The 1st Scientific Symposium on Hidradenitis Suppurativa was held on 28 February 2014 at EADV House in Brussels – a landmark day in the short “life” of the European Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation (EHSF) e.V. – as it was the first time that an EHSF meeting (of which there have been three to date) had featured a special session about the ongoing scientific projects within the organisation.

EHSF grew out of the Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation (HSF) Inc, which was founded as a scientific organisation by a patient, Mrs Michele Barlow, in 2005 in San Diego, CA, USA, who also became the first HSF president. Prof Christos C Zouboulis and Prof Ralf Paus have taken over the responsibilities of the medical and the research director, respectively, and the first two scientific symposia on Hidradenitis Suppurativa took place in 2006 in Dessau, Germany and in 2009 in San Francisco, CA, USA. During the first symposium delegates from five continents proclaimed the so-called Dessauer definition of Hidradenitis suppurativa/Acne inversa, among other activities.

EHSF founded

EHSF was founded on 29 September 2012 in Prague and is a public benefit, non-profit organisation under German law. Prof Zouboulis was elected its first president after resigning from the HSF Inc presidency in order to promote the inauguration of the sister organisation in Europe. The Brussels Meeting was organised by Prof Zouboulis (Dessau, Germany), the Vice-President Prof Gregor Jemec (Copenhagen, Denmark) and Prof Véronique del Marmol (Brussels, Belgium).

In total, 28 active members from 13 countries (Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA) participated in a very productive event. The meeting opened with the 2014 general assembly, which included a report on EHSF’s recent activities and finances and the acceptance of numerous new members. An intense scientific session followed during which many new insights into the pathophysiology of the disease, its medical treatments and surgical procedures, and the clinical assessment tools were actively discussed.

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A head of the 1st EHSF Scientific Symposium held in Brussels on 28 February (see cover story), an EADV Fostering Course for Specialists on hidradenitis suppurativa was held at EADV House in Brussels. Two participants give their feedback.

Participants’ Feedback

“Simply ‘outstanding’ - the only adjective I can find to describe the EADV Fostering Specialist Course on Hidradenitis Suppurativa/Acne Inversa, held in Brussels, on 26-27 February 2014. The tutors were indisputably the most experienced in this disease; their enthusiasm for teaching, perfect event organisation, the small number of participants (which fostered an atmosphere for full interaction) and, not least, the elegant setting of the beautiful EADV headquarters, made these two days one of the best teaching events, if not the best, I have ever attended. The effect on the attendees was immense: sucked in by the enthusiasm of the members of the Board, all participants delved into this productive atmosphere in a spirit of sharing and cooperation. No questions remained unanswered and, although the disease still has no cure, no facet of pathogenesis and treatment was left unturned and every aspect was discussed in great depth. The heterogeneity of the group of participants also contributed to the complete success of the event. Hailing from all over Europe and North America, from different backgrounds (incorporating very experienced professors to junior doctors), everybody shared a common interest in the disease. Discussion of the topics and clinical cases was animated and always stimulating. As stated previously, the disease is still without a cure, but the course has provided me with the best information currently available, enabling me to return to my clinics with renewed energy and enthusiasm to cascade all I have learned for the immediate benefit of my patients.”

Roberto Verdolini
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“I had the great opportunity to attend the Fostering Specialist Course on Hidradenitis Suppurativa/Acne Inversa, in Brussels in February 2014. Hidradenitis suppurativa is an enigmatic disease with significant morbidity and enormous psychosocial impact. This course was organised in an excellent manner by leading experts in the field who helped all the participants to understand the characteristics of the disease, the underlying mechanisms, and the rationale of therapeutic approaches. We were offered cutting-edge theoretical and practical knowledge by the most experienced tutors who run pioneering basic and clinical research on this subject. I congratulate the Academy for this initiative and for the warm hospitality at EADV House. I strongly believe that such initiatives should be continued and enforced for the benefit of European dermatologists and our patients.”

Alexander Katoulis
Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Venereology
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In many ways being a physician is a very special profession. The nature of the profession is based on an obligation to cure or ameliorate diseases that are only partly understood and the execution of the profession is based on immediate access to any and all aspects of our patients’ lives, as dictated by the symptoms and nature of the disease. If a patient tells you that he or she has a bleeding mole on the back, you cannot but look at the mole immediately. If a patient tells you about an emotional problem, your help will easily transgress the limitations of normal social intercourse. This immediate access to the privacy of others is perhaps a hallmark of the real professions, since similarities exist to other classical professions such as the clergy or judiciary, which both provide immediate access to the private spheres of others.

These professional characteristics naturally tend to attract the attention, not only of society and non-professionals, but of ourselves as well. Much has been written and said about the special obligations that are imposed by the profession. The confidentiality that is a natural consequence of the inherent intimacy of the job; the commitment to the goals of improving or safeguarding the special knowledge that enables us to help our patients; or, the impartiality that is inherent to the universal nature of the task. These are demanding requirements, and therefore traditionally associated with privileges in society, privileges that go far beyond remuneration.

Privileges are given by others, not simple entitlements claimed by the beneficiaries. In other words, they are contingent on acceptance, and not necessarily permanent. If not administered properly by us individually as well as collectively, these privileges may therefore disappear. The best way of protecting them may be by recognising the simple imperative of doing our best.

Gregor Jemec
Editor

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**Announcement**

**EADV Membership Dues 2014**

Your membership dues should be paid at the beginning of the calendar year.

Please note that to keep full voting rights and all member benefits, dues have to be paid before the end of May.

**Don’t miss the deadline!**

**31 May 2014**

Dues can be settled online at [www.eadv.org](http://www.eadv.org)

You will need your EADV username and password:
[https://www.eadv.org/memberships/payment-membership-dues/](https://www.eadv.org/memberships/payment-membership-dues/)

If you need any support, please contact the EADV team:
[membership@eadv.org](mailto:membership@eadv.org)
Dear Colleagues, Members and Friends,

We, as dermatologists, are aware that the request of a second opinion in dermatology is becoming a common practice.

In fact, more and more often we are asked by patients to express our "official opinion" on the professional decision processes taken by other colleagues about the patient's disease. Sometimes the opposite happens: our patients may discuss openly with us the opportunity of seeking another opinion. Maybe s/he just asks for a second or a third opinion without even informing us.

An accurate and passionate diagnosis based on clinical, non-invasive and invasive techniques may be considered insufficient. Clinical, microbiological, histological, immune-allergological, immune-histochemical, electron microscopy, immune electron microscopy, data and evidence, among others, can be challenged by the patient with the apparently irrational request of a second "independent" opinion.

What is our reaction?

Trust

The concept of trusting us will be challenged by the request of a second opinion in dermatology. In the first case, if the patient selects us for the second opinion, we will probably accept with satisfaction and hopefully without vanity, to review the steps of the colleague(s) who did their best to investigate and treat the patient in the most appropriate way.

In the second case, if the patient selects other colleagues for a second opinion after our most complete and accurate diagnostic procedure and appropriate treatment we will probably accept his/her choice with a feeling of frustration and perhaps irritation. In extreme cases, we could even develop some form of hostility.

Emotions

As dermatologists and human beings we have the privilege and the burden of experiencing our emotional world inside and outside our professional performances. Emotions can enrich or undermine our relationships with our staff, colleagues and patients. Emotions can and should be considered in our professional life. Many of us have been trained in the Balint Groups just to become good dermatologists and not only for enhancing a leadership attitude. If you have not been trained in a Balint Group, you should try!

In Balint Group meetings the dermatologist presents clinical histories of his patients where he is not requested to give any technical answers about any medical problems to the facilitators and to colleagues. It is not an internal audit. The aim of the Balint Group is to go in depth in understanding the emotional physician-patient relationship by enhancing our ability to emotionally connect with and care for the patient. The success of the group will depend only on the honesty in recognising how much the "visible" medical relationship with the patient may be "manipulated" by the invisible emotional relationship with the same patient.

Please note that a successful Balint Group usually has two leaders and that the success of the group is possible only if the group is composed of members who are honest, respectful and supportive of diverging opinions. The Balint Group experience is an outstanding training for all MDs, especially those aspirant leaders in the medical field: leaders who trust and are trustworthy.

Truth

The aim of the second opinion in dermatology for the patient and for the doctor is to find the truth (or something closer to the truth). It will be a frustrating experience if a patient of ours for whom we have done all that was possible with professional skill and enthusiasm seeks a second opinion. Our feelings could, but should not, become hostility or range us versus our patient who has openly asked for a second opinion in dermatology independently based on his genuine desire "to know the truth" about something concerning him.

Trust, emotions and truth in EADV

To be the President of the Board of Directors and of the EADV members is for me an intriguing challenge, a blessed privilege and a continuous source of thrilling emotions. As a member of an experienced Balint Group, I am prepared to face the event that our Academy may also be challenged by the request of a second opinion, as it happens to its members in their practice.

Let us consider for a moment our Academy as a knowledgeable, well organised, successful and large Balint Group: honest, respectful and supportive of diverging opinions. What if somebody asks for a second opinion about or on the EADV? Our Academy is and will be composed of a large body of elected and appointed leaders and members who have been and are honest, respectful and supportive of diverging opinions. There is no space for any feelings of lack of trust or frustration. We are respectful and supportive of diverging opinions simply because we are EADV!

Jana Hercogová
EADV President (2012-2014)
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are delighted to welcome you to Belgrade!

Not to be missed

The Symposium will start on Thursday, 22 May with the Networking Symposium and Welcome Reception in the congress venue Sava Centre. The plenary sessions open with a stimulating, state-of-the-art lecture “What’s new in the device-assisted diagnosis of melanoma” to be given by Prof Giuseppe Argenziano (Italy), an active European leader, and distinguished specialists in the early recognition of melanoma, who will discuss and highlight the novelties and developments in the device-assisted diagnosis of melanoma. Do not miss the Networking Symposium ceremony which will be enriched with music performed by Viva Vox Choir a unique vocal group from Belgrade which specialises in authentic a cappella (voices only) interpretations of pop-rock and alternative music, accompanied by beat box.

Discover Belgrade

I and my colleagues also invite you to come and discover Belgrade; we recommend you explore the well-known areas of the city and attractive historical sites such as Kalemegdan Park, the oldest of the city parks, a green environment within and around the Belgrade Fortress - a museum of the history of Belgrade; Patriarchy of the Serbian Orthodox Church, seat of the head of the Serbian Orthodox Church, and it houses the library and the Museum of the Serbian Orthodox Church and Cathedral Church (Church of the Holy Archangel Michael), just across the street; and the Temple of St Sava, one of the largest orthodox temples in the world. Despite the destruction Belgrade underwent, a large number of valuable architectural monuments resisted the mark of time and the events from the tumultuous past of the city, among them the National Theatre, National Museum, National Assembly, Serbian Academy of Sciences, and Captain Miša’s Mansion. Take a walk, have a look around and enjoy!

Although it cannot lay claim to an overlong monarchic past, Belgrade can boast of its palaces: the Old Palace and the New Palace, and the Dedinje complex encompassing the Royal Palace (home to Crown Prince Alexander II and his family) and the White Palace. Belgrade was also named the “No 1 Party City in the world” by the Lonely Planet Guide. Boats and barges have been turned into floating discos and restaurants that specialise in deliciously prepared fresh food, along with beautiful views of the Belgrade fortress. The old bohemian quarter of Belgrade, Skadarlija, in the heart of the city, came to the fore during the late 19th and early 20th centuries when its inns and restaurants were the gathering place of the best known names in Belgrade. It is frequently compared to Montmartre in Paris, both in appearance as well as the exuberant and dynamic artistic atmosphere.

Programme highlights

As a small sample of sessions which should not be missed to update your knowledge and your management skills:

- The most successful EADV courses, including:
  - Dermoscopy intermediate and advanced refresher course by H Kittler, Vienna (AT)
  - Lasers by A Troilius, Malmö (SE)
  - Corrective aesthetic and cosmetic dermatology by A Katsambas, Athens (GR)
  - Acne, rosacea, red face by A Layton, Harrogate (GB)
  - Mycoses of hair, nail, skin and mucosae by G Ginter-Hanselmayer, Graz (AT)
- Five different “Test yourself” sessions which have always raised a lot of interest:
  - STIs by C O’Mahony, Chester (GB)
  - Dermatosurgery and aesthetics by A Skaria, Vevey (CH)
  - Hair and nail diseases by R Baran, Cannes (FR)
  - Skin and internal medicine by F Rongoletti, Genova (IT)
  - Paediatric dermatology by P Vabres, Dijon (FR)
- Five different “What’s New?” sessions will take place:
  - Therapy for STIs by R Patel, Winchester (GB)
  - Hair and nails by A Finner, Berlin (DE)
  - Paediatric dermatology by E Sprecher, Tel Aviv (IL)
  - Skin and internal medicine by L Borradori, Berne (CH)
  - Surgery and Mohs surgery by M Moehrle, Tübingen (DE)

All are a good opportunity to be informed about new inventions in our field. You will discover definitely many more reasons to join us at this event which will surely be unforgettable both scientifically and socially.

I’m looking forward to welcoming you to Belgrade.

Ljiljana M Medenica MD PhD
Spring Symposium Chairperson

Prof Ljiljana Medenica
The 22nd EADV Congress in Istanbul was indeed a true case of Turkish delight characterised by an excellent scientific programme which was nicely complemented by a most interesting social and cultural component.

As always, the scientific programme was the result of the highly dynamic and resourceful Scientific Programming Committee and CME-CPD Committee in collaboration with the Local Organising Committee. On the latter front, due credit must go to Prof Baycal and his wonderful team.

It is worth noting that only 14% of returned evaluation forms came from residents, and that 49% of respondents had their registration paid by industry. Furthermore, 20% of respondents felt that certain sessions contained commercial bias. Some pertinent comments from respondents include complaints about poor soundproofing in some lecture rooms and inadequate seating for certain popular sessions. The SPC and CME committees will as always do their utmost to address these issues. Other respondents pointed out that certain chairs should make more effort to ensure that speakers stick to allotted times, allow adequate time for questions, and control annoying flash photography. Furthermore it is important that course chairs remind attendees that handouts may be downloaded from the EADV website after the congress.

On a positive note, many respondents had words of praise for most sessions and speakers.

Lawrence Scerri
Chairman
CME-CPD Committee

The following statistics compiled from returned session evaluation forms should be of general interest:

**Most attended sessions (average headcount)**

1. Plenary lectures (PL-A) (PL01-PL03) (1085)
2. Psoriasis – Update on biologics (SY06) (959)
3. Challenging situations in acne (SY21) (805)
4. Rosacea and facial dermatoses (SY34) (738)
5. Hair loss: Everyday challenges (SY13) (640)
6. Non-melanoma skin cancer: Management algorithm (SY01) (591)
7. Opening plenary (PLNS) (576)
8. Vitiligo update (SY16) (540)
9. What’s new in research (WN-A) (WN01-WN04) (517)
10. Psoriasis: Challenging cases (SY37) (516)
11. Dermoscopy advanced level (CO02) (453)
13. Cutaneous lupus erythematous: Evaluation and management (SY09) (398)
14. Advanced skin rejuvenation strategies (CO06) (392)
15. Psoriasis (FC01) (387)

**Highest rated events (for which at least 20 evaluation forms were received)**

1. Test yourself in dermoscopy (TY06) (96.43)
2. Opportunistic bacterial infections (MD09) (94.82)
3. Organ transplant patients: Management algorithms (FS05) (94.31)
4. Test yourself in paediatric dermatology (TY05) (92.23)
5. Urticarial syndromes - the complex world of wheals (WS33) (91.48)
6. How I treat acne (MD08) (91.20)
7. Sex and the law – how herpes can land you in jail (FS06) (90.83)
8. Dermoscopy: Intermediate level (CO10) (90.23)
9. Dermoscopy: Advanced level (CO02) (90.21)
10. Botulinum toxins: An update (SY38) (90.06)
11. How can I measure my patient’s progress? (SY49) (89.60)
12. Practical management of cutaneous lymphomas (SY24) (89.28)
13. Penile dermatoses in later life (SY29) (89.03)
14. Teledermatology: New developments (WS50) (88.87)
15. Media session (WS23) (88.69)
Emiliano Panconesi was born in Pistoia (Tuscany) on 20 June 1923. Pistoia, a unique city of art and science in northern Tuscany, was the "inspiration place" for his masterpiece romance "Oh, mia Dublino", in homage to James Joyce, where the main character Damiano/Emiliano passes on to the reader an unforgettable stream of consciousness.

In 1947 he received his medical degree at the University of Florence, magna cum laude. In 1949 he was certified Specialist in Dermatology and Venereology, magna cum laude.

Afterwards, he became Assistant Professor at the Department of Dermatology of the University of Florence where in 1956 he was appointed "Libero Docente in Clinica Dermosifilopatica". In 1970 he was appointed Professor and Chair in charge of the 2nd Department of Dermatology at the University of Florence and from 1972 to 1995 he served the University of Florence as Professor and Chairman of the 1st Department of Dermatology and of the Dermatology Residents' School.

Prof Panconesi was immediately recognised as a very active and highly respected clinician, teacher, mentor and scientist. In the years 1972-1995 his extraordinary and passionate mind created one of the most prestigious Schools of Dermatology in Italy and in Europe, with special interest in clinical dermatology, immunopathology of the skin and in psychosomatic dermatology.

Emiliano used to say that the psycho-dermatology was "his secret lover", and actually she has been instead "the official lover" of his life and much more, according to his scientific achievements. From 1995-2005 he served as President of the European Society of Dermatology and Psychiatry from 1995-2005.

The extraordinary international and creative personality of Emiliano Panconesi will be remembered mainly for the creation of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV).

In a problematic international/European milieu he had the privilege to be elected by his peers as the first EADV President (1987-1989) and organised the first and very successful EADV Congress in Florence, Italy in 1989. Since then European dermatologists started to work for a common house, under a common flag, speaking with one powerful and harmonised voice.

He published over 300 scientific papers in clinical, immuno-pathological and psychosomatic dermatology in many different languages, 154 of which are peer-reviewed and indexed in the PubMed records, and many were co-written with his successors as chairs of the University Clinic and of the School of Specialisation at the University of Florence.

He was also famous beyond dermatology and science for his literary works, publishing outstanding articles on Honoré de Balzac, Gottfried Benn, Anton Chekhov, Franz Kafka, Seamus Heaney, Thomas Mann and Joyce.

On behalf of EADV, we send our heartfelt condolences to his wife Diana, sons Gianni and Steve, and daughter Margherita, and will treasure his memory for his inspired mind and his generous heart.

Torello Lotti MD & MD (Hon)  
Professor & Chair of Dermatology  
University of Rome “G. Marconi”

Jana Hercogová MD PhD  
Professor & Chairwoman  
2nd Medical Faculty, Charles University Prague  
EADV President
I have always enjoyed sharing my experience with other colleagues and consider it an extremely interesting and dynamically interactive aspect of the medical profession, an essential exercise to grow both intellectually and scientifically.

Attending my first EADV Office Management Task Force Board Meeting three years ago, I got the clear impression that I was in the right place. Rolf Ostendorf was actively co-ordinating an enthusiastic group of colleagues from all over Europe, each energetically contributing with innovative ideas and advanced strategies to implement education, particularly devoted to younger dermatologists.

**Innovative practice**

A friendly, yet very productive atmosphere pervaded the meeting room. In spite of its small dimensions, the high energy environment was able to generate amazingly great projects. At that point in time the EADV Task Force for Office Management was already deeply involved in organising very successful courses within the highly appreciated EADV Fostering Dermatology Programme. These courses are very well attended, as well as the scientific sessions organised by the Task Force during the annual EADV Congress.

**Make it simple**

The nice camaraderie “seasoned” with a positive attitude addressing difficult and time-consuming organisational problems seemed to make “obstacles” disappear allowing the Task Force to progress at high speed, from one successful achievement to another. The motto of the group could be: “make it simple” since all of us are convinced that, through careful analysis of simple, yet important details, even the most complex professional scenarios can be successfully built. Understanding the “true essence” of fundamental tips of dermatologic procedures, patient-physician relationships, office organisation, technical details of surgical and non surgical instruments, the use and limitations of old and new diagnostic tools, and pre- and post-operative patient care, stands as an incredibly solid base on which to develop any successful dermatologic practice.

**Fast learning**

It can take many years of practical experience, moving through failures and successes, to find the right way to safely and reproducibly treat our patients. The aim of the EADV Office Management Task Force is to help colleagues to learn faster and more efficiently through precious “distillates of knowledge” coming from experts practising in different field of European dermatology.

**Teamwork**

The highest satisfaction a master can experience is observing his/her trainees acquiring faster and more easily what it took him/her many years to learn. This, I reckon, is the very “engine” that moves the Task Force members along their quest to study and develop new innovative teaching and learning experiences. It is a fantastic teamwork experience where professionals are genuinely involved in sharing all they know for the benefit of ever better European office-based dermatology.

I am convinced that Rolf Ostendorf and all the enthusiastic fellow members of the Task Force are sharing this vision which is definitely confirmed by the great number of colleagues who enthusiastically follow all educational events constantly proposed by the group. I am proud to serve within this EADV Task Force and I am very grateful to EADV which made all this possible.

Leonardo Marini MD FEADV FAAD
Member
EADV Task Force for Office Management
Chairman
EADV Task Force for Laser Dermatology

Membership is a highly positive personal experience

Update from the EADV Task Force for Office Management

Prof Leonardo Marini
During 2013-14, the Swiss Society of Dermatology and Venereology (SSDV) celebrated its centenary year with two major events. The first was on the actual anniversary (24 April 2013) during the “Rencontres Romandes de Dermatologie et Vénéréologie”, and again at the SSDV’s 2013 annual meeting, which was held in the charming city of Montreux. Prof Michel Gilliet and the Lausanne team organised a truly memorable centennial congress under the title “Past – Present – Future”. A great number of international friends and opinion leaders joined us to share their experience in and fascination for dermatology.

**Past**

• ‘Past’ stands for our respect for the pioneers of our specialty and for our own medical teachers.

**Present**

• ‘Present’ stands for our gratitude that we are able to work in this fascinating and challenging profession. Physicians receive an extraordinarily great immaterial reward: the gratitude from their patients and from their trainees. This is what keeps us going in difficult or exhausting situations.

**Future**

• ‘Future’ stands for commitment and courage to develop and defend an effective and human medicine that serves those who need it.

The breathtaking development of dermatology during the last 100 years is reported in the book “Spirit and Soul of Swiss Dermatology and Venereology 1913 – 2013”. Around 60 Swiss authors wrote from their perspectives as contemporary witnesses and thus created a vibrant picture of their field and the times in which we live. From a global perspective, the two paradigm changes which perhaps influenced our specialty most profoundly were the introduction of antibiotic therapy in the 1940s, which made syphilis and other STIs amenable to effective treatment, and the rapid development of molecular medicine which began in the 1990s (and continues today), which introduced “molecular physiology” and “targeted therapies” to our specialty, traditionally determined by morphology.

**Lifestyle impact**

Like other medical fields, dermatology is strongly influenced by lifestyle changes. The skin cancer epidemic is the most dramatic consequence. The steep increase in skin cancer has promoted oncological dermatologic surgery, with micrographic surgery as the core activity in addition to dermatological oncology. In most countries, the majority of patients with skin cancer are treated by dermatologists. In contrast, aesthetic dermatology is the second most rapidly developing field in direct relation to lifestyle. As long as it is closely related to science, the risk of moving dermatology from the old “dirty corner” directly to the new “beauty corner” remains minimal. This is also important for the way other medical specialties and the public perceive us.

Some people say that multicultural and well-organised Switzerland could serve as role model for Europe. At any rate, Switzerland has very strong relations and interactions with Europe, and SSDV has a strong interest in further developing dermatology and venereology within and together with EADV.

Jürg Hafner
SSDV President
As chairperson of the Project Proposal Review Committee (PPRC), I would like to introduce you to its structure and function and to inform you about the funding opportunities that EADV provides for research, clinical care and education through the committee.

History and current structure

The Project Proposal Review Committee is the newest EADV Committee. It was created by the Board of Directors in Lisbon in 2011 following an increasing number of requests to EADV for financial support for projects and the need to review these projects in an objective and standardised way. Prof Carle Paul, the first PPRC chairperson, laid the groundwork for the new committee and established the basic criteria for the review process of submitted proposals. He was succeeded in 2012 by Prof Martin Röcken, who, as acting chairman, further improved the function of the Committee. The PPRC is composed of five members who currently are: Magnus Bruze (SE), Mette Deleuran (DK), Branka Marinovic (HR), Antonio Massa (PT) and Rodica Olteanu (RO).

Purpose

The aim of the PPRC is to plan, organise and conduct in a transparent way a systematic review and evaluation of projects submitted to EADV for funding.

Projects accepted

So far, two rounds of submissions have taken place (2012 and 2013). In 2013, five out of 24 submitted proposals were accepted for funding while in 2013, two out of 11 submitted projects were approved.

Types of projects funded

The scope of invited projects reflects EADV’s funding priorities. Projects that focus on basic, translational or clinical research should more likely be directed to other more appropriate funding sources (eg, ESDR, ESRF and other European, international or disease-specific funding organisations or foundations).

The areas of interest for PPRC funding are more specific and include:
1) the improvement of practice and quality care in dermato-venereology
2) guidelines on clinical care
3) epidemiology, surveillance and prevention
4) patient or physician networking and education
5) support for dermatological care in developing countries or underserved areas.

Eligibility criteria

European and international teams of established and/or junior investigators are invited to submit their projects, provided that there is a strong representation by EADV members (at the level of principal investigator or collaborators). We encourage studies that involve multiple European or international groups that display complementary expertise for the study’s objectives. Members of other specialties can be members of a group but a dermatologist-venereologist should be the leading investigator. The proposed research must be conducted in a non-profit medical, research or educational institution and should have no commercial ties.

Evaluation criteria

Submitted projects need to fulfil EADV’s mission of improving the quality of care, teaching, research and image of dermatology and venereology in Europe and internationally.

In the individual assessment of projects, the PPRC focuses on the originality and quality of the project, the investigator’s experience and expertise, the feasibility study and the appropriateness for funding by EADV. These qualifications are reflected in eight different criteria and each proposal is scored for each of these criteria by every member of the PPRC. Assistance by external reviewers may also be requested in specific circumstances. The decision is made based on the average score for

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ONLINE APPLICATION
www.eadv.org/project-proposal
Deadline submission: 30 June 2014 at 12.00
Review projects: July
Submission FC: September
Approval: end October
Funding 1st part: December

Important: Only projects submitted through the official online application will be reviewed.
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The Fostering Course for Specialists on Aesthetic Dermatology and was hosted for the first time by the 2nd Clinic of Dermatology, Colentina Clinical Hospital, Bucharest, Romania from 8-9 June 2013. Open to all dermatology specialists who wanted to acquire basic laser skills, it gathered 20 specialists from different countries, attracted by the topic and the increasing importance of the corrective dermatology part of our specialty.

The lectures were given by experts in Laser (in alphabetical order) Prof Peter Bjerring (Denmark), Prof Klaus Fritz (Germany) - Chair of the Course, Dr Marita Kosmadaki (Greece), and myself, who hosted this course together with Prof George Sorin Tiplica, Chair of the 2nd Clinic of Dermatology.

Vascular and pigmented lesions

On the first day, the lectures focused on the treatment of vascular and pigmented lesions, which were followed by a hands-on session during which over 20 patients were treated. Participants were able to see the experts at work and also perform the treatments by themselves. The second day offered information on various other laser types applications, followed by hands-on experience with ablative and non ablative lasers.

The participants showed a great interest in the subjects and were very enthusiastic in asking a lot of questions, thus the course proved to be very interactive and dynamic. It has been a pleasure to organise this course having such experienced speakers involved and the technical support of Ildikó Papp, a very dedicated representative of the Academy. I believe that the insights into laser treatments provided by the speakers are very precious for the day-to-day practice of the participants, helping them acquire new techniques.

Last but not least, I’d like to mention the contribution to this course by Dr Laura Nedelcu, Dr Fabiola Copaci, Dr Laura Gheorghita and of Mrs Erika Aleonte, Chief Nurse of the Dermatosurgery and Laser Unit.

My colleagues and I were honoured to have hosted an EADV Fostering specialist course in our Department and are looking forward to meeting our friends during future EADV events.

Carmen Salavastru MD PhD
2nd Clinic of Dermatology
Colentina Clinical Hospital, Bucharest
Fostering Dermatology & Venereology Programme

Fostering Training Course: Surgery

22–23 November 2013
Brussels, Belgium

Participant’s Feedback

“I am a young dermatologist working in Cyprus since 2009. I always wanted to sharpen my skills in dermatologic surgery so I decided to join the recent EADV Dermatosurgery course that took place in the beautiful city of Brussels.

I can tell you now that it was the wisest decision I ever made to join the course. The teachers: Dr M Henry, F Will, Dr G Reuter, Dr F Corgibet and Dr M Trakatelli, were all excellent and made it personalised.

Also, the organising of the event was superb thanks to the help of Dr M Gniadecka and Marc Somja, from the local assistance to the teaching course.

The course covered all the major fields of basic dermatosurgery, such as the office environment for dermatologic surgery, anatomy for dermatological surgery, introduction to flaps, local anaesthesia, principles of cutaneous oncology surgery and secondary wound healing.

For me it was very useful to learn how to do the intradermal stitching. Something that I always wanted to learn but never had the opportunity to do.

Many thanks to all of you, many thanks EADV!

Definitely I will see you again, soon hopefully, when - and if - the advanced course for dermatologic surgery takes place!”

Yiannis Neofytou
Cyprus

Call for Applications

EADV Scholarships for Amsterdam Congress 2014

Deadline for applications: 15 April 2014

In order to facilitate attendance at the 23rd EADV Congress in Amsterdam, The Netherlands (8-12 October 2014), EADV is pleased to provide scholarships to young dermato-venereologists from around the world.

Every EADV scholarship consists of a grant of €1000, including one year’s membership to EADV. Free registration to the congress is also provided for the winners. For further details and the application form, please visit www.eadv.org/scholarships
As you pass through the building gate toward the clinic door and take your first steps inside the clinic, you will feel you are entering the world of excellence. When you face Prof Erçin who operates his aesthetic centre in Istanbul, you will meet a very kind personality who will receive you with his warm smile and handshake.

The staff at the centre is never less than that; they are at a high professional and technical level that goes in parallel with their pleasant morale and generosity. All this while drinking the famous Turkish çay (tea) or kahve (coffee)!

Regarding the instruments on offer, the centre is well equipped with state-of-the-art machines from the perfectly organised examination room, through the “computerised skin analysing system” room, going to the laser rooms containing long pulse Nd-Yag, 750 nm laser, Q-switched, a Machine with four wave lengths (1064,532,585,650 nm), (Er-Yag) laser, and CO2 fractionated; body contouring room; hair care room equipped with hair stimulation system; and the surgical room that contains U/S and Vacuum therapy. All these rooms are monitored minute-by-minute to stay clean and well organised, to be ready to receive any patient at any time.

During my week’s stay at Erlamer I learnt lots of new things, most of them are best seen than told. The experience in very delicate and detailed professional work is the stamp that Dr Erçin always leaves after every procedure he does. His friendly way in dealing with both his patient and the visiting practice doctors has made him beloved and respected among them.

It was a great opportunity for me to have this short but rich visit. I’m sure it will be a landmark in my whole career life as well as of all those who have ever met Dr Erçin and have had that opportunity to learn his techniques, such as Dr Magdalena from Poland whom I met there seeking some of his experience to enrich her own practice.

I feel thankful for Dr Erçin and all the colleagues at Erlamer - Esraa, Muazzaz, Talin & Kezban.

And for sure, I’m thankful again to EADV for offering me this opportunity; thank you (Ana Miriam) for following patiently all the application steps to make my visit come true. And thank you, Alexandre Dewaide - your kind efforts have made this article published to the world!

Khaled I Alazab MD
Dermato-venereologist/Aesthetic Specialist
Jordan

ZENTderma Clinic
Mönchengladbach, Germany

In September 2013, I visited the ZENTderma clinic in Mönchengladbach, Germany, under the auspices of the EADV Fostering Programme “Visit a Centre of Excellence”.

My visit to “ZENTderma” was fruitful. The centre is very well organised and equipped. I attended the daily clinics with Dr Rolf Ostendorf and his staff in which I saw how they deal with patients with different skin diseases. I had the chance to watch how they check moles for skin cancer. I also attended at the centre a company presentation for a new fully automated total body mapping and it was really interesting.

The atmosphere in the centre was friendly. Dr Ostendorf kindly arranged for me two visits, the first to the Department of Dermatology at the University of Cologne. It was my pleasure to meet Prof Krieg, Head of the Department, and I was so impressed with the activities and research going on there. The departmental staff accompanied me to the light therapy unit, the allergy clinic, the psoriasis clinic and the oncology unit. I also attended the daily clinical meeting to discuss difficult cases with staff members. My second visit was to the centre run by Prof Lutz in Wesseling who has vast experience in the field of hair disorders. I attended with him his clinical consultations and I was greatly satisfied with the visit.

I returned to Egypt with new friends and more experience. Lastly, I have to thank Ildikó Papp from the EADV staff for her help and Dr Rolf Ostendorf for his hospitality and sincerity. Thanks Rolfi!

Emad El Gamal MD
Alexandria, Egypt
The European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) celebrated its 25th birthday with an excellent congress in Istanbul at one of the historically most vivid borders of Europe. In 1987 a relatively small group of highly motivated and forward-looking founding members established a pan-European congress and training structure for dermatology and venereology, based on the model of its big sister, the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD). Despite strong competition, their idea grew continuously against all concerns, dangers and some jealousy.

EADV has now become the largest European congress for training in dermatology and venereology. The broad reputation and recognition EADV has gained over the past eight years are to the credit of the past chairs of the scientific programme, including professors Thomas Luger and Alexander Stratigos. The high medical level achieved by EADV annual congresses attracts more than 9,000 active participants from all over Europe with a steadily increasing number of non-European colleagues.

New teaching formats
Prof Luca Borradori, who ended his term as SPC chair in 2013, will still organise the 2014 scientific congresses which will be held in Belgrade and Amsterdam, as their programming started already in 2012. Based on his input the SPC team, under the leadership of the new chair Prof Martin Röcken, will work on new concepts to optimise and improve the quality of the sessions by progressively introducing new teaching formats starting from 2015. Building on previous experience, the new SPC team is keen to propose a renewed scientific programme aimed at providing the most interesting sessions that fulfil the expectations of the participants, and the need for adequate CME-CPD. The ultimate goal is to satisfy the large audience with its vast spectrum of interests and backgrounds.

More focused sessions
One major change will affect the programme grid of both the main congresses and spring symposia. First, the Valencia Spring Symposium 2015 will focus on a limited number of domains – oncology, allergology, neutrophilic disease like facial dermatoses and psoriasis, and infectious diseases, including STIs. These topics will be addressed in educational sessions, each concentrated in a thematically-orientated, compact half- or whole-day programme.

An additional major change will be the establishment of three distinct tracks with sessions for different levels and target populations. Specifically, these tracks will be specifically dedicated to:
1. Board-certified dermatologists, who will receive a short review and, based on this, an extended update, with a strong focus on medical dermatology or venereology.
2. Young trainees in dermatology and venereology will receive training in the basic understanding of important diseases and classical treatments. These two track types will be offered from the 2015 Valencia Spring Symposium on.
3. European and international experts, for whom there will be sessions allowing ample exchange of cutting-edge knowledge and discussion, as well as an update on the newest developments in dermatology and venereology, starting with the 2015 Copenhagen Congress.

In future, special training classes for specific topics, like surgical dermatology, systemic therapies, oncological dermatology, histology and pathology of skin diseases, laser therapies, aesthetic dermatology and others will be established, paving the way for the 2015-18 congresses with a new congress structure. A truly European committee hopes to strongly promote dermatology and venereology in Europe – for the health and wellbeing of our patients. We will regularly inform all members and hope to have lively responses. Thus, the new SPC team anticipates that when it reaches 30 EADV will reach young adulthood, full of curiosity, power, and attractiveness, capable of true European leadership.

Martin Röcken
Chair
Scientific Programming Committee
Professor and Chairman, Department of Dermatology
Tübingen, Germany

Prof Dr Luca Borradori
Past-Chair
Scientific Programming Committee
Professor and Chairman, Department of Dermatology
Berne, Switzerland
Fostering Dermatology & Venereology Programme

Training Course on Phlebology
10 – 11 May 2013 • Bucharest, Romania

For the first time EADV organised a Phlebology Fostering course for residents. The course took place in Colentina Hospital 2nd Clinic of Dermatology, Bucharest. It was organised over two days with lectures in the morning sessions and hands-on demonstrations during the afternoon programme. The lectures were intended to present the essentials in phlebology, starting with the anatomy and physiology of the venous system and the pathophysiology of varicose veins and telangiectasias. The clinical investigations in the phlebology patient were followed by the presentation of the diagnostic techniques with emphasis on the duplex ultrasound.

One lecture focused on leg ulcers as a distinct and frequent event in the patient suffering from chronic venous insufficiency of the lower limbs. The treatment methods were also presented in lectures addressing the surgical procedures in phlebology, the use of different kind of lasers in phlebology and sclerotherapy. Basic concepts to restore the disturbed venous haemodynamics were covered in the closing lecture aimed at giving the attending residents the practical information for approaching and treating patients with cutaneous vascular problems.

Practical techniques

A special session was dedicated to the case presentations prepared by the residents. It was instructive to find out the large diversity of vascular diseases and to notice the clever management of each patient. Questions, comments and advice, together with discussions for alternative management, were made not only by the teachers but also by participants.

The hands-on sessions consisted in investigating and treating patients with cutaneous vascular pathology. The residents formed two groups and rotations were organised to demonstrate and work on diagnostic manoeuvres, surgical vascular techniques and laser treatments. The sessions were very busy with all residents being involved in the practical procedures by the supervising teachers and tutors. All residents were enthusiastic in practising with the Duplex ultrasound machines, working on cutaneous veins with vascular lasers and performing the Muller phlebectomy technique.

The team of lecturers and tutors included (in alphabetical order): Dr Attilio Cavezzi (Italy), Asst Prof Floare Folescu (Romania), Prof Alina Fratila (Germany), Prof Klaus Fritz (Germany), Dr Michael Kockaert (The Netherlands), as well as the course co-chairs Prof Martino Neumann (The Netherlands) and Prof George-Sorin Tîplica (Romania). The EADV Office was represented by Ildikó Papp whose experience and knowledge were highly appreciated by all participants.

The Fostering course achieved its aim to impart the fundamental notions for managing the patient with cutaneous phlebologic problems. The large amount of information and the various practical sessions that can be organised are suggestive of the need for a longer course. The need to promote this special dermatological field is great in the southeastern part of Europe and we hope that new events will be organised.

Martino Neumann and George-Sorin Tîplica
Course Chairs
ELECTION OF EADV PRESIDENT-ELECT 2014/2016

A call is hereby given for candidates for the above position.

Nominations for the position of EADV President-Elect 2014/2016 must be received by the Secretary General before 17:00 (Central European Time) on Friday, 4 July 2014.

All the required documents must be sent electronically to: secgen@eadv.org to arrive before FRIDAY 4 JULY 2014 AT 17.00 (CET).

Submission of required material will only be possible electronically (files should be either in Word or pdf format or scanned).

- Only Specialist members in good standing and with voting rights are entitled to stand for election.
- Candidates must be proposed and seconded by two EADV voting members in good standing.

The election of the President-Elect will be conducted electronically in September 2014. The result of the election will be announced at the 2014 Annual General Meeting of EADV to be held on 10 October 2014, in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

To be valid Applications must include:

i. The official Nomination Form signed by the candidate and the two endorsers.
ii. A curriculum vitae of the candidate (up to 2 A4 pages).
iii. A recent head and shoulders photograph.
iv. A position statement of up to 300 words to address inter alia the candidate’s vision for EADV.
v. Two letters of support from EADV voting members.
vi. A completed current Conflict of Interest Form.

The Nominations Form and the Conflict of Interest Form can also be downloaded from: www.eadv.org to be filled in and submitted electronically.

The Nomination and Election Monitoring Committee shall determine the number of candidates going forward and approve (or not) the suitability of applications for this election. If more than two valid nominations are approved, the single transferable voting method will be used.

Electronic Voting: The election will be conducted electronically utilising the services of an independent electoral organisation, Electoral Reform Services (ERS) of London, which guarantees secret and confidential voting and has managed our past Presidential and Board elections satisfactorily.

Members should ensure (a) that they are entitled to vote according to the EADV statutes and rules and (b) that their current email address is correctly recorded by the EADV Office. Members who do not have an Email address will receive necessary documentation by post.

It is recommended to read the Administrative Rules for the election of the EADV President-Elect which can be downloaded from: www.eadv.org

For further information please consult the EADV Statutes at: www.eadv.org

Carle Paul MD PhD
EADV Secretary General

April 2014
Notice is hereby given that nominations will be received to fill the position of Secretary General-Elect of EADV.

The Secretary General-Elect is elected for a period of not more than two years and succeeds the current Secretary General when the latter’s term of office expires.

Nominations will be received by the Secretary General using email: secgen@eadv.org not later than FRIDAY, 4 JULY 2014 AT 17:00 (Central European Time).

- Only Specialist members in good standing and with voting rights are entitled to stand for election.
- Candidates must be proposed and seconded by two EADV voting members in good standing.

The Secretary General-Elect will be elected by the Board of Directors at their meeting in October 2014 in Amsterdam.

All nominees must send in:
1. The completed Nomination Form signed by the applicant.
2. The form must also be signed by the 2 EADV members supporting the application.
3. A curriculum vitae of up to 2 A4 pages of the candidate.
4. A position statement by the candidate of not more than 300 words.
5. A recent head and shoulders photograph of the candidate.
6. A completed current Conflict of Interest Form.

Submission of required material will only be possible electronically (files should be either Word or pdf format or scanned)

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

All candidates must be approved by the Nomination and Election Monitoring Committee before being considered for election.

The relevant Nomination Form and Conflict of Interest Form can be downloaded from: www.eadv.org

Kindly send all documents to: secgen@eadv.org

All candidates are recommended to read the role profile for the EADV Secretary General which can be downloaded from: www.eadv.org

Carle Paul MD PhD
EADV Secretary General

April 2014
ELECTION OF BOARD DIRECTORS 2014–2017

Notice is hereby given that nominations for Board Directors representing the following countries will be received by the Secretary General before FRIDAY, 4 JULY 2014 AT 17:00 (CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME).

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* The incumbent ends first term of office and can be re-elected.

- Voting members from the above countries shall elect their national Board Member.
- Only Specialist members in good standing and with voting rights are entitled to stand for election.
- Candidates putting themselves forward for election are considered as representing the country where the candidates have their EADV registration.
- Candidates must be proposed and seconded by two EADV voting members in good standing who are registered in the same country as the nominee.

All nominees must send in:

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2. The form must also be signed by the 2 EADV voting members supporting the application.
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5. A recent head and shoulders photograph of the candidate.
6. A completed current Conflict of Interest Form.

Submission of required material will only be possible electronically (files should be either in Word or pdf format or scanned).

Incomplete or late Nomination Forms will not be accepted.

The relevant Nomination Form and Conflict of Interest Form can be downloaded from the EADV website: [www.eadv.org](http://www.eadv.org).

Kindly send all documents to: secgen@eadv.org

The election of EADV Board Members will be conducted electronically in September 2014. It will be managed by Electoral Reform Services (ERS) of London. The voting system used is safe and confidential. If more than two valid nominations are received the single transferable voting system will be used.

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

Carle Paul MD PhD
EADV Secretary General

April 2014
Notice is hereby given to fill the position of Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Nominations will be received by the Secretary General not later than **FRIDAY, 2 MAY 2014**

- Only **Specialist members** in good standing and with voting rights are entitled to stand for election.
- Candidates for election as **CHAIRPERSON** must be proposed and seconded by two **BOARD MEMBERS**.
- The Chairperson of the Finance Committee will be elected by the Board of Directors at the Board Meeting to be held in Belgrade on 21 and 22 May 2014. If more than two valid nominations are received the single transferable voting system will be used.

All nominees must send in:
1. The completed **Nomination Form** signed by the applicant and the two Board Members.
2. A **curriculum vitae** of up to 2 A4 pages of the candidate.
3. A **mission statement** by the candidate of not more than 300 words.
4. A recent head and shoulders **photograph** of the candidate.
5. A completed **Conflict of Interest Form**.

**Submission of required material will only be possible electronically** (files should be either in Word or pdf format or scanned) and sent to the Secretary General: secgen@eadv.org

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

The relevant Nomination Form and Conflict of Interest Form can be downloaded from [www.eadv.org](http://www.eadv.org)

All candidates are recommended to read the **role profile for the Chairperson of the Finance Committee** which can be downloaded from [www.eadv.org](http://www.eadv.org)

**Carle Paul MD PhD**  
EADV Secretary General  
March 2014
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEES – 2014

Notice is hereby given to fill vacancies on Board Committees.

Nominations will be received by the Secretary General not later than FRIDAY, 2 MAY 2014

• Only Specialist members in good standing and with voting rights are eligible to stand for election.
• Candidates for election to Committees must be proposed and seconded by two EADV voting members in good standing.

Committee members will be elected by the Board of Directors at the Board Meeting on 21 and 22 May.
The single transferable voting system will be used if necessary.

All nominees must send in:
1. The Nomination Form signed by the applicant and the endorsers.
2. A short CV of up to 2 A4 pages (with a recent photograph if available).
3. A completed Conflict of Interest Form.

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The relevant Nomination Form and Conflict of Interest Form can be downloaded from www.eadv.org

Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.

Committee meetings are normally held twice a year during the Spring Symposium and the Annual Congress.

Further information can be obtained from www.eadv.org

CURRENT VACANCIES:
Committee Members:
• Finance Committee (1 vacancy)
• Fostering Specialist Skills Committee* (2 vacancies)
• Honours & Awards Committee* (2 vacancies)
• Media & PR Committee (1 vacancy)
• Membership Committee* (2 vacancies)
• Scientific Programming Committee (1 vacancy for the Western region and 1 vacancy for the Southern region)

Candidates must indicate clearly on the Nomination Form for which position they are applying.

* One of the positions is open only to Board Members.

Carle Paul MD PhD
EADV Secretary General
March 2014
Board Member Profiles

Annamari Ranki
(Finland)

I am Professor of Dermatology and Venereology at the University of Helsinki, and have been the Chairperson of the Department of Skin and Allergic Diseases, Skin and Allergy Hospital, Helsinki University Central Hospital, since 1997. Within the European field of dermatology, I have been active as an ESDR Board member and latterly as the President of the European Dermatology Forum.

Before specialising in dermatology, I studied human immunology and defended my PhD thesis in 1978. I became a specialist in dermatology in 1983. I have sub-specialties in medical administration and in dermatologic allergology. In 1985-87 I spent an exciting period in Dr Robert Gallo’s lab at NIH, in Bethesda, USA, and at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, studying HIV infection. During the past decades my group has studied cutaneous T-cell lymphomas, auto-inflammatory periodic fever syndromes and various autoimmune diseases.

I have been a member of the Health Research Council, the Academy of Finland, the Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Helsinki, and an External Advisory Group member for the European Commission, among others.

I hope I can exploit my experience for our joint benefit by strengthening various types of collaborative efforts in the field of European dermatology. It will be important to create an attractive atmosphere for the young dermatologist to join EADV!

 Miloš Nikolić
(Serbia)

I graduated from the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Medicine, Belgrade, Serbia, in 1986. After one year of general internship, I worked at the Department of Paediatrics in Belgrade as a clinical physician and then I started my residency in dermatovenerology at the Department of Dermatology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade, in 1989.

In 1990, I spent a month at the Department of Dermatology, University of Kuopio, Finland (Prof Maija Horsmanheimo, Dr Rauno Harvima) and in 1994 had an advanced training at the Paediatric Dermatology, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire, Bordeaux, France, with professors Alain Taieb and Jean Maleville. In 1995 I defended my PhD thesis on hair shaft defects/pilar dysplasias (mentor: Prof B Lalevic-Vasic).

In 1996, I reached the position of Associate Professor of Dermatology, and in 2008 I became full Professor of Dermato-venereology at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Medicine. In 1998, I became Head of the Division of Paediatric Dermatology at the Department of Dermato-venereology in Belgrade. 

At the beginning of my career in dermatology, my principal field of professional interest was hair shaft abnormalities (pilar dysplasias) and now my principal fields of clinical research are vasculitides (especially ANCA-vasculitides), connective tissue diseases (lupus erythematous, dermatomyositis) and autoimmune bullous diseases.

I was President of the Section of Dermato-venereology of the Serbian Medical Society between 2001-2006 and Chair of the Department of Dermatovenerology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade from 2001-2008. In 2011, I was elected President of the Serbian Association of Dermato-venereologists. I became a member of EADV during the 2nd EADV Congress in Athens in 1991, and since that time I attended many EADV congresses and symposia, where I was a chair or co-chair of various sessions or workshops.

For me, it is a great honour to represent Serbian EADV members on the Board. I will do my best to further promote strong dermatology all over Europe, and the EADV as the leading organisation of dermatologists and venereologists worldwide.
### Calendar of Events

#### > 2014

- **9th European Lupus Meeting**  
  23-26 April 2014  
  Athens, Greece
- **European Workshop on Skin Immune Mediated Inflammatory Diseases**  
  24-26 April 2014  
  Verona, Italy
- **11th EADV Spring Symposium**  
  22-25 May 2014  
  Belgrade, Serbia
- **10th EADO Congress**  
  7-10 May 2014  
  Vilnius, Lithuania
- **12th Congress of Baltic Association of Dermatovenerologists**  
  30 May - 1 June 2014  
  Riga, Latvia
- **4th International Ethnic Skin and Hair Conference**  
  6-7 June 2014  
  London, UK
- **12th European Society for Paediatric Dermatology (ESPD) Congress**  
  12-14 June 2014  
  Kiel, Germany
- **JDIP 2014 Meeting**  
  19-21 June 2014  
  Paris, France
- **International Short Course on Dermoscopy - ISCD**  
  1-5 July 2014  
  Graz, Austria
- **XV World Congress on Cancers of the Skin**  
  3-6 September 2014  
  Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
- **Stratum Corneum VIII Conference**  
  17-19 September 2014  
  Cardiff, Wales, UK
- **1st Euro-Asian Melanoma Congress**  
  18-21 September 2014  
  Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
- **5th World Congress of Teledermatology**  
  18-20 September 2014  
  Barcelona, Spain
- **XXVIII IUSTI Europe Congress**  
  18-20 September 2014  
  St Julian’s, Malta
- **23rd EADV Congress**  
  8-12 October 2014  
  Amsterdam, The Netherlands

#### > 2015

- **12th EADV Spring Symposium**  
  5-8 March 2015  
  Valencia, Spain
- **4th World Congress of Dermoscopy**  
  16-18 April 2015  
  Vienna, Austria
- **23rd World Congress of Dermatology**  
  8-13 June 2015  
  Vancouver, Canada
- **24th EADV Congress**  
  7-11 October 2015  
  Copenhagen, Denmark

#### > 2016

- **25th EADV Congress**  
  28 September - 2 October 2016  
  Vienna, Austria

#### > 2017

- **26th EADV Congress**  
  13-17 September 2017  
  Geneva, Switzerland

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