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Editorial

Don't talk – communicate

The Danish philosopher Søren Kirkegaard said that one should always meet people where they were. By this, he meant that all effective communication requires the receiver to understand the message; and that if we do not know whom we are talking to we will not be able to communicate effectively.

In this issue of EADV News, Mikkel Nørreslet describes the results of his study of patients' expectations of dermatologists. The current fashionable political trend suggests that consumerism, defined as the rational independent actions of individuals based on complete information, secures the necessary patient autonomy and the individual's rights. This may, however, not be so and, potentially, it leads to an erosion of the traditionally more paternalistic role of the physician with subsequent loss of trust and adherence. The interviews did not support this modern notion of the patient-physician relationship.

Very encouragingly, Nørreslet found that what patients want is an open, interested and respected partner in collaboration: in other words, someone knowledgeable who can listen and clearly communicate emphatic advice based on both factual information and a knowledge of each patient's unique situation. The focus of patient-physician communication should always be the needs of the weaker party – which most often is the patient.

Know your patients, understand their needs and explain to them how best to solve their problems in a language they understand. This is the simple and yet complex task of every consultation. A task which must be solved in a matter of a few minutes, many times every day and if at all possible: always successfully. It is a simple goal, but one that requires continuous and conscious efforts. Making the goal explicit helps us to focus our energies.

My Danish is better than my English. I could have written this in Danish but that would not have been very helpful to most of you, would it?

Gregor Jemec
Editor
Dear Colleagues,

With each year that passes, the Academy succeeds in taking one more stepping stone towards improving its status and thus securing a better future for its members.

My predecessors and co-workers have all done a terrific job in our common effort to develop EADV to what it is today; with the introduction of new tasks forces, expediting the transfer of its registered office to Switzerland from Luxembourg and redefining the internal regulations/bylaws, which are just a few of the targets we have managed to achieve for a smoother-running process of our internal operations.

The key is to continue with this steady progress and work towards accomplishing even more goals in the years ahead, thus leading the Academy to a higher level, both internationally and closer to home.

Memberships

A huge leap has been taken where EADV memberships are concerned and the introduction of national society group memberships certainly gave it a boost towards a satisfactory rise in numbers. We must not stop there, though, but persist in seeking innovative methods to attract new members. Annual symposia persist in seeking innovative methods to attract new members. Annual symposia and congresses are clearly an example of the Academy’s growth – maintaining the additional participation and increasing the number requires the introduction of new and attractive benefits for EADV members. Involving members more in the functioning of the Academy not only enables them to have a closer participation, but also increases the team effort of introducing fresh ideas. Task forces are an excellent feature of the Academy as they provide interaction for its members, whose expertise in specific areas can regenerate additional activities. Such activities can be of educational importance whilst the extension into various dermatological areas can become a source of new opportunities and events bearing the EADV name.

Interaction with other societies

Clearly, EADV annual meetings are growing events and the possibility of exploring new countries and host-city destinations, not yet visited, can expand the Academy’s rapport with national societies throughout Europe. Furthermore, it can provide a broader scope in which the Academy could recruit more societies under its ’umbrella’.

International links with other societies is an ongoing as well as the EDF have envisioned promising developments through joint activities. More recently, collaborations with Chinese societies have also been enhanced by their interest in further educating Asian dermatologists through lectures of scientific content that were previously presented at EADV meetings.

EU Campaigns

On a European level, we are looking to organise more press conferences on matters of public health interest, through the help and co-operation of the European Union. Campaigns on interesting dermatological topics, such as that previously organised for melanoma, will also be amplified their importance and recognise the efforts of EADV.

Educational opportunities

The Academy has in past years assisted many young dermatologists throughout Europe to attend EADV events through scholarships and fostering courses. In
recent years, we have broadened this scope by offering a scholarship to a few dermatologists from non-European countries, whose low economic means make it difficult to fund their participation. However, as interest in attending EADV congresses has increased, requests for more scholarships are also on the rise. Therefore, it is necessary to re-examine the possibility of offering more scholarships to underprivileged countries and look at escalating the educational programmes which the Academy currently provides. After all, it is these young colleagues who may one day continue the efforts and traditions of the Academy and its predecessors.

I am looking towards a fruitful and exciting term as the new President and will do my utmost to address all the above issues in our continuous efforts to produce an even better future for the EADV.

Best regards,

Andreas Katsambas
EADV President

In medicine, some very reliable tools exist for quality assurance: CME-CPD; visiting training centres; the evaluation of teachers by residents; the national specialist examination as a summative assessment at the end of the postgraduate training period; Mini-CEX (Minimal Clinical Evaluation Exercises); and DOPS (Direct Observation of Procedural Skills) as formative assessment methods during postgraduate training - essentially the European Board Examination (EBE), which has been introduced by a dozen specialties at European level (and in nine specialties in Switzerland).

The EBE is considered a certificate of excellence which may be taken at the end of the postgraduate training period or two to three years after the national specialist examination. It is subsidiary to the national exams and has no legal status so far.

In dermatology/venereology (D/V), the EBE was organised by the Section & Board D/V of UEMS (Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes) for the second time in August 2008. There were six candidates from Germany, Switzerland, Bulgaria and Russia who all passed the (difficult) exam. The ‘blueprint’ of the examination covers the whole range of dermatology and venereology, including all our subspecialties, such as allergology & immunology, dermato-surgery, dermatopathology and dermato-oncology, as defined by the “Training Charter for Medical Specialists” of the UEMS.

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Welcome to Romania!

Where East and West meet, at the crossroads of history, civilisations and nations, Romania is delighted to welcome dermatologists from Europe and all over the world for the 6th EADV Spring Symposium.

Proudly asserting its European vocation through the turmoil of history, with a tremendously rich cultural heritage and a generous nature, Romania invites all visitors to come as tourists and leave as friends. Our beautiful country offers a rich tapestry of tourist attractions and vacation experiences unique in Central-Eastern Europe: the imposing Brancusi sculptures in Targu Jiu, medieval towns in Transylvania, the world-famous Painted Monasteries in Bucovina, traditional villages in Maramures, the romantic Danube Delta, the Black Sea resorts, the majestic Carpathian Mountains and much more.

Bucharest, the capital city and venue of the Spring Symposium, was known in the 1900s as “Little Paris”, due to its glorious Belle Epoque buildings and a reputation for the high life. Today, it is a constantly changing metropolis, offering its visitors vigorous business opportunities, overwhelming architectural diversity, a rich historic tradition and an intense cultural life.

Scientific programme

This year, the EADV Spring Symposium is dedicated to the theme of ‘Skin and Quality of Life’ and brings together a rich scientific programme emphasising the complex influence of skin health on all aspects of human life. World renowned experts from the fields of clinical dermatology and dermatological research, as well as representatives of patients’ fora, will meet in Bucharest to share their expertise during 17 symposia, 17 workshops, 8 focus sessions and 6 plenary lectures. The connection between dermatology and quality of life will be discussed in its various aspects, from the burden of ageing skin and the new concepts of skin cancer prevention to the challenges of psychocutaneous diseases and the management of patients in the era of evidence-based medicine. At the same time, the scientific programme will cover the newest developments in the priority fields of dermatology, such as dermato-oncology, allergic diseases, STIs, dermatological surgery, aesthetic dermatology, dermatopathology and many more.

The concept of the 6th EADV Spring Symposium is “Endless Dermatology”, inspired by a famous work of the world renowned Romanian sculptor Constantin Brancusi. His “Endless Column” stands as the logo of the Symposium, as a symbol of the endless passion to learn, but also of the unlimited possibilities to develop and to perfect our science and our art – dermatology. Faithful to this motto, the scientific programme will build the continuum, from the “Juniors’ session”, with the most interesting studies by...
young dermatologists to the “Masters of Dermatology” session, with its treasure trove of life-long experience in serving and developing dermatology. It will give generous space to the free communication of the latest scientific results, advocating through its plenary lectures the role of quality of life in dermatological care and will close, in the beautiful EADV tradition, with a new beginning on “what’s new?” in clinical dermatology, venereology and dermatological research.

The Symposium will welcome all those united by the endless passion for dermatology from all over the world, as outstanding speakers from Australia, South Africa and representatives of the American Academy of Dermatology will join their European colleagues for an exciting scientific programme.

On the endless path of dermatology, the Bucharest EADV Spring Symposium invites you to take one step further together.

Prof Dan Forsea
Symposium Chairman

Plenary lectures:
- Placing quality of life in dermatology care
  Andrew Finlay (UK)
- Prevention strategies in skin cancer
  Martin Weinstock (USA)
- Advantages and pitfalls of biologics in psoriasis
  Christopher Griffiths (UK)
- The role of dermato(patho)logy in composite tissue
  (hands and face) allografts
  Jean Kanitakis (FR)
- Kaposi’s sarcoma – an enigma solved?
  Erwin Tschachler (AT)
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  Jan van der Leun (NL)

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Dates to remember:
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- Deadline for hotel reservations 15 February 2008
The second part of the EADV Summer School on Dermatopathology was held in Graz, Austria, from 7-11 July 2008. The Course was organised by Profs Helmut Kerl and Lorenzo Cerroni, on behalf of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) and was open to dermatology residents from all European Countries. This year the course was devoted to neoplastic dermatopathology. The first part, held in 2007, had been dedicated to inflammatory, infectious, and genetic skin diseases. In this way, residents who attended both parts of the course could get a broad overview on histopathologic diagnosis of skin diseases.

As in 2007, 30 dermatology residents (see chart) from 18 different countries (Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Romania, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine and the UK) gathered in Graz to listen to lectures by Rino Cerio (London, UK: Epithelial tumours, malignant), Lorenzo Cerroni (Graz, Austria: Pitfalls in the diagnosis of melanocytic tumours, Cutaneous T-cell lymphomas and Cutaneous pseudolymphomas), Bernard Cribier (Strasbourg, France: Epithelial tumours, benign and cysts), Helmut Kerl (Graz, Austria: Cutaneous B-cell lymphomas, Malignant melanoma), Katrin Kerl (Zürich, Switzerland: Common melanocytic nevi), Heinz Kutzner (Friedrichshafen, Germany: Vascular tumours), and Luis Requena (Madrid, Spain: Epithelial adnexal neoplasms, Neural and neuroendocrine tumours). Lorenzo Cerroni gave also the evening lecture, presenting a provocative talk on “The illusion of certainty”.

This is already the second Dermatopathology Course and EADV should be applauded for making such a meeting possible by providing the financial background and the organisational skills. Ildikó Papp was a constant support for both participants and presenters. Thanks to this commendable effort, residents in dermatology and venereology from all Europe got a two-week, full-time exposure to dermatopathology at its highest level. All presentations were impeccable and informative. On the last day of the meeting, each resident could present a case from his/her department. The cases were all very interesting and instructive.

Coming to Graz for the second year in a row was for many participants a way to...
revive friendships that had been forged in 2007 and it was amazing how the meeting, from the first day, became a reunion of good friends. Residents in dermatology from many different countries spent two weeks over two years learning the basics of dermatopathology and having fun doing it. The comments heard at the end of the course were enthusiastic and rewarding for us and the EADV office, who worked hard to provide a unique learning and human experience.

As we wrote after the first part of the course in 2007, the future of dermatopathology depends on the experience, qualification and knowledge of those doing it. The course, organised by EADV, underlines the importance of dermatopathology for dermatologists and sets the stage for a better integration of this crucial discipline in the curriculum of dermatology and venereology.

Prof Lorenzo Cerroni & Prof Helmut Kerl
Austria

Consumerism has become a major force in modern healthcare (see Henderson & Petersen, 2002; Gabe, 2003). The role, responsibilities and rights of patients have changed dramatically. This is said to be especially pertinent for those patients who manage a chronic illness (Gabe, 2003). These patients are increasingly seen as - and believed to be - critical, active and reflective agents, who are armed with information, knowledge and skills and a will to take matters into their own hands. However, underlying the consumerist assumption there are important questions about patients’ willingness to resist medical paternalism, to actively evaluate health services and complain about our healthcare when things go wrong (Lupton, 1997). Many of these questions have yet to be answered.

Danish study
For this reason, a Danish qualitative study set out to explore the notion of patients as consumers within the context of atopic dermatitis. Atopic dermatitis was selected as a case study because of its characteristics and the various medical and non-medical methods of treatment available: all of which were expected to stimulate consumer behaviour. In all, 24 respondents (18 women and 6 men aged 18-80), who either medically managed their own or their child’s atopic dermatitis, participated in in-depth interviews over the winter of 2003-04. The respondents were recruited through an eczema school day held at the Division of Dermatology, Roskilde Hospital, Denmark. The interviews centered on the respondents’ experiences with general physicians/dermatologists and medicines. To summarise the findings: most respondents found themselves or their child to be in a difficult and troublesome situation (especially, but not exclusively, when symptoms flared) and they were highly concerned about the consequences of illness and medicines. It, therefore, came as little surprise that most respondents preferred to consult a dermatologist. What did surprise, however, was how deliberately several respondents would seek a dermatologist as, too often, they found that general practitioners knew too little about atopic dermatitis and the associated risks. Respondents wanted security: they wanted an expert.

Expert guidance
In the context of consumerism in healthcare, the outline findings suggest that consumerist behaviour among patients is directly related to patients’ concerns over risks of illness and medicines – and possibly also physicians’ ignorance thereof. Ultimately, this tells us how patients still prefer to consult a medical expert (a dermatologist) that possesses the ability to set a course in a clear way. With this background, patients do not seem to have changed much – not even those who are otherwise said to be consumers. Healthcare professionals and politicians needs to acknowledge this in order to provide the best possible service to patients. Turning ‘healthcare’ into ‘self care’ may not be an appropriate step – at least not in the context of atopic dermatitis.

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While modern dermatology undoubtedly has its roots in Europe, it enjoys a long and rich history in the United States, dating back as far as 1836 when the first American dermatology clinic, the New York Infirmary for Diseases of the Skin, was founded. America has also been home to some remarkable dermatological minds, including William Allen Pusey MD and Marion B Sulzberger MD. Currently there are just over 11,000 physicians practising dermatology the US who are certified by the American Board of Dermatology.

Training and Certification

In order to become a dermatologist in the US, individuals must complete four years of college followed by four years of medical school. They must then complete a one-year internship in medicine, surgery or paediatrics before moving on to their dermatology residency. Dermatology residencies in the US are highly sought after, allowing us to draw medicine's best and brightest to the field. Each year, roughly 300 dermatologists complete residency training.

A dermatology residency consists of three years of intensive training in an accredited dermatology programme. Upon completion, about 25% of dermatologists elect to do a fellowship for further intensive training in a specific area such as Mohs surgery, dermatopathology, paediatric dermatology, dermatology immunology or procedural dermatology.

Typically, dermatologists will pursue board certification by the American Board of Dermatology following completion of training. After passing the initial certification examination they must maintain that certification through a programme of ongoing education, self-assessment, and periodic re-examination.

Practice characteristics

After completing their training, dermatologists in the United States primarily practise in private offices outside a hospital environment. According to the American Academy of Dermatology Association's 2007 Practice Profile Survey, 44% of US dermatologists practise in a solo practice. About 33% are part of a private group with other dermatologists and about 10% practise in a multi-specialty group. Smaller numbers of dermatologists are also practising in academic departments, at the US Veterans Administration or in the US military.

American dermatologists work an average of 38 hours per week and see about 136 patients per week. For a typical dermatologist, most patient care time (65%) is spent treating medical conditions. On average, dermatologists spend about 25% of their time on non-cosmetic surgical cases, and about 10% on cosmetic cases.

Patients are either referred to a dermatology practice by a primary care physician or are self-referred. The most prevalent dermatological conditions in the United States, according to the 2005 Burden of Skin Disease Report from the AADA and the Society for Investigative Dermatology, are herpes simplex (based on seroprevalence), effects of sun exposure, contact dermatitis, hair and nail disorders, and human papillomavirus.

A typical US dermatology practice consists of one dermatologist and three to five clinical and administrative support staff.

Physician extenders

The use of physician extenders in dermatology is a relatively new but growing trend in the specialty as it seeks ways to meet an increasing patient demand in the face of a stable physician supply.

Physician extenders include nurse practitioners, who have received advanced education and clinical training and...
Update from the Media & PR Committee

Dialogue on psoriasis

To mark the occasion of this year’s World Psoriasis Day on 29 October, the EADV held its first dialogue meeting with psoriasis patients’ organisations to exchange ideas.

The intention was to evaluate the outcome and activities of this year’s World Psoriasis Day and to discuss future activities and what kind of support the EADV can offer to this event with the input of its scientific experts.

Following a short introduction on the question of whether psoriasis is a whole body disorder, presented by Dr Chaidemenos (Greece), a presentation on new treatment options for psoriasis was given by Professor de la Brassinne (Belgium).

Representing patients were Annika Rastas from the International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA) and two Belgium psoriasis patients’ organisations, GIPSO (represented by Jules Leroux) and the Psoriasis Liga Vlaanderen (represented by Paul de Corte).

The goals that were set for this meeting were: discussing and assessing the impact of World Psoriasis Day; evaluating the current problems and developing future plans; examining how the media and politicians can be involved; and building a close collaboration between EADV (carers for the disease) and patients’ organisations (the ones who live with the disease).

The meeting identified a couple of unresolved problems: equal access for psoriatic patients to new therapies is necessary but does not exist in Europe for the time being; and employees who have to be absent from work because of the disease should not be denied pay.

EADV’s support of the Associations of Psoriatic Patients, is much appreciated by the Associations. But joint action must now be undertaken with the World Health Organization to ensure that psoriasis is considered a chronic disorder and included in WHO’s Strategy for Prevention and Control of Non-communicable diseases.

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From 17-21 September 2008, at Paris' Palais des Congrès, nearly 11,000 attendees and exhibitors came together -“beyond fashion” - and shared a powerful scientific and personal experience; without doubt, Paris achieved a record participation in the history of the Academy.

It is with pleasure and gratitude that Prof Pascal Joly, EADV 2008 Congress President, along with the Local Executive and Scientific Committee members thank this prominent dermatology and venereology community from around the world for having displayed such a deep and broad commitment and a willingness to share and openly discuss.

Through a detailed and intense 4 years' preparation and wonderful dedication and synergies, all the elements were combined and converged to achieve this milestone meeting and its success: the broad panel of high-level and internationally renowned chairs and speakers, the stimulating multidimensional scientific programme proposing a variety of sessions and topics, the extensive - and essential - participation of exhibitors and sponsors, the vibrant and convivial social events, the state-of-the-art facilities of the venue – and of course...Paris and its magic atmosphere welcoming the Congress attendees under a beautiful late summer sun!

Day by day
The Congress programme started with an entire day dedicated to the sub-speciality meetings where attendance was very significant.

In the evening, time came to officially open the Congress and this was done in a very sparkling, rhythmic and fashionable way. In harmony with the Congress theme “Beyond fashion”, the Opening Ceremony was indeed a music and dance show that took the audience on a memorable journey through the succeeding decades of the 20th century until the present day. After welcome remarks by Profs Joly and Giannetti, attendees could enjoy a fantastic flashback of events and trends in recent history and dermatology that certainly helped everybody remember some special and intense moments of their life.

The Welcome Reception followed in the exhibition area and this was a wonderful opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones and visit the booths, while enjoying drinks and canapés.

Over the next three days, attendance in the meeting rooms was assiduous and included different formats ranging from the traditional (plenary and ‘what's new?’ lectures, courses and lunches with experts, symposia, workshops, forums, free communications) to some very innovative structures such as:

- a Dermatology Surgery Course where a live surgical procedure was carried out at the Hôpital des Peupliers and, through satellite connection, transmitted to the Palais des Congrès, creating an excellent interaction between the audience and the surgeons.
- a Forum entitled “Think differently” devoted to new ideas or new concepts
- a Junior session dedicated to the best accepted free communications by residents
- three Top Ten sessions, where the best accepted free communication authors could present their works

- two Poster Forums where the best rated posters were presented and discussed

A special mention must be made also of the ‘Test Yourself’ sessions that encompassed paediatrics, dermatoscopy, internal medicine, lab results, contact dermatitis and pitfalls in dermatology; thanks to its interactivity, this format proved once again very successful and received a high responsiveness rate by the audience.

The poster area, covering a large section of one level of the Palais des Congrès, was a core element of the scientific programme: more than 1700 accepted free posters, generated by a considerable abstracts submission, were on display during the 3 days and allowed attendees to extend their learning experience outside the meeting rooms.
One might be tempted to think that such a comprehensive programme would leave Congress delegates feeling a little tired by the end of the third day… But, this was not the case. On Friday evening, the Congress Dinner was held at the “Arts Forains” Museum where attendees, spouses and exhibitors, could enjoy exquisite cocktails and finger food, network, play and dance among authentic fairground attractions, including roundabouts, carousels and all sorts of ancient toys dating from the beginning of the last century.

For a short period of time, everybody had the chance to return to their childhood days!

On the last day of the Congress, the final session featured three ‘What’s New?’ lectures which highlighted the latest in clinical dermatology, therapeutics and paediatric dermatology.

Meeting Sustainability
While discussing and sharing experiences about dermatology and fashion, the 17th EADV Paris Congress had not forgotten its environmental responsibility. Bearing in mind its role in meeting sustainability, EADV Paris 2008 implemented some earth-friendly practices, such as: programmes printed on recycled paper, waste management and recycling by the Palais des Congrès and Congress bags made of 100% natural cotton. In addition, participants were given the option to calculate, reduce and eventually offset the greenhouse effect due to the CO2 emitted during their flights to and from Paris to attend the EADV Paris 2008 Congress.

Participants' Views
“...The Paris meeting was indeed excellent, the city beautiful and the organised events spectacular. One very pleasant event was an evening in the Parisian house of Daphné Thioly Bensoussan showing the elegance of Parisian living. It was a small event with very congenial friends supported by Vichy."
Dr Gillian Murphy (Ireland)

“I am sure we will all cherish some fond memories of Paris.”
Dr Koushik Lahiri (India)

“Since 2000 I have had the honour to be a member of EADV but only this year have I had a chance to participate in the Spring Meeting (Istanbul) and the EADV Congress in Paris. I had a special interest in the plenary presentation of Dr Uwe Gieler from Germany on “Psyche and skin”. I’d like to hope that in future I’ll have possibility to participate in many similar interesting scientific meetings.”
Prof Nino Tsikarishvili (Georgia)

“The Congress was a great experience for me. Nice lectures and excellent guest physicians talking about interesting subjects.”
Dr Ericka Aguiar (Brazil)
After having served for almost 10 years in the inner circle of EADV, my participation as past president in the Executive Committee ended at the Paris Congress 2008. These 10 years constituted a significant part of my professional life. So it is with a mixture of a little melancholy (I will miss the meetings with good friends), relaxation (thank God - others are responsible) and joy (to see the Academy in such a good shape) that I would like to express some reflections on the past and future of our Academy.

In the ’90s, EADV - after being founded against strong emotions in other European societies as ESDR – was not regarded as a particularly excellent organisation by everybody in Europe. Some people in my country regarded it more as a “travelling society” organising more or less successful congresses in more or less nice places. Only a few people were members - this has changed:

- First of all, our congresses have grown and become more and more attractive both in scientific excellence and postgraduate educational value. Every year there seems to be a new “record congress”, the latest in Paris with more than 10,000 attendees and such an excellent and colourful programme - thank you, Pascal Joly!
- We have a growing membership (reaching 3,500 and hopefully 5,000 in the near future) or more when the system with the supporting membership through national societies will become effective.
- We have solid finances and a professional administration.
- After many hard discussions and long “pregnancy” periods, we finally came up with new and efficient statutes, allowing us to be active as a non-profit organisation under Swiss law with a clearly defined tax status.
- We finally represent all European countries and all people interested in dermato-venereology. The journal is growing, the newsletter is more and more attractive, the fostering programme has reached many young dermatologists from many countries, the task forces have been introduced as a playground where EADV members can become active in their field of interest under the patronage of our Academy; some of them are already working hard, others still have to wake up.
- We still could improve our activities for “Junior members”, give them their own symposium, maybe also a special social event and perhaps even representation on the board; they are our future!
- In “foreign policy”, EADV is on very good terms with its sister societies in Europe and with national societies, as well as internationally with the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) and the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS).
- With the new statutes, more democracy has been introduced and the election process has proven to be stable, even in competitive and difficult situations.
- Lobby work has been started in Brussels with receptions at EADV House with parliamentarians and members of European Commission. Press conferences are organised and campaigns in the name of EADV are successful.
- We have a solid partnership with industry.

It’s time to say “thank you” to so many individuals for their immense efforts who have helped to shape and move EADV forward during those last 10 years! I had the pleasure to meet and work with President Jean-Paul Ortonne (now efficient editor of our “red” journal JEADV), José Mascaró (who dared to buy the EADV house in Brussels), Martin Black (who really installed the office there and filled the house with life), Jean-Hilaire Saurat who introduced a financial system with crystal-clear transparency, an efficient administration and the Fostering Programme. Under my presidency we were lucky to achieve new statutes and the move to Switzerland and to calm down some emotions. Latterly Alberto Giannetti finalised the changes in statutes so that we got a clear status in Switzerland; he also introduced the vision of 20,000 dermatologist members! With Andreas Katsambas taking over as our new President now and Frank Powell in 2010 the future is bright!

I also would like to thank all the other officers, especially Secretary General Joe Pace and Treasurer Jon Olafsson, Executive Committee members, congress presidents, organisers of spring symposia and members of the Board who did and are doing such a tremendous job.

The life of an academy – like human life in general – has its ups and downs, and we have gone through a lot of them in recent years. Some quarrels and lawsuits I would rather have missed, but there were far more “ups” and especially friendships with so many excellent and interesting people, not only from dermatology, but also in the administration and counselling. I just want to mention two of them: Nancy Induni, our Chief Administrative Officer, and Walter Cassola, our lawyer. The joy and the fun was always more intense than the strain and the trouble.

To all those whom I have not mentioned by name, I apologise, but we know that we are friends! Everybody who wants to advance excellence in our specialty at any level, please join in.

EADV has become the platform in Europe, open to everybody interested in promoting, improving or maintaining excellence in clinical care, research and education in dermato-venereology and related fields.

At the end of this period I feel a humble pride to have been part of a chain of rich tradition and evolution in the development of EADV. I am happy to see Andreas Katsambas taking over and steering the ship to new shores. All my best wishes for the future!

Prof Johannes Ring

Reflections of a Departing Past President

The future is bright
During the recent EADV Congress in Paris (17-21 September), the EADV Task Force for Autoimmune Blistering diseases, presided over by Prof Marcel F Jonkman (Groningen, Netherlands) and Prof Luca Borradori (Berne, Switzerland), organised the first satellite meeting aimed to bring together the experts, practising clinicians and young dermatologists in training interested in this wide and challenging area.

The initiative was enthusiastically taken up by Prof Jonkman and raised so much interest that, during the preparation of the meeting, the International Pemphigus & Pemphigoid Foundation dedicated to providing information and support to the community of people living with pemphigus and pemphigoid in the USA, joined the EADV Task Force to put together a combined interesting and stimulating programme, with the help of Prof Jean-Claude Bystryn (New York, USA). The final goal was to address and review not only clinical and management issues but also practical problems in the daily lives of affected patients and their perspectives.

**Pitfalls and challenges**

In the first part of the meeting, Prof Borradori presented how to practically make the diagnosis of pemphigus and pemphigoid with a review of the immunopathological criteria required for their diagnosis and the common pitfalls. In this context, he emphasised the difficulty of classifying some elderly patients with chronic pruritic skin eruptions because of the lack of well accepted criteria for bullous pemphigoid, a problem that needs to be urgently addressed. Prof J-C Roujeau (Paris, France) subsequently presented data about the epidemiology and incidence of these diseases with an analysis of the somewhat conflicting results which exist about the morbidity and mortality rates of bullous pemphigoid between European and USA centres. Prof Dedee Murrell (Sydney, Australia) then discussed the importance of having clear definitions for pemphigus and pemphigoid. It is essential to use common terms and end points so that experts in the field can accurately measure and assess disease extent, activity, severity, and therapeutic response, and thus facilitate and advance clinical trials. Whereas in pemphigus, definitions have recently been established in a published consensus paper, for pemphigoid there is still a lot to do.

**Disease management**

The second part of the meeting was focused on the general care and therapy of autoimmune bullous diseases in the USA (Prof J-C Bystryn) and in Europe (Prof M F Jonkman), as well as on the experience with rituximab, an anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody in pemphigus (Prof D Zillikens, Prof P Joly, Prof M Herl and Dr D Mimouni). It turned out that there are major differences in the management of affected patients that are not only determined by the profoundly different health care systems, but also by the lack of good studies and evidence-based guidelines, particularly in pemphigus. Finally, rituximab seems to be able to induce a definite remission and cure in a significant percentage of pemphigus patients without the the side effects related to a prolonged therapy with systemic corticosteroids and classic immunosuppressive agents.

The final and very important part of the meeting was dedicated to the patients’ perspective of these diseases. Mr P Foldes of France spoke of his medical experience with pemphigus after he had been diagnosed with this disease many years ago. He described his impressions about the contact and relationship he had with the treating physicians over the years, his feelings about the quality and extent of information received about pemphigus and the insecurity concerning therapy side-effects, disease evolution and prognosis. He emphasised the need to better share knowledge and experience about the disease with other affected patients and the importance of having patients’ organisations available that can support and properly inform people living with pemphigus and other autoimmune blistering disorders, including their family members and friends.

On the whole, the satellite symposium was a definite (and somewhat surprising!) success. The number of participants (more than 120) exceeded the expectations of the organisers by far. Every presentation was followed by an animated discussion, involving not only experts but also younger colleagues and dermatologists in training not yet familiar with this group of diseases, attesting to the friendly and stimulating atmosphere in the room. The take-home message for the organisers was clear: to immediately start to think about the next Task Force meeting in the area of autoimmune bullous diseases with an attractive, practical and relevant programme.
Professor Frank Powell from Dublin (Ireland) has been elected President-Elect of the EADV. He talks to EADV News about the election and his plans for the future of the Academy. Prof Powell is a past Secretary General of the EADV and was recently appointed to the Board of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) as its International Representative.

“I was very pleased that more than 1,000 members cast their votes in the recent election and used the transferable voting system without any problems. This is by far the highest number of members that ever participated in an EADV election and emphasises the growing democratic participation of members in our Academy. It ensures that those who are elected have a real mandate for change”, he said.

Prof Powell highlighted several issues that he hoped to address during his period of office. “The recent changes to our Statutes have served a useful function in enabling the tax authorities in Lugano (where EADV is registered) to clarify our charitable status. However they have also created problems that need to be urgently resolved”, he said. “As a charity we cannot accumulate financial reserves to deal with any problems that arise in the future. It will also be difficult for the Academy to continue to run Congresses as these are likely to be seen as ‘profit-making businesses’ by tax authorities”, he added.

It will now be necessary for EADV to create a separate organisation to run the Spring Symposia and Annual Congresses, Prof Powell explained. “Together with my colleagues in the EC and the members of the Statutes and Development Committee, I will be putting together proposals for a new organisation to be created that will run the business of EADV. This new body will run the meetings of EADV as business operations and develop an adequate financial reserve fund for the future of the academy”.

Skin foundation

He went on to say that while the recent statute changes to the EADV mean that our Academy is open to any member of the general public to join as a voting member of the EADV that this was not a satisfactory situation for an academy of specialists and needed to be revisited. “We may need to develop a Skin Foundation to take on the charity status of the EADV. This foundation would continue the promotion of our specialty with educational grants as well as providing financial support to appropriate activities such as public education regarding skin disorders and patient support groups in addition to dermatology nursing etc.”

Unified voice

“These are challenging times for EADV”, he said. “At the same time as we are reverting to the position of a specialist academy we will be creating a new organisation to run our congresses. In addition, by creating a Skin Foundation we can welcome into that body all those who are genuinely committed to improving the quality of care that is provided to patients with skin diseases. In this way we can mobilise all the resources available and provide a unified voice to speak on behalf of our patients at a European level at the same time as ensuring the future of the EADV as a viable specialist academy”.

State Of The Art In Dermatology: EADV/AAD Review Course

25-28 June, 2009
Hotel Maritim in Munich, Germany

Course chairpersons: Johannes Ring (EADV) & Mary Maloney (AAD)
Application deadline: 16 February 2009
Course registration fee: 300 Euros for EADV/AAD members, 450 Euros for non-members
Number of places: limited, therefore register early!
Language: English
Further information & the application form available at: www.eadv.org

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Notice is hereby given to fill vacancies on Board Committees.

Any EADV member in good standing is eligible to stand for election.

Candidates for election to committee membership must be proposed and seconded by two EADV members.

Candidates for election to CHAIRMAN must be proposed and seconded by two BOARD members.

Committees are elected by the Board of Directors at a Board meeting or electronically.

Nominations will be received by the Secretary General not later than

**WEDNESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2009.**

Please turn to p17 to find the relevant nomination form which can by sent

**by post to:** The Secretary General, EADV House, Avenue General de Gaulle 38, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium,

**or by fax to:** +32 2 650 00 98

Further information can be obtained from [http://www.eadv.org](http://www.eadv.org)

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**Current Vacancies**

**CHAIRMAN FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:**

- Ethics Committee
- Media & PR Committee
- Statutes & Development Committee
- Fostering Trainee Education Committee
- Fostering Specialist Skills Committee
- Nomination & Election Monitoring Committee* (Please note that if the appointee is already a member of the above Committees a further call for nominations will be made for another Committee member).

**MEMBER FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:**

- Ethics Committee
- Website Committee
- Media & PR Committee
- Statutes & Development Committee
- Fostering Trainee Education Committee: 2 vacancies (one preferably a trainee member)
- Fostering Specialist Skills Committee
- Scientific Programming Committee: (a member to represent the Eastern region**)

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* The Chairman of this committee must be a Past President not currently an Officer or a Past Officer of EADV.

** Eastern region: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, FYR Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine.

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**PLEASE VISIT THE EADV WEBSITE FOR UPDATED/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND VACANCIES**
Aims And Activities of Each Committee

Fostering Trainee Education in Dermatology and Venereology Committee

Aim of the programme commenced in 2005:
- To raise standards of dermatological training throughout Europe to benefit patients & dermatologists;
- By providing 2 day training courses;
- By providing practical summer schools (one week);
- To promote community, collaboration and exchange between European dermatological trainees.

The committee co-ordinates, screens and approves proposals for the educational events and is looking to involve trainees more by including a trainee member and perhaps a web page dedicated to the trainees.

Fostering Specialist Skills in Dermatology and Venereology Committee

The aim of the programme is provide skills development and educational events for EADV members who work primarily in private practice:
- To raise standards of dermatology throughout Europe to benefit patients & dermatologists;
- By providing opportunities for visits to centres of excellence to learn new techniques and update skills;
- By providing interactive educational events;
- To promote community, collaboration and exchange between European dermatologists.

The committee is to be run by private practitioners for private practitioners. The committee co-ordinates and approves applications to attend or become a centre of excellence and considers proposals for educational events. The remit of the committee will be to determine the best ways to involve private practitioners in skills development and provision of knowledge updates.

Nomination & Election Monitoring Committee (NEMC)

The NEMC will comprise the Secretary General (ex officio), a Past President of EADV not currently an Officer (or simply a Past Officer of EADV) who will chair this committee, and two Board members who are not election candidates.

- It assists the SG in preparation of notice of election to members and call for candidates;
- Checks that all appropriate information is contained therein;
- Suggests establishment of necessary deadlines;
- Convenes (in person or electronically) immediately after closing date of receipt of applications to make a formal recommendation to EC on suitability of candidates;
- Assists the SG in the administering of the electoral process;
- Monitoring the election period between closing date for submission of candidature and actual voting process.

Ethics Committee

The aim of the Ethics Committee is to deal with any ethical problem related to the EADV. In general the Ethics Committee should express an opinion and act as paterfamilias in disputes between members, Committees and Officers in EADV affairs and business when internal rules are lacking clarity or not adequately detailed. The Committee acts as an advisory board. It is able to consider and advise on proper functions of administration. These include financial deeds in connection with EADV, the correct application of the Statutes regarding management and decisions of AGMs, Board Meetings and activities of other Committees and the conduct of elections and matters of dispute that may result from them.

Media & PR Committee

The objective of this committee is to improve the knowledge and enhanced standing in public opinion about spectrum and qualification and innovation in dermatology, as well as the benefit of dermatology in health economy.

Statutes & Development Committee

Aims:
- To formulate and present drafts of the EADV Statutes to the EC, Board, and Membership as requested by the Board;
- To present the final draft of such Statutes to the Meeting of the Members called for this purpose;
- To formulate or develop Internal Rules for presentation to the Board and Administrative Regulations for presentation to the EC;
- To review and make recommendations to the EC and Board on any proposed amendments or changes to the Statutes, Internal Rules or Administrative Regulations;
- To advise the Board on any potential conflicts between their actions and the EADV Statutes, Internal Rules or Administrative Regulations;
- To undertake other tasks as requested by the Board or EC in relation to EADV Rules or Regulations.

Website Committee

Our mission is to maintain, update, and enhance the EADV website, and analyse and implement any internet related technology that can help the EADV to reach its missions and objectives. An additional role is to serve as consultants for any issue related to Information Technologies (IT) that could be of interest to the EADV.
Nomination Form For EADV Board Committees

I, the undersigned, nominate

Dr / Prof ——————————————————————————————————————————————————

for the position of Chairman/Member of the ————————————————————————————— Committee.
(Delete where necessary)

Proposer’s Name: ................................................................. EADV Membership Number: ..........................

Email: ........................................................................................................ Fax: ........................................................................................................

Telephone: ...................................................................................................

Proposer’s signature: .................................................................................. Date: ___________________________

Seconder’s Name: ................................................................................... EADV Membership Number: ..........................

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Telephone: ...................................................................................................

Seconder’s signature: .................................................................................. Date: ___________________________

(Both Proposer and Seconder should be fully paid-up members with voting rights. 
Candidates for election to Chairman must be proposed and seconded by two Board Members)

Acceptance of nomination

I, Dr / Prof ——————————————————————————————————————————————————

Hereby accept the nomination

for the Chairmanship /Membership of the ————————————————————————————— Committee.
(Delete where necessary)

Email: ........................................................................................................ Fax: ........................................................................................................

Telephone: ...................................................................................................

Signature: .................................................................................................... Date: ___________________________

For office use only:

RECEIVED EADV OFFICE Date ——— Signature ———

SENT TO: SECRETARY-GENERAL Date ——— Signature ———

CHAIR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Date ——— Signature ———
I am pleased to report two success stories with regard to the Fostering Dermatology & Venereology Committee:

EADV Excellence in Education Residents Training Programme

So far, 13 courses have been concluded and 248 residents from 40 countries have attended. All the courses have been oversubscribed.

The participants have formed friendships and taken their enthusiasm and skills back to their departments. There is always a real feel-good atmosphere at these courses and these residents will be the backbone of our future EADV.

Visits to centres of excellence

Twenty-four centres with different expertise, including both university centres and private practices, host visits so that practitioners can either update their skills or learn new ones. Applications are approved every 3 months.

There have been 4 visits so far to centres in Germany and Sweden, with 2 more approved to Germany as well as 1 more to Romania. The visitors are from Europe, the Middle East, the Indian sub-continent, Italy and Romania. This has showcased European dermatology to the world.

Farewell

This will be my last report as my four-year term is coming to an end. I was involved from the start and it has been a wonderful committee to have been involved in. The enthusiasm of the trainees for the courses and their subject has been an inspiration and makes me feel that dermato-venereology is secure in the hands of the next generation of dermatologists.

I wish my successor all the best and hope they enjoy this committee as much as I did.

Fenella Wojnarowska
Chairperson
Fostering Dermatology & Venereology Committee
Dear friends,

The excitement and sheer glamour of the Paris Congress will be in our memories for years to come. Our congratulations go to Pascal Joly and his team for a superb achievement and for their flawless abilities on stage.

Election results have been announced and Frank Powell and Erwin Tschachler will be President and Secretary-General respectively from 2010 after their two-year “elect” terms on the Executive Committee. Other decisions announced included new Board representatives on the EC, namely Gregor Jemec and Fenella Wojnarowska, and the award of the Spring Symposium to Karlovy Vary in the Czech Republic. For the first time, an EADV academic meeting will be co-hosted by two countries, in this case Slovakia and the Czech Republic. This is an interesting development which may well be fruitfully repeated in future.

Congratulations to all concerned are in order and commiserations to those who were unsuccessful.

Now ……more elections!

A number of vacancies have occurred at both Chair and member level in a number of Board Committees. These committees are appointed by the Board and cover a wide spectrum of tasks that encompass the entire raison d’être of our organisation. They are important advisory committees whose deliberations offer expert advice to the Board and Executive Committee on many different matters.

Application is open to all members and full details, including proposal forms, are available on pages 15-17 of this issue of EADV News. We need wider involvement of our members and this is an excellent way to give your personal contribution to our (and your) organisation. So, be involved, check out the vacancies and send in your application (remember to have it co-signed by nominating members) for the committee for your choice. A short note on the function of each committee is also available for guidance. We will round off the election calendar for 2008 with our members from the Netherlands and Switzerland electing a second Board representative, their membership having passed the required statutory number to be eligible for another Board member.

Last, but certainly not least, I wish a peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all EADV members, to our hard working staff, their families, and to all who, in one way or another, have contributed to the success that is now the EADV.

Joseph L Pace
Secretary General

Crucial decisions

In addition, crucial decisions were made by the Board of Directors to recommend the adoption of changes in the Statutes which will streamline our membership categories and also bring us into line with Swiss civil law requirements since some conflicts and omissions had occurred in the Saariselkä approved Statutes. A major change will be that the privileges of voting and standing for election only become effective after the first 12 calendar months of membership. The Statutes Committee will shortly complete its proposal for the incorporation of the Board resolution into the Statutes and in due course the General Meeting will decide whether to adopt these changes.

Election results and new opportunities to participate

DVDs on Dermoscopy

Arranged by Giorgio Annessi and Stefania Seidenari.

One DVD contains the course material for personal medical education about dermoscopy, while the other aims to serve as a reference for those who wish to organise a training course on dermoscopy.

The DVD on personal medical education will be made free to all members.

The DVD for organising a meeting on dermoscopy will be given only to bona fide course organisers.

HOW TO APPLY: Please send your request by e-mail to the attention of Prof S Seidenari, Fostering Dermatology & Venereology Committee, at fostering@eadv.org.
Send your pictures to EADV News ... 

Send us pictures of Dermato-Venereology practice to: stefanie@eadv.org

A selection of these images will be published in upcoming issues of EADV News.

Important note: Pictures must be submitted in eps, jpg, or tif format. Please ensure that your pictures are high resolution images: 300 dpi

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Anti-melanoma tent in Prague

Building on a successful project started two years ago to promote anti-melanoma activities, the Department of Dermatology at the Charles University, 3rd Medical School, chaired by Prof Petr Arenberger, marked Euromelanoma Day 2008 by moving into a big tent equipped with optical and digital dermatoscopic devices which they set up for two days in Wenceslas Square in downtown Prague. The interior of the tent was divided into six medical offices allowing efficient mole checks. Massive media support helped to attract many thousands of people from different parts of Czech Republic. Fifteen malignant melanomas, 36 basal- and 3 squamous-cell carcinomas were detected among 1,267 visitors in 2008. The youngest visitor was 2 years-old and the oldest was 91. The walk-in tent initiative showed that many people are still reluctant to see ‘white coats’ in hospital and offices and prefer to have user-friendly facilities in their normal environments. The success of this Czech experience will hopefully also encourage other countries to promote Melanoma Day activities and in this way attract patients and the media to support this life-saving dermatological activity.

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Calendar of Events

> 2008

COSMODERM XIIIth - Joint Meeting of ESCAD and the Hellenic Society of Dermatology & Venereology
Athens, Greece
12-14 December 2008

> 2009

67th Annual Meeting AAD
San Francisco, USA
6-10 March 2009

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

12th World Congress on Cancers of the Skin
Tel Aviv, Israel
3-6 May 2009

10th International Congress of Dermatology
Prague, Czech Republic
20-24 May 2009

15th International Congress on Photobiology
Düsseldorf, Germany
18-23 June 2009

Photodermatology Meeting & Photopatch Test Course
Krakow (Cracow), Poland
18-19 September 2009

11th IUSTI World Congress
Spier Wine Estate, Cape Town
9-12 November 2009

> 2010

7th EADV Spring Symposium
Cavtat, Croatia
13-16 May 2010

19th EADV Congress
Gothenburg, Sweden
6-10 October 2010

> 2011

8th EADV Spring Symposium
Karlov Vary, Czech Republic
7-10 April 2011

22nd World Congress of Dermatology
Seoul, Korea
24-29 May 2011

20th EADV Congress
Lisbon, Portugal
19-23 October 2011

> 2012

18th EADV Congress
Berlin, Germany
7-11 October 2009

21st EADV Congress
Riga, Latvia
5-9 September 2012
18th Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology

7-11 October 2009, ICC Berlin

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