“Healthy skin@work”

EADV launches a new pan-European campaign

EADV, through its Media & PR Committee, launched a new pan-European campaign to address the problem of occupational skin diseases at a dinner at the European Parliament in Brussels on 18 November 2009.

Hosted by Dr Ioannis Kasoulides MD and MEP, Vice-President of the EPP Group, the dinner brought together experts in occupational skin diseases, accident insurers, health and welfare service professionals and politicians to highlight the need for more urgent action.

In 2008, the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work published the European Risk Observatory report: *Occupational skin diseases (OSD) and dermal exposure in the EU (EU-25)*. This showed that “skin diseases are the second most common work-related health problem in Europe”. They may represent more than 25% of all occupational illnesses and “are one of the most important emerging risks related to the exposure to chemical, physical and biological risk factors”. OSD account for 90% of all work-related health problems in the 15-25 year age group.

It is estimated that within the European Union the costs of OSD-related medical treatment, sick leave and loss of productivity exceed €5 billion annually. Most of these costs fall on small and medium-sized enterprises (SME). For individuals, the chronic course of OSD may result in detrimental socioeconomic and psychological consequences, including job loss and long-term unemployment. For SMEs there is increasing pressure, in this time of recession, to improve their competitiveness by reducing costs.

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World Psoriasis Day 2009

First reports of the global campaigns to mark WPD on 29 October. This year’s theme: “Psoriasis is a real disability that deserves attention”.

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7th EADV Spring Symposium

13-16 May 2010, Cavtat, Croatia. Full scientific programme highlights and social programme.

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“See My Practice” Programme

A new EADV initiative to help dermatologists meet and exchange ideas in a daily practice setting.

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7th EADV Spring Symposium

Harmony in Dermatology and Venereology

May 13 – 16, 2010

Hotel Croatia, Cavtat, Croatia

www.eadv.org/cavtat2010
The art of clinical interpretation

Appreciation of art can take place on many levels. We can enjoy the sentimental sweep of a Bruckner symphony without knowing how to read notes, or we can be thrilled by recognising the subtle messages hidden in the details of a Giotto painting. Both emotions are genuine and enjoyable; but while the sentimental sweep is most pronounced in the amateur, the musician or the art historian recognises the structure of the underlying work. Professionals recognise how art is made and therefore provide us with a deeper understanding of what the artist intended. There is also art in the interpretation of art.

Dermatologists are highly skilled at recognising visual patterns of signs and symptoms. It is a very clinical specialty and, as such, highly dependent on the skills of the individual dermatologist. Our visual skills are emphasised in training and reinforced in practice to the point where the diagnostic process is more perception than cognition and many diagnoses are made almost instantaneously. This is much to the chagrin of our colleagues in other specialties who have to wait for the results of their tests before they can diagnose. With the general trend towards repeatable, verifiable, evidence-based para-clinical tests in graduate training, these clinical skills of dermatologists may however come under threat in the future. If the world moves away from the clinical skills of the individual physician, one may either have to lose the traditional or surrender the field to others with a more modern approach.

There is however always a third alternative, and in our case this is particularly attractive. Clinical skills involve personal interaction with patients and all trends in society suggest that personal contact is crucial to the patients’ perception of quality. It therefore makes little sense to depersonalise medicine and to allow anyone with a genuine interest in cutaneous disease to participate actively in the EADV family.

Our mission is also particularly dedicated to patient groups with advocacy of the patient an important part of our activity. To this end, particularly through the initiative of Fenella Wojnarowska of Oxford in the UK, a dialogue with patient support groups is being strongly encouraged and indeed our Statutes have been revised to allow anyone with a genuine interest in cutaneous disease to participate actively in the EADV family.

Today's initiative in founding EPOS (European Initiative for the Prevention of Occupational Skin Diseases) can therefore be seen as a further significant step in the direction of working for patients and with patients. After EADV's efforts in the important fields of melanoma and psoriasis, it is right and proper that a more mundane but no less important problem is highlighted and efforts made in its prevention and management. EADV is proud to support this effort in occupational dermatology and I wish you well in your endeavours."

The campaign will start in 2010. More information can also be found on the EADV website: www.eadv.org

Gregor Jemec
Editor
President’s Perspective

2009: a year of growth and success

Dear friends,

With the 18th EADV Congress in Berlin now having come and gone, I wish to congratulate Prof Thomas Lugner and his hard-working team for their tireless efforts in organising such a wonderful meeting. It was a combination of a high level of scientific sessions amongst a warm and friendly atmosphere and I thank everyone involved for their outstanding work.

This year, EADV has been very successful in its recently established collaboration with India. In August, the first of a series of “Dermatology Live Events” was organised, which involved 3 EADV members travelling to various cities in India to present various lectures to a wide audience, who enthusiastically participated in this unique experience. I am pleased to report that this was a very successful meeting and a second meeting will take place in March 2010.

International partnerships

Our relations with Chinese colleagues are continuing to progress very well. They have expressed keen interest in EADV, which they consider “a leader in dermatological education” and, in an effort to learn more about our educational programmes, they organised a small meeting during the Berlin congress at which Prof Erwin Tschachler and I were warmly greeted and able to discuss future possibilities. So enthusiastic was their interest that, since October, EADV has already received 71 new membership applications from China. Their International Exchange Initiative (IEI) involving telecommunication meetings with the participation of EADV members is continuing to do well and has reached its seventh consecutive session.

Our longstanding relations with AAD are as always on a high note. Following a leadership meeting in Berlin, representatives of both Academies agreed that the EADV/AAD Review Course will continue and the next meeting in 2010 will be organised in the USA. Further details will develop in due course.

Since EADV has moved its statutes to Swiss Law, it has become necessary for some EADV events to take place in Switzerland. Therefore, a scientific and clinical meeting organised by Prof Antonio Lanzavecchia and Prof Luca Borriadori is taking place in Bellinzona, Switzerland, under the auspices of the EADV, in December 2009. Both colleagues have gone to great lengths and put together a wonderful programme.

As in the past, the Academy tries its best to support other societies and one of these is the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD). Its Regional Dermatology Training Centre (RDTC) in Moshi, Tanzania, was established for the training of dermatologists in Africa who can provide dermatological care to the African community. This is considered a worthwhile project which the Academy supports and in 2009 we made a generous donation of €20,000 to it.

Also, the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) recently undertook the important task of developing the new International Classification of Diseases – 11th edition (ICD-11). Contrary to previous editions, the new ICD-11 will incorporate dermatological diseases and in an effort to help with this development which can be costly but very important to our specialty, EADV decided to contribute towards this task with a donation of €20,000.

2009 has been a good year for the Academy and I want to thank EADV’s officers and members for their help and commitment in making this possible.

Andreas Katsambas
EADV President (2008-2010)
Psoriasis: The Naked Truth

Psoriasis: The Naked Truth is a pan-European programme to educate about the physical and emotional impact of psoriasis and to encourage people who have been diagnosed with psoriasis to seek the best treatment for them.

The centrepiece of the programme, created and funded by Wyeth, is an exhibition of photographs and patient stories of 19 people from 14 countries bringing to life the realities behind living with psoriasis and challenging much of the stigma that can be associated with the disease. A short documentary was also filmed during the photo shoot to further contextualise the exhibition.

The photographic portraits, stories and documentary film make up a first of its kind exhibit offering a unique insight into living with psoriasis and the impact that optimal treatment can make. The photographs were taken by internationally regarded photographer, Ralf Tooten and the exhibition is currently travelling across Europe to various professional and patient congresses.

Further information regarding the programme, the images and documentary can be found on www.psoriasisthenakedtruth.com.

Psoriasis: The Naked Truth

Disease Update

EADV Honours & Awards Committee Update

Call for Scholarship Applications

A new call for scholarship applications for attendance at the 19th EADV Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden and other grants that might be available will be announced around 29 January 2010. This is a unique opportunity for residents and young dermato-venereologists to benefit from continuous medical education provided through an EADV congress or another medical event. Thus, we ask you to spread the word about this opportunity to your colleagues in your own or other departments and to apply if the criteria are met and the required documentation can be provided.

For further information, criteria, required documentation and the relevant application forms, please visit the scholarship site online at www.eadv.org/scholarships/ regularly from the end of January 2010 onwards.

Any inquiries or questions? Do not hesitate to email them to scholarship@eadv.org.

We look forward to receiving your complete application file by e-mail (if bigger than 5MB to be sent in parts) before 29 March 2010.

Note: Applicants will be notified about receipt of application by e-mail. Applicants will be informed about the status of their application from 1 June 2010.

Nikolai Tsankov
Chairman
Honours and Awards Committee
Members:
Jasna Lipozenčić
Antonella Tosti
Christos Zouboulis
From 7-11 October 2009, the 18th EADV Congress was held in Berlin. A premiere, as for the first time ever, Germany’s capital hosted the Academy. It was the largest-ever EADV conference with more than 9,000 dermatologists, researchers and scientists attending the event. The meeting delivered an outstanding programme tuned to the needs of both office- and hospital-based dermato-venereologists.

The Congress was dedicated to presentation and discussion of the most recent developments in clinical as well as experimental dermatology and venereology, providing ample opportunity for networking and exchange. For those EADV members who were unable to attend, EADV News presents a short overview.

The impressive International Congress Centre (ICC), one of the largest and technically most advanced congress buildings, was the perfect choice for hosting the 18th EADV Congress. It matched the impeccable organisation of this year’s event and the superb quality of the scientific programme. Situated in the heart of Berlin, the ICC not only proved to be a convenient location for the attendees coming from all over the world, it was also a suitable place for exploring some of the nearby historic and tourist attractions.

The first day of the 18th EADV Congress was dedicated to satellite meetings of the various sub-specialty societies. In the evening the Congress officially started with a most spectacular and solemn opening ceremony in which Prof Thomas Luger, Congress President and President of the German Society of Dermatology (DDG), cordially welcomed all attendees. His speech was followed by one by Eva Luise Köhler, the wife of the German Federal President, wishing all delegates a successful meeting. Being the patron of the Eva Luise Köhler foundation for rare diseases, she emphasised the need for collaborative research on rare diseases for which the EADV is a most promising instrument. Finally, Prof Andreas Katsambas, EADV President, gave his welcome address to the audience.

The opening ceremony was followed by a magnificent concert featuring the Berlin Symphony Orchestra playing Mendelsohn’s Symphony Nº 4. After an intermezzo by the modern cello quartet “Cellomania”, the stage opened to a broad-screen film projection of the history of the Berlin Wall until its collapse in 1989. The film was accompanied by a live performance of world-class break-dancers and street-bikers, a scenario perfectly in keeping with the theme of the 18th EADV Congress “Breaking down Barriers”.

Education in science and medicine

The scientific programme reflected the diversity of subject areas encompassed within dermatology and venereology. Accordingly, the topics covered within the 112 sessions included the full spectrum of dermatological diseases and rare disorders which are not really rare when seen from a European perspective. The scientific programme also paid particular attention to novel trends in

Facts and Figures

- Over 9,000 total attendees
- 31 sub-specialty society meetings
- 112 sessions including 20 courses, 45 core symposia, 32 workshops, 15 lunch sessions, 7 plenary sessions, 4 “What’s New?” sessions, 3 “Test Yourself” sessions and 6 dermatology forums
- 19 satellite symposia and 5 “Meet The Experts” sessions
- Presentations given by 593 Chairs, Co-chairs and speakers, in addition to 127 Free Communication speakers
- 1,691 abstracts processed: 127 accepted as oral presentations in 14 Free Communication sessions
- 1,563 posters
rapidly moving fields such as cutaneous oncology, allergy, and autoimmune, inflammatory and infectious disorders of the skin. Emphasis was further placed on novel strategies in the treatment of atopic dermatitis, recent findings in psoriasis therapy, the challenges in dermato-oncology today and tomorrow, as well as updates on aesthetic and cosmetic dermatology.

In addition to the diversity of symposia, workshops, courses and other sessions, the 7 plenary lectures were of special interest. Among the highlights was the lecture by P N Naidu (Durban, South Africa) on “HIV in Africa – the pandemic next door”. His presentation not only provided an insight into the dramatic epidemiology of HIV in Africa but also stressed the global challenge of this infection for dermatology and venereology. Other highlights included the plenary lectures by S Schneider (Mannheim, Germany) on “Nanotechnology – a new challenge for dermatology” and D Roop (Denver, USA), who presented an update on our current knowledge of stem cell function in skin as well as the future potential of such cells for cell therapy in dermatology. Following the style of previously successful EADV meetings, “What’s New?” sessions were also offered, dedicated to the most recent developments in dermatological research, skin allergy, cutaneous oncology and dermato-surgery.

The rapid development of global dermatology was reflected in the 18th EADV Congress by three scientific sessions dedicated to dermatological practice outside Europe. Dermatology in China, India and the Levant were addressed in special symposia and gave the attendees of the 18th EADV Congress a unique chance to compare selected disease spectra (eg pigmentary or infectious disorders) and therapeutic traditions between Europe and these countries.

Education in a social forum
The high standard of the event’s educational content was echoed in the various social events throughout the week. The President’s Dinner was enjoyed inside the Orangerie of the magnificent Charlottenburg Palace, the majestic setting of the former residence of the Hohenzollerns. Over 300 guests enjoyed an evening within the walls of the sumptuous Baroque building offering visitors a spectacular ambience. No less pleasurable was the Meilenwerk Party held on Friday in one of the most famous event locations in Berlin, the Meilenwerk (German for “mile factory”), where more than 1,000 guests enjoyed dinner and musical entertainment.

In summary, the 18th EADV Congress encompassed all aspects of dermatology, venereology and sexual health including HIV, outlining the latest advances in these fields. The event accommodated all interests and specialties of the attendees, providing the highest level of education, information and social opportunities for those who attended.

Thomas A Luger
EADV Congress President 2009
On behalf of the Local Scientific Committee

Please see pages 22-23 for more photos of the event.

Participants’ feedback

“The EADV Congress in Berlin was an excellently organised event. I am used to the high quality educational content of EADV congresses, but this one was a particularly exciting one to attend. It would be difficult to choose among a lot of very interesting and informative sessions, but I especially enjoyed the plenaries and, as usual, the ‘What’s New?’ sessions.

Catalin Popescu, Romania

“I congratulate each one for organising such a big event – flawless, the venue was the best and the scientific material was like a feast to everybody”

V Ramesh, India

“I loved Berlin and I loved the Congress too.”

Patricia Maluly, Brazil

“Thank you very much for the wonderful congress in Berlin. Hope to see you soon.”

Otávio R Macedo, Brazil
Successful media workshop in Berlin

Yet again, an intrepid band of brave, but nervous dermatologists enlisted for the media training in Berlin, offered by EADV’s Media & PR Committee. Appearing cool, calm and professional in front of the camera and an audience of dermatologists is a daunting task. It does get easier, however, the more you do it!

No matter what field you work in, media training is of great value as you never know when you will be called upon. It also allows you to watch television in a more critical way and be observant of people doing it well or even more importantly, doing it badly. We had an exceptional group of delegates and not one of them made a mess of it! The morning started with some useful tips from Dr Colm O’Mahony and Dr Klaus Fritz, while Dr Myrto Trakatelli gave an overview of how the Media & PR Committee is working to promote dermatology in Europe.

Then the fun started with three work stations set up and Dr O’Mahony, Dr Trakatelli, Anna Zalewska and Giorgos Chaidemenos put the delegates through their paces. Despite nervous anticipation it was a fun morning and we are sure all the delegates enjoyed themselves and got a lot from it. The Media & PR Committee looks forward to Gothenburg and doing it all over again. A big thanks to the very professional television crew and Stefanie Blum for superb organisation.

Colm O’Mahony
Chairman
Media & PR Committee

Participants’ feedback

“I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for this great workshop. Today it is so important to put our profession in the right perspective, and we do not have the education to do so. In this context the importance of the Media Workshop cannot be overestimated. And, luckily, this important task was done so well! I would like to close with some critical suggestions, but I can only say: go on with your great work!”

Marcus Schmitt-Egenolf (Sweden)

“It was fruitful time for my personal development.”

Grażyna Kamińska-Winciorek (Poland)

“I enjoyed your workshop very much (as I did also last year).”

Ora-Olivia Bitterman-Deutsch (Israel)

Tips on being interviewed for radio or television

General advice – dealing with any reporter’s enquiry

1 Who are they?
   • Get their name, the paper or journal they work for (or, if they are freelance, who they might be submitting to).
   • Get an email address/mobile phone number and fax if possible. You may want to send them something to change their approach and subsequently engage you in an area you are comfortable in.

2 Establish the angle they are writing from
   For example, some topics can become quite political. We are doctors – we are not in politics – be very careful. If you are uneasy about the reporter’s planned angle, don’t do it. A potentially disastrous example:
   • A reporter phones up wanting to talk about HIV in Europe. It becomes clear his line is that Europe doesn’t test immigrants for HIV, so Africans coming to Europe are bringing HIV into Europe and causing all of the problems. It would be foolish for a doctor to get involved in such a discussion – that’s for professional politicians. One wrong sentence on air and your career is over.

3 If you haven’t the knowledge or the confidence to do it straightaway, see if they can phone you back later when you have had a chance to review some facts and figures.

4 If the reporter has a specific paper journal or newspaper article, he should be able to scan and e-mail or fax it to you, so you can see exactly what’s up for discussion.

5 Some radio or TV interviews will have a panel and it’s worth knowing who else is going to be on that panel to give you some idea of their possible take on the topic to be discussed.

Radio & TV techniques

1 Be enthusiastic. If you are not passionate about the topic, it will come across immediately and people will get bored. Talk yourself up so you do become enthusiastic.

2 Keep answers short – don’t keep on going or tail off.

3 Have just a few key sentences or even just key words that you need to cover to feel satisfied you have got your key points across. Get those messages over early on in the interview, as you never know when it will be curtailed.

4 Drink water, not tea or coffee, as they can dry up the mouth and make it feel sticky.

Additional points for television

1 You must dress professionally. No check patterns. Keep earrings or hair adornments to a minimum as they act as a viewer distraction. Dangly earrings are a very common mistake.

2 Smile - unless it is a disaster story. Viewers want to see a pleasant engaging face suggesting someone they can trust.

3 Den’t ever look at the camera. This can be more difficult than it sounds, as the camera is only on you. The reporter interviewing you can be consulting notes, not looking at you and it’s very difficult for the non-professional to talk enthusiastically to someone who is doing something else or at least not listening properly.
**Ectodermal Dysplasia (ED)** is not a single disorder, but a group of closely related conditions of more than 150 different syndromes that have been identified. Prevalence is 7 in 10,000.

The patient support group Selbsthilfegruppe Ektodermale Dysplasie e.V. was founded in 1991, starting with 5 families. Membership is now approximately 180 families and, since the internet plays such a big role, the number is steadily increasing.

The group covers the German-speaking countries: Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The Selbsthilfegruppe Ektodermale Dysplasie e.V. is a charity dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of people whose lives are affected by ED. We work together with people who have ED, their families, researchers, health and other professionals to develop and share expertise, increase awareness and understanding, and assist with the day-to-day management of the condition.

**Emotional and practical support**

Emotionally, the ED syndromes can be challenging for affected individuals. One of the purposes of the Selbsthilfegruppe ED is to reach out to individuals and families affected by ED syndromes and help them live full, productive lives. There are thousands of successful, well-adjusted, contented people living with this disorder. Each sufferer experiences the emotional pain of ED differently and this can be overcome by his or her own inner resources, sound medical facts, and the support of others. Sometimes professional counselling is needed to develop self-confidence and a positive self-image. So far there is no drug cure available but, very recently, a capital venture firm in Boston launched a new company called Edimer Pharmaceuticals, which will move ahead with the development of a recombinant protein (EDI200) as a potential therapy for XLHED. Edimer’s goal is to begin clinical trials in 2011. Treatment would mean giving infant males affected by XLHED a short course of injections of the protein shortly after birth. We are excited that future generations of ED families may have this treatment option.

Every year we hold a conference with presentations from medical professionals and a regional family get-together. These events enable families to meet other families in similar situations, ED children and their siblings to meet and for the patients to have one-to-one discussions with our Medical Advisory Board members etc.

Public information about this rare disorder, as well as collaboration with our medical advisory board and the resulting research are the main goals of our group. Andrea Burk (chairwoman) and Ulrike Holzer (vice-chairwoman) are members of the organising committee of the International Conference on Ectodermal Dysplasia which will take place in 2012 in Erlangen, Germany. Both attended several conferences such as the recent International Conference on the Multidisciplinary Management of Ectodermal Dysplasia and Severe Hypodontia, in Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

We are a member of ACHSE, the German National Alliance for Rare Disorders and of EURORDIS, the European Organisation of Rare Disorders.

Furthermore, we have close contacts with the different European and international ED patient organisations.

We are convinced that it is very important to maintain contact and exchange information and experiences with the international groups – this makes us feel that we all belong to one big ED family!

**For further information:**

[www.ektodermale-dysplasie.de](http://www.ektodermale-dysplasie.de)

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Future courses

Everybody is looking forward to meeting each other again on a future advanced course and at future psychodermatology sessions at EADV congresses.

The next Training Course on Psychodermatology will be held from 15-18 July 2010. This time it will be available for private practitioners/specialists with the same teachers. The places are limited to 20 and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply as soon as possible.

Françoise Poot
Chair, Training Course on Psychodermatology
President-elect, ESDaP

The second Training Course on Psychodermatology for Residents was held at EADV House in Brussels on 13-17 July 2009. Twenty residents from all over Europe met together with 4 experienced psychodermatologists: Uwe Gieler from Germany, Jacek Szepektowski from Poland, John de Korte from Amsterdam and Françoise Poot from Belgium, all members of the board of the European Society for Dermatology and Psychiatry.

The topics ranged from classification of psychodermatological disorders to communication skills through neuro-immunology and how to handle factitious disorders and difficult patients. There were also many other topics and even a meeting with a patient representative who explained how he deals with his life-long psoriasis.

Individual feedback

The teaching was mostly made through workshops and small groups where all the participants could express their difficulties with such patients. All of them had to present one case they had dealt with in their practice and were given feedback and help to deal with their patients. This was done in small groups, each one with a teacher with very open discussions. The most representative cases were reported in plenary.

The atmosphere was very friendly and, in addition to the educational aspects, students also had the opportunity to have fun in the evening and even dance flamenco together with the help of one Spanish participant who was also a flamenco teacher! The teachers also participated in the dance.

Participants’ feedback

“...the training course of fostering and psychodermatology was one of the most valuable educational experiences we ever had for all of the following reasons:

1 The undoubted knowledge and experience in the field of psychodermatology of all four professors participating, namely Dr Françoise Poot, Dr Uwe Gieler, Dr Jan De Korte and Dr Jacek Szepektowski.

2 Their unforgettable interest in transmitting all this knowledge and experience to us and also their friendly attitude.

3 The high standard of teaching techniques that were used (eg role-playing sessions, audiovisual materials).

4 The perfect atmosphere and level of all the trainees from all these countries.

5 The perfect hosting facilities (hotel, dinner, information about the city, EADV premises).

As a conclusion we would like to say that we will happily join again a course like that in future because we are really sure that we will gain a lot of knowledge and that we will have a very good time wherever and whenever it is going to take place.”

Panagiotis Fachantidis and Anastasia Moysiadou

“I would like to thank all the professors and Ildikó Papp of EADV for the energy they expended on our behalf and for giving me the opportunity to attend this course. The psychodermatology course was a training programme aimed at excellence in education for residents. As a resident, I believe that it was really an excellent experience for all members, and was convenient and enjoyable at the same
The course lasted 5 days – an ideal length of time for the topics covered. However, we also had enough time to read and of course to visit some of the attractions which Brussels has to offer.

In addition, it was a good experience as a conservative dermatologist to gain familiarity with the subtler ideas of psychodermatology. To be honest, before this event, my knowledge of psychodermatology was somewhat limited. However, I am now able to say with some confidence that as a result of the course I can now start to distinguish psychodermatology cases, which will help me in my future career and help my patients as well.

Personally, I strongly believe that the excellence of the course and its undoubted importance demand that it be more widely available, as residents, particularly those with no knowledge of the field would certainly benefit. I hope that EADV will continue to provide training programmes of such singular excellence.

Linda Kanatli

I am very glad that I was chosen by EADV to participate in this course. It was very pleasant for me to get acquainted with such professional and enthusiastic dermatologists from all over the world among whom I was the youngest.

The atmosphere during the course was very pleasant and amicable, all participants felt free to take part in discussions, to ask any questions, to make comments on an event and present cases from their own practice.

For each participant the role of the doctor, the patient or the observer with a specific task was prepared. We tried different questionnaires for life quality and discovered a lot of new things about ourselves. We saw records of 3 consultations by Dr Gieler on making the right relationships between doctor and patient, how to learn empathy for dermatologist-patient interaction and some errors were shown as well.

Reflections at the end of each day were made in atopic school style and gave us a feeling of having psychological training and being together as a big team.

One of the presentations was made by a psoriasis patient, head of the organisation of psoriasis patients in Great Britain, to show the opposite side of our work from the view of patients which is also very important.

Each participant received a folder with course materials: articles, comments, DVD with the training programme for patients, a diary for the patient and a book on skin diseases to develop our knowledge in future, and the best participants a recent book by Dr Uwe Gieler, “Clinical management in psychodermatology”, signed by its author.

Besides that, the social programme was also unforgettable. I’ve met many interesting people and learned a lot from the course which I can begin to use.”

Svetlana Bobko
My dear friends and colleagues,

You are all very cordially invited to join us in the exciting and cultural cities of Cavtat/Dubrovnik on the Adriatic Sea in Croatia for the 7th EADV Spring Symposium!

The Croatian Dermato-venereological Society of the Croatian Medical Association, with 110 years of dermato-venereological tradition, is proud to be the local organiser of such an occasion. The EADV Spring Symposium has become a lovely tradition of bringing together dermatologists and venereologists from all parts of Europe and the world. Therefore, Croatia is proud to host this major event for the first time and to welcome EADV on our home soil. The 7th EADV Spring Symposium will run under the theme “Harmony in Dermatology and Venereology”, inspired by the need for the co-existence of both fields, dermatology and venereology.

Cavtat and Dubrovnik's surrounding area is lovely in spring, but also more distant regions offer various possibilities to spend memorable days. We invite you to discover and enjoy the rich cultural heritage of our tumultuous history at the crossroad of civilisations, as well as Croatia's splendid natural landscapes. Here, one can experience the warm hospitality the Croatians have to offer as well as majestic mountains and the breathtaking shores of the Adriatic Sea.

George Bernard Shaw once said: “Those who seek paradise on Earth should come to see Dubrovnik!”

Dubrovnik, a magnificent city and UNESCO World Heritage Site, will entrance you with its almost two kilometres of city walls, which are among the best preserved and most attractive on the planet and a walk along them is an absolute must. The defences were built between the 8th and the 16th centuries. The walls were strengthened by myriad towers and bastions, and were never breached – the Republic of Dubrovnik only fell after Napoleon’s armies were invited in on condition that they would respect its independence. History meets in Dubrovnik from the Antique Greek-Roman period to the dynamic Mediterranean atmosphere nowadays.

We also point out that Cavtat (in ancient times Epidaurus) is the world-renowned “Pearl of the Mediterranean”, situated in Dalmatia, the southern region of Croatia, on the beautiful Adriatic Sea, internationally recognised for the breathtaking scenery of its beautiful coastline and thousands of islands and peninsulas rich with lush and unique vegetation.

Scientific highlights
This 7th Spring Symposium will bring together a rich scientific programme emphasising the profound and complex influence of skin health on all the aspects of human life. Prevention as well as management of skin diseases will give the opportunity for physicians, scientists, and patients to meet and share the perspective of dermatology and venereology.

At the plenary sessions, world-renowned and distinguished European specialists will offer their insights into the following topics:

- Allergy and Environment and the Skin - Prof Johannes Ring
- Brain Skin Interactions - Prof Christopher Griffiths
- Immunotherapy for Skin Diseases in the Molecular Era - Prof Georg Stingl
- Novel Imaging Techniques for Diagnosis of Skin Disorders - Prof Gregor Jemec
- Exogenous Acne Revisited - Prof Jean-Hilaire Saurat
- STIs in Europe: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities - Prof Keith Radcliffe
- What’s New in Clinical Dermatology? - Prof Rudolf Happle
- What’s New in Venereology? - Prof Erwin Tschachler
- What’s new in Paediatric Dermatology? - Prof Peter Steijlen

The highlights of the scientific programme will be marked by the opening lectures of Professor Amir Muzur, entitled “Milestones in the History of Croatian Dermatology and Venereology” and Professor Stephan Beissert, “Nowadays and Future of Dermato-venereological Research”.

Other important topics:
- Update on Melanoma Management
- Skin Conditions and Endocrinology
- Psoriasis
Venereology

• Syphilis: the Resurgence of an old Problem
• Pearls in Dermatological Surgery
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• Practical Considerations in Cutaneous Lymphomas
• Hair and Nail Diseases
• Skin Diseases in the Mediterranean
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• Vitiligo
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• Sexually-transmitted Infections
• Office-based Cryotherapy
• Dermatoses in the Genital Area
• Biologics in Psoriasis
• HIV Infection in Dermatology
• Psyche and the Skin
• Laser Therapy
• Facial Rejuvenations
• President’s Symposium
• 4 Case Report Sessions
• Poster Forum
• 7 Focus Sessions
• 4 Forum Sessions
• 12 Workshops
• 12 Symposia
• “What’s New?” Session
• 7 Satellite Symposia (and counting)

In addition, we expect to have approximately 200 free communications and 2,000 posters during the Symposium. Together with well known experts from all parts of the world and Croatia, we will do our utmost to make the scientific and professional level of this Symposium memorable. We promise traditional Croatian hospitality and every effort by the Local Organising and Scientific Committee to create an unforgettable professional and social atmosphere for every participant.

Welcome to Croatia! Your participation will add immensely to the goals of this Symposium.

Jasna Lipozenčić
Chairwoman
7th EADV Spring Symposium

Important Dates

Registration opened on 1 October 2009.

Online registration at www.eadvcavtat2010.com is the most preferred method.

Fax and e-mail registration
Registration is also possible by fax or e-mail:
Fax: +385-1-4862 622
E-mail: registration@eadvcavtat2010.com

Abstracts and scientific programme
abstract@eadvcavtat2010.com
Please note that only electronic submission will be accepted.
Deadline for abstract submission: 10 January 2010

Social Programme

Take the opportunity to visit Croatia’s historic cities, stunning countryside and coastline. A variety of tours has been organised for Symposium participants, ranging from a guided tour of Dubrovnik, wine-tasting at the Pelješac vineyards and a visit to Trsteno-Ston, the oldest botanical garden in Croatia, to a tour of the Elaphite Islands.

For full details and to download the booking form, please visit www.eadvcavtat2010.com
In September 2009, I took part in the EADV Fostering Dermatology & Venereology Programme’s postgraduate education for dermato-venereologists at Centre of Excellence, Hôpital Saint André, Centre Hospitalier et Universitaire de Bordeaux.

I chose this Centre of Excellence in France, not only because this programme perfectly matched my specialisation, but also because of the fact that a lot of early Russian dermato-venereologists were taught according to the French school. They all studied in France and it was very important for me to feel this historical atmosphere.

Leading specialists and education programme

The old 19th century Hôpital Saint-Andre is situated in the heart of Bordeaux. Built in the Post-Napoleonic era (1822), it maintains the authentic ambiance where William Dubreuilh conducted his clinical observations and wrote his famous Précis de dermatologie. Nowadays, Prof Alain Taïeb, the leading specialist in atopic dermatitis, vitiligo and genodermatosis, works there and leads the programme at the Department of Paediatric Dermatology, University Clinics and at the Centre de référence pour les maladies rares de la peau.

The programme included:

- daily consultations on various skin pathology cases of children and adult patients
- group work on clinical cases around the microscope confronting histological and clinical diagnostics
- attendance at City Dermatological Society Conference; 5 lectures on new approaches to diagnostics and treatment
- shadowing Prof Taïeb during his consultations on atopic and genodermatosis: diagnostics and treatment
- surgical dermatology: assisting at operations on BCC and melanoma
- participation in administrative meetings, getting familiar with internal structures

Scientific and cultural exchanges

Throughout the whole period of my training, I was surrounded by the professional and warm attitude of Prof Taïeb and his team. I got familiar with European standards of diagnostics and treatment of various skin diseases as well as histological methods of diagnostics. Also I learnt that the complex approach to the case including diagnostics, medical and surgical treatments is led by surgery in dermatology, whereas in Russia this process is shared with oncological surgery.

As part of the cultural programme: splendid views of the region, the unforgettable tastes of famous wines and a trip to the father of lighthouses, Cordouan, also called Versailles on the water, 100kms from Bordeaux, on the Atlantic west coast.

Denis Zaslavsky
Saint Petersburg, Russia

Preparing to start the weekly clinico-pathology conference (from left to right): Dr Jean-François Goussot, Dr Khaled Ezzedine, Prof Alain Taïeb, Prof Denis Zaslavsky
At the Berlin Congress, we organised a workshop on Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD), which means “lifelong learning”, the permanent updating of knowledge, skills and attitudes (towards patients, peers and staff) at all stages of a doctor’s career, from medical school to retirement.

Our attitude defines: if we behave as doctors or just as health-care providers, for example, and if we are dealing with patients or just with clients.

At the end of the workshop a young Brazilian technical assistant from MCI (the professional congress organisation) who is a student in environmental studies, came to me and said: “I liked very much what you said about compulsory CME. Every doctor should have compulsory CME. There are enough zombies around. Believe me, I know what I am talking about!”.

That was quite a surprise! It reminded me of the three maxims about compulsory CME:

1. It is the right of every patient to have well educated, up-to-date doctors: the patients pay for it!
2. It is not incompatible with a liberal profession to have compulsory CME.
3. It is indispensable for all doctors, dermato-venereologists as well, to have obligatory CME. We want to keep up the standards of good practice in our specialty – we want to remain the experts in skin care. Think of our colleagues from other specialties who are claiming certain sub-specialties of our discipline!

Dermato-venereologists should not become an endangered species!

On behalf of the CME-CPD Committee
Jean-Paul A Gabbud
Chairman
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The Finance Committee has made several proposals, many of which have been approved by the Board:

1. More members are necessary and the benefits of membership must be attractive. The differential payment for members and non-members at all events will have to increase.
2. As the Annual Congress is the major income source, the participation of professionals and sponsors is of the utmost importance. The Finance Committee has suggested that a limited number of congress locations in Europe be selected for future events. This was approved by the Board. However, the Spring Symposia will continue unchanged at various places around Europe.
3. The establishment of an internal congress organisation in the Academy has been unanimously supported by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board.

The Finance Committee sets guidelines for the financial procedures of the Academy. The gold standard is always to make decisions in the best interest of the Academy.

The function will be changed and they will receive a fixed sum of payment for the service.

Tax payment: although the Academy is a non-profit organisation it runs a business with congresses, symposia and educational programmes. The various tax authorities that the Academy has to deal with for all these events all have different rules and opinions and tax is claimed on various activities. As the Academy is located in Lugano, Switzerland, we have received tax-exemption on the condition that the Academy does not accumulate funds but spends the money on an almost yearly basis. This will impede the Academy’s further development of educational programmes that have a long-term horizon. The Finance Committee has advised that we should accept to pay a reasonable amount of tax in order pursue our educational goals.

Jørgen Ronnevig
Acting Chairman
Finance Committee
IFPA (International Federation of Psoriasis Associations) is delighted to announce another successful series of global activities to mark World Psoriasis Day in 2009. Each year more and more countries take part and IFPA is now collecting all the national activity reports from the countries for the final WPD 2009 activity report which will be published in early 2010.

This year the theme of World Psoriasis Day (WPD) on 29 October was “Psoriasis is a real disability that deserves attention”. Attention was certainly created by all the awareness-raising activities performed all over the globe from Latin America to Europe as well as in the US, Asia and Africa. Here is a selection of some of the national WPD activities for 2009:

**Argentina**
City buses were decorated by the national patient association (AEPSO) with the WPD message that psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis are serious and chronic, non-communicable and disabling diseases that deserve attention. Signs in the streets of Buenos Aires read: “1 in 40 people that see this sign has psoriasis, you are not alone, you have AEPSO.”

**Belgium**
A parliamentary debate about psoriasis was arranged with participants from all political parties represented to discuss psoriasis issues. A brochure with more than 100 questions and answers about psoriasis was published and released. The purpose was to help patients who do not have the time to ask these questions during a 15-minute consultation with a doctor. The questions were devised following a roundtable debate of patients.

**China**
The China Psoriasis Foundation (CPF) organised a one-day conference at PLA 44th Hospital in Guiyang in Guizhou province. More than 100 local psoriasis patients, 12 dermatologists from CPF and 2 official hospital leaders participated in this conference about psoriasis.

**Germany**
Among other activities, the German Psoriasis Association held a joint press conference with the Professional Association of German Dermatologists, the German Dermatological Society and the Institute Cvderm. For the press conference 3 patient-doctor couples were elected in a countrywide competition to find the best patient-doctor interactions. The winning couples reported on their consultations which should be exemplars for all patient-doctor interactions.

**Kenya**
Patients with psoriasis from the patient organisation ran a marathon promoting World Psoriasis Day and the national patient organisation. Interviews on psoriasis where given on TV and radio.

**Panama**
A gala concert was arranged which resulted in a lot of media attention for the national psoriasis association on TV and radio and in magazines and newspapers. A very successful Walk for Psoriasis was also arranged.

**Philippines**
A Fun Walk with hundreds of participants was arranged as well as many other successful and well attended awareness-raising activities.

**Sweden**
An awareness-raising campaign was exhibited in the Stockholm metro for two weeks. Posters gave information about psoriasis and showed the many faces of the condition, encouraging passengers to take part in the new IFPA project “Under the Spotlight” where a series of documentary films of people living with psoriasis is presented on the website. The treatment centres run by the Swedish
In May 2009, the Board of the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) was invited by the local organisers of the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) to visit and see the progress they are making with their sterling efforts for 2011 to offer you everything you would expect to experience at a WCD.

The organisers have been working very hard to ensure that the programme will cover all aspects of dermatology, as well as particular aspects related to the host country of the Congress, Korea.

Of course, the scientific programme, chaired by Prof Wolfram Sterry, is the driving force behind the World Congress and I am sure you will find this to be exciting and innovative with invitations currently being extended to leading dermatologists throughout the world.

International Dermatology

22nd World Congress of Dermatology update

We are looking forward to seeing you in Seoul in 2011.

ICD11 (International Classification of Diseases)

Initial responses to our request for financial support for this project have resulted in generous financial contributions being pledged/received to date:

- German Dermatological Society (DDG): €25,000
- European Dermatology Forum (EDF): €20,000
- European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV): €20,000
- Philippine Academy of Clinical and Cosmetic Dermatology (PACCD): US$2,000
- Hellenic Society of Dermatology and Venereology (HSDV): €10,000
- Slovak Dermato-venereological Society: US$2,000
- Canadian Dermatology Association: US$4,500

These contributions reflect the importance attached to the ICD10 Revision Project and we would like to commend these societies on their insight in understanding and foreseeing the worldwide importance of the update of the International Classification of Diseases. Many other societies are now considering their support level for this important initiative. Our budget in support of this project is US$150,000 per year for the next 3 years.

Jean-Hilaire Saurat
ILDS President
“See My Practice” Programme

Visit a private practice in Europe and exchange views

Dear colleagues in private practice,

We would like to inform you about a new EADV Exchange Programme. After successful trials in Bucharest and Berlin during the EADV congresses, we would like to launch the “See My Practice” Programme.

Our aim is to make the programme happen Europe-wide for EADV members working in private practice. The purpose is to learn by exchanging experiences that may improve your service and/or give tips on how to deal with current problems in your office; to emphasise best practice; to celebrate European diversity; and to foster friendships within Europe.

When you are abroad (at congresses or on holiday) you can take advantage of the programme which offers you a unique chance to visit a colleague’s practice for approximately 2 hours. If you are interested in taking part in the programme, please send an e-mail to fostering@eadv.org, or fax or post to: EADV – Succursale belge, 38, Ave General de Gaulle, B–1050 Brussels, Belgium. Tel: +32 (0)2 650 0090, Fax: +32 (0)2 650 0098.

If you wish to participate in the programme you will also no doubt want to welcome colleagues from abroad to your practice. So as a first step, this is predominately a call for hospitality.

We look forward to your participation.

Monika Gniadecka, Rolf Ostendorf, Georges Reuter
EADV Task Force Office Management

Programme in action

The EADV 2009 Congress in Berlin was impressive due to its large number of parallel sessions and the quality of the scientific presentations. Among the new interesting items was the workshop “See My Practice – How to Organise a Dermatological Office”.

I am a dermatologist in Bucharest, Romania. My country is a former Eastern Bloc communist republic which gained its freedom in 1989 through a revolution. The underdeveloped egallitarian system was replaced by a normal, democratic one, based on real competition. We are now a NATO member country and were recently admitted into the European Union. We have now access to information and technology and are free to start a business and a private office.

This is why I was very interested to see first-hand and understand the way our European colleagues work and prosper. The workshop was a very useful forum for comparing various organisational forms of dermatological private practices in European countries and offered a chance to debate solutions for performing dermatology in today’s Europe.

I was very interested in the programme at the Congress and so I had the chance to visit a real German dermatologist’s practice. I was lucky to enjoy the hospitality of Dr Hans-Joachim Lüdcke in his office in Potsdam. I was surprised to find a dermatological practice located in a medical building acting as a polyclinic. Among his neighbours are other self-employed practitioners covering a range of medical specialties. In my country, most of the clinics are owned by business investors who employ doctors. Very few of my fellow Romanian doctors, including myself, have managed to own their private practice.

Dr Lüdcke’s office provides consultations, investigations and treatments for dermatology patients covered by the health insurance system. My German host has a surgery room for skin cancer removal, a small laboratory where he personally performs allergologic and mycotic investigations, a phototherapy unit with several pieces of equipment, a room for injectable treatments with biological medication for psoriasis, and a study with a large library and clinical study files. He was very kind to show me the filing software for his archived patients and how he can easily go back in time and see the medical history of every patient who ever walked through his door many years before. I learned a lot from this visit, and it reaffirmed my belief that our specialty can be honestly and professionally performed, giving us the chance to earn a decent living, with dignity and without compromise.
Daniel Hohl
(Switzerland)

Daniel Hohl graduated in Medicine from the University of Zurich Medical School in 1981 where he also specialised in dermatology and venereology. He started his research career in pathology followed by sabbatical years from 1987 to 1989 at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland (USA) and at the Institute of Cell Biology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. Since 1990 he has been working in Lausanne where he was promoted to Associate Professor and Chief Physician. He was appointed invited Professor at the Institute of Cell Biology at the Swiss Institute of Biology in Zurich and an honorary member of the French Society of Dermatology. Prof Hohl is a specialist in molecular dermatology and cutaneous tumour syndromes. His particular interest is the promotion of paediatric dermatology.

“As a representative of Switzerland on the EADV Board of Directors, I look forward to serving the European collaboration to promote the interactions necessary for the development of clinical and scientific quality within the framework of the Academy. The rapid changes in the medical care system in Europe are generating new challenges, notably in times of financial limitations.”

Dr Georgios Vakis
(Cyprus)

“I have been a dermatologist for the past 13 years at Larnaca General Hospital in Cyprus. I have gained great experience through the years, which I would like to share with my fellow colleagues in other European countries. I consider myself extremely lucky to be elected as a representative of EADV and I feel that I can contribute to its further development.

My main aim is to offer my knowledge to the other members and, of course, exchange ideas and experience for the benefit of EADV.

I studied general medicine in Budapest from 1983 to 1990, having completed a course in learning the Hungarian language. After I had managed to obtain my diploma in general medicine I studied dermatology in Szeged until the end of 1994 and obtained the diploma in dermatology.

I’m looking forward to meeting all the other members of EADV and sharing with them valuable knowledge.”

Peter C M van de Kerkhof
(The Netherlands)

Peter C M van de Kerkhof is Chief of the Department of Dermatology and a tutor at the University Hospital Nijmegen (The Netherlands). He has a longstanding commitment to European dermatology. In 1995 he started as Secretary Treasurer of the ESDR and became President of that society in 1998. He is a founding member of the EDF and became Treasurer and President of that society as well. In the ESDR the furtherance of dermatological research and in the EDF the furtherance of the political position of dermatology were the main focus.

When asked ‘Why become a board member of EADV?’, he commented, “EADV has as its major task continuing medical education. The importance of organising CME in dermatology at the European level is evident. EADV brings a broad background of top expertise to CME and provides a major opportunity for dermatologists to be upgraded to the latest level of development in dermatology. It is the relationship with the national societies which will position EADV as the premier society for CME in all European countries.”
Emek Kocatürk Göncü (Turkey)

“I am a dermatologist living in one of the world’s most beautiful cities - Istanbul. I completed my residency in four years and became a specialist five years ago. Since then I have been working in a training hospital where I have had the opportunity to teach residents and also make clinical studies.

My scientific interests in dermatology are urticaria, allergic contact dermatitis and atopic dermatitis. In Turkey, allergology is a separate practice from dermatology; it is provided through a fellowship over internal medicine. In 2008, to expand my knowledge about allergic skin diseases and mostly about urticaria, I visited the Klinik für Dermatologie Venerologie and Allergologie in Charité University, Berlin for 2.5 months. There I worked with Professor Marcus Maurer and his colleagues and had the opportunity to learn deeply about urticaria and mast cell-driven disease. Prof Maurer was so generous in sharing his deep knowledge about urticaria. After returning I intended to do clinical studies about urticaria; now I have two ongoing projects concerning quality of life in patients with chronic urticaria and pseudoallergen-low diet in patients with chronic urticaria. I also have the opportunity to see a lot of pemphigus and Behçet’s disease patients with our clinic chief Asst Prof Mukaddes Kavala in our department. My other interests are cosmetic procedures like botox, fillers and lasers that I perform in private practice; for me these procedures represent the artistic part of dermatology.

I am a member of the Turkish Dermatology Society, European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI), International Dermoscopy Society and of course EADV. I have been a junior member of EADV since 2007 which has expanded my horizons in the perspective of dermatology. Unfortunately, I could join only attend 2 EADV congresses but I have been able to catch all the presentations from past EADV meetings through the EADV website – I am incredibly lucky!

EADV junior membership provides huge facilities to young dermatologists and residents, especially those living in developing countries like me, opening the doors to EADV’s world with low fees. My wishes for EADV are to see training courses not only for residents but also for young dermatologists and not to limit visits to centres of excellence to only private practitioners. I am looking forward to seeing an “update on allergic skin diseases” course next year!“

Felicidade Trindade (Portugal)

“I graduated in Medicine in Lisbon in 2001. Dermatology was my chosen specialty for training and after all these years I am fully convinced that I made the right choice.

I started my dermatology training at the Hospital Santo António dos Capuchos in Lisbon. In Portugal, our specialty has a 5-year programme with obligatory and optional rotations. At the end we must pass an oral examination.

EADV membership opened many doors to me. The most important was the opportunity to attend the Summer Schools on Microbiology in Vienna, Paediatric Dermatology in Rhodes and Dermatopathology in Graz, presented by some of the most distinguished European dermatologists. These courses and symposia were not only excellent in their scientific content, but also allowed me to meet young colleagues.

Thus, I was also very fortunate to have international secondments in Graz University Hospital (under the direction of Prof Helmut Kerl), Fundación Jiménez Díaz in Madrid (Prof Luis Requena) and the Centre de Référence des Maladies Rares de la Peau, Hôpital Pellegrin in Bordeaux (Prof Alain Taïeb). I am also very thankful to the Dermatological Society in Portugal which helped me to achieve these milestones in my training.

EADV also acted as a way to make close friends, who meet regularly at the EADV congresses, communicate through an online mailing list, and share important and happy events such as the young dermatologist Olguta Orzan’s recent wedding in Bucharest.

I am currently working in the Dermatology Department at the HPP Hospital de Cascais. My scientific interests include paediatric dermatology and dermatopathology and I am doing research based on the histopathology of vascular anomalies of children with Dr Isabel Colmenero and Prof Luis Requena in Madrid.

Thanks, EADV, and I hope you keep on giving to other young doctors the same opportunities you gave me!”
Dear friends,

The Berlin Congress was a magnificent success in every aspect and our congratulations are due to Thomas Luger and his équipe for a resounding success. EADV events grow in quality and popularity and are rivaling the larger AAD meetings on both counts. In spite of the recession, record numbers of participants flocked to Berlin and our sponsors let it be known that they were well satisfied with the turnout and the interest shown by the attendees.

Strong growth

EADV continues to grow from strength to strength: our individual membership reached an all-time high of nearly 3.500, while the national society initiative has proved a resounding success with EADV now representing a further 20.000 European dermatologists, confirming the legitimacy of its claim to represent the profession throughout Europe. The Board of Directors continues its dizzy expansion of recent years with an additional seat earned by the Czech Republic and new seats going to Lithuania and Russia. Immense interest has been shown in our Board elections particularly in countries that are newly or recently elected to the Board of Directors. On the international side, we are pleased to welcome a good number of colleagues from China and India, doubtless influenced by the popular ongoing educational programme EADV is running in both countries.

New initiatives

Our Academy also involves itself in important initiatives, some in conjunction with the European Union, and to date these have included action related to cutaneous malignancies especially melanoma, sun exposure, and psoriasis. Patient groups have also been involved in an attempt to work for patients with patients. It was therefore with the utmost pleasure that I accepted to deputise for our President Andreas Katsambas at the recent launch of EPOS (European Initiative for the Prevention of Occupational Skin Diseases) at the European Parliament in Brussels (see front page for full story).

Best practice

The initiative aims to disseminate best practice criteria in prevention and treatment of occupational skin diseases throughout Europe with the ultimate aim of significantly reducing the annual €5bn that Europe outlays for skin-related morbidity at work. Prof Swen John of Osnabrück originated the idea following the superb results achieved by his department, particularly with the hairdressing profession, where simple advice was followed by a drastic reduction in both financial compensation and, equally importantly to the individual, a major reduction in insurance premiums.

Prevention of work-related dermatoses is an important low-cost campaign that should reap huge dividends and will also depend heavily on all national society members of EADV. The meeting was hosted by Dr Kalounides MEP and coordinated by Prof Trakatellis. The meeting was ably chaired by Dr Myrto Trakatellis and attended by a good number of MEPs from both major groups and many experts in this field. A special guest was Dr Hans-Gert Pöttering, past President of the European Parliament.

And so to 2010 which will be another important year with a vote on the proposed Statute changes probably in Croatia, to be followed soon after by a Presidential election. More on that next time…

Joseph L Pace
Secretary General

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

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18th EADV Congress

Over 9,000 participants attended the 18th EADV Congress in Berlin in October 2009. Here is a selection of photos from the event.

Calendar of Events

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International Congress in Aesthetic Dermatology
Bangkok, Thailand
21-23 January 2010

3rd MEGA HAND International Symposium
Paris, France
19-20 March 2010

Anti-Aging Medicine World Congress
Monte Carlo, Monaco
8-10 April 2010

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

10th ESPD Congress
Lausanne, Switzerland
20-22 May 2010

6th Congress of the European Association of Dermatologic Oncology
Athens, Greece
17-19 June 2010

PSO 2010 “The Congress of the Psoriasis International Network”
Paris, France
1-4 July 2010

International Conference on Behçet’s Disease
London, UK
7-10 July 2010

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

COSMOERDM XVI – The International Aesthetic Dermatology Congress
Dresden, Germany
9-12 December 2010

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8th EADV Spring Symposium
Karlov Vary, Czech Republic
14-17 April 2011

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

20th EADV Congress
Lisbon, Portugal
20-24 October 2011

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9th EADV Spring Symposium
Verona, Italy
19-22 April 2012

21st EADV Congress
Riga, Latvia
5-9 September 2012
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