Elections... Elections... Elections...

2012 may be the Chinese Year of the Dragon, but in EADV 2012 is the Year of Elections!

At the recent successful Spring Symposium, which was held in Verona, Italy, we had the Board Election of the Spring Symposium venue for 2014. The Board decided that this event would be held in Belgrade, Serbia. Congratulations to our Serbian EADV members and the Academy looks forward to bringing the 11th Spring Symposium to this wonderful and historic city!

Committee memberships (open to all EADV members) are appointed by the Board of Directors and we have regular elections of new committee members at our Board meetings. In Verona several new committee members were elected.

Secretary General-Elect

Every two years we have the election of a Secretary General-Elect. This year the election of a new Secretary General-Elect (who will assist and then replace Prof Erwin Tschachler, the current Secretary General), took place in Verona at the Board Meeting. Prof Carle Paul, Board member for France, was elected to this prestigious position. He will take up the office of EADV Secretary General at the end of the Prague Congress in September. Congratulations to Prof Paul and we wish him all the best in this important and onerous task!

Board members

Board Members are elected for a three-year term but have to be re-elected. Each Board Member is elected by EADV Members within his/her own country. These elections are carried out electronically and administered from London by the Election Reform Service (ERS), an independent UK company with an international reputation. ERS has carried out all EADV electronic elections successfully in the past. This year we will have Board elections in several European countries including Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, and several others.

President-Elect

Finally, 2012 is the year for all eligible EADV members to participate in the President-Elect election. The election will be carried out electronically and, again, run by ERS. The election will commence on 24 August 2012 and voting will close on 21 September 2012. I encourage each of you to participate in this important event and you can read in this special issue of EADV News more about the excellent candidates we have for this high office and their aspirations for EADV.

Please ensure that your e-mail address at the EADV office is up-to-date and that your EADV membership number is correct. Only those members who are eligible and who paid their membership subscription by 31 May 2012 can participate in this election.

So I am glad to report that the democratic spirit is alive and well in EADV. Be assured that every vote cast is secret and confidential. The end result of the ballot is only given to the EADV President by ERS. Nobody in EADV can know how any individual member votes.

With these assurances and to strengthen democracy within EADV, I encourage each one of you to participate in these important elections!

Prof Frank Powell

EADV President (2010-2012)
Election of EADV President-Elect 2012–2014

For full profiles of candidates, please visit www.eadv.org

Voting instructions

The election will be conducted electronically utilising the services of an independent electoral organisation, Electoral Reform Services of London, which guarantees secret and confidential voting and has managed our past Presidential and Board elections satisfactorily. Members should ensure (a) that they are entitled to vote according to the EADV statutes and rules and (b) that their current e-mail address is correctly recorded by the EADV Office. Members who do not have an e-mail address will receive the necessary documentation by post.

The election will commence on 24 August 2012 and voting will close on 21 September 2012. The result of the election will be announced during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Academy.

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

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 2012 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the EADV will be held on

Friday, 28 September 2012 at 11:30
in Chamber Hall (3rd floor) in the Prague Congress Centre.

Joseph L Pace

My track record as EADV Secretary General and President of the World Medical Association puts me in pole position to further the development of the Academy by bringing the strands together, improving value for members, enhancing international identity.

The cost of participation will be closely addressed remembering those members with modest incomes. Diminishing sponsorships have exacerbated matters, putting academic events out of financial reach.

We must, and will, reduce the costs of active participation.

While not foregoing quality, the “costs of government” will be curtailed with stringent financial housekeeping. Our statutory twin pillars of wanting to do good and non-profit status have gained us the moral high ground, and continued conformity with our Statutes ensures that position is not jeopardised.

We will reduce what is unnecessary and increase that which epitomises EADV – EDUCATION, supporting particularly:

Younger colleagues - attendance at meetings and cross-border research projects furthering their development together from a young age as the future of European Dermato-venereology;
Retired colleagues - Don’t lose them, Use them – mentoring and teaching assignments;
Office dermatologists deserve particular support, as do other core members of our skin alliance, the nurses and the patients;
Overseas members will be integrated more fully in all EADV structures;
Venereology will be given prominence befitting a core part of EADV;
Community projects like dermatitis prevention (EPOS) encouraged.

Ethical values are fundamental to our profession: our approach to new and existing ethical challenges will be actively consolidated.

Global identity brings social responsibility: support (eg Africa) significantly expanded under the direction of experienced colleagues, with trainees urged to participate. Joint initiatives with medical and NGOs (Rotary?) will be explored.

Can we succeed?

I am known to most of you. My record speaks for itself and my confidence in you, the EADV members, unlimited!

Yes, together we can

Joseph L Pace MD
FRCP(Edin) FRCP(Lond) FCPP FAAD KM
I am participating in EADV since the 2nd EADV Congress in 1991 in Athens, Greece.

I have served as an EADV Board Director since 2006 and as the President of the 21st EADV Congress in Prague, Czech Republic, 2012. Over time EADV has developed into one of the most successful medical organisations in Europe. EADV is the leading dermatological society of the continent. Despite this success, European dermatology still faces many threats and challenges.

To strengthen the status of our specialty we have to work closely with the leading European and national political, medical and scientific institutions, including the European Parliament, European Commission, European Centre for Disease Controls. We have to maintain close cooperation with the World Health Organization, International League of Dermatological Societies, AAD, IUSTI and UEMS. Common European standards of dermatological care and education have to be elaborated by EADV and European health authorities. An absolute and urgent task is to collaborate in the preparation of the 11th International Classification of Diseases.

The success of EADV was partly based on organising symposia and congresses in different European countries and cities. I support this tradition and oppose those who advocate only 3–4 places as the regular congress sites. Potentially every European country must be given the opportunity to hold an EADV congress.

We have to put stronger impact on scientific development. In this regard I propose to establish EADV research grants. Life-threatening, debilitating diseases and processes should be set as the first priority. Educating patients and patient organisations is another important task.

EADV has to involve itself in projects and missions of charity in Europe and the world, offering free educational and medical services to dermatologists and communities.

If you choose me as EADV President-Elect 2012–2014, I promise to serve the Academy in the best possible way.

Riga, 22 May 2012

Andris Rubins MD PhD
Professor and Chairman, University of Latvia
President, Latvian and Baltic Associations of Dermato-venereologists
EADV Board Member, IUSTI-Europe Board Member
President, 21st EADV Congress, Prague, 27–30 September 2012

EADV has come a long way since its birth in the 1980s. It is now a powerful pan-European organisation representing Dermatology and Venereology. With over 4,000 members and Congresses that attract over 8,000 participants EADV is by far the biggest of the various European dermatology organisations.

Over the past decade I have had the privilege of actively contributing to the development of the Academy, firstly as Board Member representing Austria and then as President of the successful 2007 EADV Congress in Vienna. I was subsequently elected by the EADV Board to represent their interests at the Executive Committee. For the past two years I have served as Secretary General, a post to which I was elected by the Board. The collaboration with colleagues from the different European countries has provided me with first-hand knowledge of the challenges and opportunities that our specialty and our Academy face today. I now offer to contribute my experience and enthusiasm to the challenge of the office of EADV President-Elect.

The centrepiece of the EADV mission is to advance excellence in clinical care, research, education and training in the field of dermatology and venereology.

If elected President-Elect of EADV, I would continue to promote these core values of the Academy by ensuring excellence in education through our Congresses, Symposia, and the successful Fostering programmes. In addition I would foster close co-ordination of the Academy’s initiatives with those of other European organisations including UEMS, EDF and ESDR to synergise rather than duplicate our efforts on behalf of our specialty.

The way to maintain the broad base and diversity of our specialty in Europe is by giving equal access to the educational events provided by EADV. Since dramatic economic inequalities exist between different European countries, I see it as a priority to establish fair rules of adjustment for participants’ fees paid at our educational events.

The ultimate aims of all our activities are to improve care for patients with skin and venereal diseases and if possible to prevent these. To achieve this goal co-operation with patient organisations is also important. As President-Elect I would intensify the dialogue between patient organisations and EADV and involve them more in our activities.

I believe I have the experience, both within EADV and from my various other activities to take on the many duties of EADV President-Elect. As President-Elect of EADV I would ensure that the democratic processes within EADV will continue to be operated in a fair and transparent way. I would ensure residents in training as well as dermatologists and venereologists from all over Europe can participate equally in our Academy and combine to contribute to the further advancement of EADV.

Yours sincerely,

Erwin Tschachler MD
Professor of Dermatology and Venereology
Vienna, 29 May 2012
21st Congress
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