Disease classification is something which may cause most physicians to groan but is also something with which many have to be involved on a day-to-day basis in order to get paid. The International Classification of Diseases (ICD) is hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva and is the global standard for reporting mortality statistics. In many countries modifications have been developed for use in healthcare management and electronic patient records. Any dermatologist who has used ICD will, however, be well aware of its poor and unbalanced representation of skin disease.

In 2008 WHO invited the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) to form a Dermatology Topic Advisory Group (TAG) to oversee the much delayed 11th Revision of ICD. Over the past three years a group of dermatologists from around the world has been working hard to create a brand new and much expanded classification of skin disorders for inclusion in ICD-11.

Rare opportunity
ICD-11 is being designed as a knowledge base for use on electronic platforms, although paper versions will still be produced. By introducing a polyhierarchical structure into ICD, WHO has enabled representation of disease entities in more than one location. It is thus now possible to display relevant neoplasms, infections and complex developmental and inflammatory disorders within the skin disease chapter.

Furthermore, each disorder must also have an explicit text definition together with a number of defined attributes (synonyms, body system and part involved, genes involved etc) to create a so-called ontology.

The skin disease chapter has been completely redesigned and now includes over 5,000 entities arranged in what the Group hopes will be seen as a logical hierarchical order (see figure 3 on page 3).

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I wanted to take a moment and send you my Seasonal Greetings and wish you a healthy and successful New Year for you and your loved ones. No matter where, no matter with whom, I hope you spend your holidays as best as you can. We look forward to the beginning of the New Year with many things accomplished and many exciting ones ahead. And 2013 promises to be a very busy one. Let’s embrace it and find lots of positive emotions, new achievements and creative inspirations. That is what I would like to wish us most of all.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2013!

Jana Hercogová EADV President
22nd Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology

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How to take part

Many individuals have contributed to the development of the draft, which is certainly not yet complete, and there are areas with which the Group is still dissatisfied. It is, however, now open for comment and criticism and we would urge you all to look at your areas of interest to see whether they are adequately and accurately represented. This is a once in a generation opportunity to shape the way skin disease is classified in the future.

Go to http://apps.who.int/classifications/icd11/browse. Comments and criticisms can be made online or sent to icd11@ilds.org. Furthermore, if any individual or group would be willing to volunteer to contribute definitions where they are lacking or to undertake peer review of specific sections, please do contact us at the same address.

Robert Chalmers
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Communication is simple

Communication is simple. There are usually only two problems in communication; one is the speaker the other the listener. In spite of much improved telecommunications, communication courses and general attention to the process, problems may therefore still occasionally arise, and the issue is still worth contemplating.

Such contemplation is particularly warranted when thinking about the core competence of handling a consultation. The consultation is a complex process, and woefully poorly researched, perhaps because the necessary formal anthropological, psychological, sociological, ethnological or linguistic skills fall so clearly outside the traditional medical profession – and yet it is perhaps exactly this mixture of formal sciences that would make the problem an ideal topic for half-trained polyhistors such as physicians.

Have we not, after all, mastered a number of sciences that lie at the periphery of clinical medicine? How many could have envisaged that genetics and molecular biology would become such mundane topics in clinical medicine until recently? And what will come next?

In reality physicians are, of course, communication experts. Our days are spent trying to help distressed human beings who are afflicted by physical or mental problems for which they often lack any explanation and hence any understanding.

We do this through the consultation and subsequent prescriptions or procedures, but most often the key element of the cure is the consultation. It is here, that the patient provides the data for interpretation by the physician, and it is here that the patient is informed of the possible cures and the requirements of each cure.

But for the really successful consultation this is not all. Through information, the patient’s perception of the disease changes and the disease becomes less of an invincible demon, and more of a practical problem to be mastered in procedures, in which the patient is incidentally an active participant thereby regaining the initiative and a sense of control. We should study how this is best done more intensely.

Gregor Jemec
Editor
EADV has been growing and flourishing thanks to the rotation of visionary leaders coming from different cultures and different regions of Europe.

There is a French saying “vivre la différence” - difference is good. Therefore, as the new EADV President I am thankful to all those who governed EADV with different cultures and styles and brought it to such an outstanding level of representation, discipline, innovation and credibility.

Unfortunately, however, different cultures bring not only relevant initiatives for growth, but also critical issues which, if not handled with care, could create the basis for a dangerous growth crisis at EADV.

EADV is not AAD

Europe is not the USA. We speak different languages, are subject to different rules, currencies, traditions, life styles and salaries for the compensation of our services in our academic and office positions. As such, it could be unjust to treat in the same way colleagues who live under completely different rules and conditions and who have been subject to very different historical and social events in recent times, which significantly stress the difference between one scientific dermatological community and another in Europe. That is why I cannot accept automatic parallelism, which will oblige EADV to follow the AAD model without flexibility and adaptation. It means that I will not follow those who say that we are all equal and that EADV should apply the same rules to different people and different regional situations.

When I was elected the EADV president the vast majority of EADV members who have expressed their preference for my programme asked me not to forget them. They asked me to do my best to create one harmonised, unified, strong and solidarity-based dermatology in Europe. My continuity with the previous administration will be to work for the good of all European dermatologists concentrating on the appreciation of their different personal and regional situations and acting correspondingly.

The Board of Directors will be increasingly more involved in taking decisions, which will not necessarily have to be previously digested by the Executive Committee (EC). My opinion is that individual Board Members’ opinions should not be shaped according to those of the EC. It should be vice versa. The Board Members with absolute responsibility for the financial, social and scientific life of EADV should open a discussion forum confronting openly their opinions and bringing to the EC the results of their discussions. Minority reports will also be taken into high consideration. Several Board Members told me that they felt humiliated by the opposing behaviour of the EC in the past because they perceived that they were asked to take decisions on relevant issues for EADV after too short a notice period and without the chance for an open discussion. This will not happen under my administration.

Transparency and fairness

EADV members and some Board members have expressed to me their dissatisfaction with some financial decisions of the Academy, which have generated in their opinion an enormous discrepancy between the amounts of resources invested into the administrative offices and those promoting the exposure of EADV and to financially support educational programmes throughout Europe. I take the criticism seriously and promise that I will re-open the issue under my tenure.

summary of my opinion:

1. More power to the Board members as requested by the Statutes.
2. Containment of EC decision power, according to the instructions of the Board as stated in the Bylaws.
3. Relevant cut in administrative expenses.
4. Increase in the understanding of the needs of the individual EADV member.
5. Launch of a campaign for harmonising the investment of EADV resources according to the relevant needs of different dermatological communities in the different European regions.

Non-European countries consider EADV as their natural house. I hope that the Board of Directors will create positions for the representatives of different regions of the world so that non-European colleagues not only bring their membership fees and their votes, but will also carry their voices to the EADV Board and into our common house.

As you gave me the privilege to represent EADV at the highest level, I will impress it upon each and every EADV Member. A president without prejudice, I will work with all of you for a unified, harmonised and strong EADV under the sign of solidarity among colleagues who are facing challenging situations in Europe and beyond.

Long live EADV – vivat, crescat et floreat! ☝

Jana Hercogová
EADV President (2012-2014)
I felt very honoured and excited when I was invited by Prof Jemec, Editor of EADV News, to prepare an article for this issue as the recipient of the Scholarship Alumni Club - Lecturer of the Year Award for 2012. And I felt so, mostly because I would have another opportunity to share with all fellow EADV members, especially the junior ones, my personal experience as an EADV scholarship recipient and how that scholarship strongly boosted the evolution of my scientific and professional career.

EADV scholarships are given twice a year to junior dermatologists, mostly residents, after the appraisal of their applications by the EADV Honours and Awards Committee. One could say that they come as reward and acknowledgement of the efforts and achievements of the recipients. In my opinion, they are something far more than that. They represent a unique opportunity for the recipients to enhance their scientific and professional career.

**Many benefits**

I received the “John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship”, one of the many EADV scholarships, to attend the EADV Spring Symposium held in Carlsbad, Czech Republic, in 2011. This scholarship came with a free registration to the symposium and financial support, which allowed me to attend for the first time in my life an international dermatological congress of that magnitude. There, I had the chance to attend interesting courses, which were highly educative, to meet many experts and to discuss with them important aspects for both clinical and basic research issues. Attendance of this symposium provided me with many new research ideas, many answers to my questions and many new-found scientific hypotheses. It broadened my scientific horizons.

Furthermore, the EADV scholarship came with a free 1-year junior EADV membership. With this I had the ability to keep in close contact with EADV. I started receiving JEADV, the official journal of EADV, which is, in my opinion, an industry-independent journal with a rigorous, fully objective, peer-review process, publishing many important articles, covering all issues of dermatology. Even though I have had letters to journals like The Lancet and JAMA published and original articles in journals with very high impact factor, I still consider the publications I have had in JEADV to be the best ones. Furthermore, that membership gave me access to an integrated online image database, which strongly enhanced my reading.

**Many opportunities**

Now, when I read my dermatology textbook, after each clinical entity, I look at the images on that database. That alone contributed to my education. That membership also gave me access to a journal database, from which I can search and select critical articles for my research and education.

Lastly, that EADV membership offered me the opportunity to apply for one of the EADV Fostering Courses for residents, which are exceptionally well organised and highly educative. So, I was given the opportunity to attend the “EADV/ESDR Summer Research Course: Clinical Research and Epidemiology”, which gave me the scientific tools to better conduct my research. Overall, that scholarship enabled me to transform what I was considering utopian for my career into a reality.

Have I gained from this scholarship scientifically? Most certainly yes. As they have all scholarship recipients. And in order to keep the scholars in touch with the Academy, the EADV Honours and Awards Committee created the Scholarship Alumni Club to help bring together junior members from many countries, not just European ones, and continue their involvement in the Academy.

Overall, as the recipient of the Lecturer of the Year Award, I would like to sincerely thank the EADV Honours and Awards Committee and EADV in general for providing all these opportunities. And I do believe that the primary goal of this Academy is to educate young members and facilitate their scientific involvement with the primary goal of turning today’s utopia into tomorrow’s reality.

Thrasivoulos Tzellos

Thessaloniki, Greece

Dr Tzellos is a final-year resident of dermatology and venereology at the Hospital of Skin and Venereal Diseases, Thessaloniki, Greece. He has an MSc in Clinical Research and Biostatistics and a PhD in Extracellular matrix molecules in skin ageing. He has published more than 40 articles in peer-reviewed journals and his current h-index is 12.
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The 21st EADV Congress, held in Prague, Czech Republic, welcomed 8,337 participants from 108 countries of the world, the largest numbers coming from France (741), Spain (592), Germany (573) and the USA (504). Before the official opening of the Congress, on 26 September, “sister-society” meetings of 25 sub-specialties were held, covering a broad scientific and practical programme.

Particular thanks for the very interesting and attractive scientific programme must go to the chairman of the Scientific Programme Committee, Prof Luca Borradori, and the local SPC, Silvestrs Rubins, who helped make this Congress one of most attended in EADV history with more than 6,000 participants who were not EADV members!

Programme highlights

For those unable to attend, here are a few programme highlights (please visit the EADV website to download the presentations):

**Plenary Lectures:** Cancer and inflammations in association with the ESDR, delivered by M Rocken; The changing face of STDs (M Waugh); New therapeutic developments in oncology. Reality and hopes (G Stingl); Frontiers in dermatology (R Hay); Dermatology, migration and international health (R Tourlaine) Skin barrier: From physical protective function to the prevention of allergy and inflammation (A Hovnanian); The internet, portable apps and the cloud - Dermatology resources for the new millennium (D Siegel).

**Courses:** topics ranged from Cryotherapy to Hair and scalp diseases; Advanced dermatopathology; and an Update on Lyme borreliosis.

**Symposia:** Included How to present and get clinical cases and research studies published; Skin diseases in HIV patients; Food allergy and skin; Psoriasis and complications of treatment - Lessons from the registry.

**Workshops:** Among the topics covered were Melanoma campaigns; Next generation of dermatocosmetics or dermatotherapeuticals; Neutrophilic dermatoses; Rare aggressive tumours including Merkel; Skin immune system - RSDR joint session.

**Focus sessions:** Quality of life in skin diseases - psoriasis, hydradenitis, acne,
itch; How I manage scars and keloids; Hyperhidrosis; Skin care traps of the dysmorphophobic patients; How I manage difficult cases.

**Teledermatology:** Website consultation, potential and development; Evidence-based dermatology; Which biolocal for which diseases?; New arthropods and infestations in Europe; Body-modifying procedures (tattoos and piercings); Organ-transplant dermatology: Common mistakes and complications in surgery; Management algorithm; Emergencies in dermatology.

**Test Yourself:** What is your diagnosis in Dermatology? (moderate level); What is your diagnosis in dermatopathology? (advanced cases).

**Controversial topics:** Atopic dermatitis prevention strategies – Role of probiotics?; Adjuvant therapies in melanoma: Myth and reality?

**What’s New?** in venereology; paediatric dermatology; clinical dermatology and dermatological therapy.

At the end of the first day the Network Symposium, the official opening of the 21st Congress, was marked with speeches by the Congress President Prof Andris Rubins, outgoing EADV President Frank Powell and a concert by the local symphony orchestra.

In addition to the Congress scholarships, 89 Baltic Fellowship awards were made for the first time. The Congress was attended by 133 pharmaceutical companies, which presented their satellite symposiums and their stands in the exhibition hall.

As is traditional, the EADV flag was handed over to Prof Can Baykal, President of 22nd EADV Congress (Istanbul, Turkey, 2013). I hereby cordially express my gratitude to all the participants, speakers, exhibitors, EADV staff members and Board directors for their support and participation at the 21st EADV Congress! •

**Andris Rubins MD PhD**
President, 21st EADV Congress

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**EADV Junior Session at 21st EADV Congress**

This year’s Junior Session at the annual EADV Congress took place on 27 September, chaired by Prof Alberto Giannetti (Modena, Italy), Prof Johannes Ring (Munich, Germany) and Prof Slavomir Urbancek (Banská Bystrica, Slovakia).

Nine abstracts had been selected as the best from over 200 submitted by EADV junior members for this oral symposium. The attendance was high with almost 150 people in the room. The lectures were excellent and quite diverse, reflecting different aspects of the broad spectrum of dermatology and venereology. At the end, participants received either a diploma from EADV with a reduced registration fee for the next congress, or a dermatoscope sponsored by Heine Photomed® (Germany).

This event, which had been started at the Vienna Congress in 2007 by Prof Erwin Tschachler and Prof Deedee Murrell, has become an important part of the programme and is very attractive for junior members who represent the future of our Academy.

**Johannes Ring and Alberto Giannetti**

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**See My Practice ... in Prague**

In the spirit of the See My Practice programme, Prof Jana Hercogová invited members of the Office Management Task Force to her Dermatology Department at Bulovka Hospital during the 21st EADV Congress.

Four members of the Task Force took part: Dr Rolf Ostendorf (Germany), Dr George Reuter (France), Dr Vivek Mehta (India) and Dr Jürgen Funk (Norway). Bulovka Hospital is one of three hospitals connected to the Medical University of the Charles University of Prague. In it, 12 dermatologists treat about 4.000 patients in the outpatient department with 26 beds for inpatients.

Dr Anna Jirakova showed the group around the Dermatology building, together with the hospital director Dr Petr Zajic. He is now responsible for 3.000 employees and 1.000 beds, but was also a very active member of the Office Management Task Force during the years he worked as an office-based dermatologist in Ostrava, Czech Republic.

It was very interesting for the group to see the department, especially the treatment of venous and lymphatic disorders. We hope that more private dermatologists in the future will be aware of and utilise the possibility of visiting the practices of other colleagues who support the “See my Practice” initiative.

We thank Prof Jana Hercogová for her kind invitation and wish her good luck with the challenges in her role as EADV President.

**Jürgen Funk**
On behalf of the Office Management Task Force

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**Junior Members at the 2012 EADV Congress who received either a certificate or a dermatoscope from the session chairmen, Prof Alberto Giannetti and Prof Slavomir Urbancek.**
The second part of the Summer School of Dermatopathology was held in Graz, Austria in June 2012. The Course was organised by Lorenzo Cerroni on behalf of EADV and was open to dermatology residents from all European countries (15 countries were represented in Graz). This course, under the umbrella of the EADV’s Fostering Dermatology & Venereology Programme, was made possible only thanks to the financial and practical support of EADV and dermatologists all over Europe should be deeply grateful to EADV for this initiative. In addition, EADV staff member Ildikó Papp should be thanked for her invaluable help in the organisation of all practical details.

Neoplastic skin diseases
This part of the summer school focused on neoplastic skin diseases. Dermatology residents who attended the first part in 2011 gathered again in Graz to listen to lectures by Rino Cerio (London, UK: Malignant epithelial tumours); Lorenzo Cerroni (Graz, Austria: Pitfalls in the diagnosis of melanocytic tumours; Cutaneous T-cell lymphomas; Cutaneous B-cell lymphomas; Cutaneous pseudolymphomas; The European examination in Dermatopathology); Katrin Kerl (Zurich, Switzerland: Common melanocytic nevi); Heinz Kutzner (Friedrichshafen, Germany: Vascular tumours); Cesare Massone (Graz, Austria: Malignant melanoma; Oral pathology); Luis Requena (Madrid, Spain: Epithelial adnexal tumours; Neural and neuroendocrine tumours); and Anne Theunis (Brussels, Belgium: Benign epithelial tumours and cysts). Lorenzo Cerroni, the course chairman, gave the evening lecture on the "Future of Dermatology".

As in previous years, the slide seminar was organised with digital slides, in order to allow all participants to keep the cases for later reference. All presentations were of a very high standard and were very well received. On the last day of the meeting, each resident could present a case from his/her department. The cases were all very interesting and instructive, and were prepared and presented in an impeccable way.

One of the most remarkable achievement of all EADV courses is to bring together dermatology residents from many different countries, allowing them to learn and discuss aspects and problems of our discipline according to the experience gathered in different European countries. The friendships forged at these meetings are crucial for a better integration in Europe of dermatologists with different backgrounds.

Dermatopathology can be practised at a high level only as a full-time job, needing a high level of expertise and commitment. The two-year course organised by EADV allowed residents in dermatology to have an in-depth look at dermatopathology, and to interact...
with leading world experts in this field. It is crucial that dermatopathology retains its place in dermatology, a specialty that should not only look to the new “cosmetic” disciplines, but also nurture, foster and support its traditional fields.

Prof Lorenzo Cerroni
Course Chair

Participant’s Feedback

“The Summer School on Dermatopathology gave participants the amazing opportunity to learn the basics of histology of skin tumours from some outstanding lecturers in the field. The course was at a very high professional level, enabling the participants to enlarge their knowledge and gain practical skills, covering all aspects of histology and diagnosis of skin neoplasm and providing first-hand and very useful diagnostic clues in a very friendly and inspiring atmosphere.

This atmosphere of friendship and cultural diversity were the perfect opportunity to meet and build contacts with colleagues from various cultural backgrounds and share experiences, ideas and plans for the future. This strengthened the intercultural communication, which is the key to professional collaboration on a European level.

Thanks to EADV for giving me the chance to be part of the SSDP experience! I am looking forward to the next opportunity to enlarge my personal and professional horizons through the EADV Fostering programmes for residents and recommend them to fellow residents at all levels of experience.

Valeria Mateeva
Sofia, Bulgaria

The 19th National Conference of Dermatology and Venereology took place in the Black Sea city of Burgas from 11-13 October 2012. The event was held on the eve of the 90th anniversary of the Bulgarian Dermatological Society (BDS).

BDS was founded in 1923 and was the first specialised scientific medical society in Bulgaria. Its founder and first President was Prof Bogomil Beron who also organised the first National Conference in 1931.

Invited lecturers at the 19th National Conference were Prof Peter Elsner (Jena), who presented “Skin cancer as an occupational disease – consequences for diagnosis, treatment and prevention”; Prof Joachim Fluhr (Berlin) who spoke on “New aspects in non-melanoma skin cancer”; Prof Tomas Fischer (Lübeck), whose talk was on “Modern treatment of skin metastasis with electrochemotherapy”; and Prof Sorin Tiplica (Bucharest) on “Extreme dermatology”. The presentation of interesting clinical cases was followed by lively discussions.

This year the award in the name of Prof Bogomil Beron for scientific, clinical and organisational work in the field of dermatology was granted to Assoc Prof Evgenia Hristakieva, chairman of the university clinic of skin and venereal diseases at the University of Stara Zagora.

Honorary memberships of the Bulgarian Dermatological Society were given to Prof Elsner and Prof Fluhr for their scientific achievements and for providing opportunities for specialisation to young Bulgarian dermatologists.

The Second Summer School for young dermato-venerologists of the Central-Eastern European Dermatology and Venereology Association was held during the conference. Sixteen participants, three from Romania, two from Poland, two from Serbia, two from FYROM, one from Italy and six from Bulgaria presented interesting clinical cases and had the opportunity to attend the lectures given by Bulgarian and Romanian professors.

Burgas is one of the most beautiful cities situated on the Black Sea coast. Its unique atmosphere along with the balmy weather encouraged the participants to take long walks in the sea garden and indulge in some out-of-season thalassotherapy.

Ivan Bogdanov MD
Nikolai Tsankov MD PhD

Valeria Mateeva
Sofia, Bulgaria
The 9th EADV Spring Symposium in Verona attracted a record number of attendees, as expected, and due praise must go to Prof Giampiero Girolomoni and his team for helping to organise this memorable symposium in this enchanting Italian city. This EADV symposium in turn generated a record number of returned session evaluation forms (4194 Verona, 1171 Carlsbad, 1998 Cavtat), which provide the scientific programme coordinating team (SPC & CME committees) with invaluable data to help plan successful scientific programmes for future meetings.

In Verona 78% of the returned forms were from specialists and 19% from residents.

Highest-rated events (for which at least 20 evaluation forms were received)
1. How to manage perfection in clinical pathological correlation: New or revisited entities with clinicopathological impact (CO05)
2. Clinical pathological correlation: Pro and contra (WS16)
3. How to manage onychomycosis (FS02)
4. ‘What’s New?’ WN01-WN04 (WN-A)
5. Intermediate dermoscopy course (CO03)
6. Corrective aesthetic and cosmetic dermatology (CO08)

Most attended sessions
1. Climatic changes in Europe / Future solar radiation on earth (PLOC)
2. Plenary lectures 1,2,3 (PL-A)
3. ‘What’s New?’ session (WN-A)
4. How to manage patients with severe itch (FS09)
5. Acne & rosacea (SY11)
6. Atopic dermatitis (SY02)
7. Urticarial syndromes (WS05)
8. Plenary lectures 5,6,7 (PL-B)
9. Advanced dermoscopy course (CO07)
10. How to manage hair loss in women (FS03)
11. How to manage facial dermatoses (FS10)
12. Intermediate dermoscopy course (CO03)
13. Hyperpigmentation: The best management (SY20)
14. Test yourself in clinical dermatology (TY02)
15. Management of severe inflammatory disease in childhood (SY01)

Unfortunately 18% of respondents felt that sessions contained commercial bias. It was good to note that 90% of respondents wished to hear a session about the same topic next year. Another interesting finding is that 43% of the respondents had their registration fee paid for by industry.

It is clear that clinically-orientated sessions continue to be popular. Furthermore, there was an exceptionally high scoring in management/intervention-based sessions such as “How I manage…”, “dermoscopy” and “cryosurgery”. To ensure more high-quality future meetings tailored according to your expectations, please keep those evaluation forms coming!

Lawrence Scerri
Chairman
CME-CPD Committee

Committee Updates: CME-CPD and SPC

Verona and more....

Your likes and dislikes...
The box for personal remarks on the evaluation forms is very valuable to the members of SPC (Scientific Programming Committee) and CPD (Continuing Professional Development Committee) for improving our efforts to organise the scientific events of EADV.

So, what are the participants’ (YOUR!) main complaints and wishes?
• You want to listen to speakers who speak good English which is easy to follow.
• You want speakers who don’t speak too fast.
• No speakers who just read their slides!
• No speakers who turn their back on you.
• You want to be able to read slides if you’re seated at the back of the room.

• You want to have enough time to read the slides.
• And, above all, you want all speakers mentioned in the programme to show up!
• You wish to have more interactive sessions.
• Many of you want to have more lectures about STDs.
• You don’t like “presentations blatantly influenced by industry and commercial interests”. Too many speakers don’t declare their conflicts of interest!

Some of you also didn’t like the scanning for CME purposes, but we really need the numbers of participants in the different sessions in order to know which topics (and speakers) you like or dislike;

We thank all of you who have taken some minutes after each lecture to fill in the evaluation forms. Please be assured that we are doing our best (together with the EADV Staff) to make our Congresses and Spring Symposia informative, enjoyable and interesting and, above all, instructive for your daily practice!

Don’t hesitate to contact us.

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A comment box has been created by the SPC on the EADV website.
Feel free to use it and leave your comments!

Please go to:
http://www.eadv.org/scientific/your-comments/
EADV Scholarships

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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 & Western Europe: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Germany, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

2 John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship
Named after the late dear friend and distinguished colleague Prof John Stratigos, EADV will offer the John Memorial Stratigos 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 (incl Canada), Oceania (Australia, New Zealand etc).

Every EADV scholarship award consists of €1,000 less the fee for a one-year EADV membership*, according to the status of each recipient. Free registration to the Symposium is also provided for each winner. •

* valid for the upcoming calendar year.

Other Grants

• Scottish Dermatology Society Grant 2013
• British Society of Paediatric Dermatology Grant 2013
• American Academy of Dermatology Grant 2014

For information about these grants please visit the EADV website: www.eadv.org

Required documentation for application (to be submitted in English only) for any of the 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 deadlines

EADV-IID Grant 2013: 3 January 2013
SDS Grant 2013: 15 March 2013
EADV Scholarships AAD & BSPD Grant 2013: 31 March 2013
EADV-UEMS EBDV: 1 May 2013 (tbc)

Further information & the application forms available at: http://www.eadv.org/scholarships/
or upon request by email to Prof C Zouboulis, Chair, Honours & Awards Committee at scholarship@eadv.org.

Note:
Applicants will be notified about receipt of application by e-mail.
Applicants will be informed about the status of their application in due time.
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, I have great pleasure in inviting you to the 10th EADV Spring Symposium which will take place in Cracow, Poland, from 23–26 May 2013. This is the first time that an EADV Symposium has been organised in Poland. The Polish Dermatological Society, founded in 1921, is honoured to have been selected to host this anniversary event.

Why Cracow?

• Because Cracow is the city of grand history, magnificent architecture and great vivacity, placed on the World’s List of Heritage and Culture by the UNESCO
• Because Cracow is regarded as the most beautiful city in Poland
• Because Cracow’s Jagiellonian University is one of the oldest in Europe (over 640 years), and the oldest and most prestigious university in Poland
• Because Cracow is home to Poland’s greatest assembly of Nobel Prize Laureates

I am sure you will enjoy the unique and special ambience of this “magic” European city.

Impact on wellbeing

The 10th EADV Spring Symposium will be run under the theme “The Burden of Skin Diseases”. This is a multidimensional concept which places due emphasis not only on the diseased skin but also on its impact on the patient’s psyche, wellbeing and family. Additionally, it incorporates the economic and social consequences which may follow. In these days of increased prevalence of skin problems, this is undoubtedly a worthy concept to explore.

We believe that the meeting will provide an excellent opportunity to merge ideas, views, and minds. I do hope that the
beauty of the Polish spring, historical splendour of Cracow, and highly scientific sessions will create a unique and inimitable atmosphere to create new ideas, change our thinking and form new ways, how to help our patients.

**Scientific programme**

Through plenary lectures, ‘What’s New?’ sessions, workshops and courses, the scientific programme covers the full spectrum of dermatology and venereology, including:

- Dermoscopy
- Aesthetic procedures: Complications management
- Lasers: Novel promising dermatological indications
- Dermatological surgery
- Communication skills in daily practice
- Atopic dermatitis in children
- Psoriasis in challenging situations
- Skin complications of immunosuppression
- The botulinum business
- Non-melanoma skin cancers
- Scleroderma and morphea
- Facial dermatoses
- Vitiligo and pigmentary disorders
- Practical photodermatology
- Mycotic infections: Therapeutic challenges
- HPV: Who to vaccinate
- Autoimmune bullous dermatoses
- STDs
- Inflammatory diseases

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you to Poland. Enjoy the magic atmosphere of Cracow! Let us celebrate the 10th EADV Spring Symposium in this beautiful city!

**Jacek C Szepietowski MD PhD**

Chairman

10th EADV Spring Symposium

“*The Cracow church alone renders the trip to Cracow worthwhile: filled with chapels and tombs, it is accompanied by richness the like of which cannot be found anywhere else, apart from, perhaps, Rome and a few Belgian churches.*”

Honoré de Balzac
EADV is offering 100 fellowships of a reduced registration fee (€100) to dermatologists in order to help them attend the forthcoming 10th EADV Spring Symposium in Cracow, Poland. This initiative aims particularly to help those who are not otherwise supported and would be unable to afford to pay the normal registration fee. Applications will be assessed by the EADV Honours & Awards Committee. Preference will be given to EADV junior members and EADV members who have submitted an abstract for presentation at the Symposium. EADV members are eligible to receive a fellowship more than once.

Non-members are also eligible to receive a fellowship; however, they may do so only once and have to become members of the EADV to be eligible for further fellowships. Only one application per person may be submitted.

Application is easy - applicants are required to submit a list of publications and EADV events attended previously and a short statement of motivation giving reasons why they wish to attend the Symposium. Application forms and further information are available at http://www.eadvcracow2013.org/registration/fellowship.

The 10th EADV Spring symposium in Cracow promises to be an excellent meeting; you are invited to encourage colleagues who you think would benefit from the reduced registration fee to apply for a fellowship. Applications should be submitted by 31 January 2013.

Michael Boffa and Christos C Zouboulis
On behalf of the EADV Honours & Awards Committee

EADV is offering 500 fellowships of a reduced registration fee (€100) to dermato-venereologists, who are not otherwise supported, to attend the Congress in Istanbul from 3-6 October 2013.

To apply, please download and complete the application form legibly (preferably in capital letters, if not printed) at http://www.eadvistanbul2013.org/registration/fellowship and email it to scholarship@eadv.org before 3 June 2013.

Michael Boffa and Christos C Zouboulis
On behalf of the EADV Honours & Awards Committee

Terms & conditions:

- Applications must be received strictly by the closing date. Any late applications will not be considered.
- EADV members are eligible to receive a fellowship on more than one occasion
- Preference will be given to Junior EADV members and EADV members who have submitted an abstract or poster
- Non-members may receive a fellowship once only. In order to be eligible to receive it again, you need to apply/be an EADV member
- Applications will be assessed by the EADV Honours & Awards Committee and their decision will be final.
- Only one application per person may be submitted.
- Companies or travel agencies are not eligible for fellowships.
- Please note that block bookings will receive no consideration.
- You will be notified if your application was successful by 31 July 2013
ELECTION OF BOARD DIRECTORS 2013-2016
FRANCE

Notice is hereby given that in terms of the Statutes (Articles 14, 15, 16 & 17) nominations for Board Director representing FRANCE will be received by the Secretary General not later than Thursday, 31 January 2013.

- Only Specialist Members are entitled to stand for election.

The relevant nomination form can be downloaded from www.eadv.org and should be sent electronically to: secgen@eadv.org.

All nominees must send in a short CV (2 pages), a mission statement, a recent photo and fill in a Conflict of Interest Form.

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

The election of EADV Board Members is conducted electronically and is managed by Electoral Reform Services (ERS) of London. The voting system used is safe and confidential.

Voting members from France shall elect their national Board Member. Each candidate must be a national of and resident in France and be nominated by two voting members resident in this country.

Successful candidate’s term of office will be for a period of three years and may be re-elected once for a further three years.

Carle Paul MD
EADV Secretary General
December 2012

Download the Nomination Form and the Conflict of Interest Form at www.eadv.org
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

- ETHICS
- NOMINATION AND ELECTION MONITORING COMMITTEE
- PROJECT PROPOSAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
- WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given to fill the position of Chairperson of the Ethics Committee, Nomination and Election Monitoring Committee, Project Proposal Review Committee and Website Committee.

- Candidates for election to **CHAIRPERSON** must be proposed and seconded by two **BOARD MEMBERS**.

- The Chairpersons will be elected by the Board of Directors at the Board Meeting to be held in Cracow in May 2013 and is by single transferable vote if necessary. The term of office will commence after the Istanbul Congress.

- Candidates for the position of Chairperson of the Ethics and Website Committees must be Board Members as stated in the Internal Rules.

- Candidates for the position of Chairperson of the Nomination & Election Monitoring Committee must be a Past President of EADV not currently an Officer (or a Past Officer of the EADV).

The relevant Nomination Form can be downloaded from www.eadv.org and should be received by the Secretary General not later than **THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2013**.

**All nominees must send in:**

1. The nomination form signed by the applicant and the two Board Members
2. A short CV
3. A mission statement
4. A recent photograph
5. A filled-in Conflict of Interest Form

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

Kindly send all documents to: secgen@eadv.org

Further information can be obtained from http://www.eadv.org

**Carle Paul MD**
EADV Secretary General

December 2012

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO FILL VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES - 2013

Notice is hereby given to fill vacancies on Board Committees.

- EADV Specialist Member in good standing is eligible for election.
- Candidates for election to Committees must be proposed and seconded by two EADV members in good standing.

Committee members will be elected by the Board of Directors and the single transferable vote system will be used if necessary.

Nomination forms (download from www.eadv.org) will be received by the Secretary General not later than THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2013.

All nominees must send in:
1. The nomination form signed by the applicant and the endorsers
2. A short CV (with a recent photograph if available)
3. A filled-in Conflict of Interest Form

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

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Further information can be obtained from http://www.eadv.org

CURRENT VACANCIES:
Committee Members:
- CME-CPD (1 vacancy)
- Fostering Trainee Education Committee (1 vacancy)
- Project Proposal & Review Committee (1 vacancy)
- Statutes & Development Committee (1 vacancy)

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

Carle Paul MD
EADV Secretary General

December 2012

Download the Nomination Form and the Conflict of Interest Form at www.eadv.org
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
CO-OPTED JUNIOR MEMBER – MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given to fill a vacancy as a co-opted Junior Member on the Membership Committee.

- Any EADV Junior Member in good standing is eligible for election.
- Candidates must be proposed and seconded by two EADV members in good standing.

The co-opted Junior Member will be elected by the Board of Directors and the single transferable vote system will be used if necessary.

Nomination forms (download from www.eadv.org) will be received by the Secretary General not later than THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2013.

All nominees must send in:

1. The nomination form signed by the applicant and the endorsers
2. A short CV (with a recent photograph if available)
3. A filled in Conflict of Interest Form

Submission of required material will only be possible electronically (files should be either in Word or pdf format or scanned).
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Carle Paul MD
EADV Secretary General

December 2012

Download the Nomination Form and the Conflict of Interest Form at

www.eadv.org
Chair of Dermatology and Venereology at the University of Athens School of Medicine and in 2011 was elected Director of the Andreas Sygros Hospital of Skin Diseases in Athens.

This new level in my academic career is a great challenge for me but nonetheless enjoyable as I also have the capacity to help the advancement of younger colleagues within our institution and to make improvements in areas of need.

Having been given the opportunity to join the EADV Board of Directors is a great honour and an opportunity for me to contribute more actively towards an Academy of which I have been a member since 1989. My Board term comes at an appropriate time, conveniently suiting my directorship at the Andreas Sygros Hospital in Athens, where I can voice the opinion of our 200 or so EADV members with whom I happen to collaborate on a regular basis.

I strongly believe my current position, as much as my worldwide collaborators with whom I have developed close relations throughout the years, will be an influential factor in bringing more life to a growing force such as EADV and I am delighted to be a part of this transition over the next few years.

I look forward to working with my fellow Board Members and together we can make a difference in promoting dermatology to another level.

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Christina Antoniou
(Greece)

I graduated from the University of Athens, School of Medicine in 1974 and went on to complete my doctoral thesis in dermatology in 1978.

Between the years of 1978 and 2007, I undertook various courses in other medical institutions within Europe, such as Addenbrooke’s Hospital - Cambridge University in England, Ninewells Hospital - Dundee, Scotland and Charité Hospital in Berlin, where I focused on furthering my training in photodermatology and photobiology.

In parallel, I was also working my way up the academic ladder at the University of Athens, where in 2009 I successfully reached the position of Professor and

Chair of Dermatology and Venereology at the University of Athens School of Medicine and in 2011 was elected Director of the Andreas Sygros Hospital of Skin Diseases in Athens.

I strongly believe my current position, as much as my worldwide collaborators with whom I have developed close relations throughout the years, will be an influential factor in bringing more life to a growing force such as EADV and I am delighted to be a part of this transition over the next few years.

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Rodica Cosgarea
(Romania)

First, I would like to thank all my colleagues for electing me to the EADV Board to represent and sustain their wishes and their interests in dermatology.

I graduated in 1979 from the Faculty of Medicine at the Iuliu Hatieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. I finished my specialisation in dermatology in 1985 and I continued working as dermatologist in Cluj Clinical County Emergency Hospital. After a few years, I added an educational role to that of a dermatologist at the Iuliu Hatieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy. I was promoted to the position of Professor after some years and, since 2003, I am also Head of the Department of Dermatology of my university.

I was attracted by the surgical part of dermatology and I developed the dermatologic surgery in my department sustaining courses of dermatologic surgery for other dermatologists. Since 2003 I introduced dermoscopy in the department, setting up the dermoscopic follow-up of patients with dysplastic nevi and melanoma. Later I founded the Research Laboratory in the Dermatology Department beginning with cell cultures, the molecular diagnosis in epidermolysis bullosa and later on, with research on carcinoma cells, and melanoma.

I developed some research projects on pigmentation disorders, skin carcinomas, melanoma and epidermolysis bullosa. Taking into account the evolutions in dermato-oncology, together with other Romanian dermatologists, I am a founding member (and now President) of the Romanian Society for Dermato-oncology since 2010. I am also President of the Committee of Dermatology in the Romanian Medical Committee.

I am interested in improving the curricula in field of dermatology in our country and in promoting training in dermato-oncology among the dermatologists and, if possible, to develop it as a competence.

I am deeply honoured to be a member of the EADV Board and I will strive hard, on behalf of my colleagues, to develop our cooperation in research and education as well as in the clinical activity.

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Catherine van Montfrans
(The Netherlands)

My first name is Catherine but as a child I used to live in Kenya, and people called me Bibi, meaning young lady in Swahili.

After I obtained my MD from the University of Amsterdam in 1997, I spent four years on mainly basic research at the Department of Experimental Internal Medicine, Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam. My PhD thesis was entitled 'Interleukin 10 gene therapy for Crohn’s disease’.

My interest in immunology was then founded. Since the intestines can be regarded as the inner skin, my residency training in dermatology at the University Medical Center Utrecht was a logical step. Licensed for the past five years and now working as a dermatologist at the Vrije Universiteit University Medical Center, Amsterdam, my current research interests include wound healing with a focus on venous ulcers. I feel most at ease working in a multidisciplinary environment.

I strongly believe my current position, as much as my worldwide collaborators with whom I have developed close relations throughout the years, will be an influential factor in bringing more life to a growing force such as EADV and I am delighted to be a part of this transition over the next few years.

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I am blessed to be able to practise all items of the academic trias in full: education, patient care and research. Reaching consensus, whether in complex cases or guideline committees, is one of my special skills.

In 2010 I was elected a member of the Board of the Dutch Dermatological Society. As a young member of the EADV Board I will be better able to enhance collaborative interactions between European dermatologists, thereby contributing to improved clinical outcomes and quality of care. Being involved in preparing the EADV Congress in Amsterdam in 2014 feels like a special opportunity to achieve this cooperation.

Sedef Sahin
(Turkey)

I graduated from Gazi University Faculty of Medicine, Ankara, in 1986 and completed my training in dermato-venereology between 1988-92 at Hacettepe University in Ankara.

I began my academic career in 1994 at Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine Department of Dermatology as an Assistant Professor. Between 1996-97 I had the privilege to work with Alfred W Kopf as a melanoma fellow at New York University Department of Dermatology Skin Cancer Unit. Thereafter I founded the Dermoscopy Unit at Hacettepe University and began educating our residents in this field.

Since 2004 I have been teaching dermoscopy throughout Turkey together with an experienced team. My area of interest is cutaneous oncology and melanocytic lesions.

I have also worked for the Department of Medical Education at Hacettepe University for four years. I was the representative of the Turkish Dermatological Society in UEMS Dermato-venereology Section between the years 2002-2010. In 2004, I was elected to the Board of Turkish Dermato-venereology, and worked actively in the reprogramming of education. I was President of the Local Scientific Committee for the EADV Spring Symposium 2008, as I am now for the EADV Congress 2013, which will be held in Istanbul.

After spending 14 years in Hacettepe University and acting as Chair between 2007-09, I moved to Istanbul to work at Acibadem University and founded the Department of Dermatology here.

It is a great honour to be on the EADV Board and to represent my country with my colleague Sibel Alper. I have been a member of EADV since 1995 and I have been following the evolution of this association since the beginning of my residency. My mission as a board member is to get inspired and to contribute to EADV’s logarithmic progress by exchanging thoughts and educational programmes. Every country has its priorities but there are always common denominators; EADV must orchestrate and harmonise many different curricula. In order to further dignify our specialty in the field of medicine, there is still a lot of work to do…

Silvestrs Rubins
(Latvia)

I was born in Riga, Latvia in 1973.

I became a physician in 1997, a board-certified dermatologist and venerologist in 2000 and received my PhD in 2008. In the mid-1990s, while still a medical student and with the support of Prof Richard A F Clark MD PhD, I spent two summers in the wound healing laboratory of the Department of Dermatology in SUNY at Stony Brook, Long Island, NY, USA. Apart from scientific experience I was given the chance to participate in clinical rounds and even see dermatologic surgery performed by the next AAD President Daniel Mark Siegel MD.

In 1999 I received an AAD scholarship and revisited USA once more. This time it was UTMB in Galveston, Texas. It was a great stay on the Gulf of Mexico and in the Department of Dermatology chaired by Edgar Ben Smith MD.

Then in 2000 three young dermatologists from Latvia, including myself, were offered stipends from Prof Constantin E Orfanos MD PhD to study at the Benjamin Franklin Clinic in the Free University of Berlin, Germany. This was another exceptional experience.

From 2008 till 2012 I was involved in the preparation of the 21st EADV Congress in Prague, serving as the Chairman of the Local Scientific Committee. Despite many difficulties, the 21st Congress was one of the most attended and most successful in the history of EADV. The Congress Scientific Programme played a crucial part in this success.

Previously I have been involved in several meetings of the Baltic Association of Dermatovenerologists (BADV). I was Secretary General of the 3rd BADV Congress in 2000 and President of the 10th BADV Congress in 2011.

Currently I am working as a Docent in the Department of Dermato-venerology at the University of Latvia and as a Director of the Latvian Dermatology Institute. I am a Board member of the Latvian and Baltic dermatological societies. My main interests are: inflammatory and autoimmune skin diseases, STDs, and skin oncology. I am co-author of five dermatology textbooks and 40 publications.
Professor Erwin Tschachler from Vienna (Austria) has been elected President-Elect of EADV. Professor Tschachler is a past Secretary General of EADV and has served as President of the 16th EADV Congress held in Vienna in 2007. In his letter to EADV members he talks about his plans for the future of the Academy.

Above all I thank the EADV members who voted in high numbers - over 1100 votes were cast - and I want you to know that I am deeply honoured by the mandate given to me. I assure you that I will do my very best to serve all the members of the Academy well, including those who may have voted for different candidates!

Excellence in clinical care, education and training

The goals and objectives of the Academy are laid down in our statutes and the first objective is “to advance excellence in clinical care, research, education and training in the field of dermatology and venereology”. EADV must therefore continue to succeed in advancing excellence through our congresses, symposia and fostering courses.

The Scientific Programming Committee, under the chairmanship of Luca Borradori, has done an outstanding job over the past few years with ever improving congress programmes and the many courses organised by the Fostering Committee under Josette André are highly successful. I see it as vital to our Academy that this dynamic is maintained and expanded. I will dedicate much of my time and efforts to support the independence and hard work of these committees and to help them to continue on their road to excellence.

Reducing inequalities

I see it as self-evident to grant access to high quality continuing medical education to all our members, also, or in particular, to those who happen to live in an economically underprivileged region.

Already during the presidency of Prof Powell the Board took an important decision by providing educational grants for 500 participants in our congresses and 100 grants for each symposium. In addition, at the recent meeting in Prague, the Board established a task force to look further into this issue and to propose additional solutions to balance economic inequalities. To continue these efforts and to help bring them to a successful conclusion will be a top priority also during my presidency.

Closer cooperation

Over the past few years EADV has strengthened its relations with other organisations which have complementary missions. Today EADV co-operates with European sister societies - EDF*, ESDR*, UEMS* and, across the Atlantic, with AAD*.

During my presidency I will maintain and even increase these co-operations because they have proved to be cross-fertilising and of great mutual benefit for both our organisations and our members. At the same time I believe that we have to reassess our interactions with the national dermatological societies and the sub-specialty societies in Europe.

EADV is not in competition with these societies. Rather we are natural partners, especially where issues are at stake which concern our specialty at a European level. I will strongly encourage co-operation with these professional societies but also with patient organisations to assume the role “as the advocate and educator of patients particularly those with cutaneous or venereal diseases” – as written in our statutes.

Currently more than 15% of our members are from outside Europe. Therefore, we will have to consider giving our international members a voice within EADV. Together with the EC and the EADV Board I will explore the possibilities to more actively involve our international members in the life of the Academy in the future.

Besides setting such strategic goals, however, I believe that one of the most important responsibilities of the president is to ensure that the democratic processes within EADV are operated in a fair and transparent way. I am fully prepared to assume this responsibility.

Erwin Tschachler
President-Elect (2012-2014)

*EDF – European Dermatology Forum
*ESDR – European Society of Dermatological Research
*UEMS – Union Europeenne des Medicins Specialistes,
*AAD – American Academy of Dermatology
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Photo Competition

This issue’s winning entry was sent to us by Dr Florentina Delli from Thessaloniki, Greece. Dr Delli will receive a work on dermatology chosen by our Editor.

32 year-old woman.
Histological proven melanoma on right arm.

As an EADV member, you may upload and consult pictures on Imaderm website, developed by Prof G S Tiplica and Dr C Salavastru.

To register, please go to www.eadv.org/publications

Calendar of Events

> 2013

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

International Investigative Dermatology
8-11 May 2013
Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

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

15th ESDaP Congress
6-8 June 2013
Roskilde, Denmark

EAACI-WAO World Allergy & Asthma Congress 2013
22-26 June 2013
Milan, Italy

STI & AIDS 2013
14-17 July 2013
Vienna, Austria

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

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

22nd EADV Congress
2-6 October 2013
Istanbul, Turkey

> 2014

11th EADV Spring Symposium
May 2014
Belgrade, Serbia

XV World Congress on Cancers of the Skin
3-6 September 2014
Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you as the newly-appointed Secretary General of EADV, elected by the EADV Board in Verona, and taking over from Prof Erwin Tschachler.

Having served as an EADV Board Member for France (2007-2012) and Chairman of the Project Proposal Review Committee, I am fully dedicated to pursuing the EADV mission within this new function. In collaboration with our new EADV President, Prof Jana Hercogová, we will strive to help in the development of EADV in the next years and to strengthen the relationship between members.

The newly constituted Executive Committee has been fully active since the EADV Congress in Prague and comprises seven members: EADV President (Prof Janá Hercogova), Past President (Prof Frank Powell), President-Elect (Prof Erwin Tschachler), Treasurer (Prof Jørgen Rønnevig) and two newly-elected Board representatives: Prof Martin Röcken and Prof Ljiljana Medenica.

Close communication

To communicate with you at regular intervals on all related EADV issues, we rely on the contact details you have given to us and which are visible on the EADV website. May we remind you that it is absolutely essential that you update your contact details on a regular basis and send any changes to membership@eadv.org.

Elections

Board and Committee elections are held on a regular basis. In the next months elections will take place for one Board Member representing France; four chairpersons, that of the Ethics Committee, Nomination & Election Monitoring Committee, Project Proposal Review Committee, Website Committee and other committee vacancies. Deadlines and details for applying for these positions can be found on the EADV website and on pages 15–18 in this issue of EADV News.

Involvement in EADV committees is an exciting and rewarding experience allowing people to contribute actively to EADV achievements and I would encourage you to apply.

Be assured that in the future we will make every effort to be inspired by the excellent work done under the leadership of Prof Frank Powell, Past President, in order to continue to promote outstanding dermatological care, education and research in Dermatology.

Yours sincerely,

Carle Paul
EADV Secretary General
10th EADV Spring Symposium
Cracow, Poland
23-26 May 2013

Burden of skin diseases