New EADV Projects Review Committee

The Project Proposal Review Committee (PPRC) is a new EADV committee elected by the EADV Board in Lisbon in October 2011. The purpose of the PPRC is to plan and organise the systematic review and discussion of projects submitted to EADV for funding. Submitted projects need to fulfil EADV’s mission of improving the quality of care, teaching, research and image of Dermatology and Venereology in Europe. As many more projects are submitted to the EADV than can possibly be funded, a structured review and prioritisation process is essential.

The current PPRC, as of August 2012, is composed of five members: Branka Marinovic, Rodica Olteanu, Caius Solovan, Martin Röcken (co-opted), Carle Paul (Chairman).

Submit your projects

Since its nomination, the PPRC has defined project evaluation criteria to ensure an objective and standardised evaluation of projects. These criteria have been reviewed by the EADV Board and are posted on www.eadv.org (see also page 3 in this issue). One important element of the projects will be to promote pan-European collaborations.

A standard application form has been created and posted on the EADV website to allow for direct online submission of projects. The deadline for the submission of projects in 2012 is 31 October 2012.

Peer review of projects will be organised both within and outside the PPRC and may include senior experts who are also current or past EADV Board members selected by the PPRC. Potential conflicts of interest will be managed by ensuring project participants will not contribute to the evaluation or discussion of projects at the PPRC, Finance Committee, Executive Committee and EADV Board.

Additionally, EADV committee members or Board members will not participate in the evaluation of single country projects from their own country.

After reviewing the projects, the PPRC will be in a position to rank by order of priority projects submitted for funding to EADV. The projects and their evaluation will be presented to the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee and the EADV Board for funding decisions.

Applicants are advised to read carefully the evaluation criteria on the EADV website before submitting their project. As their project will be evaluated by several evaluators from different countries, the project description should be sufficiently detailed to allow for a careful and in-depth assessment.

The PPRC will also organise a progress review of EADV-funded projects on an annual basis. Any projects supported by EADV should be clearly acknowledged as such in all presentations and publications in the future.

The PPRC is committed to promoting transparency and diversity and strives for excellence in pursuing the EADV mission.

Carle Paul
Project Proposal Review Committee Chair
22nd Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology

“Dermatovenereology in a changing world”

3-6 October, 2013
Istanbul Congress Center,
Istanbul, Turkey

www.eadvistanbul2013.org
Physicians and patients: rights and obligations

Many people talk about modernising the patient-physician relationship meaning: change the role of the physician. ‘To what?’, one may ask, and the answer appears complex: a completely rational agent that is bureaucratically accountable for any practical detail of diagnosis and treatment, who has unlimited capacity for clinical work, documentation and development, and who is at the same time sufficiently flexible to accommodate the individuality of all patients and who champions the individual patient’s case with monastic zeal. If you see more than two patients a day, sainthood appears a reasonable ambition in comparison.

These complex requirements of course stir a debate in which many have joined. Politicians on the lookout for a vote-winning case are naturally there, as are legitimate partners such as patient advocacy groups and universities, but also lobby groups organised by industry are raising their voices. This mixed chorus unfortunately appears to be out-debating many medical societies that seem all too keen to emasculate their own arguments.

In the names of community and freedom, let me therefore suggest a theme for the next time you end up in a discussion on this topic: equality, not as a simple economic or social concept, but as a higher moral concept.

Treating patients is collaboration, and as such entirely dependent on mutual obligation. The obligations of the dermatologist are clear, and are inextricably linked to the physicians’ role, eg to have the specialist knowledge of the disease, to be aware of potential risks of treatments and so on, but many obligations are shared. The obligation to commit to the patient-physician relationship is universal. The play only works if both actors play their role well. You cannot have an uncommitted physician treating an uncommitted patient – at least not if you want to cure anything. Veracity is another obvious shared commitment.

It is not so that physicians have obligations and patients have rights only. We all have obligations. Maybe the next time the discussion arises – and it will – you should introduce the concept of patients’ obligations to the patient-physician relationship. I am sure there is a whole world of people out there who are ready to supply systems of patient accreditation, patient standardisation, and all the other mechanisms that doctors have been subjected to over many years in order to further improve the core of clinical medicine.

Gregor Jemec
Editor

Submit Your Project to EADV!

In order to deal with the increasing numbers of requests for project funding, EADV has created the Project Proposal Review Committee (PPRC) to ensure an objective and standard assessment of proposals before financing.

Application submission

Only applications submitted through the EADV website will be reviewed. The official application form is on the EADV website under the following link: http://www.eadv.org/project-proposal/

Criteria

A list of criteria has been established by the PPRC to evaluate the tenders.

1. The project benefits EADV
2. The project benefits patients with skin diseases
3. The project is pan-European
4. The project does not compete with other internal projects
5. The project is original
6. The project management plan is adequate
7. The project budget is adequate

Evaluation

Each project will be reviewed by every member of the Committee. Where necessary, external reviewers (1 or 2) may be asked for their expertise by the Committee. External reviewers will be former or current members of the EADV Board.

Conflicts of interest

- Participants to projects will not take part in the evaluation or discussion.
- Committee or Board members will not participate in the evaluation of single country projects from their own country.

Deadline: 31 October 2012
Dear EADV Members,

Dear Friends,

This is my last EADV News report to you as President of the Academy!

I will be finishing my term as EADV President in Prague. It has been a great honour and privilege for me to serve as the 15th President following in the footsteps of many illustrious predecessors.

Being president involves dealing with many issues that arise in different parts of Europe. EADV has become like a multinational medium-sized business with complex European operations. We have 15 full-time employees (in Switzerland and Belgium) and run an annual Congress and Spring Symposium in a different European country each year with up to 10,000 participants at our events. EADV also functions as an academic body and all decision-making reverts to the officers who give their time without remuneration to this task. Being sensitive to the multicultural nature of EADV is a key requirement of the president and often a compromise needs to be found that accommodates all viewpoints. Being president also involves much international travel (on average once every 3 to 4 weeks) and my knowledge of the cities of Europe has increased enormously during my tenure as president!

We have achieved much in the past two years. The Academy is now firmly established as a democratic organisation. Elections are carried out electronically by an external independent agency. The Academy has also established a secure financial reserve that should serve it well in the years to come. This will allow EADV to face better an uncertain future regarding the relationship between the pharmaceutical industry and their support of academic knowledge of the cities of Europe has increased enormously during my tenure as president!

The end of my term as EADV President

suitability.

EADV has also developed its own “in house” congress organising section (ICO). This part of our administration is now taking over the management of all EADV educational events (congresses and symposia). This started with the spring symposia and will now operate at the 21st Congress in Prague. In this way EADV can be in control of the quality of these events (venue, hotels, events, registration, exhibition etc) and use the experience gained at successive congresses and symposia to consistently ensure that our educational programmes continue to attract large numbers of attendees.

I am constantly impressed by the great amount of time and thought that goes into all the EADV committees which are active within the Academy. EADV members on these committees give their time and expertise to help the Academy move forward on many issues, often without recognition and always without remuneration. This demonstrates the deep strength of European dermatology. With such committed individuals prepared to work for the common ideal of excellence in our specialty the future of EADV is secure.

We are also fortunate in EADV to have excellent leadership set by the EADV members in leadership are met throughout the organisation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and all those who contribute to the success of EADV for their good work.

Much has been done but more remains to be done. Keep up the good work!

Best wishes from Dublin.

Frank Powell
EADV President (2010-2012)
Since the last update on the activities of the Website Committee in EADV News, some improvements have been made to facilitate access to the information.

Links and buttons have been added and links are shown in blue to comply with international web-design rules and facilitate easier surfing for users. The "My Corner" page will soon be redesigned as well to be more user-friendly.

Regarding the new improvements, a page dedicated to the Scientific Programming Committee has been implemented. This allows everyone, ie not only members, to give their opinion on topics presented during a meeting, leave comments or even propose a speaker. Following the creation of the Project Proposal Review Committee, a page (http://www.eadv.org/project-proposal/) has been created to allow the submission of projects and make requests for available funds.

Following the last committee meeting, several changes will occur in the forthcoming months, if approved by the Treasurer.

First, if the budget is approved, a search tool will be implemented on the website’s main page to help patients find a dermatologist or venereologist in their area. Obviously, the tool will serve for information purposes only and will only show office or practice contact details. EADV Members will receive an e-mail to specify if they wish to make their contact details available and, if necessary, modify them.

Secondly, there will soon be a way of retrieving your EADV password directly from the website. The webmaster is currently being consulted to implement the safest method for password retrieval.

Also, in order to increase communication with its members, EADV will create a Facebook page, which will be administered by EADV staff. Official communications will still be sent by e-mail only.

Klaus Fritz
Chairman
Website Committee

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In order to comply with new regulations, the Opening Ceremony has been renamed the "Networking Symposium".

You are all cordially invited to attend this event, which will take place on 27 September 2012 (18.30) in the Auditorium of the Congress venue.
May 2012 has again been a fruitful month for the Euromelanoma campaign. From the Baltic Sea to the Mediterranean Sea and from Eastern to Western Europe, press conferences, meetings with local representatives and skin checks took place.

Euromelanoma Board members and officials met and addressed the topic of skin cancer to raise awareness of both melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. In Copenhagen, a conference about climate change and its incidence on skin was organised; Sarajevo hosted its second campaign with a tremendous success. In Riga, a press conference was organised and attended by a high number of dermatologists and oncologists. Last but not least, the Portuguese Parliament hosted Euromelanoma Board representatives in its building where a meeting with the Portuguese Commissioner for Health and the President of the Parliament took place. Please see below for further details.

Bosnia & Herzegovina

Celebrity endorsement in Bosnia & Herzegovina

On the initiative of Prof Faruk Alendar (Euromelanoma chair for Bosnia-Herzegovina) and Dr Hana Helppikangas, a press conference was held in the University of Sarajevo Clinical Centre to open the second Bosnian Euromelanoma campaign. Taking advantage of the presence in Sarajevo of the Turkish-Bosnian Dermato-Oncology meeting, Prof Andreas Katsambas (EADV Past-President), Prof Jana Hercogova (EADV President-elect) and Prof Véronique del Marmol (Euromelanoma Europe chair), came to support Prof Alendar and Dr Helppikangas in the very successful Bosnian Euromelanoma campaign.

Facing numerous journalists from local radio and newspaper, the dermatological board was supported by the attendance of Renzo Davidi, Head of the EU Commission Liaison Office, Prof Dr Faris Gavrankapetanovic, Director of the University of Sarajevo Clinical Centre, and Miroslav Zivanovic, Deputy Mayor of the city.

The first Euromelanoma campaign has been a real media success and many people came to the Sarajevo Academic Hospital to have their skin checked for the first time. Numerous melanomas and non-melanoma skin cancers were identified. All together 790 patients were checked.

The 2012 Campaign was also supported by the Bosnian Health Minister, Prof Rusmir Mesihovic, and a sizeable Euromelanoma poster was hung in the Ministry building during the campaign. The day of the press conference was also the first day of the campaign in the presence of EU Special Representative and Head of the EU Delegation to Bosnia & Herzegovina, Ambassador Peter M Sørensen. He strongly believes in the campaign and encourages the country to follow this important European-wide health project.

Ambassador Sørensen was the first to be screened during the campaign. This year, the campaign broke a record as 1236 patients were screened.

In addition, dermatologists went to primary schools and gave educational lectures as a part of their primary prevention. More than 2000 brochures were distributed to both adults and children.

Euromelanoma also featured in the Sarajevo Film Festival where a Euromelanoma video (made from a poster topic) ran before every film showing. So many stars, such as Angelina Jolie, as well as other international and local stars and 100,000 visitors had the opportunity to watch "Do spots bother you?" Dermatologists were on hand to give free skin checks in the pavilion to anyone who was interested.

All week Euromelanoma ran on many television channels, on the radio and in newspapers. Many local celebrities highlighted the importance of prevention and early detection of skin cancers, especially melanoma.
**Denmark**

**Danish EU Presidency emphasises the dangers of UV and skin cancer**

As part of the Danish EU Presidency, the European Movement, the European Policy Centre and a Danish industry partner hosted a conference on “Ozone Depletion, UV Exposure and Skin Cancer” with the purpose of addressing the rising incidence of skin cancer in Europe. The main focus of the conference was the impact of ozone depletion, ultraviolet radiation, ageing and sun-behaviour on incidences of skin cancer in Europe.

The main messages from the speakers were that there is an urgent need for early detection and better registration of both melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer. Results from the national screening programme in Germany, which started as a pilot in Schleswig-Holstein, clearly showed how early detection can save lives and also make savings in the health budget due to the savings from treating both melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer at an early stage, which also means detecting pre-cancer such as Actinic Keratosis. Skin cancer and mainly non-melanoma skin cancer is on the rise in Europe, Canada, Brazil, USA and Australia. There is a need for better registration of mainly non-melanoma skin cancer in order to know the exact size of the problem and to be able to address it in national health policies.

The scientific conference on 25 April brought together epidemiologists, experts in UV radiation, climate experts, dermatologists and decision-makers at national and international level, as well as representatives from NGOs working in the area of climate, environment and health with a specific focus on UV and skin cancer. Among the participants were members of the European Parliament, participants from a number of national parliaments and researchers from all over Europe. Furthermore, Euromelanoma, the European Skin Cancer Foundation and Euroskin participated - all leading NGOs in the area of skin cancer prevention in Europe.

**Katja Murray**

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**Latvia**

**5th Anniversary of Euromelanoma Campaign in Latvia**

The fifth Latvian Euromelanoma campaign provided the ideal opportunity for Dr Raimond Karls, Euromelanoma Chair for Latvia, to invite Prof Véronique del Marmol to participate in a conference given to Latvian dermatologists, oncologists and GPs about skin cancer.

A dermato-oncology meeting was organised and a press conference held at the Riga Stradins University in Riga. The event attracted much media interest and after an epidemiological introduction by Dr Janis Eglitis, an oncologist and a leading specialist at the State Oncology Centre, Dr Karls presented the results of the Euromelanoma campaigns, pointing out that Euromelanoma was the first skin cancer campaign ever organised in Latvia.

For five years the campaign has given the opportunity to highlight the role of dermatologists in the early diagnosis of skin cancers. In spite of its geographical location (Baltic region) Latvia has recorded a relatively high incidence of skin cancers. This is partially explained by the great interest and passion for artificial UV sources (tanning salons) by the populations of Latvia and neighbouring countries.

**Osvaldo Correia**

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**Portugal**

**Euromelanoma Group invited to the Portuguese Parliament**

Following an initiative of the Vice-President of the Portuguese Parliament, Dr Couto dos Santos, Professor Véronique del Marmol (Euromelanoma Europe) with Dr António Picoto and Prof Osvaldo Correia (Euromelanoma Portugal), were invited, on 4 May 2012, to speak to Parliament’s Commission for Health about the skin cancer burden and the possible ways of prevention in a country like Portugal. After a long exchange of information with the health commission, dermatologists were invited to an audience with the Parliament President, Dr Maria da Assunção Andrade Esteves. Contacts for a future collaboration have been made in order to improve skin cancer diagnosis and prevention in this country.

**Katja Murray**

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**Raimond Karls**

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**Osvaldo Correia**

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**Prof Correia, Dr Picoto and Prof del Marmol (wearing yellow badges) and the Portuguese Commission for Health**
Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to announce the 4th scientific meeting to be promoted by the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) in Ticino.

After the first three successful meetings held in Bellinzona in recent years, EADV has decided to continue this project in Ticino, aimed at fostering clinical care, research, education and training in the field of dermatology and venereology and related medical fields.

In close collaboration with the Società Ticinese di Dermatologia, the Institute for Research in Biomedicine and EADV’s Scientific Programming Committee, the 2012 one-day meeting will again consist of a research session in the morning and a clinically-orientated session in the afternoon.

EADV is proud to be able to include in the programme well-known researchers and clinicians with recognised experience in their field who will discuss a number of practical and relevant advances.

Medical progress always profits from the co-operation of both researchers and clinicians, for example, in raising research questions, designing clinical and scientific studies, applying new diagnostic and therapeutic methods, and providing appropriate material and information on patients and diseases.

EADV thus hopes that the 2012 programme will raise interest and attention not only among all local researchers and dermatologists, but also among allergologists, immunologists, and oncologists by addressing areas with significant clinical interdisciplinary overlap.

Luca Borradori (SPC chair, EADV)
Robert Hunger (Bern)
Antonio Lanzavecchia (Bellinzona)
Charles Mainetti (Bellinzona)
Franco Rongioletti (Genoa)

For further information regarding this event please contact diana@eadv.org

Scientific programme:
Immune response in chronic inflammatory and autoimmune diseases

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Cutaneous signs of systemic diseases: the skin as a window to the body

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Dear Dermato-venereologist

Could your presentation skills be better?
Do you worry that people will lose interest during your talk?
Are your slides eye-catching?

Get some tips at the Presentation Skills section of our Media Training Session

Do you know how to manipulate the press?
Do you know how to put together and stimulate interest in a dermatology media campaign?

See a good example of how the "Healthy Skin@Work" Campaign was set up and run

Terrified of radio and television interviews?
Worried that you can't get the message across?
Worried you might blurt out something that you later regret?

Get one-to-one tuition in front of camera with instant feedback. See yourself as others would see you. Grow in confidence or else decide that the media is not for you!

See also the “Press corner” on www.eadv.org for tips on being interviewed for radio/television

Come and participate in the FREE media workshop in Prague on Friday, 28 September 2012 (13.30-16.30)
The 1st Fostering Course on Itch was held at EADV House in Brussels, Belgium from 22 to 25 June 2012. Twenty dermatology residents from 13 different European countries and Egypt participated in this course.

The programme was very intense with lectures given by experts in the field of itch: Prof Sonja Ständer and Prof Elke Weisshaar from Germany, Prof Laurent Misery from France, Assoc Prof Adam Reich and myself (as Chairman) from Poland. We are all Board members or active members of the International Forum for the Study of Itch (IFSI) – www.itchforum.net

Better diagnosis and treatment

The topics included the definition, classification, neuro-immunology, epidemiology, measurement and therapy of itch. The new classification of itch was presented by Prof Ständer and myself. Each type of itch, including dermatological, neurological, psychogenic and systemic was discussed in detail during the course. Effective teaching methods were used and all lectures were very interactive which gave participants food for thought, motivated lively discussions and helped to convert theory into practice.

On the third day all residents presented their own case reports; this part was done in small groups consisting of five residents and one teacher and was followed by open discussion and exchanging of clinical experience. The difficult cases of patients with itch and an outline of how to deal with them were presented by Prof Ständer and Prof Misery. The section on the current therapy given by Prof Weisshaar had real practical implications.

Itch is a common problem that significantly decreases the quality of life of patients; however it is often neglected and under-diagnosed. This course presented diagnostic and therapeutic guidelines for the management of patients with itch that is very useful in daily dermatological practice. Research directions that aimed at better understanding of this symptom were also presented. By the end of the course, all participants had received all the necessary information on how to deal with patients with itch.

It was also a great opportunity to meet residents from different countries. The atmosphere of the course was very friendly. All participants were invited to a dinner that took place in a nice restaurant where the local cuisine was served.

The location of the course in Brussels gave us all the opportunity to visit this beautiful European capital and to admire the architecture of the city.

Prof Jacek C Szepietowski
Course Chair

Participant’s Feedback

“A very well organised course. Organisers were very responsive to trainee learning needs. An excellent, relaxed and conducive learning environment. Teachers were of course very knowledgeable being European experts in the field. The stay in Brussels was very enlightening with the experience of living, learning and eating with fellow residents from all over Europe.”

Adrian Yong
Malaysia/UK
1. Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarship
Named after the late friend and distinguished colleague Dr Michael Hornstein, EADV will offer the Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarship to one selected applicant of each Central, Eastern & Northern European country.

Eligible countries – geographic
Central, Eastern & Northern Europe: Austria, Armenia, Belgium, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), France, Germany, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK)

2. John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship
Named after the late dear friend and distinguished colleague Prof John Stratigos, EADV will offer the John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship to one selected applicant of each Southern European & Mediterranean country.

Eligible countries – geographic
Southern Europe & Mediterranean countries: Albania, Andorra, Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Montenegro, Spain, Syria AR, Tunisia, Turkey

3. Imrich Sarkany Non-European Memorial Scholarship
Named after the late friend and distinguished colleague Dr Imrich Sarkany, EADV will offer the Imrich Sarkany Non-European Memorial Scholarship to a maximum of eight (8) young dermatologists of non-European countries.

Eligible regions – Rest of the world (except Eastern European and Mediterranean countries already listed before) eg Africa, Arab countries, Asia, Latin America, North America (including Alaska, Canada), Oceania (Australia, New Zealand etc…)

Every EADV scholarship award consists of €1000 less the fee of a one-year EADV membership*, according to the status of each recipient. Free registration to the symposium is also provided for each winner.

Required documentation for application to be submitted in English only for any scholarships listed above:

- The completed Scholarship Application Form
- A CV and a list of publications indicating author(s), title, year, place of publication, type of publication (not more than 3 pages)
- A letter of support written either by the training director/head of department, hospital or clinic endorsing the application
- A letter of support written by a “specialist” EADV member endorsing the application
- A current copy of the applicant’s training or specialist certificate
- A copy of an ID (ie identity card, passport) with a passport-size photo

Application deadline for all scholarships: 5 November 2012

Further information & the application form(s) available at:
http://www.eadv.org/scholarships/

or upon request by e-mail to: Honours & Awards Committee Chairman
Prof Christos C Zouboulis at scholarship@eadv.org

Note: Applicants will be notified about receipt of application by e-mail. This information is available on the EADV website since 3 September 2012. Applicants will be informed about the status of their application around mid/end February 2013.

* The membership year and status will be activated for the upcoming calendar year 2013.
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I would like to thank all the participants of the 9th EADV Spring Symposium, which was held in Verona, Italy, from 6-10 June, 2012. About 3,000 people registered for the meeting, mostly from European countries, but also from other continents, particularly Asia. The scientific sessions were all very well attended and the perfect timing of all of them was much appreciated. A special thanks to speakers and moderators for their interest in the meeting and dedication to EADV.

The weather was fine enough and helped greatly the perfect organisation of the meeting and the success of the social events. Many attendees were impressed as they walked through the streets of Verona and admired the beauty of the city.

Looking forward to welcoming you again to Verona.

Giampiero Girolomoni
Chairman
9th EADV 2012 Spring Symposium
Chairman
Dept of Dermatology and Venereology
University of Verona, Verona
Planning for the 23rd World Congress of Dermatology in Vancouver 2015 is well under way! Our vision for the world’s premier dermatology congress includes celebration, innovation and inclusiveness. Dermatologists from around the globe will play a vital role in every WCD session as chairs, co-chairs and speakers.

Send your suggestions
The Scientific Planning Committee will be meeting this November 2012 for our first main planning meeting to outline the general structure, topics and preliminary list of invited speakers. We invite EADV members and other international groups to make your voices heard by sending in your suggestions for hot topics, invited speakers and other ideas for what you feel would make this world congress an outstanding success.

We are also pleased to announce a unique opportunity that will be available to all ILDS National and Affiliate Societies during the WCD. Society members of the ILDS can be specifically showcased at the 23rd World Congress of Dermatology as part of our Global Celebration of Dermatology. Special time and meeting space has been set aside on Monday, 8 June, for the ILDS member societies to convene their own half- or full-day meetings. This will be an ideal opportunity for your Society members to gather together in Vancouver at a collegial and social level. You will be able to highlight your Society’s members and their work to other WCD delegates from around the world. Each participating Society will set its own scientific and social programme during its allocated time. Contact the Congress Secretariat at: info@derm2015.org for more information — or visit us at the EADV Prague at Booth No 5.

Will You Be There? Here Are 10 Reasons to be in Vancouver for the 2015 World Congress of Dermatology:
1. A Global Celebration of Dermatology
The largest international gathering for dermatology representing over 136 national and specialty societies from around the world will be taking part.

2. Welcome Back To A Spectacular Setting In North America
Vancouver is equidistant from Europe and Asia, bordering the United States. It is consistently ranked as one of the most beautiful and liveable international cities.

3. A World-Class Scientific Programme
This will be the only dermatology event in 2015 that features the best speakers and leaders from every continent.

4. Your Gateway to A Special Family Holiday
Allow extra time to explore this unique region. From Alaska to the Rockies and beyond, there is so much to see and do - you are only limited by your imagination.

5. A Technology-Enabled and Enhanced Congress
The WCD promises to be a novel and highly interactive programme with the latest social media and smartphone/tablet apps being developed to enhance your Congress experience.

6. A New State-of-the-Art Convention Centre
The Vancouver Convention Centre, located in the heart of downtown Vancouver and situated on the harbour front with stunning views of the mountains and the sea, is the only two-time winner of the prestigious AIPC award for the World’s Best Convention Centre.

7. Accommodation for Everyone
Vancouver is one of the most walkable cities in the world with over 13,000 hotel rooms within safe walking distance from the convention centre. From the budget-conscious to those seeking a full-service experience, there’s something for everyone.

8. Scholarships and Travel Support for Developing Countries and Young Dermatologists
A generous scholarship and grant programme helps ensure that the world’s best and brightest are able to participate in Vancouver.

9. We’re Inviting Everyone In Dermatology
From scientists to patient advocacy groups, there will be a vast range of special sessions to meet everyone’s interests.

10. Come and Experience Canadian Hospitality
You will feel like you belong here. Vancouver is one of the world’s most cosmopolitan and culturally diverse cities.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vancouver for the 23rd World Congress of Dermatology from 8-13 June 2015.

Contact info@derm2015.org for more information.
The AAD Congress in San Diego was impressive due to its large number of participants and the high quality of the scientific presentations. It brought together dermatologists from all over the world to share their expertise and discussed together the most recent developments in dermatology and venereology.

In addition to the scientific events at the congress itself, EADV continued to expand its well-established “See my Office” exchange programme. Visits have already taken place in offices all around Europe, for example in Bucharest, Potsdam, Berlin and Monchengladbach, as reported in earlier issues of EADV News.

This programme offers EADV members a great opportunity to immerse themselves in the daily life of a private practice in a host country, giving them the chance to discuss issues facing dermatologists. It has become a lovely tradition of bringing together dermatologist from all parts of Europe and the world.

First US practice visit

Following the style of previously successful meetings this year the programme offered me the chance to visit an American private practice in San Diego.

My intention was to get know more about the American health system and its dermatological service. I also had the honour of meeting good friends and colleagues from Europe: Dr Rolf Ostendorf (Germany), Johan and his daughter Julie Snauwert (Belgium), Mihaela Leventer and Ana Maria Dumitrescu (Romania), and Monika Gniadecka (Denmark).

My heartfelt thanks to Dr Jens Thiele who kindly let me see his shared private surgery. Dr Thiele is a board certified dermatologist and Mohs surgeon. In addition to his expertise in general, cosmetic and surgical dermatology, he is an internationally renowned expert on skin ageing and antioxidants and a member of the AAD Clinical Research Task Force. He is also currently on the editorial boards of the International Journal of Cosmetic Science and the Open Dermatology Journal.

Impressive facilities

I was very lucky to enjoy the hospitality of Dr Thiele in his Oceanside Office, one of the largest dermatology centres in the San Diego and Riverside area, which offers a diversity of training and experience with seven dermatologists on the staff. I was impressed by the professional and warm attitude of the medical staff there. It was also very impressive due to its size of more than 1000m².

The practice is beautifully presented with natural light in each of the generous-sized modern consulting rooms, with a large reception and waiting area and a well-equipped surgery and procedure rooms for skin cancer removal with adjacent histology lab to perform Mohs surgery.

Dr Thiele’s office provides a wide range of therapeutic options, consultations and investigations to his patients, including laser and phototherapy, cosmetic treatment.

Nurse practitioners

Together with other surgery partners he runs five offices in Riverside County, employing 80 people, including nursing and administrative support staff, histopathology assistants, beautician and physician extenders. The use of physician extenders - nurse practitioners who have received advanced education and clinical training in a specialty, is a growing trend in dermatology as it helps dermatologists meet increasing patient demand and improves care for patients with chronic conditions or those requiring systemic treatment. Patients are either referred to a dermatology practice by a primary care physician or are self-referred.

Patient care time

American dermatologists work an average of 38 hours per week. For a typical dermatologist, most patient care time (about 60%) is spent treating medical conditions. On average, dermatologists spend about a quarter of their time on non-cosmetic surgical cases and only 10% on cosmetic treatments.

Dermatologists in America, like their colleagues in Europe, are faced by significant challenges such as cuts to...
Task Force on Office Management

I thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of this visit and would encourage EADV to continue to support such a programme. Even a few hours can give a clear impression of how other colleagues deal with current problems in their office. It gives us a chance to learn from each other by exchanging experiences that ultimately will benefit patients’ care and also foster friendships.

Unique learning opportunity

I express my gratitude to Rolf Ostendorf, who initiated the See My Office programme with the EADV Task Force on Office Management and organised this event in the run-up.

More information about this programme is available on the EADV website: www.eadv.org/forstering-courses/see-my-practice. I can highly recommend you to take an advantage of the programme and hope it will find much interest among EADV members.

Dr Reichan Walther
Mayo Hospital
Taree, NSW, Australia

physician payments from Medicare.

The payment system seems to be very complicated and time-consuming. Dermatologists in the US receive payment from a mix of Medicare, private health insurers and self-paying patients. Hence the need to employ about 10 billers for his office.

It was an excellent get-together and afterwards we went to a nice restaurant on Seaside with splendid views of the region and a beautiful sunset, with the unforgettable tastes of famous Californian wines.

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The European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology organised another Fostering Programme training course on hair and nail diseases in May, this time in Bulgaria to attract more participants from east and south-eastern Europe.

After a preparation period of more than two years by Dr Susan Aquilina, Fostering Specialist Skills Committee Freiburg, Germany and Bern, Switzerland; Prof Ljiljana Medenica MD PhD, from Belgrade, Serbia; and Dr Bianca Maria Piraccini MD, from Bologna, Italy.

Seven topics on hair including a practical session on hair pull test, hair root microscopy, trichogram, and scalp videomicroscopy, as well as five topics on nail disorders were presented in a friendly atmosphere allowing everybody to ask questions on the spot and to go into more detail.

The course was held in the Bulgarian Military Medical Academy, headed by Maj Gen Tonev. Its Dermatology Department chairperson is Prof Mira Kadurina MD PhD, who received all of us with outstanding hospitality. At her side was Dr Valeria Mareeva who took care of us during the entire course and made us really feel at home. The Military Medical Academy is an exceptionally equipped facility with a most modern Dermatology Department including all subdivisions of up-to-date dermatology and 30 hospital beds for serious cases.

The first day concluded with a dinner for the participants and faculty, including our hosts, in a typical Bulgarian restaurant. Local music and folk dances accompanied the dinner with its tasty and fresh Bulgarian specialities. The overall atmosphere among the participants, faculty and hosts was excellent. All our thanks go to them for their outstanding work. We are looking forward to meeting our Bulgarian colleagues again.

Eckart Haneke MD PhD
Course Chair

I had a wonderful time on the hair & nail training course in Sofia, Bulgaria. The course was very rich in interactive exercises with a highly accessible faculty. It was a very intuitive course with excellent speakers, who used a combination of effective learning and teaching methods, which efficiently converted theory to practice. We had a fairly exhaustive review of the different pathologies of nails and hair.

International experts gave us their experiences and answered our questions. With this course we realised the importance of the pathology of hair and nail in daily practice in dermatology.

We also made new contacts with other dermatologists from different countries. Many interesting cases were presented by the participants.

I would like to thank EADV for organising such wonderful courses and the international experts for the time that they spent in preparing this course.

Inès Zaraa MD
Tunis, Tunisia

Eckart Haneke MD PhD
Course Chair
The EADV Honours & Awards Committee has currently undertaken several new activities in order to support young dermatologists from Europe and abroad to enter and stay in the Academy. New activities to recognise senior EADV members have also been initiated. In this issue of EADV News we take the opportunity to acquaint the readership with some of the new projects proposed by the committee and accepted by the Board.

Scholarship Alumni Club

The EADV Scholarship Alumni Club was launched in 2012. All previous winners of EADV scholarships are invited to become members. The applicants should be - or become - active EADV members.

The aim of the Alumni club is to create a network among former and future awardees, to develop a group of high-quality dermatologists, who can actively represent EADV as future lecturers and leaders and to promote collaboration between them and the senior EADV members.

Lectures

Once a year, a member of the Alumni club will be selected as EADV Scholarship Alumni Club Lecturer of the Year. In a 10-minute lecture during the Scholarship Ceremony the award recipient will report how the EADV Scholarship supported his or her career. The application process for the 21st EADV congress in Prague, Czech Republic, is now open and we encourage all former winners of EADV Scholarships to apply for this prestigious award. A full description and application form can be found at http://www.eadv.org/scholarships/scholarship-alumni-club.

EADV awards 35-40 young dermatologists with scholarships for the annual EADV Congress and 24-27 for the Spring Symposium every year. With the steadily growing membership of EADV we are witnessing a constant increase in the number of applicants for scholarships. In order to systematise the application and selection process and make it more transparent, a new, objective and standardised scholarship application system will be introduced with the upcoming call for applications for the 2013 EADV Spring Symposium in Cracow.

Inspiring and supporting young active members of the Academy has been the primary objective of the current EADV scholarships. Now, two currently inaugurated projects are focused on designated EADV senior members.

Senior members

The first is the EADV Envoy Representative – a national annual meeting award. Upon request by a national society, an EADV envoy representative will receive a financial grant for giving a lecture at the annual meeting of the national EADV member society.

The aim of this award is to enable the transfer of knowledge and best practice among European countries and to support networking.

The second is the development of a distinctive award to distinguished members of the Academy who have actively contributed not only as officials but also as faculty and lecturers over the years to the development of EADV.

Fulfilling our new projects and consolidating the established activities are the major tasks of the Honours & Awards committee. We count on every single member of the Academy for feedback regarding our work and we are open to new ideas.

Christos C Zouboulis
Honours & Awards Committee Chair

Razvigor Darlenski
Honours & Awards Committee Junior Member

Supporting junior and senior EADV members
### Training Course - Aesthetic Surgery & Laser
**Bucharest, Romania • June 2013**  
**Course chair:** Prof Klaus Fritz  
**Course registration fee:** EADV member: tbd  
Non-member: tbd  
**Application deadline:** 31 March 2013  
**Places:** 30; **CME:** yes

### Training Course - Surgery
**Brussels, Belgium • November 2013**  
**Course chair:** Dr George Reuter  
**Course registration fee:** EADV member: 250€;  
Non-member: 400€  
**Application deadline:** tbd  
**Places:** 20; **CME:** yes allocated on a first come-first served basis

For further information, please visit: [http://www.eadv.org/fostering-courses](http://www.eadv.org/fostering-courses)

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### Fostering courses for specialists in dermato-venereology  
**Call for Applications**

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All courses are in English. Fostering courses for registrars/residents/trainees are free of charge.  
For further information, please visit: [http://www.eadv.org/fostering-courses](http://www.eadv.org/fostering-courses)  
Information may be subject to modification.
Be part of the EADV family!

• Benefit from substantial reductions on EADV meetings’ registration fees
• Receive the Journal of the EADV (JEADV) and the EADV News
• Have priority access to the EADV Fostering courses (for trainees and specialists)
• Exclusive and personalised access to “Members only” sections of the EADV website
• Consult 900 online scientific publications
• Take part in EADV elections with voting rights (for eligible categories), a unique opportunity to state your views

To apply for EADV Membership, please fill out the following forms (on pages 20 & 21) and send us the required documentation.

Payment will be requested after approval of your application.

Get the chance to increase your knowledge in Dermatology & Venereology by applying for our Fostering courses:

• Benefit from high quality theoretical and practical training by experts throughout Europe
• Perceive best practice in the fields of dermatovenereology
• Benefit from learning and teaching in a small group
• Be part of and enjoy European diversity and beyond
• Get the opportunity to foster friendships within Europe and beyond

For further information about membership, please visit the EADV Membership booth (Ground floor, No 3), visit our website (www.eadv.org) or contact membership@eadv.org
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

PERSONAL DETAILS: (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)
Last name: ___________________________ First name(s): ___________________________ Position/Title ___________________________
Date of birth: __ / __ / ___ Nationality: ________________________________ Passport Number (or ID) ___________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________________ Country: ____________________________ Postcode: ___________________________
Telephone: ___________________________ Mobile: ____________________________ Fax: ___________________________ Email address: ___________________________

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED:

A. INDIVIDUALS: (The Board will decide on the relevant category)
1. Nationality: Copy of passport or ID card required
2. Specialisation: Copy of Certificate OR letter of attestation of status from EADV member is required
   First Medical Degree: Date: ___________________________ University: ___________________________ Country: ___________________________
   Specialist status: Date: ___________________________ Institution: ___________________________ Country: ___________________________
3. PhD (if applicable- scientists) Doctoral award:
   Date ___________________________ Institution: ___________________________ Country: ___________________________
   Topic: _______________________________________________________________
4. Trainee enclose official certificate of training and dates of entry and presumed completion
5. If retired, date of first joining EADV
6. Endorsers THREE EADV Specialist members must endorse application confirming that, in their opinion, the applicant in question is a fit and proper person to be admitted to membership of EADV
   Endorser 1 Name ___________________________ EADV number ___________________________
   Endorser 2 Name ___________________________ EADV number ___________________________
   Endorser 3 Name ___________________________ EADV number ___________________________

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE ____________________________________________________________

Note: For online applicants the confirmation of identity form with original signature must be sent by post

ANNUAL DUES: (The relative dues are revised annually by the Board of Directors)
European:
   ❑ Ordinary (non-specialist): €170 ❑ Specialists: €150 ❑ Trainees: €75 * ❑ Retired: €75
   *extended until age 35 to those attaining specialist qualification
Non-European:
   ❑ International €150 ❑ International (Trainees): €75 (e-version of JEADV)

PAYMENT METHOD:
❑ Bank transfer or ❑ Credit Card
Bank details information will follow with request of payment upon approval of your application for EADV membership.

B. ORGANISATIONS:
Letter to Secretary-General (see web page www.eadv.org)

NOTE: Please refer to the EADV website for members’ benefits and rights: Website: www.eadv.org

Kindly send application form together with required documentation: proof of status in ENGLISH, copy of ID, to:
The Secretary General - EADV Succursale belge- Avenue General de Gaulle, 38 - 1050 Brussels – Belgium
Phone: +32 2 650 00 90 - Fax: +32 2 650 00 98 - Website: www.eadv.org
CONFIRMATION APPLICANT’S IDENTITY

I, the undersigned

NAME ______________________________________________________________________________________________

PASSPORT/ID NUMBER ______________________________________________________________________________

COUNTRY ___________________________________________________________________________________________

E-MAIL _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Hereby apply for membership of EADV

DATE ______________________________________

I understand and accept that the application process cannot be finalised until this document is received by EADV (Original by post – NO fax – NO e-mail).

Signature

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE SENT BY POST TO

Membership applications
EADV (Succursale belge)
38, Avenue General de Gaulle
B-1050 Brussels
Belgium
Photo Competition

This issue’s winning entry was sent to us by Dr Claus Oster-Schmidt from Germany. Dr Oster-Schmidt will receive a work on dermatology chosen by our Editor.

Man, 73 years old, with axillary fibroepithelioma of Pinkus, a rare variant of BCC (first case worldwide)

Calendar of Events

> 2012
27th IUSTI Congress
6-8 September 2012
Antalya, Turkey

Stratum Corneum VII
10-12 September 2012
Cardiff, Wales, UK

21st EADV Congress
27-30 September 2012
Prague, Czech Republic

4th World Congress on Teledermatology
4-6 October 2012
Tbilisi, Georgia

10th EADV Spring Symposium
23-26 May 2013
Cracow, Poland

3rd 5-Continent-Congress
18-21 September 2013
Cannes, France

12th World Congress of Paediatric Dermatology
25-27 September 2013
Madrid, Spain

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3rd Continental Congress of Dermatology
24-27 October 2012
Durban, South Africa

6th World Meeting of Interdisciplinary Melanoma/Skin Cancer Centres & 8th EADO Congress
14-17 November 2012
Barcelona, Spain

22nd EADV Congress
3-6 October 2013
Istanbul, Turkey

> 2014

Scientific meeting 2012 - Cutaneous Dendritic cells
30 November 2012
Paris, France

> 2015

13th International Pan Arab League of Dermatology Conference
21-24 February 2013
Dead Sea, Jordan

23rd EADV Congress
9-12 October 2014
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

24th EADV Congress
8-11 October 2015
Copenhagen, Denmark

Please send your pictures to media.pr@eadv.org in order to be considered for publication in the future issues.
Dear EADV Members, Colleagues and Friends,

This is the last time I am addressing you as Secretary General of EADV as my term will come to an end at our Congress in Prague. I have greatly enjoyed the privilege of serving the Academy in this responsible position and look forward to seeing EADV continue to grow in the future.

Celebrating our 25th anniversary

Over the past 25 years EADV has grown to become the biggest European society of dermato-venereologists. While this amazing growth is really good news, it required the adaptation of the Academy’s functioning to this new situation to make EADV a truly democratic professional society. EADV now has transparent rules that allow for the active participation of its members in the decision-making processes.

Accomplishing these changes was only possible because several “generations” of EADV officers and presidents, together with the Board delegates, have put enormous efforts into this endeavour to make the transition as smooth as possible. Much has been accomplished in these past few years. However, the environment of change in a Europe with new rules and regulations arising almost daily will also necessitate for the future a vigilant and responsive leadership to allow our Academy to stay abreast of new challenges arising for our specialty.

Strengthening our European identity

I would like to use this forum also to comment on a question that was frequently put to me by potential applicants for membership: “Why should I join EADV? I am already member of a strong national society which provides me with all I need and in addition does so in my native language.” I am very much in favour of having strong national dermatological societies because the specificities in the medical systems of different countries need specific responses. But at the same time we need to strengthen the European identity of our specialty because in the long run there will be an alignment of dermatovenerology in the different European countries and we will need to be able to show that our standards are not regional but international.

Therefore the answer to the question is not about whether it’s being an active member of a national society OR of EADV, but that both will be required in the future - strong national societies and a strong EADV. In fact I believe that there is room for improvement for the co-operation between national societies and EADV – much in the same way as we have improved our co-operation with European international associations with the goal of strengthening European dermatology, such as UEMS, EDF and ESDR.

From a personal viewpoint the years in the EADV leadership have been a highly enriching experience. I had the privilege to meet and work with outstanding individuals, such as our past-President Andreas Katsambas and our current President Frank Powell, and to leam the inner workings of the Academy. I believe that EADV will continue to succeed if we cooperate across national boundaries and over different cultural and linguistic backgrounds. I am confident that the past 25 years of the Academy’s existence is only the start of an important journey for EADV.

Erwin Tschachler
EADV Secretary General (2008-2012)
10TH EADV SPRING SYMPOSIUM
CRACOW POLAND
23-26 MAY 2013
Burden of skin diseases