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Changing approaches to clinical medicine

There are a limited number of options for the conceptual development of medicine. One important choice is between the general and the specific. For many years these two approaches have been found in the forms of evidence-based medicine and molecular biology. It could be seen as a clash between stringent requirements for logical deduction based on systematic observations and the exploration of the structural mechanisms of specific processes which can be made the subject of experimental interventions on a cellular level. These ideas have established partially competing dominions within the world of medical science, using all the tools of political power available to further their respective causes. It may well be hypothesised that the institutionalisation of these ideas has moved the focus not only of medicine, but of education and research as well.

Interestingly, a simultaneous but almost surreptitious movement is taking place, to find the next great idea. The next scientific and societal idea will have to take ground in the general societal developments we are witnessing now, which are moving as a consequence of changing economic fortunes and the peregrinations of political fortune. Perhaps the most stable component of any enthusiastic electorate is its relentless movement guided by the idea of the times.

The growing realisation that skin disease is more than skin deep has been prominent in the discussion of psoriasis lately. It is unlikely to be unique to that disease. This has been known for many years by most clinicians. The experience of the patient as a coherent whole is often the best approach to both diagnosis and treatment. It is also an idea which is in agreement with the times. Clinical medicine has evolved with society, and has long left both the simple mechanistic interpretation of our bodies so well exemplified by undergraduate studies of anatomy and physiology. It has also left the sometimes politically motivated interpretations of disease as a societal phenomenon. It is to be hoped that we moving towards an individualised acceptance of biological diversity which can only be mastered through logical analysis based on sophisticated analysis.

Gregor Jemec
Editor

Please send your suggestions, feedback and contributions for the attention of the Editor, EADV News c/o Stefanie Blum, Administrative Officer at the EADV Office via: stefanie@eadv.org
Dear friends,

With the EADV Spring Symposium in Bucharest having recently come to an end, I would like to congratulate its president, Prof Dan Forsea and his team for their tremendous efforts to produce a most successful meeting.

I believe that the success behind this event was activated by the friendly atmosphere that was evident in all meetings as well as social events. The scientific sessions displayed the high quality of CME events that we try to achieve, through the continuity and collaboration between new dermatologists and our masters of dermatology who help lead the way for the new generation. I am also happy that my first series of meetings as EADV President ran very smoothly and I feel fortunate to have had the support of the Executive Committee officers and the Board who made this possible.

International exchanges

We are now seeking to enhance the role of EADV in global dermatology and the ongoing quests with national and international societies show a promising development in this regard. As part of the EADV International Exchange Initiative with the Chinese, a series of scientific sessions have been scheduled throughout the year with the participation of EADV members, each an expert in his/her field, presenting their work to a Chinese audience through remote telecommunications. These sessions have proven very successful so far and are an important means of showcasing EADV throughout Asia.

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with a representative from India in order to set up a similar initiative with Indian dermatological societies. It is foreseen that the first of these sessions will commence in August 2009 and will become a biannual event for a period of three years. Our goal is to increase this type of cooperation with societies on other continents and hopefully the possibility of recruiting societies of South America within this alliance will be our forthcoming achievement.

The EADV/AAD Review course in Munich this June is an exciting affair that has attracted an enormous amount of interest, entailing a mixture of American and European speakers who will present the recent developments in dermatovenerology in a wide variety of topics. This intense course is a stepping stone towards a series of events in which the two Academies unite their efforts to produce a high level of postgraduate education.

Many will have seen in the previous issue of EADV News, a very interesting article from Commissioner Vassiliou about the European Union (EU) prospects in various skin and venereal disease prevention campaigns. We have in the past organised campaigns through the help of the EU and my intention is to look deeper into the possibility of obtaining their support and combining our efforts towards creating more public awareness campaigns throughout Europe.

EADV is making good progress with its external collaborations and we are indeed moving in a positive direction. The work of the EADV officers and Board Committees as well as the support of EADV members have helped create a major joint effort which now places the EADV amongst the largest organisations in global dermatology.

Prof Andreas Katsambas

EADV President
Euromelanoma is a pan-European prevention campaign against skin cancer and is organised by European dermatologists. The aim of this campaign is to promote primary and secondary prevention of skin cancer - and in particular melanoma - in Europe.

On 26 March, the Belgian Melanoma task force met at EADV House in Brussels to present the Belgian 2009 Euromelanoma campaign to the Belgian press.

Dr Thomas Maselis, chairman of the Belgian Melanoma Task Force, gave an introduction to Belgian epidemiological data from 1999 to 2005 for this dreadful disease. In 2005, 1,560 Belgians were diagnosed with melanoma and 275 deaths were recorded. The mean age at diagnosis was 59 years for men and 55 years for women. In the 15-29 age group, melanoma was the most important malignancy in females; for males it was between 30-44 years. In Belgium, melanoma is clearly more frequent in females than males, except in the over-65 population. An increase in incidence was clear in both sexes but melanoma tends to be diagnosed at a more advanced stage in males.

### Raising awareness

A range of results from former campaigns was presented by Dr Véronique del Marmol, including the different methods of communication that were used since the first initiative. Indeed, over the past 11 years many ways have been used to communicate prevention messages but also to select high-risk patients for the annual Euromelanoma screening day. The use of a call centre has allowed doctors to screen out patients younger than 15 and in 2007 the campaign received a welcome boost from the participation of a former prime minister to help reverse the usual female ratio imbalance and encourage older men to be screened. The website, which has been visited by more than 130,000 people, has also been evolving in recent years and is now a pan-European site "Euromelanoma.org" for all the 23 participating countries.

The last part of this press conference introduced the new Belgian Euromelanoma campaign material using the Dalmatian to stimulate self-detection. All the tools associated with this image were presented, such as the folder, the poster and greater awareness of the virus-like spot symbolised by the Dalmatian dog.

The annual meeting of the Euromelanoma Screening Campaign group is held every year on the Pre-Congress Day of the Annual Congress of the EADV.

Since so many countries are currently involved in this initiative, the meeting in Brussels aimed to discuss how to standardise the way the campaign is organised in all countries and prepare guidelines in order to help new countries that wish to participate.

The decision to open this campaign to non-melanoma skin cancer, in addition to melanoma, was also taken.

This year’s Euromelanoma Screening Day took place on 11 May. Details of activities carried out in each of the participating countries are being regularly updated on the campaign website: www.euromelanoma.org

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Euromelanoma 2009

101 Dalmatians promote skin self-examination in Belgium

Dr Véronique del Marmol and Dr Thomas Maselis at the press conference at EADV House

As the motto of this year’s Euromelanoma campaign was “101 reasons to examine your spots” to stimulate self-examination, a panel of 101 melanoma images was used to make a folder to help remind the public of the multiple aspects that melanoma can take.

The Euromelanoma Campaign consists of two basic activities:

1. Diffusing information

2. Screening populations on an open invitation/volunteer basis and detecting new melanoma cases at an early and potentially curative stage of the disease.
The EADV and the Local Organising Committee invite you to join us in Berlin for the 18th EADV Congress from 7-11 October 2009.

The 2009 EADV Congress will be dedicated to the presentation and discussion of the most recent developments in clinical as well as experimental dermatology and venereology. Our programme covers the broad spectrum of dermatological diseases as well as novel developments in rapidly moving fields such as cutaneous oncology, allergy, autoimmune, inflammatory and infectious diseases of the skin. Emphasis will also be placed on dermatosurgery and lasers in dermatology.

**Global practice**

In addition, several scientific sessions are dedicated to dermatological practice outside Europe and the programme will offer a view on the efforts of dermatologists from all over the world.

Besides the scientific events at the Congress itself, the EADV also continues its successful partnership with specialised dermatological societies who will hold meetings at the Congress venue on the Wednesday prior to the Congress opening. For detailed information please consult our website at [www.EADVBerlin2009.com](http://www.EADVBerlin2009.com).

Join us in Berlin and participate in an outstanding scientific programme and experience a remarkable European metropolis.

The EADV and the Local Organising Committee are pleased to welcome you to Berlin and we will make every effort to offer you a scientific and practice-oriented meeting to make this Congress a most memorable scientific, social and cultural experience.

See you in October!

Prof Thomas A Luger
Congress President 2009
On behalf of the Local Scientific Committee
A city of science and culture

Over the last decades of the 19th century Berlin became one of the four major European centres for dermatologists from all over the world. Despite being appreciated as an exceptional city, engraved by its history as well as by its diverse, ongoing and fascinating events, Berlin has always been a city of great scientific achievement and potential. The metropolis is home to world-renowned universities, research institutes, sporting events, orchestras, museums and personalities. It is a major centre of culture, politics, media, and science in Europe.

In fact, Berlin has not only one centre but many pockets of attractions spread all over the area. The densest array of sights lies to the east of the Brandenburg Gate, on either side of the majestic boulevard "Unter den Linden". The most notable buildings are found at its eastern end, such as the Staatsbibliothek (State Library), Humboldt University, Neue Wache (national memorial), the Zeughaus (Museum of German History), and the grand Staatsoper.

Rich culture

With over 170 museums and galleries Berlin offers an unrivalled choice of art and cultural artefacts from classical antiquities to contemporary art and modernist classics such as the Bauhaus building and Daniel Libeskind’s Jewish Museum, built after reunification. Fans of history and art should not miss the huge Museum Island (Museumsinsel), which is among the most visited sights in Berlin. This museum complex of five museums is situated on an island in the heart of the city, including the Pergamon Museum’s vast collection of classical treasures.

Turbulent history

2009 marks the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall (on 9 November 1989) - a vivid reminder of the city’s recent turbulent past. Checkpoint Charlie, along with Glienicker Brücke (Glienicker Bridge) was the best known border-crossing of the Cold War era. The spot remains a must-see sight in Berlin with huge historical and emotional resonance and the museum, known as Haus am Checkpoint Charlie, contains the best documentation available on the many escape attempts from East to West. The original Checkpoint sign is exhibited here.

Berlin city centre is the city’s historic core and comes up with the most famous landmarks and most visited sights including the Alexanderplatz with its 1,200 ft/365m-high Berlin TV Tower, the nearby Rotes Rathaus (Red Town Hall), the Reichstag and Gendarmenmarkt with the Deutscher Dom and the Französischer Dom.
**Facts & Figures**

**Country Name:**
Republic of Ireland

**Capital:**
Dublin

**Population:**
4.23 million (2006)

**Area:**
70,283 sq km

**Official languages:**
Irish, English

**GDP per capita:**
$46,200 (2008 estimate)

**Health expenses per capita:**
€2,926

**Life expectancy:**
80.3 females, 75.1 males

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**Dermatology in Ireland**

**Overview**

All dermatologists have access to beds in public or private hospitals or both depending on the practice of the dermatologist and on the health insurance status of the patient. If a patient is acutely ill there is always healthcare available in the public system regardless of insurance, based on need. All patients in Ireland are entitled to public health care and 51% opt to have health insurance. The Irish Health service is a referral-based system with patients first attending their family practitioner and then receiving a referral to a relevant specialist.

All academic public hospitals employ specialist dermatology nurses who contribute to the dermatology service, running phototherapy, photodynamic therapy, cryotherapy, and many other specialist services. Nurse-led triage clinics are now successfully running in Beaumont hospital where I work. This has allowed a significant reduction in waiting lists for patients with inflammatory skin diseases. Ireland is a country of very fair complexioned people, so it is not surprising that skin cancer is one of the commonest skin diseases seen. Other common skin disorders include atopic eczema, psoriasis, acne vulgaris and rosacea. Photodermatoses affect 20% of the Irish population and cause significant problems for many in the summer months.

I run the National Photobiology Service for testing patients for photosensitivity and I work in the national centres for renal and cardiac transplants, dealing with the epidemic of skin cancer accruing from long-term immunosuppression: 50% of immunosuppressed patients have skin cancer within 20 years of transplantation. The numbers of skin cancers in this population are enough to skew the national figures for non-melanoma skin cancer. Prevention and treatment of these skin cancers is a major part of my workload.

**Irish Association of Dermatologists**

The Irish Association of Dermatologists started as a group of friends 50 years ago and over the years continued as a more organised society. It is now a large group with over 150 members, encompassing dermatologists north and south of the border from the whole island of Ireland.

There are now 23 dermatologists full time in public practice and a similar number in sole private practice. The Irish training scheme for dermatologists is currently overseen by me as National Speciality Director under the auspices of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. Ten trainees are rotated through a programme covering all aspects of the dermatology curriculum. The programme is a five-year training programme with annual assessments. Currently, five trainees are out of programme doing research at PhD level with a total of 15 in the training grade.

There are 10 university hospitals in the training scheme, plus some other hospitals with university affiliations with dermatology services but no allocated trainees. A limited number of private dermatologists provide cosmetic procedures, but most dermatologists are general dermatologists.

**A day in the life**

07.00: breakfast - a large espresso and a chocolate croissant warm from the Aga. Drive to work in my geriatric BMW convertible. My coffee is still hot by the time I arrive at Beaumont Hospital in time for our 8am multi-disciplinary team meeting on skin cancer (or grand rounds) depending on which Tuesday in the month it is. We meet for one hour...
discussing serious cancers in patients, with the aid of photographs, clinical data, histology and radiology using formal power-point presentations. This is an opportunity to discuss diagnosis and management with colleagues from the Pathology, Plastic Surgery, Radiotherapy, Oncology and General Surgery departments as indicated.

09.00: skin cancer clinic continues with patients triaged from the outpatient waiting list. Patients with malignant melanoma are fast tracked into the clinic within 1-2 weeks. Depending on urgency, patients with non-melanoma are seen within one month. In one morning 55-60 patients are reviewed by me and my team of five trainee doctors. Two specialist dermatology nurses assist with procedures, cryotherapy, preventive advice and where necessary dressings. Nurses book patients for PDT with detailed explanations. The clinic finishes by 13.00-14.00. A quick scoot down to the consultants’ dining room to meet my colleagues in various disciplines and discuss joint care of inpatients and maybe catch some lunch. Review inpatient consults: typically 5-6 per afternoon; a stochastic collection of disorders some days, drug rashes, vasculitis, other skin cancers or rare lymphomas, or yet another day of emergency consultations in the accident and emergency room where a patient may have skin failure from a variety of causes. Never a dull moment! One thing is clear, there is a great need for dermatology to be retained as a core discipline in acute hospitals. This last year we have revised the dermatology core curriculum for undergraduates to ensure that all Royal College of Surgeons medical graduates are taught the basics of dermatology before qualification.

16.00: back to discuss research projects with trainees. We discuss papers in preparation, forthcoming presentations, and so on. I am very privileged to work with enthusiastic, very clever young doctors who are fascinated by dermatology and are committed to their various projects.

Home by 20.00. I am fantastically blessed to be married to a good cook: whoever is home first cooks, always better when David does the cooking. 20.00-21.30: e-mails - the bane of one’s life! Sometimes there are 50 or 60 waiting to be dealt with and that does not count those sent to my office. The only really welcome e-mails are from my daughter from South America and my friends. Then it’s correcting papers in preparation, editing work for various journals, watching the news out of the corner of my eye, phoning my mother (86 this year, bless her!) and Skypeing my son who is doing a PhD in London. I read my current book for 20 minutes (it’s wonderful, all about the history of quantum physics - completely riveting and relevant for me as a photobiologist). I am an avid reader and constantly have to limit my time. Fall asleep planning to go to the gym more often.

Weekends are better, with opportunities to go to the opera, climb mountains and breathe fresh air. With good friends what could be better. It’s a wonderful life!

Dr Gillian M Murphy
Department of Dermatology
Beaumont & Mater Hospitals
Dublin, Ireland
The 6th EADV Spring Symposium, held from 23-25 April in Bucharest, continued the tradition of highly successful EADV events, bringing together dermatologists from Europe and all over the world to share their perspectives on the universe of skin and its impact on all aspects of life’s quality.

The 6th EADV Spring Symposium was the biggest dermatological meeting in the 100-year rich history of Romanian dermatology. Bucharest was proud to welcome over 1200 delegates, from 70 countries who came to share their expertise in all various field of our specialty.

Traditional welcome
The Symposium participants were warmth greeted during the Opening Ceremony by the Symposium Chairman, Professor Dan Forsea and by the EADV President, Professor Andreas Katsambas, as well as by the representative of Romanian Ministry of Health. Afterwards, the guests were invited to a musical journey through Romania, as the renowned folklore ensemble Doruletul offered an excellent performance of traditional Romanian dances and songs from different regions of the country. The fiery dance swirls, the beautiful costumes and the virtuoso playing of traditional instruments raised enthusiastic applause from the audience.

The days that followed packed in a very intense and highly praised scientific programme. Six plenary lectures, 17 symposia, 17 workshops, 8 focus sessions, along with 9 free communications sessions, forums and poster discussions as well as satellite symposia, set the stage for scientific exchange in a wide range of dermatology disciplines from cutaneous surgery, dermatologic allergology and cutaneous oncology to aesthetic dermatology, STIs and dermato-pathology. The most reputed experts in clinical dermatology and dermatological research challenged the global crisis threats and accepted the invitation to Bucharest, putting together an excellent scientific event, with outstanding lectures, mind-opening discussions and perfectly moderated sessions.

Quality of life of dermatological patients-the theme of the Symposium was the guiding thread throughout the programme. The opening plenary set the standards of Placing Quality of Life in Dermatology Care and the first symposium session was dedicated to Quality of Life in Dermatology. The meeting of the sister European Society of Dermatology and Psychiatry amply debated this theme, as did the workshop Skin Disease from the Perspective of Patients’ Organisation Fora. Numerous lectures further debated the complex interrelation between skin health and quality of life in all its different aspects, from the most recent concepts of preventive dermatology and anti-ageing strategies, to the latest challenges of teledermatology and evidence-based medicine.

Master class
A premiere of the Symposium was the Master of Dermatology Session. The attendants of this session had the unique experience of 4 great personalities that marked the development of our specialty who offered an insight into dermatological challenges and tradition but also a meditation on the role of the physician facing the economic and social challenges of the globalisation era. Most of all, it was a vivid example for generations to come of the professionalism, dignity and character which lie at the foundation of excellence.

Beyond the rich scientific programme, guests from 4 continents had the opportunity to discover Bucharest at its best, dressed in spring-fresh green on perfectly sunny days, all through the meeting period. The capital’s rich history, cross-civilisation culture and the Romanian hospitality completed an unforgettable experience for the participants at the 6th EADV Spring Symposium.

Despite the tempting weather outside, a great number of participants attended the enriching What’s New? sessions followed by the Closing Ceremony, where the EADV flag, according to tradition, was handed to Prof Jasna Lipozencic, who will chair the next EADV Spring Symposium in Cavtat, Croatia in 2010.

Prof Dan Forsea
Symposium Chairman
“The Bucharest meeting was my first EADV meeting. It was quite informative. The papers were well done - I leaned a lot.
Dr Glenn Dobecki, South Weymouth, MA (USA)

“The attendance at the session “Dermatologic surgery”, chaired by Prof K Munte, M Leventer and myself, was high. Many attendants showed interest in the techniques of surgical interventions, how to treat giant congenital naevi early in life etc. The symposium was well organised. I congratulate Professor Dan Forsea and his team for the good work they did for the scientific and social programme.”
Prof Diane Roseeuw, Brussels (Belgium)

“I think the programme and the quality of the speakers was in general very good. Unfortunately a lot was going on in parallel, which made attendance quite scarce at times.”
Nienke Guhl, Wyeth Europa Limited, Berkshire (UK)

“Going to Bucharest was for me a trip back to a very nice experience I had in 2000, visiting one of my students met in Brussels where she came with a grant. It was also my first contact with Romanian psycho-dermatology and Dr Liana Manolache. Since that time psycho-dermatology has grown a lot in Romania. We had also a very well-attended meeting with the Romanian Society of Dermatology about psycho-dermatology organised by Prof G S Tipica together with Dr Gloria Succiu, which is also the topic of our fostering training in psycho-dermatology to be held this summer in Brussels.”
Dr Françoise Poot, Brussels (Belgium)

“IFPA is very thankful for the generosity and support that EADV are showing our organisations and also that we had the unique opportunity to participate in a workshop of the Spring Meeting representing the psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis patients. This was the first time ever that the view from the patient organisations has been a part of the general programme and we have been given the floor to give the patients’ reflections and experiences from different parts in the world. IFPA, as a representative of patient organisations and the patient’s voice, is convinced that with this increased co-operation between our groups, together we can make a difference and improve the lives of the 125 million people living with psoriasis all over the globe.”
Annika Rastas, IFPA, Johannesheov (Sweden)

“It was great honour and pleasure for me to participate in the 6th EADV Spring Symposium in Bucharest, Romania and to receive the Imrich Sarkany Scholarship Award from Prof Andreas Katsambas, Prof Tsankov Nikolai and Prof Joseph Pace. The scientific programme was at an excellent level and fully met the primary objectives of CME. I especially remember the outstanding session on quality of life, laser and aesthetic dermatology and the potential future psoriasis management. Furthermore I really cherish the moments when I presented my research “Concomitant use of Pulse Dye/ND:YAG Laser – A new hope for the laser-resistant facial telangiectasias” in front of a highly qualified delegation during the symposium. Thank you EADV for the wonderful experience.”
Dr Anuj Pall, Gurgaon (India)

“I want to thank the EADV committee for organising such a great Symposium and for giving me the possibility to attend it by winning the Hornstein Memorial Scholarship. A lot of useful information for me, new friends and a great experience!”
Dr Petre Ecaterina, Chisinau (Moldova Republic)
EADV

ELECTION OF TREASURER-ELECT 2009/2011

May 2009

Notice is hereby given that nominations for Treasurer-Elect 2009/2011 will be received by the undersigned at EADV House (Succursale belge)*, Avenue General de Gaulle 38, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium until 12.00 on 7 August 2009.

The Treasurer-Elect will be elected by the Board of Directors on 7 October 2009 in Berlin. Please see the next page for the nomination form.

Regulations for the administration of the elections:
1. The Treasurer-Elect is elected by the Board of Directors of the EADV.
2. Only Specialist Members are entitled to stand for election.
3. Due notice of the date of election and call for nominations will be notified in EADV News and/or through a notice to the members on the EADV website.
4. The names of candidates for the office of Treasurer-Elect should be submitted to the Secretary General two months before the date of election using the appropriate nomination form.
5. If more than two candidates are competing for election, and if a majority (50% + 1) is not achieved the candidate with the least votes will be eliminated and a further vote taken until the candidate achieves a majority of at least 50% + 1 vote
6. The Treasurer-Elect is elected for a period of not more than two years and succeeds the current Treasurer when the office of the latter expires. If the latter retires during his term of office, the Treasurer-Elect assumes the role of Treasurer in the interim until the next AGM when his term of office will commence.

Joseph L Pace MD
Secretary General

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EADV

NOMINATION FORM

TREASURER-ELECT (2009-2011)

I, the undersigned, nominate

Dr / Prof

for the position of Treasurer-Elect in October 2009

Proposer’s Name: ..................................................................................................................................................

EADV Membership Number: ..................................................................................................................................

E-mail: ........................................ Fax: .........................................................................................................................

Proposer’s signature:

Seconder’s Name: ..................................................................................................................................................

EADV Membership Number: ..................................................................................................................................

E-mail: ........................................ Fax: .........................................................................................................................

Seconder’s signature:

Acceptance of nomination

I, Dr/Prof ................................................................................................................................................................

Hereby accept the nomination for the position of Treasurer-Elect of EADV

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

EADV Membership Number:................................................................................................................................

E-mail:....................................................................... Fax: ..................................................................................

RECEIVED:
EADV OFFICE Date.............................. Signature

SECRETARY-GENERAL Date.............................. Signature

CHAIR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Date.............................. Signature
EADV

ELECTION OF BOARD DIRECTORS

DENMARK (1), FRANCE (1) GERMANY (2), ITALY (1), MALTA (1), RUSSIA (1), SWEDEN (1) & UK (1)

2009-2012

May 2009

Notice is hereby given that in terms of the Statutes (Articles 14, 15, 16 & 17) the Board Directorships representing Denmark (1), France (1), Germany (2), Italy (1), Malta (1), Russia (1), Sweden (1) and UK (1) will become vacant in October 2009 and nominations will be received by the undersigned.

Please see the nomination form on the next page which can be sent by post to:
EADV House (Succursale belge), Avenue General de Gaulle 38, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium, or by fax to: +32 2 650 0098.
Further information can be obtained at www.eadv.org

Nominations will be received by the Secretary General not later than FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST 2009.

If more than two validly made nominations are received, the single transferable voting system will be used.

Only Specialist Members are entitled to stand for election. Voting members from Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Malta, Russia, Sweden and UK shall elect their Board Member.

Each candidate must be a national of and resident in the country they are representing and be nominated by two voting members resident in their country.

The Board Director is elected for a period of three years and may be re-elected once. France, Germany, Italy and the UK are entitled to two Board members. The second seat is subject to these countries having more than 100 paid-up members on 31 August 2009.

Joseph L Pace MD
Secretary General
EADV
NOMINATION FORM
BOARD DIRECTORS 2009-2012
DENMARK (1), FRANCE (1), GERMANY (2), ITALY (1), MALTA (1), RUSSIA (1), SWEDEN (1) & UK (1)

I, the undersigned, nominate

Dr / Prof

a specialist member of EADV, to represent ________________________________ on the Board of Directors.

Proposer’s Name: ..................................................................................................................................................

EADV Membership Number: ...................................... E-mail: ........................................................... ...................

Fax: ........................................................................ Telephone: ..............................................................................

Proposer’s signature:

Seconder’s Name: ..................................................................................................................................................

EADV Membership Number: ...................................... E-mail: ........................................................... ...................

Fax: ........................................................................ Telephone: ..............................................................................

Seconder’s signature:

(Both Proposer and Seconder should be fully paid up members with voting rights and resident in nominee’s country)

Acceptance of nomination

I, Dr/Prof ..........................................................................................................................................................

a national of and resident in ________________________________ hereby accept the nomination for the position of Board Director representing this country.

EADV Membership Number: ..................................................................................................................................

Address: ...................................................................................................................... ...........................................

E-mail: .....................................................................................................................................................................

Fax: .............................................................................................. Telephone: ..........................................................

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

For office use:

RECEIVED: EADV OFFICE Date................................... Signature

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

CHAIR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Date................................... Signature
MEMORANDUM

From THE SECRETARY GENERAL
Re RE-ELECTION OF STANDING BOARD DIRECTORS
To EADV members from countries below
Date 10 June 2009

BULGARIA - TSANKOV Nikolai
CROATIA - LIPOZENCIC Jasna
CZECH REPUBLIC - ETTLER Karel
Greece – CHAIDEMENOS Georgios
GREECE - STRATIGOS Alexandros
HUNGARY - KARPATI Sarolta
ICELAND - DAVIDSSON Steingrimur*
LATVIA - RUBINS Andris

Dear friends,

The above Board members’ current term expires in October. I am pleased to inform you that their attendance record at meetings has been excellent and they have participated most satisfactorily in the proceedings of the Board of Directors. These Board members have offered themselves for re-election for a further three-year term of office *(with the exception of the Board Directors from Iceland and Norway who may be re-elected for one year only, having already served for five years on the Board).

According to EADV’s electoral regulations, the standing Board Director will still need to be proposed and seconded by two voting members from his/her country. Members also have the right, if they so wish, to nominate other eligible specialist members to contest this position, in which case a formal election will be carried out in September.

Kindly find on the next page the relevant nomination form which can by sent to:

ATTENTION SECRETARY-GENERAL

By post to:
EADV(Succursale belge), Avenue General de Gaulle 38, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium,
or by fax to: + (32) 2 650 00 98
not later than FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST 2009

Further information can be obtained at http://www.eadv.org. Any required clarification can be requested from the Office of the Secretary-General at eadvsecgen@keyworld.net

If more than two validly made nominations are received, the single transferable voting system will be used.

Joseph L Pace MD
Secretary General
EADV
NOMINATION FORM
BOARD DIRECTOR

I, the undersigned, nominate
Dr / Prof .........................................................................................................................................................
a specialist member of EADV, to represent ________________________________ on the Board of Directors.

Proposer’s Name: ...........................................................................................................................................
EADV Membership Number: .................................... E-mail: ...........................................................................
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Seconder’s signature: ........................................................................................................................................

(Both Proposer and Seconder should be fully paid-up members with voting rights and resident in nominee’s country)

Acceptance of nomination

I, Dr/Prof .............................................................................................................................................................
a national of and resident in ________________________________ hereby accept the nomination for the
position of Board Director representing this country.

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CHAIR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Date............................ Signature
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO FILL VACANCIES ON BOARD COMMITTEES - 2009

CHAIRPERSONS

May 2009

Notice is hereby given to fill vacancies of Chairpersons on Board Committees which will become vacant in October 2009.

- Only Specialist Members are entitled to stand for election.
- Candidates for election to CHAIRPERSON must be proposed and seconded by two BOARD members.
- Chairpersons are elected by the Board of Directors at a Board meeting or electronically and is by single transferable vote if necessary.

Nominations will be received by the Secretary General not later than FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST 2009.

Please see the nomination form on the next page which can be sent by post to:
EADV House (Succursale belge), Avenue General de Gaulle 38, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium, or by fax to: +32 2 650 0098.

Further information can be obtained at www.eadv.org

Current Vacancies:

CHAIRPERSON FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

Fostering Specialist Skills Committee
Nomination & Election Monitoring Committee*
Scientific Programming Committee
Website Committee

(Please note that if appointee is already a member of the above Committees a further call for nominations will be made for another Committee member.)

* The Chairperson of this Committee must be a Past President not currently an Officer OR a Past Officer of EADV

PLEASE CONFIRM AT THE EADV WEBSITE, WHICH ALWAYS CARRIES THE UPDATED VERSION, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND VACANCIES
EADV
NOMINATION FORM
BOARD COMMITTEES - CHAIRPERSON

I, the undersigned, nominate
Dr / Prof

for the Chairperson of the ____________________________ Committee.

Proposer’s Name: ..................................................................................................................................................
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Proposer’s signature: Date .....................................................

Seconder’s Name: ..................................................................................................................................................
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Seconder’s signature: Date .....................................................

(Candidates for election to Chairperson must be proposed and seconded by two BOARD MEMBERS)

Acceptance of nomination

I, Dr/Prof ................................................................................................................................................................

Hereby accept the nomination for the Chairmanship of the ____________________________ Committee

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

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RECEIVED: EADV OFFICE Date................................. Signature
SENT TO: SECRETARY-GENERAL Date................................. Signature
CHAIR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Date................................. Signature
My name is Dr Ashimav Deb Sharma and I am a dermato-venereologist working as a consultant in Bongaigaon, India. Since my field of interest is allergy, it was my long cherished desire and dream to see the work of the great and renowned dermatologist Professor Johannes Ring of Germany. Therefore I applied for the EADV Education Programme for a dermato-venereologist in private practice and I was really lucky to be accepted by Prof. Ring to come to the Klinik and Poliklinik of Dermatology & Allergology at the Technical University of Munich in Germany.

New concepts
During my training period, I fully utilised my time in the allergy clinic, working from 07.30 to 16.30. I worked with full freedom with the colleagues in the allergy clinic – Dr McIntyre, Dr Kerzl, Dr Schneider and Dr Alexopoulou - under the guidance of Prof U Darsow who was in charge of the allergy clinic. With great interest I observed all the procedures routinely done in the allergy clinic: patch test, atopic patch test, prick test, nasal provocation test, oral provocation test and the hyposensitisation process for house dust mite allergy, pollen allergy, wasp and bee venom allergy etc. Prof Darsow was an excellent teacher. He not only taught me the correct methodology to read patch and prick tests, but I also learned many interesting and new concepts in the field of allergology from him like sublingual immunotherapy and other newer trends in Type IV allergy.

I also attended the atopic and paediatric clinics. Prof Ring was not only an excellent teacher but also a wonderful human being! He not only answered my long list of questions on allergy which I carried from India for him, but also took a special class on chronic urticaria just for me!

Warm welcome
I am grateful for the hospitality and cooperation shown by Prof Hein, Prof Ollert, Prof Hoffman and others, Dr Chen, Dr Todorova and Dr Grosber for their help and advice. I also thank Ms Susanne Polovitzer and other paramedical staff in the allergy clinic for the warm welcome and care they gave me in Munich.

My purpose in visiting this centre was to learn about the recent advances in the field of allergology and my visit to this Centre of Excellence in Munich, Germany has fulfilled my desire completely. I am very grateful to Prof Ring & EADV for giving me this wonderful opportunity to undertake this programme as a visiting guest. Long live EADV!”
Junior Members

Spotlight on young dermatologists

Dr Dan Văţă (Romania)
“Hello from Iasi, a town about 20 km from the eastern border of the European Union. I grew up here, went to school and to the local medical university and am now a resident in dermatology here.

The first time I applied for a fostering dermatology course was in 2005. I was astonished to be accepted to attend the Summer School on Microbiology by Professor Erwin Tschachler. I went there thinking I will have the opportunity to visit Vienna and spend a nice holiday, but from the first courses I was captivated and ended up attending all the lectures, learning new and useful things and making friends with other young residents in dermatology from all over Europe.

The same year I applied for the Training Course in Bullous Disease and Prof Fenella Wojnarowska accepted my application. Going to London, EADV offered me the chance to participate in my first EADV Congress free of charge. It was great. I continued to apply to the Residents’ Training Programme and became an EADV junior member.

In July 2007, I went in Brussels, Belgium, were I attended the Training Course on Psychodermatology, chaired by Dr Françoise Poot and in June 2008, I went to Berlin for the Autoimmunity & Psoriasis Training Course, enriching my education as a trainee dermatologist.

I am almost sad that next year I will no longer be a resident and cannot benefit again from EADV’s Residents’ Training Programme!

Edita Zubrickiene (Lithuania)
“I was born in 1978 in Laukuva, Lithuania and earned my medical degree from Vilnius University in 2002 and completed my residency in dermato-venereology at Vilnius University Hospital in 2007. Since 2007 I’ve been in clinical practice in the Centre of Dermato-venereology at Vilnius University Hospital.

My major interests are acne, rosacea, perioral dermatitis, oncodermatology and laser technology application in dermatology.

I am a member of the Lithuanian Association of Dermato-venereology and EADV. I’ve published a number of articles on various medical problems in Lithuanian medical journals and local daily newspapers.

My motto: knowing about the skin, its structure, function, and what can go wrong is a valuable tool for helping people look healthy and prevent disease. I hope to make this the first place people look for accurate, understandable information about skin care.”

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.
Having decided two years ago to introduce online CME-CPD with my colleagues Prof Alexandros Stratigos, Prof Jean-Paul Ortonne, Editor-in-Chief of the JEADV, and Prof Pablo Fernandez Peñas, we are pleased to inform you that the project was launched in March.

Six reviews have been prepared for 2009 with a MCQ questionnaire and 12 are planned for 2010. The first two reviews are about sunscreens and pemphigus. The latest review to be posted deals with Pathogenesis of Subacute Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus. The pass mark is 60% and will give you one EADV Online CME-CPD credit. You can print your own certificate once you have passed the test in the “my corner” section of the website.

I hope that you will enjoy participating in this interesting new online CME-CPD test and we shall be glad to receive your comments and input.

Jean-Paul A Gabbud MD
Chairman CME-CPD Committee
jgabbud@bluewin.ch
The Mali Skin Disease Project started in 2001 and has resulted in effective training of all primary health care workers in the three largest regions of the country.

The project was originally organised by Antoine Mahe who brought together a collaborative team of French and Malian and West African dermatologists, Drs Fayeb, Thiam N’Diaye, Ly, Konaré, Kéita and Traoré, in collaboration with the International Foundation for Dermatology. The project is now organised and run from the Centre National d’Appui à la lutte contre la Maladie (CNAM) under the guidance of Dr Ousmane Faye. It has also attracted support from the French, Swiss and Canadian national societies of dermatology and the Fondation Pierre Fabre.

Better training

The latest healthcare statistics in Mali, published in 2007, show that skin disease is the third most common reason for patients seeking medical attention in the Republic of Mali. Skin infections and eczema are the dominant problems. Although all people and regions are affected, it is particularly common in children in rural and remote areas where specialists and appropriate medicines are unavailable. In addition, due to lack of basic training, these diseases are poorly managed and there is a relapse rate of more than 70%. As families pay for treatment, it is not cost effective and becomes a serious burden in the many areas where mean household income is less than one dollar per day. The adoption of this national training programme in 2001 by Malian health officers, and launched with orchestrated publicity, has begun to change this with the successful development of a teaching scheme using case demonstrations coupled with a single day’s training in the use of a simple diagnostic and treatment protocol. Evaluation of this programme confirms its wide acceptance and support by both staff and patients.

Increased support

The work targets primary health workers, usually doctors or nurses, but can be adapted for other staff and for regions with similar skin problems. In each session, there are up to four trained instructors and each day of training is planned well in advance with district medical officers. Despite the short time dedicated to teaching, the group has shown that those receiving training retain their newly-acquired knowledge. Medications for treating the patients have already been selected and approved and are available locally. The work has attracted the support of the government of Mali as well as international commendation and was the subject of a WHO bulletin editorial.

The next phase of the work is to complete training in the other six regions, a task that will involve teaching a further 2,000 healthcare workers. The process will adopt the same approach with the creation of regional training days. However as part of its work, the organising team will take steps to ensure that a similar project could be developed in other French-speaking African countries through production of teaching materials, such as a training video, printed or web-based guides and a manual.

Prof R J Hay
Chairman
International Foundation for Dermatology
Willan House
4 Fitzroy Square
London W1P 5HQ, UK
7th EADV Spring Symposium

Harmony in Dermatology and Venereology

May 13 – 16, 2010

Hotel Croatia, Cavtat, Croatia

www.eadv.org/cavtat2010

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The 6th Spring Symposium held in Bucharest was a great success and Romania did EADV proud. Congratulations to Dan Forsea, George Tiplica and their team for a superb achievement. The friendship, the science and the warm hospitality of our Romanian colleagues were outstanding as was Dan Forsea’s remarkable speech at the conference and banquet. I am sure we will have an equally successful symposium next year in Croatia, on whose behalf Jasna Lipozencic accepted the EADV symposium flag from Dan at the Closing Ceremony.

Time to vote
Election time is upon us. In this issue you will receive notification of various vacancies. These include the position of Treasurer-Elect to be decided upon by the Board of Directors in October.

A number of Board Directors from eight countries end their term of office in October. Only specialist members are entitled to stand for election. Voting members from Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Malta, Russia (a most welcome addition to our ever widening Board of Directors), Sweden and the UK shall elect their new Board member in September. I take this opportunity to thank those Board members who will leave the Board in October for their dedication to EADV.

Furthermore, 15 Board members are eligible and have offered themselves for re-election for a further three-year term with the exception of Steingrimur Davidsson and Jorgen Ronnevig who will be re-elected for one year only as they are unable to serve as Board members for more than six years in total. All these colleagues have worked hard for EADV and their re-confirmation by their national members appears likely although the posts may also be contested.

The Board will also choose Chairpersons for four Board Committees in October. These will include the Fostering Specialist Skills Committee, Nominations & Election Monitoring Committee, Scientific Programming Committee and the Website Committee. The relevant nomination forms are included in this issue (please see pages 10-17). All nominations are to reach me not later than 7 August.

Although impending elections will take up most of our time in the near future, there are some very interesting initiatives with regard to exchanges on an educational level with the US, China, and India. We are honoured that these last two countries have expressed a strong wish to have an educational alliance with EADV and will work thoroughly towards a successful conclusion. Colleagues from these countries are also taking EADV membership and our figures are looking quite healthy, not forgetting the huge number of colleagues throughout Europe now represented via the national society membership scheme. A further highly praiseworthy initiative is Fenella Wojnarowska’s drive towards the inclusion of dermatology nurses and patients’ associations more thoroughly in our EADV family. This inclusiveness is central to our EADV concept of total skin care and brings in two major players previously only on the periphery.

Improved communication
Finally we plan to introduce in the future e-mail alerts which will notify the membership of any important EADV news available on the EADV website.

My staff and I wish you all a pleasant summer vacation and I hope to meet as many of our members as possible in Berlin in October.

Joseph L Pace
Secretary General
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.

The recent Spring Symposium in Bucharest welcomed many EADV members, colleagues and old friends from sister societies across Europe and the rest of the world. Here are just some of the photos of the participants and speakers. Please turn to pages 8-9 for the post-event report and participants' feedback.

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### Calendar of Events

#### > 2009

- **International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery’s 17th Annual Scientific Meeting**
  - Amsterdam, The Netherlands
  - 22-26 July 2009

- **5 Continent Congress Lasers and Aesthetic Medicine**
  - Nice, France
  - 10-12 September 2009

- **13th Congress of the European Society for Dermatology and Psychiatry (ESDaP)**
  - Venice, Italy
  - 17-22 September 2009

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

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

- **European Congress on Anti-Aging & Aesthetic Medicine (ECAAAAM)**
  - Mainz, Germany
  - 15-17 October 2009

- **11th IUSTI World Congress**
  - Cape Town, South Africa
  - 9-12 November 2009

- **11th World Congress of Paediatrics Dermatology – WCPD 2009**
  - Bangkok, Thailand
  - 17-20 November 2009

#### > 2010

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

- **6th Congress of the European Association of Dermatologic Oncology**
  - Athens, Greece
  - 17-19 June 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

- **21st EADV Congress**
  - Riga, Latvia
  - 5-9 September 2012
EVEN WHEN SKIN IS FLARE-FREE ON THE SURFACE

ECZEMA IS ALWAYS WAITING TO ATTACK

FOR LONG-TERM ECZEMA CONTROL
YOU NEED TO ACTIVELY MANAGE THE UNDERLYING INFLAMMATION.¹

Atopic eczema flares can be managed in the short-term, but the threat of another flare is always lurking under the surface. New twice-weekly Protopic offers an effective way to control eczema in the long-term² by treating the sub-clinical inflammation between flares.² It prevents flares and prolongs flare-free intervals in adults and children with moderate and severe eczema.³

SO DON'T WAIT FOR THE FLARE, USE TWICE-WEEKLY PROTOPIC TO CONTROL ECZEMA IN THE LONG TERM.*

¹ With intermittent use. * Patients should have had an initial response to an acute exacerbation with Protopic twice daily (max. 6 weeks’ treatment).