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There are more and more members of the EADV. At the last count the Academy had 3,004 regular members, and the number is growing. It is a great joy to see that colleagues are joining the success that is the EADV, but it is also important to remember that numbers alone do not bring about this success. Nor do numbers ensure the continued development of the Academy for all those involved in European dermatology. Continued success and development depend just as much on the commitment of the individual members to the Academy. The question is not only what you do, but also whom you do it for.

First, what you do. There are things members should do, and there are things members can choose to do. Members should participate in the democratic elections of the Academy. The Board of Directors has spent considerable time involved in European dermatology. Continued success and development depend just as much on the commitment of the individual members to the Academy. The question is not only what you do, but also whom you do it for.

There are many other things members can do as well. They can join the task force where they can contribute the most; they can write for the JEADV or EADV News; they can quote the JEADV when they write; they can contact the various committees of the Academy and offer their input; they can start new initiatives by activating their national representatives; and many other things. They all involve some enthusiasm and work, but they are not mandatory and they are usually very personally and professionally rewarding. In sharp contrast, voting is an obligation. It is an action not for the person but for all the other members of the community, which is the Academy. That is the second part: for whom do you do it.

It is the lazy option to be passive, critical, distant and ironical towards organisations such as the Academy. Broad volunteer organisations are essentially responsive rather than normative. They may evolve in a morally normative sense, but because of their intrinsically egalitarian nature there is a limit to how socially normative they become. They are not closed secret societies. The raison d’être of the EADV is self-evident, and reflected by its success.
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Parting thoughts

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Sound footing

The next step will be the transfer of the Society’s activities (at least the major part of them) to Canton Ticino, leading to a more positive and flourishing financial situation for EADV. This is the necessary premise for an intensification of the educational activities of the Society in favour of its members. If we take as models the scientific societies of other disciplines or those of the AAD we cannot but think that in the near future it will be advisable and possible to develop an enhanced editorial activity (not only on paper), aimed at favouring a daily updating for European dermatologists. Of course, efforts to integrate more deeply with the other European dermatological societies are required in order to jointly reach common objectives and not only to divide up tasks, as is the reality is the present case (which is still an improvement on the past situation).

It is generally believed that the time is now ripe to establish a united and strong European delegation representing in the best possible way the capabilities and the interests of our discipline. It is a shared opinion that a constant dialogue and common objectives can help overcome (and solve) problems that the individual national societies are not able to face. The new road which opened up in EADV with the participation of the members of the national societies must be explored and covered along its whole length.

EADV News and the website must rapidly conform to the new situation (by the end of the year EADV will count more than 3,200 ordinary members and more than 10,000 supporting members) and become dynamic instruments of communication, open to all aspects of dermatological and clinical world, including research and industry. We need rapid generational turnovers and we have to give a real space in every possible form to the younger generations.

The JEADV continues its activity; it will have an improved graphic look and we have decided to modify the scientific profile of the journal, increasing the number of review articles involving colleagues who can offer a decisive contribution to this improvement and supporting the Editor-in-Chief (who does an excellent job) with two co-editors.

Also, the congresses of the Society, which have been marked by ongoing success in
terms of participation and by an excellent scientific standard, can undergo some modifications aimed at differentiating their formative proposals (they are too often similar). This will surely take place since the debate is already open, with possibilities of collaboration with other disciplines with which we share research subjects and the clinical responsibilities. In this context we have to intensify the relationships and the common projects with the patients' associations with whom we share much of our present and much more of our future.

Collaborative support
Finally, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the EC members with whom I have had the privilege of working over these past two years, to the members of the Board, who have always been kind and collaborative, to the Chairmen of the various Committees, to the staff in Brussels, always accurate in carrying out their work, and to the members of the Society, from whom I have often asked for suggestions which I have always received so making my work easier. I would also like to apologise to those (and unfortunately they are many) with whom I could not discuss as I would have liked. I would like to express my special thanks to the Past President, Johannes Ring, who is leaving the EC, together with Erwin Tschachler and Sarolta Karpati.

Good luck to Andreas Katsambas, the new President, to the fantastic “old guardian” Joe Pace, Secretary General, and to Jon Olafsson, Treasurer, and all my best wishes to the new elected members who will fly the flag of EADV with the help of everyone.

Alberto Giannetti
EADV President

History of Dermatology Society

Founded
The History of Dermatology Society was founded by five historically motivated dermatologists on 23 June 1973, at the Essex House in New York. Their aim was to foster the study of the development of the specialty of dermatology, to reflect upon the contributions of the dermatologists who preceded them, and to understand more about the background of dermatological conditions and their treatment.

Scope and purpose
The initial concept of the Society, then the “History of Dermatology Club,” was to have a speaker, followed by dinner. Marion B Sulzberger MD (San Francisco, CA) delivered the first lecture in 1973 at the December American Academy of Dermatology Meeting in Chicago. When the AAD’s annual meeting no longer included a session on the history of dermatology, an annual conference of the Society was organised, which now takes place on the day preceding the opening of the AAD. Typically, the morning of the annual meeting of the Society is devoted to a dermatology-related tour of a local museum and a lecture, usually given by a curator of the institution. Following an interactive lunch, the afternoon session consists of a seminar, during which several of the members give presentations on a related theme.

The French Society for the History of Dermatology (Société française d’Histoire de la Dermatologie - SFHD) was established in 1989. The European Society for the History of Dermatology and Venereology (ESHDV) was established in Amsterdam on 30 September 1999. Since then, ‘History Days’ take place on the opening day of the annual sessions of the EADV.

Further information
Membership of the History of Dermatology Society is open to dermatologists and others who are interested in the mission of the Society. If you would like to become a member or would like additional information, please contact:

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The best three case presentations were judged to be those by Dr Gabriela Catana (Romania), Dr Marija Buljan (Croatia) and Dr Victoria Pearce (Australia). At the end of the educational programme a quiz was performed, including clinical cases and questions regarding the diagnosis and therapy.

Following the principle of EADV’s Fostering Dermatology and Venereology programmes to promote friendship and celebrate European diversity, the attendees were also able to get a taste of traditional Bulgarian culture and cuisine by visiting Rila monastery and having an organised dinner in the traditional Chevermeto restaurant.

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For a second consecutive year the EADV Summer School on Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) took place in Sofia. The extended lecture programme and practical work, together with the inclusion of new topics and the improved social activities, were only a part of the ambition of the organising committee to make the 2008 STIs Summer School more interesting to the participants.

The 5-day training course offered the participants newly-added topics, which had a key role for the comprehensiveness and the diversity of the lectures. The main course venue was the Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Medical Faculty-Sofia at the Aleksandrovskva University Hospital, chaired by Prof Assen Zlatev. All available facilities of the hospital were provided. The time spent in the Institute of Virology and the newly built Tokuda Hospital broadened the clinical and laboratory experience of the attendees.

Diversity

Twenty trainees from different European clinics had the chance to participate in the course after a selection process. The nationalities of the group were diverse, with participants originating from or based in 18 different countries: Albania, Australia (training in the UK), Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, Iran (training in Bulgaria), Italy, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and Turkey.

The attendees had the opportunity to participate in the clinical rounds at the University Dermatology Clinic, showing excellent knowledge in dermatological diagnosis and therapy.

As part of the programme, the participants presented their case presentations in the field of STIs.

A Participant’s View

“I recently had the pleasure of attending the EADV STI Summer School and must say that it was an excellent experience. The course was well organised and the faculty and even residents of the Department went out of their way to make sure everything went smoothly throughout.

I must admit that as a relatively new trainee my experience and knowledge of STIs was limited. However, after this course, I feel I have learned a great deal about the clinical and laboratory aspects of STIs, as well as the treatment options available.

The lectures covered a diverse range of topics and we were even given the opportunity to visit several labs in order to understand better how the lab diagnosis is carried out. The cases presented by each participant were very valuable as they provided room for discussion and enabled doctors from different countries to compare their practices. I would highly recommend this course to anyone who wishes to further their knowledge of STIs, with the added bonus of learning in a fun and pleasant environment! Thanks again to all those who made this course possible."

Charmaine Apap
(Malta)
The National Eczema Society (NES) is an independent charity, which focuses entirely on the needs of people with eczema and their families.

In a world where people are often judged on their looks and society scorns imperfection, the National Eczema Society helps those who feel trapped inside their cracked, bleeding and itching skin.

Eczema has increased three-fold over the last 30 years. It is a complex, multi-factoral, long-term condition which can be a very different experience for each person who has it. While there is still no cure, learning how to manage the condition and its possible triggers can make a world of difference to the patient, making it vital that people have access to good quality information and support when needed.

Support and information
The Society’s membership is around 12,000. It offers support, information and guidance to thousands of people with eczema, funds research into the causes of and treatments for eczema and provides a wealth of services for healthcare professionals.

Staffed by people with or with experience of eczema, the Society focuses on patient support with a free helpline service available between 08.00-20.00 Monday to Friday and an e-mail response service which aims to give young eczema sufferers a place to turn to for support using a medium they are comfortable with. The helpline operates “Language Line” offering answered calls in over 100 languages using a simultaneous translator.

In July 2008, NES relaunched its website www.eczema.org to offer even more information on eczema, the Society and ways to get the most out of joining. The site reflects the sense of community members can expect through becoming members by featuring up-to-date member news, local support groups and fundraising events.

Education and resources
NES is a recognised source of independent, patient-focused information on an enormous range of eczema-related topics including emollient choice, correct application of topical steroids, fact sheets on the new topical immunomodulators and lifestyle information such as lists of cotton stockists.

All NES information is quality assessed through a review process with its scientific committee whose membership includes leaders in the field of dermatology. It is provided free to patients and carers who contact the Society.

In 2008 NES is calling on healthcare professionals to help improve eczema awareness in the classroom using its updated Eczema Schools Pack which will be available from October.

The Society is relaunching its Schools Pack during National Eczema Week (13-20 September). The “Hold a Hand” theme for this year’s awareness week also aims to encourage related fundraising events across the UK.

Building on the success of the Schools Pack, that often forgotten group, teenagers with eczema, now has access to improved help and support thanks to the Society’s information booklet, Live your Life! Written in a language young people can relate to and is full of down-to-earth practical advice and real-life case studies to help teenagers cope with the day-to-day realities of living with eczema.

Joining the Society means individuals and their families need never feel alone or misinformed again. Contact is provided with likeminded people alongside quarterly issues of Exchange, a magazine with members’ letters, professional advice and the latest product and research news.

Further information
Live your Life! teen booklet and the Eczema Society Schools Pack are available from the patient helpline 0800 089 1122 (within UK and Ireland) or +44 20 7281 3553 or via helpline@eczema.org

For patient membership information (£20 per annum) call +44 20 7281 3553 or look online at www.eczema.org.

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Bienvenue à Paris!

The 17th annual EADV Congress is about to begin in Paris. The Local Scientific Committee has tailor-made an exciting and multi-dimensional scientific programme comprising over 140 traditional and innovative sessions allowing attendees to achieve a highly educational and networking experience.

Do not miss the “live” surgery course where the audience at the congress centre will be able, through video transmission, to put questions to the surgeons and to make comments while patients are operated on in a hospital in Paris.

The programme also features numerous interactive “Test Yourself” sessions focused on the following topics: contact dermatitis, internal medicine, paediatrics, dermoscopy, pitfalls in dermatology and reading lab results.

As for the other sessions, they comprise symposia, workshops, courses, forums, lunch with the experts, free communications (including the Top Ten and Junior sessions) poster display, sub-specialty meetings and satellite symposia.

Finally, let me encourage you to make the most of the enjoyable social events on offer during the Congress: the Opening Ceremony followed by the Welcome Reception and the Gala Dinner, not forgetting the great tours programme.

And enjoy Paris as you wish! Sparkling like champagne, glittering like the Eiffel Tower at night, vibrant as Edith Piaf’s voice, romantic as the Seine at sunset, powerful as Notre Dame’s stonework, extravagant as an haute couture dress… and much more… just some of the myriad ways to get to love this magnificent city!

Professor Pascal Joly
EADV Congress President, Paris 2008

Programme highlights

Six plenary lectures will be addressed by distinguished experts:

- Risk and Safety of Treatments of Psoriasis  R Stern (USA)
- Dermatology under the Microscope  B Cribier (France)
- Insect-Borne Transmitted Diseases  D Raoult (France)
- Atopic Dermatitis  T Luger (Germany)
- New Insights and New Therapies in Vitiligo  P Grimes (USA)
- Evidence-Based Medicine: From the Evidence to the Patient  H Williams (UK)

The not-to-be-missed “What’s New?” lectures, held on Saturday, will be presented by:

- What’s New in Clinical Dermatology?  T Bieber (Germany)
- What’s New in Therapeutics?  M Beylot-Barry (France)
- What’s New in Paediatric Dermatology?  C Moss (UK)

In addition, a Forum session entitled “Think differently”, chaired by Prof JH Saurat, will present original, innovative opinions on various fields of dermatology.
Top Ten Parisian attractions

In 1997, France hosted the 7th EADV meeting in Nice, organised by Prof Ortonne. In 2002, Paris was the seat of the 20th World Congress of Dermatology whose President was Prof Revuz. Now, more than 10 years later, EADV is back in France and, six years after the World Congress, International Dermatology is coming back to Paris.

All members of the French dermatology community wish to welcome dermatologists from all over Europe and from every part of the world in the context of a wonderful meeting rich in exchanges and science...

But Paris is also the Ville Lumière and we hope you will be able to take some time off, after the scientific sessions, to visit the city’s Top Ten attractions:

1. **Louvre**: the site of the world’s largest and most diverse collection of pre-20th century painting, sculpture, and decorative objects.
2. **Notre Dame Cathedral**: a marvel of gothic architecture and the heartbeat of medieval Paris.
3. **Musée d’Orsay**: the world’s most important collection of impressionist and post-impressionist painting.
4. **Sorbonne and the Latin Quarter**: the historic soul of Paris where higher learning has flourished for centuries.
5. **Eiffel Tower**: more than any other landmark, the tower has come to represent an elegant and contemporary Paris.
6. **Arc de Triomphe and the Champs-Elysées**: begin or culminate a walk down this majestic avenue.
7. **Centre Georges Pompidou and the “Beaubourg” district**: Parisians consider this Modern Art Museum to be the cultural pulse of the city.
8. **Sacré Coeur and Montmartre**: at the highest point of Paris on the Montmartre knoll or butte.
9. **Père Lachaise Cemetery**: countless famous figures are buried here, the most popular being The Doors lead singer Jim Morrison at whose tomb fans keep a constant vigil.
10. **Boat Tour on the Seine**: seeing some of Paris’ most beautiful sites glide past as you drift down the Seine in a bateau-mouche is an unforgettable and unmissable experience.

After visiting, walking, admiring... do not forget to savour the delights of French gastronomy on every street corner!

Professor Pierre Wolkestein
Local Executive Scientific Committee Secretary – EADV PARIS 2008

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Dermatology in Bosnia & Herzegovina

Following the feature in EADV News No 27 on a day in the life of a Bosnian dermatologist, we conclude our spotlight on Bosnia with a history of dermatology in that country.

History

The first written documents on medical treatment of skin diseases in Bosnia & Herzegovina date from 1866. At the time syphilis, leprosy, mycology and parasitic diseases were present. In 1885, when Bosnia & Herzegovina was under Austrian-Hungarian reign, Austrian physician Leopold Gluck was ordered by the Austrian-Hungarian authorities to come to Bosnia & Herzegovina and solve the problems of skin diseases. An article on statistics on etiology and prophylaxis of favus was left from that period.

Tackling syphilis

In 1890, Professor Izidor Neuman arrived from Vienna to start working on repelling syphilis. At his instigation a hospital was opened in Sarajevo in 1894 as a precursor to the present Clinical Centre of the University of Sarajevo, which is also a scientific base of the Medical Faculty of Sarajevo University. The Clinical Centre marked its 100th anniversary in 2004. The first head of the Department for Syphilis and Skin Diseases was Leopold Gluck who had worked with Professor Hebre in Vienna before coming to Bosnia. In 1897, a leprosarium was established in Sarajevo, which was the first one of its kind in the Balkans.

In 1903, the 8th Congress of Austrian Dermatologists was held in Sarajevo and was chaired by Leopold Gluck. In 1907, he was succeeded by his son, Alexander Gluck, who had worked out the clinical description of syphilis and published a book on the subject entitled Syphilis. The first serological laboratory for diagnosing syphilis was established.

Tackling syphilis

Professor Dr Ernest Grin, appointed as the WHO expert, has headed the Clinic for Dermato-venereology since 1966. The Clinic became the reference centre for eradicating syphilis and fungous diseases in the territory of Bosnia & Herzegovina. The mycological laboratory is run by Professor Ozegovic. Over the last 50 years the Clinic for Dermatology with all its laboratories has continued to develop in the spirit of modern dermatology.

Rebuilding

The recent war, initiated by Serbian aggression, that befell Bosnia & Herzegovina and occupied Sarajevo for five years entirely devastated the Clinic for Dermatology and all other clinics in the Clinical Centre. We are now trying with great difficulty to make up for everything lost. One of the steps in that direction has been the acquisition of an apparatus for dermoscopy, Mole max II, which was formally put in use on 14 May 2006. Another step was to organise the 1st International Bosnia and Herzegovina Dermato-venereology Conference which was held in May 2007 with great success.

The way forward

Considering that the history of Bosnia & Herzegovina is closely connected to Austria’s, as outlined above, we wish to improve our connections with Austrian dermato-venereologists and improve our level of knowledge and equipment, including through shared courses such as the one in November 2007 on dermoscopy in Vienna.

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Endemic leprosy in Europe: a call for information

Leprosy, attributable to infection with Mycobacterium leprae, was once endemic across much of the world. Though now often considered a "tropical disease," cases occurred north of the Arctic Circle just 100 years ago.

The disease has gradually disappeared from higher latitudes in recent centuries. The last case of leprosy attributable to continued transmission in the British Isles was around 1800 \(^1\), and in Norway the last onset was around 1950 \(^2\). M leprae was carried repeatedly across the Atlantic from both Europe and Africa in the last few hundred years, becoming endemic throughout the Americas with the exception of Chile, Canada and the northern United States (cases still occur in Louisiana and Texas). The disease is found throughout Africa and Asia. Several hundred thousand cases are still diagnosed annually, worldwide, mainly in India and Brazil \(^2\).

The leprosy situation in Europe is particularly interesting, but poorly understood. The disease is still endemic in several parts of southern Europe. It may be slowly disappearing, but its current geographic extent is not known. Because of its low frequency, the diagnosis is often not suspected, and thus delayed, and cases may suffer progressive disabilities which could have been prevented had appropriate treatment (available free through WHO) been initiated more promptly. Clarification of leprosy’s current boundary would be useful for increasing early diagnosis by clinicians who may see cases and for providing clues to the natural history of this ancient, but still poorly-understood, disease. We are thus interested to communicate with individuals who are aware of leprosy cases attributable to transmission within Europe.

Request for information on leprosy cases attributable to infection within Europe

If you are aware of any leprosy cases attributable to infection contracted in Europe, diagnosed within recent (eg 20) years, we would appreciate hearing from you. Ideally we would hope to obtain the following information on cases:

- Identifier (code – maintain anonymity)
- Year of birth
- Sex
- Year of onset (or diagnosis)
- Classification (multibacillary or paucibacillary),
- Location where patient lives or where infection is likely to have taken place (with sufficient precision to allow it to be plotted on a map of Europe)
- Whether case was known to have contact with another known case (eg household or family).

We will be pleased to correspond with interested scientists and physicians on this subject.

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The International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA) is a non-profit organisation made up of psoriasis associations from around the world, representing 125 million people who suffer from psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis and related diseases.

IFPA unites psoriasis associations so that their global campaign for improved medical care, greater public understanding and increased research will improve the lives of people who live with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, and explore the challenges psoriasis presents to the international psoriasis community. IFPA gives non-profit psoriasis associations a global voice to campaign on behalf of sufferers and provides the unity that strengthens everyone’s ability to support research that will someday find a cause and a cure for these diseases. In addition, IFPA helps establish and develop psoriasis associations in countries where they have not previously existed or which need support.

The main activities

World Psoriasis Day – 29 October - is an annual day specially dedicated to people with psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis. Conceived by patients for patients, World Psoriasis Day is a truly global event that sets out to give an international voice to the 125 million people with psoriasis/psoriatic arthritis around the world and is celebrated in more than 50 countries. Formed by a global consortium of patient associations, World Psoriasis Day aims to raise the profile of a condition which needs to be taken more seriously by national and international authorities.

2nd World Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Conference 2009, to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, on 24-28 June 2009, entitled “Psoriasis-Skin and Beyond”, recognises the many diverse and emerging issues involved in psoriasis, raised by patients themselves around the world and is strongly influenced by an IFPA worldwide survey where important topics, including comorbidities such as hypertension and ocular complications, have been indentified from the patient’s perspective. A number of new areas will be covered which will improve the understanding and care of psoriasis patients. We look forward to welcoming you to Stockholm in June 2009.

IFPA’s vision is a world without human suffering from psoriasis and, together with the support and action of the medical community, we can accomplish this worthy goal. Please join us in this effort by supporting and lending your expertise to IFPA and your national/local psoriasis associations.

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On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, I am delighted to welcome you to attend the 6th EADV Spring Symposium which will be held in Bucharest, Romania, from 23-26 April 2009.

We would like this traditional Spring meeting, organised by the EADV in Romania, to be an opportunity to bring together dermatologists from all parts of Europe and also guests from all over the world.

New possibilities

Taking as its concept, “Endless Dermatology”, inspired by a famous work of the world-renowned Romanian sculptor, Constantin Brancusi, entitled “Endless Column”, we see the unlimited possibilities to develop our specialty: from deep roots will certainly emerge a future whose limits cannot be counted.

The theme of this Spring Symposium, “Skin and Quality of Life” emphasises the fact that everything that influences the world of the skin automatically influences the quality of life, just as any dysfunction in the vital systems has cutaneous expression.

Learning environment

We see this broad-ranging theme as a perfect opportunity for the Symposium participants to share their perspective in many areas: biology, pathology and not forgetting aesthetics. We are happy to welcome great personalities, excellent speakers, and specialists across different fields of dermatology who have already confirmed their participation.

You will have the opportunity to meet them and to enrich your knowledge; so use this great chance to get together and feel the pulse of our specialty, which may be stronger in Spring, like Nature herself!

We will endeavour to offer you the best environment for the scientific and social events, for all levels of specialists, from masters to beginners in our specialty.
Rich heritage

Bucharest is a big city with a vivid, developing rhythm and many interesting cultural and artistic sights. You can discover the rich cultural heritage and the splendid Romanian natural landscapes during organised trips from the Carpathians to the breathtaking shore of the Black Sea.

Let us enjoy the Romanian Spring together!

Professor Dan Forsea
Chairman
Local Organising Committee

Key Diary Dates:

Abstract submission deadline:
28 November 2008

Abstract evaluation announcement:
15 January 2009

Reduced registration fee deadline:
10 January 2009

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The Top Ten - key statistics from Istanbul 2008

Since 1993, attendees at EADV Congresses and Spring Symposia have been encouraged to evaluate the topics and the speakers at the scientific events.

The CME-CPD Committee has, once again, after Rhodes and Vienna, used your most valuable evaluations to establish statistics. These data are of great importance and help the Scientific Programming Committees, both of EADV and of the local organising people, in the planning of future events.

The detailed personal data of the speakers are also available on request from the EADV Office in Brussels (Judith@eadv.org)

For statistical reasons, we only considered the ranking of events with 20+ persons participating.

The 10 best attended talks/courses/workshops were:

1. Plenary 1
2. Plenary 2
3. What's New?
4. Diagnosis and Management of Hair Disorders
5. Clinical Variations and Treatment of Vasculitis
6. Autoimmune Bullous Diseases
7. How I Use Systemic Drugs in Dermatology
8. We Have to Know More about Acne Today
9. Advances in Psoriasis
10. Collagen Vascular Diseases and Skin.

The 10 highest rated events were:

1. Lunch Session 5
2. Advanced Dermoscopy
3. Dermatologic Surgery
4. Autoimmune Bullous Diseases
5. We Have to Know More about Acne Today
6. Paediatric Dermatology
7. Sun and Skin
8. Quality of Life in Dermatology
9. Lunch Session 6
10. Lunch Session 1.

On the whole, there was very good or good attendance for topics which constitute the core of our specialty. We shall always aim to consider the entire discipline of dermato-venereology and its sub-specialties in our CME-CPD programmes!

Jean-Paul A Gabbud
Chairman
CME-CPD Committee
jgabbud@bluewin.ch

Press Conference on Eczema & Allergy

Update from the Media & PR Committee

Presentation by Prof Jo Lambert (Ghent University Hospital, Belgium) on "Coping with skin diseases - an educational programme"

EADV held a press conference on Eczema & Allergy at its headquarters in Brussels on Thursday, 3 July 2008.

With the topic, “Is eczema undertreated? Educational programmes may help, but are not available for millions of European patients”, the aim of this meeting was to discuss the major health problems that allergy and eczema represent in most European countries.

At the conference, educational programmes for “eczema schools” with proven efficacy were presented which, however, do not always reach the patients. The impairment of the quality of life with eczema - by itch, disfigurement and disturbed skin functions - is considerable. With a prevalence of 10 - 20% of affected individuals in the population, eczema represents a major socioeconomic problem in Europe. Professor Johannes Ring (Munich) called it a “scandal” that many eczema patients have to pay for their emollient treatment themselves, commenting that it is as if “diabetics had to pay for their insulin themselves as basic therapy!” EADV will bring these problems to the public’s attention in an “Eczema Campaign 2008”.

The feedback was very positive. After a lively discussion between the attendees - media and EU representatives as well as patients’ organisations - it was decided to raise awareness by distributing the corresponding material to the European Parliament’s public health committee members and to hold these meetings on a regular basis.
Meet the Candidates for Secretary General-Elect

The Secretary General-elect will be announced by the EADV Board of Directors at the 17th EADV Congress in Paris in September. The two candidates’ biographies are given below.

Andrea Peserico (Italy)

Andrea Peserico has been Professor of Dermatology and Acting Chair of the Unit of Dermatology and Venereology of the University of Padua, Italy, from 1993. He is the author of many publications in internationally refereed journals and of several chapters in national and international books.

Prof Peserico is a member of the Board of Directors of the EADV. In addition, as a member of the Development and Statutes Committee, he contributed actively to suggest changes, eventually adopted by the EADV membership, in the Statutes of the EADV which guarantee a greater democratic basis, including:

- the admission to the Board of representatives of all European Countries
- the election of representatives to the Board by the individual EADV members of each country
- a new system for presidential voting by internet (or post) which facilitates the direct participation of all members of the EADV in the President-elect election.

Erwin Tschachler (Austria)

Erwin Tschachler graduated from Vienna Medical School in 1978 and started training in dermatology in 1983 with Klaus Wolff and Georg Stingl. From 1986 to 1989 he conducted HIV research at the US National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD.

In 1996 he became full Professor of Dermatology and Venereology at the Vienna Medical University where, besides his continuous contributions in basic skin research, he led the establishment of a new dermatological curriculum for medical students. He is also the Scientific Director of the Neuilly-based CERIES.

Prof Tschachler has been on the Board of the Austrian Society of Dermatology and Venereology since 1992, was a member of the Board of the ESDR and the Austrian AIDS Society (where he was also a former President) and was on the EADV Board between 2001 and 2007.

In 2007, as Congress President, he organised the 16th Congress of the EADV in Vienna. He has been an elected EADV Board representative on the Executive Committee for the past two years. Erwin Tschachler has also been at the forefront of EADV efforts at bridge-building towards Chinese dermatology.

Fostering Dermatology & Venereology - Excellence in Education - Training Programme

Training Course Genodermatoses
21-23 January 2009 in Salzburg, Austria
Course chairman: Professor Johann Bauer
Application deadline: 12 November 2008
Number of places: 15

Training Course Psychodermatology
13-17 July 2009 in Brussels, Belgium
Course chairwoman: Dr. Françoise Poot (ESDAP)
Application deadline: 31 March 2009
Number of places: 20

Summer School Microbiology
20-24 July 2009 Vienna, Austria
Course chairman: Professor Erwin Tschachler
Application deadline: 31 March 2009
Number of places: 25

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Selected participants (residents) will be offered: free course material, free board and lodging during the course, educational grant, certificate of attendance. Course language: English.

Further information and application form available at:
http://www.eadv.org/article.asp?AID=274

For EADV members only, if not yet a member, please submit membership application form together with course application.
Visit to a Centre of Excellence

“My name is Dr Muhammad Hasibur Rahman. I am 36 years old and work as Assistant Professor of Dermatology and VD in the Community-based Medical College, Bangladesh and also have a private practices in my Cosmo-derma Skin Cure Centre. Having passed the postgraduate fellowship examination and obtained the highest professional degree FCPS in 2006, I was enormously keen to get in contact with the dermatological super-experts in developed countries, particularly those established in European countries. The aim was to learn about recent advances devoted to identifying dermatological problems and their management profiles.

Helping hand
During my studies in Bangladesh, I had to go through the British and American books and journals of dermatology and venereology. Some of our studies were theoretically based. As a consequence many practical applications remained unknown to us.

Due to financial constrains my country cannot afford to provide modern facilities, so I therefore planned to increase my knowledge and simultaneously improve the nature of my private practice abroad. I was searching and browsing through the internet for help and co-operation when I fortunately noticed the EADV Programme and was attracted to its activities. Accordingly I became a member of EADV and subsequently got the opportunity to come to Germany and visit the ‘Centre of Excellence’ – Klinik und Poliklinik für Dermatologie und Allergologie am Biederstein des Klinikums rechts der Technischen Universität München – at the invitation from Prof Johannes Ring for a period of three weeks from 1-18 July.

It was my long cherished desire and dream to work with this renowned dermatologist. Needless to say that from my country it is not easy to visit any European country unless we receive grants or invitations from any donor agency or host country. Thus a young dermatologist like me got the opportunity to upgrade myself and build an improved career. I am also indebted to EADV for sponsoring my travel grant and other miscellaneous expenditures.

High level training
It was for me a thrilling and wonderful event which I experienced in Munich. I worked with full freedom and discussed freely with my colleagues in the dermato-surgery operation theatre and the allergology, outpatient, inpatient, investigation, laser therapy, phototherapy and cosmetology units. I also participated in discussion meetings, ward rounds and other activities of specialist clinics such as the Borreliosis Klinik, Atopic Klinik, Pediatric Klinik, Mastocytosis Klinik, and Autoimmune Klinik etc. I got the opportunity to present a seminar on “The Pictorial Diagnosis of Common Skin Problems in Bangladesh”. This was particularly centred on promoting efforts to build mutual interest and strengthen co-operation of mutual benefit between two countries beyond global barriers.

I learned many novel and interesting concepts and their tailor-made applications through keen observation. I got acquainted with a host of new dermatological cases and their methods of management planning, way of counselling with fruitful discussion, patients’ compliance and response and art of teaching – all of which attempted to capture and arrest my excitement and greatly helped in the logical sequence of future planning of my private practice.

I am also extremely grateful for the hospitality and cooperation shown by Profs Hein, Ollert, Hofmann, Koustautinow and Drs Mirceva, Ziai, Sinha, Haran, Leibl, Schnopp and many others for their excellent advice, constructive co-operation and assistance.

After the end of study work in the hospital or Klinik I visited many beautiful places and tried to get acquainted with German culture. I enjoyed Munich very much and liked the people there for their cordial behaviour, kindness, helping attitude, and manners. I will long remember the happy days I spent there.

Extending opportunity
In my opinion, this new initiative taken by EADV would definitely open a horizon to activate joint ventures among young dermatologists from different countries and build up their careers in mitigating dermatological problems and introducing modern approaches to their management. More and more dermatologists could avail themselves of this opportunity to gain a fruitful experience within a short period of time. The knowledge acquired by me has unhesitatingly contributed to fostering planning for improvement in dermatology and venereology.

Finally, I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to EADV for giving me the opportunity to undertake this programme as a visiting guest dermatologist and physician and I feel really proud to be a member of EADV.”

Dr M Hasibur Rahman MBBS FCPS (Dermatology and Venereology) MACP (USA)
Head, Department of Dermatology and Venereology
Community-based Medical College, Mymensingh, Bangladesh
Call for Scholarships

6th EADV Spring Symposium, Bucharest, Romania: 23–26 April 2009

John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship

Named after the late dear friend and distinguished colleague Prof John Stratigos, EADV will offer the John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship to one recipient of each Mediterranean country for the 6th EADV Spring Symposium from 23-26 April 2009 in Bucharest, Romania.

The scholarship consists of €1000 - less the fee for a one-year EADV membership, which will be deducted according to the status of each recipient. Free registration to the Symposium is also provided for each winner.

Criteria:

• Only candidates who have not yet previously received an EADV or IAD scholarship may apply
• Candidates who completed medical school more than 15 years ago are ineligible to apply
• Young dermatologists, trainees or residents will be highly regarded
• Candidates must have adequate knowledge of the English language.

Required documentation in English only for application:

• Completed scholarship application form
• One-page CV
• A letter of support written by the departmental head of clinic or hospital
• A letter of support written by an EADV member for European applicants or by the head of the national society for non-European applicants endorsing the application
• Copy of training or specialist certificate
• Passport-size photo and a copy of ID.

Application deadline for all EADV scholarship calls: 17 November 2008.

Attention: Please specify on the scholarship application form which scholarship you are applying for.

Further information and the application form are available at:

http://www.eadv.org/scholarship.asp
The initiative of the EADV Board of introducing Task Forces on various subjects in the field of dermatology and venereology was meant to stimulate the active participation of EADV members in the daily work of dermatology and venereology.

The Task Force on Environmental Illness is still lacking people interested in this area. Therefore some information about the symptoms and the goals of the Task Force will be given.

The term ‘environmental illness’ has been used for many years to refer to a subjective illness in certain persons who typically describe multiple syndromes (some of them including the skin, such as itching or hair loss), which they attribute to numerous and varied environmental chemical exposures, in the absence of objective diagnostic physical findings or laboratory test abnormalities that define an illness.

The best known name is Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS). However, because the term MCS ‘makes an unsupported judgment on causation’ (ie environmental chemicals), does not refer to ‘a clinically defined disease’ and is not based on ‘accepted theories of underlying mechanisms nor validated clinical criteria for diagnosis’ and the ‘relationship between exposures and symptoms is unproven’, a new name - ‘idiopathic environmental intolerances’ - was recommended.

Patients in this category are in most cases difficult to deal with since they make multiple visits to various specialists, refuse to consider psychiatric or psychosomatic causes of their illness and have undergone many kinds of so-called alternative or parascientific procedures.

Not much is known about the prevalence of this syndrome in various European countries as well as about prevalence rates of trigger factors and symptoms.

The Task Force strives to:
- offer a platform for physicians who see such patients
- perform studies
- establish diagnostic criteria for these patients
- collect ideas for treatment of these patients
- exchange information about symptoms, diagnosis and treatment.

If you wish to contribute to the work of the Task Force, please contact:

Prof Dr Bernadette Eberlein
Department of Dermatology and Allergy Biederstein
Technische Universität München, Germany
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With the active participation of all member societies, ILDS organises a World Congress every four years. The next Congress - the 22nd - will be held in Seoul, Korea, from 24-29 May 2011. The last Congress, in Buenos Aires, was an outstanding success. It had more than 13,000 registrants from 116 countries. There were 2,500 posters, and 1,000+ speakers in 261 sessions. The Seoul Congress promises to be even more successful. Plan on attending: mark your calendars now!

Professor David McLean MD FRCPC
Secretary General
International League of Dermatological Societies

The International League of Dermatological Societies, of which EADV is a member, is working through its foundation, the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD), to improve dermatological care in the lower income world.

International support
The major focus of the IFD has been on the Regional Dermatology Training Centre (RDTC) in Moshi, Tanzania. The Centre trains paramedical dermatology officers for Tanzania and the surrounding countries, as well as medical students and dermatology residents. Many generous member societies such as EADV directly support these trainees.

Enhanced services
Until now, the RDTC has operated as an outpatient service since its inception. Thanks to a very large donation from Stiefel Laboratories, a dermatology ward is now under construction in Moshi which will house male and female wards and greatly enhance the educational and service capacity of the Centre.

The Herbert A Stiefel Dermatology Ward under construction, RDTC, Moshi, Tanzania

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The Next World Congress of Dermatology in Seoul, 24-29 May 2011

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Continuing our regular series of profiles of young dermatologists

Wojciech Baran (Poland)

“I have been an EADV member since February 2006, when I received a GERDA Scholarship for the 4th EADV Spring Symposium in Finland. This was my not my first EADV Congress but I was impressed by how many young dermatologists from all over the world I met there.

I also participated in a Fostering in Dermatology Course on Bullous Diseases in London in 2005 which was a very intense event with a very high scientific level. I also applied for other EADV courses later, but I understand that it is impossible to participate in all of them because of necessary limitations.

I am deeply impressed by EADV’s work, especially in the educational field. So many scholarships, courses for residents and dermatologists - it is hard to believe for my colleagues who are residents in other specialties. I am almost sure that there is no other medical European association which does so much for us young doctors.

In 2007, I received the Otto-Braun-Falco Scholarship from the Polish-German Dermatological Society. I began my scientific work in Dresden (Germany) in the Department of Dermatology, headed by Prof Michael Meurer, on 1 March this year. I work here alongside Dr Schäkel, who discovered a few years ago a specific subset of dendritic cells, called slanDCs.

My scientific interests in dermatology include immunology and the genetics of chronic skin diseases, especially psoriasis and atopic dermatitis.”

Marija Buljan (Croatia)

“My name is Marija Buljan, I am 29 and was born in Zagreb, Croatia. I graduated from the Medical School at the University of Zagreb in 2003. From 2004 to 2006 I worked as a research fellow at the Department for Dermato-venereology of the Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital in Zagreb. The project I was involved in was within the field of psychodermatology where we studied the impact of various dermatological diseases on the psychological status of our patients, with the emphasis on melanoma patients since the Department is the Croatian Referral Centre for Melanoma.

In 2006 I was elected as the resident at the same Department. Since 2005 I have been teaching dermato-venereology at the Medical High School in Zagreb. Since 2004 I am enrolled in postgraduate studies at the Biomedical and Health Sciences at the Medical School at the University of Zagreb. I am a member of the Croatian Medical Association, Croatian Dermato-venereological Society, International Dermoscopy Society and, of course, a junior member of the EADV. My special interest in dermatology is in dermatosurgery and dermato-oncology.

So far, I have actively participated in three EADV Congresses and the STI Summer School in Bulgaria this summer which was a great experience for me. Finally, through EADV, I hope to establish connections with colleagues from all around the world and to have many more fruitful years as an EADV member.”

João Borges da Costa (Portugal)

“Dermato-venereology in Portugal is among the most sought-after specialties by residents and the competition for a place is therefore very high. Despite that, there is a good environment in our national scientific meetings between the several hundred dermatologists and the few dozen residents in the country.

Our specialty in Portugal is a medical and surgical one with a 5-year programme. The main difference from some northern European specialty programmes is the absence of obligatory rotation in phlebology. In a recent census, our specialty was in the group of specialties with the highest scientific production in Portugal so there are opportunities for residents to work in basic or clinical scientific projects.

EADV membership gave me the opportunity to take part in Fostering Dermatology educational courses and summer schools. The scientific programmes of both the dermato-pathology course in Graz and STD summer school in Sofia were excellent and I was very fortunate to have participated in both of them in 2007.

In both training courses we also had the opportunity to present our own clinical cases and to meet other residents from different countries and share with them unforgettable moments. In my opinion, these meetings are important both because of the scientific education that they offer and also for promoting future collaborations among dermatologists in Europe.”
Josette André (Belgium)

Josette André studied medicine at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) in Belgium and obtained her certification in dermatology and venereology in 1983. Since the beginning of 2007, she has been in charge of a dermatology department, located in Brussels, bringing together the dermatological activities of two university general hospitals and one university paediatric hospital, namely les Centres Hospitaliers Universitaires Saint-Pierre et Brugmann et l’Hôpital Universitaire des Enfants Reine Fabiola.

Dr André is a member of the ULB’s teaching college for dermatology and venereology, her main fields of interest are dermatopathology and nail disorders. She is a former president of the European Nail Society, sister society of the EADV. Her research activities are mainly focused on the dermatopathology study of nail disorders and particularly of longitudinal melanonychia.

Dr André comments, “Dermatopathology is a fundamental facet of dermatology and venereology. Yet, in the majority of European countries, specially-trained dermatopathologists do not have the right to sign their own reports. Things are evolving: a certifying examination in dermatopathology accessible to both dermatologists and pathologists does exist and an EADV fostering course on Dermatopathology was initiated by our late colleague Prof J M Naeyaert. With the EADV’s support, I aim to help achieve better recognition for dermatopathologists in every European country.”

Herbert Hönigsmann (Austria)

Herbert Hönigsmann is Professor of Dermatology and Chairman of the Department of Dermatology at the Medical University of Vienna. He graduated from the University of Vienna Medical School in 1968. Following his doctorate, Professor Hönigsmann took up a Research Fellowship at the Institute of Cancer Research at the University of Vienna and later at its Department of Dermatology I, where he finished his Residency in Dermatology in 1972. He has held the positions of an Associate Professor of Dermatology at the University of Innsbruck, Austria and as Professor of Dermatology and Head of the Division of Special and Environmental Dermatology at the University of Vienna. He served as Visiting Scientist at the Department of Dermatology, University of Washington, Seattle (1978), and as Visiting Professor at the Department of Dermatology, Harvard Medical School (1979).

He has published 7 books and over 300 papers and reviews. He also served on the editorial boards of many publications, including Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology (1993-1998), Current Problems in Dermatology (Chief Editor 1985-1992), Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology.

Among Prof Hönigsmann’s main research interests are clinical dermatology, clinical photomedicine and DNA repair.

On his election to the EADV Board, Prof Hönigsmann commented, “This is an exciting and challenging time for medical science and, particularly with the advent of the biologics there are great opportunities for discovery of new treatments for hitherto untreatable conditions.”

Julien Lambert (Belgium)

Julien Lambert completed his residency in dermatology in 1987 and followed this with an additional year of training with a specific focus on photodermatology at the Hôpital Saint-Louis in Paris. He received his Master’s in Economic Sciences at the University of Antwerp in 1989, where his thesis was on the economic cost of HIV in Belgium.

In 1994, he obtained his PhD on Polymorphic light eruption, provocation-tests: a clinical, histopathological, immunohistochemical and electronmicroscopical study. He was appointed Chairman of the Department of Dermatology at the Antwerp University Hospital in 1997 and his main interests are photodermatology, psoriasis, pharmacoconomics, dermato-epidemiology.

Prof Lambert was President of the Royal Belgian Society of Dermatology and Venereology from 2002-2007. This interesting experience convinced him to join the Board of EADV in order to help the EADV provide outstanding postgraduate training, to listen to the demands of its members and to defend our profession. He has a special interest in supporting young researchers and is a firm advocate of the need for EADV to build on the diversity of Europe, which is its strength, by stimulating collaboration and exchanges between different countries.
My dear friends,

Mid-summer is with us and in these sultry August days when the whole of Europe seems to be away on holiday, intense preparations are under way for the Paris Congress which will undoubtedly be another colossal success in all aspects. Apart from the academic section and the pleasure of simply being in wonderful Paris, a number of important decisions will be taken that will shape the future EADV:

1. Pride of place must go to the elections for President-elect and Secretary General-elect both of whom will assume office as President and Secretary General respectively in 2010, but other very important matters must be decided upon too.

2. Vacant seats on Board committees will be filled as also the places of two Board members to sit on the EC for the next two years.

3. Finally, but certainly of overwhelming importance, will be the Board decision with respect to a number of recommendations made at a joint meeting called by the Secretary General with the Membership Committee to discuss required changes following the adoption of new EADV Statutes in Istanbul.

The Membership Committee has recommended various changes in requirements for membership, a streamlining of current categories, and also measures to limit the possibility of potentially strategic applications (as a result of new categories) that has caused some concern in our Academy.

The Board’s decisions will be implemented immediately with any changes requiring EGM adoption brought to an early decision so as to be implemented fully for 2009. Membership, as always happens in a presidential election year, is climbing at a dizzying rate, and our staff are to be thanked for continuing to maintain our 4 week target from application to completion even at this hyper-busy "vacation time" of the year!

The newly adopted Statutes have achieved their aim and resulted in the authorities recently giving EADV the much desired tax-free status we applied for with all the ensuing benefits for our finance base and our mission of offering quality continuing medical education for all dermato-venereologists in Europe and beyond.

So, it is time to go to the beach since I should be back by 12.00 with a UV index reading of 11 this morning!

A bientôt.

Joseph L Pace
Secretary General

Please send your suggestions, feedback and contributions to EADV News Administrative Officer, Stefanie Blum at: stefanie@eadv.org
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A selection of these images will be published in upcoming issues of **EADV News**.

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**Kaposi’s Sarcoma**

Kaposi’s Sarcoma is an angioproliferative tumour of the mucocutaneous tissue and viscera. There are four different epidemiological forms: Classic (sporadic), African (endemic), AIDS-associated (epidemic), and immunosupression-associated (iatrogenic). Human herpes virus 8 (HHV-8) has been identified as a possible causative agent. The tumour cell is of endothelial type possibly derived from lymphatic endothelium. Histologically there will be neoplastic spindle cells, lymphocytes, macrophages, plasma cells and intervening slits with red blood cells.

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