Symposium in Malta, the 12th Congress in Barcelona was a new milestone in many respects, including the number of participants (close to 8,000), the scientific and teaching content and the quality of the organisation. EADV has also been successful in 2003 in membership growth, with a 25% increase this year.

Filling a need

These impressive figures indicate that EADV continues to attract more and more dermatologists and skin health professionals. This is as it should be, because these professionals recognise EADV as a pertinent partner and provider of education. EADV is indeed filling a need for European dermatologists in many countries: our new organisation, which I refer to as the “new EADV”, is certainly partly responsible for these achievements and will undoubtedly sustain forthcoming challenges.

Professionals recognise EADV as a pertinent partner and provider of education

In 2004? Let’s consider three possible areas:

■ A major target will be to consolidate the significant progress made in the organisation of the administrative, accounting and democratic functioning of EADV. These have been reported to, and approved by, the Ordinary General Meeting in Barcelona: updating of the Statutes to allow a democratic and easy-to-administer election of the President-Elect is one of the key points in this area.

■ A second target is to consolidate the “raison d’être” of EADV: its educational meetings. I am confident that our meetings in Budapest (April 2004) and Florence (November 2004) will reward the efforts of all and be very successful events, in the frame of our new congress organisation and contracts.

■ A third target is to implement the project of promoting the image of Dermatology in Europe. The positive feedback we have received on this project (see my previous editorials) is a clear indication that it should be launched now.

Promoting the image of Dermatology

The launching of this project necessitates Board members with specific skills and enthusiasm: these are currently being identified. It also necessitates close cooperation with groups representing specific abilities. Indeed it is mandatory that any action in this project be based on accurate analysis of data, needs and outcome. One of these groups is the European Dermato-Epidemiology Network (see page 6). The Executive Committee has recently enthusiastically approved bringing this group close to our operational functioning, to serve as an advisor to the EADV on many aspects of Dermatology, which are significant for promoting the image of Dermatology in Europe.

The acronym of this group is EDEN, a garden where EADV is its partner and provider of education. EADV will even better serve its members; what should be the targets for 2004? Let’s consider three possible areas:

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 targets for 2004

How can EADV continue on the road of growth and success and

President’s Perspective

The Success of EADV in 2003 and Implications for 2004

Jean-Hilaire Saurat
President, 2002-2004

Happy New Year!
Why New Statutes?

Frank Powell, Secretary General of EADV since October 2000, explains the necessary changes to the Academy's Statutes, due for approval at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 23 January.

Amending the Statutes is a very significant step and difficult for any organisation. For the EADV the mechanism of amending the Statutes is particularly cumbersome. Luxemburg law (where the EADV is registered) requires not only that the changes in Statutes be approved by the OGM. It also requires that a further Extraordinary General Meeting be called to consider this item alone. If two thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the EADV is not present, or represented, and vote in favour of the resolution to change the Statutes, then a final step must be taken and that is ratification by the Courts in Luxemburg.

Continuing relevance and democracy

So why change the Statutes? An organisation that is growing and developing at such a rapid rate as the EADV must periodically review its Statutes to ensure that they are realistic and practical in the conditions which pertain in the newly expanded organisation. In addition, the present review of the Statutes was precipitated by two major concerns.

Firstly, the official address of the registered office of the EADV in Luxemburg had changed. Secondly, the mechanism of voting at the OGM, using proxy votes assigned from one member (not present) to another, was proving increasingly difficult to administer with our growing membership. Furthermore, this often led to confusion and had the potential to be misused. In consultation with the EADV lawyer and legal advisors from Luxemburg, the Statutes Working Group (Drs Hornstein, Rebora, Housel) developed the current proposals for changes to the Statutes. These were discussed and ratified at the EADV Board meeting in Barcelona and accepted at the OGM thereafter. The new Statutes allow a mechanism whereby a designated person, or persons, will be assigned to cast all proxy votes on behalf of the members who cannot attend the meeting. This should allow significant easing of the practical difficulties related to the administration of elections and ensure the continued democratic functioning of our Academy.

The proposed new Statutes have been circulated to every member together with the call for the Extraordinary General Meeting. Statutes are the foundation of any organisation and are the rules by which the EADV lives.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held on:

Friday, 23 January 2004
at 15:00

Hotel Victoria-Jungfrau
Interlaken, Switzerland

To approve changes to the EADV Statutes

Let your voice be heard

Each member should give careful consideration to these proposed changes and if possible attend the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on Friday, 23 January 2004 in Interlaken, Switzerland to ensure that your voice is heard and that you contribute to the democratic functioning of our Academy.

To ensure that you are fully aware of the proposed amendments to the Statutes, please refer to the insert enclosed within this newsletter.

Here you will find the current version of the Statutes clearly amended with the proposed changes.
EuWDS serving Women Dermatologists and Patients

Fenella Wojnarowska, Board Member of EuWDS and EADV, explains the close working relationship and collaboration between the two associations.

The European Women’s Dermatologic Society (EuWDS) is a young Society, which was founded at the EADV Congress in Nice in 1998 after an excellent lunch arranged by the American Women’s Dermatologic Society. Women from many different European countries were there, and the aims and goals of the Society were the subject of much discussion until a consensus was reached. The first meeting was held at the EADV Congress in Amsterdam in 1999.

**Key objectives**

The objectives of the Society are:

- To encourage and support the role and contribution of women to European Dermatology.
- To reflect the cultural diversity of European countries.
- To promote friendship.
- To enhance the level of dermatology in Europe.

These goals are currently pursued by holding an Annual General Assembly at the EADV Congress at which there is a guest lecture, and at which prizes are awarded for the best clinical and scientific presentations by women dermatologists at the EADV Congress. In the future we hope to award scholarships and support trainees in dermatology.

The current composition of the board is: Antonella Tosti, Bologna, Italy (President); Ulrike Blume-Peytavi, Berlin, Germany (Secretary); Christa De Cuyper, Bruges, Belgium (Treasurer); Fenella Wojnarowska, Oxford, UK (Board Member). Membership is free, and open to men as well as women. The website is at http://www.euwds.com.

**Meetings**

To date, there have been 5 meetings, all held during EADV congresses. Amsterdam (1999) and Geneva (2000) were lunchtime meetings, and rather informal. The last 3 have had a guest lecture, and the 2 most recent also a workshop with several speakers, in addition to a very relaxed and informal lunch. The third meeting was held in Munich (2001) and Professor Stefania Jablonska gave an inspirational talk on the life of Marie Curie. Following this Professor Ulrike Blume-Peytavi, our Secretary, presented the “Professor Stefania Jablonska Research Fellowship” offered by the Humboldt University of Berlin. Dr. Corinna Rigoni described the work of Italian Women in Dermatology Society. The fourth meeting was Prague (2002), at the invitation of Prof. Jana Hercogova, President of 11th EADV Congress. The EuWDS organised a workshop on “Dermatological Problems in Women” followed by a lecture from Dr. Ellen Mooney (Iceland) on “Women in Dermatology, Progressing beyond the 20th Century”. Two poster prizes were awarded to Monika Buczko (Budapest, Hungary) for a clinical study and to Agnieszka Zawirska (Poznan, Poland) for a scientific study. The most recent meeting was Barcelona (2003) and the workshop theme was again "Dermatological Problems in Women". There was a meeting with sister societies and lectures on the role of women in Israeli and Spanish dermatology by R. Friedmann-Birnbaum (Haifa, Israel) and A. Guerra-Campos (Madrid, Spain).

We are looking forward to our meeting in Florence next year.

**Small and intimate**

The EuWDS is still a small and informal Society, with friendship among its members being a very important aspect. We hope to grow and widen our membership to all the member countries of the EADV. In the long term we hope to be able to support women trainees from all over Europe, and perhaps also from the developing world, where women are often poorly served by medicine.

More information can be found at: http://www.euwds.com. Anyone (male or female) who would like to join should contact: Christa De Cuyper, christa.decuyper@azbrugge.be. Membership is free.

**EuWDS Board**

Antonella Tosti (Bologna, Italy) President
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Jonathan Barker, Secretary and Treasurer of the European Dermatology Forum (EDF) outlines the initiatives, strategies and programmes of the EDF as it strives to advance European dermatology.

Evolution of dermatology practice

The practice of dermatology has, over the past 30 years, been distinguished by its transition from provision of essentially empirical treatments to a practice in which rational therapies, based on enhanced knowledge of the pathogenesis of disease, are administered. Coincidentally, the boundaries between organ specific specialties, such as our own, have become blurred. Thus there is now great overlap with numerous other medical disciplines. These include: oncology, immunology / allergology, plastic surgery, oral medicine and, increasingly rheumatology and other disciplines in which management of chronic inflammatory disease plays an important role.

Recent changes in European medical regulatory systems and healthcare delivery systems, budgetary constraints and the increasing influence of these and other third parties (for example the media and the internet) on the practice of medicine provide both opportunities and threats to the development of our profession. Driven by the need to provide better care for our patients, it is imperative that the dermatology profession identifies possible future scenarios for the practice and development of the specialty and implements strategies and programmes with optimum cost benefit for healthcare providers across all European countries.

Aims of EDF

Recognising the need to address these issues, seven academic dermatologists, all heads of university departments, formed the European Dermatology Forum (EDF) in 1997 as a non-profit professional organisation dedicated to improving the healthcare needs of dermatology patients in Europe. At its inception the EDF published a document setting out its mission and this continues to remain at the core of its activities.

The specific aims of the EDF are as follows:

- To define the necessary competencies and boundaries of dermatology and dermatovenereology professionals and the services they offer.
- To improve knowledge concerning the scientific basis of skin and its diseases so that the medical community, government organisations, healthcare providers, patients and society in general may be better informed.
- To promote the highest possible standards in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of skin diseases.
- To develop and maintain high quality in dermatology teaching and training programmes.
- To provide independent advice and facilitate communication between dermatologists and European organisations concerned with improving the quality of skin care including industry, academia, government, patient organisations and society.

Membership

Important to the mission of the EDF is its relationship to other key European organisations. To this end, the EDF is complementary in its activities to the EADV, ESDR and UEMS, its sister societies within Europe. The EDF has 144 members, representing 30 nations across Europe, most of whom are heads of academic departments. Thus, we believe the EDF has the credibility to deal with outside parties concerning the future of European dermatology. The EDF aims to grow its membership organically. Thus the present policy is to expand membership by 10% per annum. Crucially, the EDF seeks to have members in all European countries, east and west.

The Executive Committee, comprising nine dermatologists from eight different European countries, is responsible for directing the activities of the EDF. Each member has a fixed term of office and new executive committee members are proposed and voted upon by the general membership at its Annual General Meeting (held during the annual scientific meeting). In turn, the executive elects two officers, the President and Secretary / Treasurer.

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Lobbying on behalf of the profession

So what are the present EDF activities? To address issues concerning the scope of dermatology, the EDF has published a ‘White Book’ edited by Professor Peter Fritsch (Innsbruck, Austria) detailing the extent of what dermatology is and what is required to optimise efficiency and output. The book is aimed primarily at healthcare administrators, politicians and insurance companies to inform the debate on who is best placed to provide specific services. We are aware of several instances in which the ‘White Book’ has provided a valuable resource allowing healthcare providers to understand the scope of our profession. Presently a second edition of the ‘White Book’ is being written. It is hoped in the future to expand the book into a directory of European dermatology.

The EDF is aware that more facts concerning the extent of dermatological problems in Europe and their effects on mortality, morbidity and quality of life are required to convince politicians and healthcare providers of the importance of our specialty. To this end we have commissioned an epidemiological study (headed by Professor Thomas Diepgen, Germany) of skin diseases in Europe. We hope to anticipate that further pan-European research projects in Europe will follow.

Quality care

To improve the quality of dermatological care across Europe, a key EDF initiative is the development of pan-European guidelines on management of specific conditions, headed by Professor Wolfram Sterry (Berlin, Germany). Presently we are tackling basal cell carcinoma, but intend to gradually ‘roll out’ evidence based guidelines on many key dermatological diseases. High standards in quality of care also require optimising teaching and training programmes. Thus, a new EDF initiative, led by Professor Alberto Giannetti (Modena, Italy) is the organisation of an annual teaching congress for residents. This will be called ‘Euroderm Excellence’ and the first such meeting will take place in Rome in 2004.

Finally, but by no means least, the EDF holds an annual scientific meeting open to members and sponsors. This meeting takes place each January and in 2004 will be in Interlaken, Switzerland (during which the EADV will hold its Extraordinary General Meeting). The meeting is designed to address the many major issues impacting on dermatology, ranging from clinical to political issues.

By all of these means, we plan to inform our membership so that it can better provide leadership for our profession.

Welcome to EDEN

The European Dermato-epidemiology Network, summarized by the bright acronym of EDEN, was founded in 1995 in order to stimulate co-operation and high standard of research in epidemiology as applied to dermatology (additional information at the website http://www.dermis.net/org/eden). EDEN is more a Working Group than a formal Society. It is organised through a Steering Committee currently chaired by Thomas Diepgen, and through a series of contact points in every European country. EDEN is coordinating a number of collaborative research projects in Europe and has been successful in running educational activities and sharing expertise at all major European dermatological meetings. In addition, EDEN organises its own Congress every three years. The next

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Little Bit of EDEN for the EADV Community

EDEN congress will be held in Venice on 10-12 October 2004 (contact person: Dr. Luigi Naldi, luigi.naldi@gised.it).

What is dermato-epidemiology?
Epidemiology is not simply counting diseases in a population, which, by the way, is not an easy task. In one sense, dermato-epidemiology may be broadly defined as a basic science to clinical dermatology. The main interests are to assess the burden of skin disease in the population, to understand causes of skin diseases with a special focus on environmental modifiable factors and on interaction between genetic and environmental factors (genetic or molecular epidemiology), to evaluate means to prevent skin diseases, to promote an evidence-based approach to the diagnosis and treatment of skin diseases, and, in conclusion, to optimise health care.

Studying skin disease across Europe
As pointed out a few years ago by Hywel Williams, a member of the EDEN Steering Group, “Europe provides a unique ‘natural experiment’ of different ethnic groups, different geographical conditions, different socio-economic conditions and varying environmental factors such as industrial pollution and airborne allergens, in which to explore the possible causes of skin diseases.” The varying methods of dermatological health care within the many countries of Europe also provide a unique opportunity to evaluate the appropriateness and effectiveness of such health care systems in the light of population-based epidemiological data and high quality evidence of efficacy.

From populations to individual patient care
A major interest of EDEN is to make the best use of clinical research data to inform individual patient care, promoting an approach that is being universally recognised under the heading of “Evidence-Based Medicine.” EBM (yet another acronym) requires the best summary of the available evidence. In this respect, two major projects have been conducted within the EDEN network: one on psoriasis and the other one on hand dermatitis. In addition, EDEN is actively contributing to the promotion of the Cochrane Collaboration (information on the Cochrane Skin Group at the web site http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/-muzd).

EDEN and EADV
EDEN is a small working group while EADV is a large complex Society representing European dermatologists at large. We are proud to have been considered for advice to EADV (see President’s Perspective, page 2). We are willing to contribute, as much as we can, on some areas (see to the right) to increase the profile of European Dermatology and, ultimately, to optimise our patients’ care.

Possible areas of contribution of EDEN to EADV
The Executive Committee of EADV has recently appointed EDEN in an advisory capacity to the Academy. Below Luigi Naldi outlines how EDEN could possibly contribute towards the project of promoting the image of dermatology.

Health need assessment
- Development of descriptive epidemiology surveys.
- Critical analysis of available data.

Clinical research network
- Education of clinicians on methods for clinical research.
- Protocol development (diagnostic studies, randomised clinical trials, epidemiologic research, molecular epidemiology)
- Infrastuctural help.

Evidence-Based Medicine
- Identification of research needs and priorities.
- Development of systematic reviews.
- Development and implementation of clinical guidelines.

EDEN Steering Group
Jan Nico Bouwes Bavinck (The Netherlands)
Pieter Jan Coenraads (The Netherlands)
Thomas Diepgen (Chairman, Germany)
Peter Elsner (Germany)
Jean-Jacques Grob (France)
Luigi Naldi (Past-Chairman, Italy)
Ake Svensson (Sweden)
Hywel Williams (UK)

The EDEN Psoriasis Project: an ongoing quality assessment of clinical trials for psoriasis
The EDEN Hand Eczema Project: an ongoing quality assessment of clinical trials for hand eczema.
The European Dermato-Epidemiology Study (EUDES): a critical appraisal of descriptive epidemiology data in Europe.
For those who were unable to attend the 12th EADV Congress in Barcelona, Congress President, Mario Lecha, and Ana Giménez-Armau on behalf of the Local Organising Committee, report on some of the key scientific findings and highlights of the meeting.

The Closing Ceremony of the 12th EADV Congress in Barcelona took place on Saturday 18 October 2003 at 13.00. The sun appeared after one of the wettest weeks of this autumn. The EADV flag was symbolically transferred to Florence.

Thanks to all

Summarising such a busy week is not an easy task. Let us first thank very much all participants, chairpersons, lecturers, speakers and poster authors for their work and their contributions throughout this event. All the members of the Local Organising and Scientific Committees were extremely grateful for the commitment and professionalism of all those involved in preparing their tasks, their presentations and the development of the congress in general. We also have to thank, of course, the poster exhibition and free communication participants for their proactive participation and willingness to present the results of their daily work.

We also recognise with gratitude the important role of the pharmaceutical companies: for their vital support, that make these events possible, as well as their continued contribution to the scientific development in the field of our specialty, Dermatology & Venereology.

We are also grateful to the Sister Societies: their presence is a major factor of our success. Their participation completes the week of the EADV congress, transforming it into an event of the greatest dermatological impact.

Finally to all the congress attendees: thank you very much for considering the EADV as a point of reference for your continuing medical education.

Spain’s largest-ever meeting

Organising a congress of the magnitude of the EADV Congress is not an easy task: there are intrinsic difficulties and inevitably some incidences. However, Spanish dermatologists are very proud to have had the opportunity to actively participate in the organisation of this leading event. It was the most important dermatological meeting ever organised in Spain. More than 8.000 people attended the 12th EADV Congress. The EADV and the members of the Local Organising Committee concludes...
Committee should be very proud of this new record, but we hope it will not last for long.

The scientific, medical and social impact of the European Academy of Dermatology & Venereology is continually increasing and we are sure this will be a never-ending process. We can now be sure that our Academy is as well known in Spain as in other European countries (both east and west) but also in countries all over the world: more than 1,000 attendees came from outside Europe.

New findings

Overall participation in the scientific sessions was extremely high; both big and small rooms well filled. The Opening Ceremony, the Plenary lectures, ‘What’s New’ and the Satellite Symposia were the most well attended sessions. To summarise the new knowledge presented at this meeting we will focus on pathogenic, clinical, diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive aspects and progress.

Pathogenic

From the pathogenic point of view the information with major impact came from the advances on pigmentary disorders, especially on vitiligo genetics. Other very interesting findings presented were on free radical scavengers, T-cell homing, IgE-anti-peroxidase antibodies in chronic urticaria, epidermal stem cell, neuropeptides and skin inflammation, w-hydroxyacid linked to ceramides and barrier function or molecular basis on genetic disorders.

Clinical

From the clinical point of view the plenary lecture on bullous diseases and the Clinical ‘What’s New’ were the high points. The first was an object lesson of how a life can be dedicated to patients. The second was a good lesson of how to stimulate our daily work with people, learning more of the clinical disease pattern. But probably the most interesting clinical anecdotes came from the cases presented at the free communication and the poster session. We encourage the Academy to stimulate interest and discussion in this area and to focus on its promotion.

Diagnostic

From the diagnostic point of view the main interest focussed on the advances on: the dermoscopy technique as a diagnosis aid for cutaneous malignancies; on the in vivo confocal scanning laser microscopy; on the fluorescence lifetime to image epidermal ionic gradients; on phototesting; on patch testing or on microarray analysis of gene expression.

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1. Winners of the EADV Awards (see EADV News Issue No.8), together with EADV Officers, at the annual Awards breakfast held on Friday 17 October.
2. From left to right: Prof. Agustin Alomar, Vice President 12th EADV Congress; Prof. Mario Lecha, President 12th EADV Congress and Prof. Carlos Ferrándiz, Secretary 12th EADV Congress during the press conference.
3. Prof. Jean-Hilaire Saurat, President EADV (left), with future meetings presidents: Prof Attila Horváth, 2nd Spring Symposium (centre) and Prof. Torello Lotti, 13th Congress (right).
Therapeutic

From the therapeutic point of view the interest was divided between three very different fields. These were the “biologicals”, laser and cosmetic therapies. The “biologicals” as treatment for eczema and psoriasis were the “star” and this topic was widely covered in many official and satellite sessions. Also the most recent advances on lasers and narrow band light therapies were presented. And finally a bright future was suggested in the prevention of photoaging and its treatment because effective new compounds will be soon available.

Prevention

One of the most interesting and important discoveries emerging from this congress was the fact that solid work, performed by different groups of scientists working together, can positively influence the life of human kind. Four aspects must be taken into account. The discussion on safety for consumers using cosmetics and fragrances and how the scientific knowledge derived in critical advances. The difficulty of *in vitro* models for cosmetic and pharmacological research in order to substitute *in vivo* models that will be forbidden in the near future. The importance of the development and divulgation of quality of life parameters in dermatology, in order to demonstrate that skin diseases are significant. And finally, the need to prevent melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer through wide-spread information and education of the public at large.

Advancing the profession

The 12th EADV Congress, Building a New Dermatology, finished on 18 October 2003, but learning and sharing goes on. The congress was clear proof of the commitment of specialists across Europe towards the advancement of Dermatology and Venereology. This implies the revelation, sharing and exchange of scientific progress and the support of professional development of our specialists through CME activities. Evidence of this principle of advancement and learning was the fact that nearly 1,000 specialists from numerous non European Union countries were sponsored by EADV to attend this congress and a great number of scholarships were awarded to young trainees.

New Dermatology needs the contribution of other professionals working in different scientific fields. The interest for skin and skin diseases is broad and implicates many people. Our congress attracted attendance from a wide spectrum of professionals. But we dermatologists have the responsibility to continue being the leaders and experts of healthy and diseased skin.

Dr. Ana Giménez-Armau
on behalf of the Local Organising Committee

Prof. Mario Lecha
12th EADV Congress President

Delegates during the Opening Ceremony, Wednesday 15 October

From left to right: Michèle Saurat; Prof Jean-Hilaire Saurat, President EADV; Carmen Lecha; Prof. Mario Lecha, President 12th EADV Congress; Claudine Houset and Dr. Jacques Houset, Treasurer EADV during the President’s Dinner.
Jacques Houset was recently elected by the Board of Directors to the position of Treasurer. EADV News asked him why he was interested in this position and what he felt he could bring to the Academy.

At home, my wife lets me believe that I am the President. And actually, she plays the role of the Treasurer. This has been going on for 31 years! I have been in good hands for 31 years. And when I talk about expense receipts, or discuss estimates, credit limits and other financial issues, sure, I know exactly what I am talking about! The financial leanings of our whole family are obvious. Concrete proof: our daughter is a credit analyst in a big banking corporation in Paris … And I, naturally, was willing to implement within the EADV what I had learnt at home, that is: to become its Treasurer!

Of course, all of the above is French humour, except my daughter’s position. Let us now talk seriously.

Elected in October 2003 by the Board members, I am taking over from my friend Dr. Jacques Delescluse as Treasurer of the EADV. My involvement with the EADV has been long-standing (my EADV membership number is 233). It dates back to the first EADV congress (Florence, 1989), in which I took part.

My commitment to the EADV has grown over time, and was particularly strong whilst I was a Board member for 6 years (my term finished in October 2002). At the time that I was elected to the Board, I was asked by my colleagues of the French Federation of CME (of which I am Vice-President) to represent them within the EADV community. The meaning of this mandate was totally natural, as I have always considered the EADV as the European extrapolation of my native CME institution. During those 6 years, I worked hard to bring together EADV and French Dermatology and to unite EADV colleagues and French Dermatologists.

I now have a good knowledge of the running of the EADV, although I feel very modest with regard to the scope of the task of Treasurer (of course, I am not a professional accountant). However, I believe that I am sensible enough to ask the right questions of the right representatives as well as of the professional accountants of the EADV. Sensible enough, too, to work hand in hand with the Finance Committee whose job is to keep an eye (or more!) on the equity of the Academy’s financial dealings and to establish guidelines.

Last but not least, as an EADV Officer, I am eager to carry on my influence in order to bring the EADV closer to office-based dermatologists across Europe. I have been an office-based dermatologist, a private practitioner in the North of France, since 1978. A CME association has to be at the service of the practitioners. This is a very important issue: this is its entire ‘raison d’être’.

Jacques Houset, M.D.
With just over three months to go to the 2nd EADV Spring Symposium, Attila Horváth, President of the Symposium, provides a short overview of the scientific highlights of the programme.

After a successful debut in Malta, the forthcoming EADV Spring Symposium will be held in Budapest. The Hungarian Dermatological Society is honoured to have the opportunity of organising the event, and to welcome the participants of the 2nd EADV Spring Symposium to Hungary.

Under the honorary presidency of Stephanie Jablonska, Otto Braun-Falco and Miklós Simon, the Symposium is intended to support the integration of international experience in the fields of research, therapy and patient management. We would like to provide a forum for clinical practice and basic sciences. The scientific programme will offer plenary sessions, free communications, case presentations, hands-on workshops, lunch time sessions and poster sessions.

The “History of Dermatology” Meeting will open with a lecture dedicated to the medical victims of the Holocaust presented by Karl Holubar (Austria) and László Nébenführér (Hungary). The second part of the dermatological history will focus on the contribution of Hungarian dermatologists to the development of the specialty. Activities of Mor Kaposi, Stephan Rothman, David Gruby and Soma Beck will be presented. This workshop is chaired by Miklós Simon (Hungary), one of the three honorary presidents of the EADV Spring Symposium and Stella Fatovic-Ferencic (Croatia), who will render data on medical development about historically common periods of this closely bound area.

Plenary lectures
The plenary lectures will be given by excellent speakers: Leena Bruckner-Tuderman (Germany) will speak about the most recent findings in human genetics, and its practical aspects in dermatology in the lecture “Human Cloning Related to Dermatology and Basic Genetics”. Thomas Krieg (Germany) will update our knowledge about the pathogenesis and therapy about “Connective Tissue Diseases” and highlight the clinical consequences. It is a great pleasure for us, that Meenhard Herlyn (USA) could accept our invitation to give a lecture about “Melanoma”. Traditionally one of the most highly solicited part of any EADV scientific programme is the ‘What’s New’ lecture. This year, Johannes Ring (Germany), President-Elect of EADV will summarize the most recent findings in dermatological research and therapy.

Major sessions
The major sessions, organised by prominent opinion leaders, will cover all the most important topics in dermatology. The “Inflammatory Skin Diseases” session organised by Thomas Luger (Germany), Lajos Kemeny (Hungary) and Thomas Ruzicka (Germany) will focus on the most recent pathogenetic findings and therapeutic modalities in papulosquamous and atopic skin diseases. The “Photodermatology” session chaired by John Hawk (UK) and Irene Horkay (Hungary) will provide a practice-oriented overview on the most recent developments in photodermatology focusing on the clinical appearance of photodermatoses, photodiagnostics and photoprotection. Epidemiology and geographical specifics of the most important venereal diseases will be the focus of “Sexually Transmitted Diseases”, organised by Attila Horváth (Hungary) and Michael Waugh (UK). “Autoimmune Bullous Disease”, presented by Martin Black (UK), Sarolta Kárpáti (Hungary) and Luca Borradori (Switzerland), will discuss the most recent pathogenetic factors, new diagnostic possibilities and therapeutic options. The “Laser Therapy” session is organized by Michael Langthaler (Germany) and Beatrix Farkas (Hungary), where speakers will provide a practice-oriented overview on new devices and new applications in dermatology and cosmetology. The most important aspects of HIV infections, such as epidemiology, pathogenesis and treatment,
will be covered in “Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection”, organised by Annamari Ranki (Finland) and Károly Nagy (Hungary). During the “President’s Forum”, chaired by Jean-Hilaire Saurat, (Switzerland), President of the EADV, invited speakers from across Europe will give lectures which focus on the motto of the congress: “Tradition and Science in Dermatological Practice”.

Case Presentations
Following the tradition of the successful ‘wake-up’ sessions in Munich, the morning case presentations will be dedicated to rare or otherwise interesting cases, in order to highlight the importance of characterisation and management of skin diseases. These sessions will include the most interesting case reports from Hungary.

Hands-on workshops
Hands-on workshops, moderated by experts in the specific topics, will be interactive, practice-oriented, stimulating discussions with few keynote lectures that will hopefully promote the sharing of experience in different fields of dermatology. These sessions will also provide a platform for free communications.

Lunch time sessions
The informal atmosphere of the lunch time sessions, chaired by experienced professors of dermatology, and Hungarian cuisine itself will hopefully stimulate further discussions.

Continuing Medical Education (CME)
The CME Committee of the EADV has an active evaluation programme to optimise the practical and scientific content of EADV Congresses. Delegates will be requested to make a special effort to complete and return the CME evaluation forms, which will be handed out during the Symposium. All of the Scientific Programme, including the lunch sessions, has been registered for accreditation.

Social programme
A fine social programme complements the scientific brainstorming of the day, including the Welcome Reception for all congress participants and accompanying persons. The historic Museum of Applied Arts, the third oldest in Europe, will provide a spectacular setting for Friday’s Gala Dinner. The coloured dome, adorned with Zsolnay ceramics, and the open entrance hall with its wonderful ornaments will warmly welcome EADV delegates.

In addition, an elaborate cultural programme is organised for accompanying persons. This includes: a visit to Szentendre, a small, very pleasant town near Budapest; a horse show, dinner with typical Hungarian dishes and folklore programme, during which participants will learn about the thousand-year-old traditions of Hungarian horsemanship and a bicycle tour, including cultural visits and a three-course Hungarian lunch.

It’s not too late to register
Register before 15 February and save up to €100:

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For further information and to register, please visit: www.eadvbudapest2004.com
Update from the Secretary General

EADV enters its 17th year in robust good health. For those who missed the 17th Ordinary General Meeting in Barcelona, Frank Powell, EADV Secretary General provides a short overview of key activities.

The 12th Annual Congress of the EADV in Barcelona was an outstanding event! The extraordinary cultural diversity of this city with its architectural and artistic treasures, together with an excellent scientific program and the efficient organisational skills of Prof. Mario Lecha and his team, ensured yet another success for the EADV. We look forward in 2004 to the 2nd Spring Symposium in Budapest, Hungary 29 April – 1 May, and the 13th EADV Congress 17 – 21 November in Florence, Italy. The meeting in Barcelona also marked the occasion of the 66th EADV Executive Committee meeting, the 25th meeting of the Board of Directors, and the 17th Ordinary General Meeting.

Executive Committee (EC)
The EC is composed of the President, the past President, the President-Elect, the Secretary General, the Treasurer, and the Presidents of the two next Congresses. In addition the EC often invites Chairmen of Committees, Presidents of Spring Symposia or those who have special interests or contributions to make to attend its meetings. EC meetings take place approximately every two months (there were six EC meetings held between the Congresses in Prague and Barcelona). Meetings last from 4 to 8 hours and deal with urgent day-to-day business of the Academy, as well as forward planning and strategic issues. Decisions at the EC are usually reached by consensus: rarely is a vote necessary. Minutes of each EC meeting are circulated to the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors
The Board of Directors is made up of representatives from each member country of the EADV elected at the OGM. At present, there are 27 members of the Board of Directors. This number is due to expand in the near future with the inclusion of central and eastern European countries within the EADV “family”. Up to the year 2000, Board meetings were held annually. As Secretary General-Elect (1998 – 2000) under the Presidency of Prof. Jose Mascaro (Spain) it was one of my duties to prepare for twice yearly Board meetings, which initiated in 2000. This coincided with another venture, the development of the second educational forum for the EADV, the Spring Symposium. We now hold our second Board meeting in conjunction with this event. Board meetings last 8 hours or longer. With the rich cultural diversity of the Board members, intermingled with strong personalities, national pride and language diversity, the Board meeting is often an exciting interaction. The common purpose of progressing the wellbeing of our Academy binds the Directors together and ensures that this important decision-making body functions well and democratically on behalf of all EADV members.

Ordinary General Meeting (OGM)
The OGM constitutes the ultimate authority within the EADV. This meeting is held annually, usually in conjunction with the annual Congress. It is increasingly well attended, and it is now not surprising to have between 300 and 500 members present at the OGM. Ordinary members who cannot be present at the OGM can be represented using the proxy system defined by our Statutes. Important decisions taken at the OGM include the election of the President-Elect and Board of Directors.

Elections - Elections -
Frank Powell, EADV Secretary General, reports on the results of the EADV elections held during the OGM in Barcelona.

Regular readers of the EADV News will remember that in the summer 2003 edition we highlighted that there would be a significant turnover in the membership of the Board of Directors. The following Board members retired from service to the EADV Board after the meeting in Barcelona: Harald Gollnick, Giorgio Landi, Mario Lecha, Joe Pace, Kristian Thstrup-Pedersen, Martin Black, Ove Back.

Members in each country were notified of the vacancies that were coming available for representation on the Board of Directors. Many members participated by nominating prominent EADV members in their own country for election in Barcelona.
With the expansion of our membership numbers by more than 25% in the past year, the continued success of our educational events, the development of the new dynamic EADV website (www.eadv.org), and the increased participation of members in the democratic functioning of the EADV, I am happy to report that the EADV baby born on 3 October 1987 in Luxemburg has reached its 16th year of existence in robust good health!

Administrative adjustments

As the EADV grew it became increasingly obvious that a permanent home was required. This was reflected in the decision to purchase the EADV House in Brussels and employ administrative staff. In an organisation such as the EADV where the elected officers are Honorary, i.e. unpaid and working on behalf of the EADV in their “spare” time, the balance of authority between elected Officers and the professional administrative staff is important. Unfortunately, that balance was not achieved with our former employees, and following discussion at Board and EC level a change in administrative staff was made in the Spring of 2003. The new administrative personnel Nancy Induni (Senior Administrative Officer) Gess Farrell (Administrative Officer – part-time), Catherine Cathala, (Administrative Assistant) and Judith Strasser (Administrative Assistant – part-time), are now working cohesively with the elected Officers, Executive Committee and the Board as part of the EADV team.

Congress administration

The success of the EADV as an educational Academy is based primarily on the success of its annual Congresses. Over the years significant adjustments have been made in the way these Congresses are run. Increasingly the EADV central organisation is taking responsibility for the organisation of the academic programme (through the Scientific Committee) and financial control (through appointment of accountants, auditors, and PCO’s who report directly to the EADV). Some of these changes result from problems identified in the past. In the past year an independent forensic accountant was appointed by the Board to carry out a review of the distribution of profits from the 9th EADV Congress in Geneva. An error in the central accounting procedures was identified, the financial account was rectified, and procedures

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New Board members

At the OGM an election took place and the following new members were elected to the EADV Board:

Ruggero Caputo (Italy)
Menno de Rie (Netherlands)
Klaus Fritz (Germany)
Gregor Jemec (Denmark)
Olle Larke (Sweden)
Thomas Luger (Germany)
Jean-Marie Naeyaert (Belgium)
Pablo Penas (Spain)
Andrea Peserico (Italy)
Lawrence Scerri (Malta)
Fenella Wojnarowska (United Kingdom).

We sincerely thank the outgoing Board members for their very significant contribution to the health of our Academy, and hope that they will continue to participate in and remain involved with the affairs of our organisation. We welcome our newly elected members to the Board of Directors and look forward to their help in facing the challenges of our continued development.

New Officers

Readers may also remember that we posted a notice of vacancy for election of Treasurer and Secretary General-Elect. These Officers are elected at the Board of Directors meeting. We received nominations for three candidates for the position of Secretary General-Elect, and two for the position of Treasurer.

The successful candidate for Secretary General-Elect was Dr. Joe Pace (Malta). Dr. Pace will serve as Secretary General-Elect for two years before he assumes the full responsibility of the position in October 2005.

Dr. Jacques Houset (France) was the successful candidate for the position of Treasurer. He assumes this position with immediate effect (see page 11).

We congratulate both members on their new appointments in the Academy and wish them well with their responsible offices.

The increasing participation of our members in these elections is a sign of the strengthening democratic principals within our organisation.

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have been put into place to prevent a similar error occurring in the future. The EADV lawyer concluded that there had been a breakdown of procedures; there was no concealment of this error, and the discrepancy was brought to the attention of the Board and OGM. All appropriate funds were in EADV bank accounts. The Board accepted the report and the legal advice that this matter had been satisfactorily resolved.

**EADV elections**

The integrity of the electoral process is essential to any democratic organisation. As Secretary General it has been my responsibility to oversee elections within the EADV, and to ensure that they are run fairly and transparently. Immediately preceding the 2002 President-Elect election we received ‘en bloc’ at the EADV house over 400 applications for new memberships. Subsequent enquiries revealed that the source of funding for many of these applications originated from one of the candidates in the election. This information was provided to the Board at their meeting in Prague and the candidate in question stepped down from the electoral process. An independent investigation by a forensic accountant confirmed the source of funding and concluded that this was inappropriate. Adjustments are being proposed to the Statutes to ensure this problem will not arise in the future (see page 3).

To function as a democratic Academy it is essential that members have confidence in the workings of the EADV. Just as we share our successes and achievements as an organisation, so must we inform EADV members of the problems we have encountered and how these have been dealt with. Transparency, democracy, and our shared goals of improving our specialty and providing the best quality health care to our patients, bring us together from many different cultural backgrounds and make the EADV a vibrant growing Society.

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**Gerda Frentz Memorial Fellowship**
(2nd EADV Spring Symposium - Budapest 2004)

The European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) is to offer the Gerda Frentz Fellowship to young doctors from the former Eastern European Bloc in the year 2004.

One young dermatologist from each Eastern European country, being a member of CEEDVA (Central Eastern European Dermatovenereological Association), will have the opportunity to attend the 2nd EADV Spring Symposium in Budapest, Hungary, 29 April - 1 May 2004.

The successful applicants will receive free registration to the symposium and € 1,000 (euro) to facilitate travel and accommodation expenses associated with the meeting.

Interested applicants should contact their National Dermatological Society or CEEDVA representative for further information.

Please note that candidates who have previously received an EADV scholarship or have graduated from medical school more than 15 years ago, are not eligible for this award.

**Applications close:**
31 January 2004

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**AMED Scholarship**
(2nd EADV Spring Symposium - Budapest 2004)

The European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) is to offer the AMED Scholarship to 20 young/trainee doctors from Mediterranean countries.

Each scholarship will comprise of € 500 (euro) and free registration to the 2nd EADV Spring Symposium to be held in Budapest, from 29 April - 1 May 2004.

Interested applicants should submit a one-page CV and two letters of support through their National Dermatological Society or AMED country representative.

Please note that candidates who have previously received an EADV scholarship or have graduated from medical school more than 15 years ago, are not eligible for this award.

**Applications close:**
31 January 2004

For further information concerning these awards, please contact:
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Important Reminders

2nd EADV International Spring Symposium
Early bird registration closes: 15 February 2004

13th EADV Congress
Deadline for abstract submission: 15 April 2004
Early bird registration closes: 15 July 2004

EADV Awards
Deadline for applications: 31 January 2004

Important Notice

EADV members are invited to participate in the:

EADV Extraordinary General Meeting
15:00
Friday 23 January 2004
Hotel Victoria-Jungfrau
Interlaken, Switzerland

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting in order to approve the changes to the EADV Statutes.

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EDF Annual Meeting
Interlaken, Switzerland
23-24 January 2004

AAD 62nd Annual Meeting
Washington, DC, USA
6-11 February 2004

The First International Meeting on Neurobiology of the Skin
13-15 February 2004
Münster, Germany

4th Meeting of the European Society for Photodynamic Therapy in Dermatology
Stirling, Scotland, UK
26-27 March 2004

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

2004 ISD International Congress on Dermatology
Beijing, China
19-22 May 2004

4th AMED Congress
Montpellier, France
24-26 June 2004

34th Annual ESDR Meeting
Vienna, Austria
9-11 September 2004

4th EDEN-IDEA Congress 2004
Venice, Italy
10-12 October 2004

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

Psoriasis 2004
European Congress on Psoriasis
Paris, France
21-24 October 2004

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AAD 63rd Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA, USA
18-23 February 2005

Society of Investigate Dermatology (SID) 2005
St. Louis, MO, USA
4-7 May 2005

3rd EADV Spring Symposium
Sofia, Bulgaria
19-22 May 2005

World Allergy Congress
Munich, Germany
27 June-1 July 2005

35th Annual ESDR Meeting
Tübingen, Germany
22-24 September 2005

14th EADV Congress
London, UK
12-15 October 2005

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15th EADV Congress
Rhodes, Greece
4-7 October 2006
II. EADV SPRING SYMPOSIUM
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

29 April, 2004 – 1 May, 2004

Due to growing knowledge and complexity of dermatology and venerology we try to integrate international experience regarding new techniques, research concepts and therapy in patient management following the motto of the congress

Tradition and Science in the Clinical Practice.

Major topics:
- oncology, inflammatory and autoimmune skin diseases, practical aspects of genetics,
- surgery and cosmetology

Venue: Novotel Budapest Congress
(1123 Budapest, Jagelló út 1-3.)

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