Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We cordially welcome you to the historic city of Vienna and sincerely thank Prof Erwin Tschachler and the Austrian Dermatological Society for hosting the 25th EADV Congress in such a charming location. This will also be the perfect occasion to discuss and exchange best practices with our Austrian colleagues who are renowned for their excellence and high quality of care in this discipline.

NIH Director Prof Steven Katz (US), who has supported EADV from the very beginning, will open the Congress, followed by a spectacular movie from the EMMY award winner Prof Alfred Vendl (AT), projecting the fascinating micro-life in and on our skin.

New to Vienna

This year's HOT TOPIC focuses on genetics – two days of stimulating lectures from 32 of Europe's best clinician-geneticists. These brilliant orators will teach us what clinicians should know about genetics of skin diseases, starting with basic questions on what, when and how, followed by lectures on diseases with classical genetics, complex conditions in daily practice, such as psoriasis and atopic dermatitis, and the consequences of the genetics for the treatment of our patients in daily practice.

Aesthetic Sunday returns

Following the success of this initiative in Copenhagen, Aesthetic Sunday has returned in Vienna, to satisfy your requests for excellence and training in aesthetics. One single day will be dedicated to aesthetics and cosmetic dermatology on the morning of Sunday, 2 October. Three 90-minute slots will cover topics such as “Aesthetic surgery”, “Aesthetic lasers”, “Fillers and botulinum toxin” plus “Peels, tightenings, threads and fat melting” as well as the new topic “Dermocosmetics”. Each will be allocated to a separate track and room. The sessions will start with an update of important topics in daily practice. This will also facilitate those of you who are interested in more than one area and secondly, give you the chance to attend a missed session from Copenhagen. Renowned specialists will then teach the most recent advances – important for all who are already highly experienced in the field.

What else to look out for...

This year's scientific programme has been created with the tremendous efforts of the Scientific Programming Committee (SPC), Co-opted and Ex-officio members,
Chair of the Fostering Trainee Education Committee, Board Members, Sub-specialty Society Experts and Task Force Co-ordinators who have all contributed to an even better line-up. All major fields of dermatology, including the fast-moving field of onco-dermatology, psoriasis, inflammatory and allergic diseases, clinico-pathological correlations for clinicians and the highly successful surgery class and Aesthetic Sunday will be presented by the most renowned experts in these fields. The intensive four-day programme includes 180 stimulating sessions involving contributors from more than 30 different countries worldwide.

With the renewed programme format and teaching structure, we aim to address the fundamental needs and expectations of both board-certified dermatovenereologists and trainees alike. The division of topics into colour-coded tracks will enable you to find the lectures and training level most suited to your needs. Simply select your training level and then the topic you are interested in following.

### Training and Educational Forum

- Real training and teaching for trainees
- Includes the basics in clinics, histopathology and the physiology of important diseases along with explanations of the classical treatments
- New data from the past five years will be included in the presentations

### Review and Updates

- Aimed at board certified dermatovenereologists
- Short reviews of the topic followed by an extended update and critical analysis of the published data from the past four years
- With a strong focus on medical and surgical dermatology in daily practice

### Expert Forum

- Aimed at experienced specialists
- A platform to critically exchange and debate the newest developments and data in dermatology and venereology

### Distinguished speakers

More than 700 star speakers with established publication records and high presentation scores over the past years have been successfully included in the programme. Important speakers will represent the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western regions of the European continent; Asia; the Americas; and Africa. Well-known guests from other disciplines will broaden our view. We are most grateful to all speakers for their time and efforts.

Among this year’s plenary speakers are:

- **Prof Steven Katz** (US): “Dermatology 2016: If past is prologue”
- **Prof David Fisher** (US): “The role of melanin in the pathogenesis of melanoma”
- **Dr Masayuki Amagai** (JP): “Skin barrier homeostasis and its failure in atopic dermatitis”
- **Dr Tim Johnson** (US): “Melanoma sentinel mode biopsy: Past, present and future in the new era of systemic therapies”
- **Prof Tom Quinn** (US): “The new threats of HIV and STI”
- **Dr Caroline Robert** (FR): “The advancing field of melanoma immunotherapy”.

The programme will also include the René Touraine Foundation guest speaker, **Prof Martin Steinhoff** (IE) providing the latest on “Neuro-immune communication in skin inflammation and pruritus”.
Editorial

Cherishing the human side of science

Founded in 2001 by Prof Martin Black, EADV News was a part of the development and professionalisation of EADV. Very aptly, the first front page had the title: ‘A home for European dermatology’. Although the title referred to EADV House in Brussels, it might just as well have referred to EADV News. Just like newspapers or social media do (I am told), a newsletter is both a practical and a cultural part of any organisation. Practical, because it is a source of information; and cultural, because it conveys the spirit of an organisation. EADV News has always done both.

In 2005, Prof Black passed the editorial baton to Prof Fenella Wojnarowska and myself, and our first front page was entitled: ‘Encouraging young dermatologists’. Prof Wojnarowska was a dynamic and inspiring driving force and decided that we needed a mission statement. This was our first communal editorial and we stated that we “hoped to present the human face of EADV and its officers to our members, to show the richness and diversity of dermatology throughout Europe, and to encourage a partnership between dermatology patients and dermatologists.” This we happily tried to do together until the summer issue of 2007, when Prof Wojnarowska decided to leave the editorial board due to her many other obligations. I have been editing the newsletter since, with the help of the excellent EADV staff and completely free of any interference from the EADV leadership. I am grateful for the confidence and appreciation shown to me by successive Executives and Boards of the Academy.

My mission statement also went into the first editorial – just as I had been taught by Fenella – only more long-winded: “Medicine is a classical profession – but it is not always an exact science. This does not mean we should not develop as a science, it merely means that we should be aware that what we practise every day is much more than just science.” Touching the hand of a patient in distress reflects not science but compassion and care, which are within the realm of humanity rather than science, even if many scientific things may be said of such behaviour. If we think of peers we have known and respected for their ability to help others, we may come to realise that they mastered not only the scientific part of our profession but the human side as well.

Lest we forget.

Gregor Jemec MD DMSc
Editor

as well as ESDR Plenary Lecturer Prof Georg Stingl (AT) speaking on Langerhans cells in health and disease.

And don’t miss…

Our collaboration with other societies continues to flourish and we are delighted to invite our American colleagues back to Europe for the Joint EADV/AAD Symposium on Friday, 30 September, as well as our European researchers who will take part in the “ESDR session” shortly afterwards. Audience participation will be the focus of Prof Erwin Tschachler’s interactive “President’s Symposium” again this year, so bring along your tablets and smart phones to join in on the discussions.

Other highlights include the popular Spotlights sessions which will provide new information and the latest developments on a wide spectrum of areas in dermatology and venereology, the Late-breaking News summarising the most recent, important studies published to date, and one track dedicated to Clinical Cases from around Europe. Two half-day tracks will also focus on dermatology and important diseases from the Americas, as well as skin diseases in dark skin, featuring key speakers from the Indian and African continents. In addition, a selection of practical “hands-on” workshops will be organised in smaller rooms, giving a more intimate and personal touch to these sessions.

The future

As the SPC strives to continuously update and improve the scientific programme, we anticipate that this will have a knock-on effect in the quality of treatment and care of patients with skin diseases. The excellence of our scientific programme also depends on you and we rely on your valuable comments and suggestions. Please continue to send us your much-appreciated feedback.

We look forward to meeting up with you in Vienna!

Martin Röcken MD PhD
Chair, Scientific Programming Committee
Professor and Chairman
Department of Dermatology
Tübingen, Germany
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

By the time you hold your copy of EADV News in your hands, summer will be gone and I hope that you and your families will have found some rest and relaxation during your vacation. While writing this contribution I am currently sitting at the Adriatic coast, enjoying the beauty and calm of a Croatian island. This peaceful setting is spoiled by news of alarming stories about insane terrorist attacks and political upheavals from different parts of Europe. These reports are reminders that, even in 2016, social peace and untroubled cohabitation in Europe cannot be taken for granted, but rather are achievements of the past few decades only, which have to be constantly and actively maintained and renewed.

Whereas our influence as dermatologists on the complex political and social developments in Europe might be minimal, we still can strive to contribute in a positive way by intensifying co-operations across national boundaries, by sharing and exchanging our expertise in medical practice and research and by promoting European and international dermatology.

Investing in the next generation of dermatologists

Dermatology has made enormous progress over the past decades, both in regard to understanding disease pathomechanisms and the treatment of patients with skin diseases. One of the noblest responsibilities of societies like EADV is to assist in passing on our knowledge to the younger generation of doctors and to help them in constructing a successful future for themselves and for our specialty. Assisting junior dermatologists has been a priority of the Academy since its foundation and many of our activities are tailor-made for their needs. At our congresses, educational tracks designed specifically for dermatology residents have been included into the scientific programme and our Fostering trainee education programmes offer courses for residents to learn practical skills in different areas of our specialty (http://www.eadv.org/fostering-courses). In economic terms, residents enjoy vastly reduced membership and congress fees. I see it as a good sign that 20 per cent of our more than 5000 members belong to the junior member category. In this context, I am pleased to mention that several national societies have taken the initiative to offer refunding membership fees to residents in dermatology of their countries.

Progress in dermatology originates from scientific research

In addition to the dissemination of present-day knowledge and practical skills, the durable vitality of a medical specialty depends on its investment in research. Physician scientists play a central role in medical research since they are the pivotal link between the patient and basic research laboratories - in both directions from the bed to the bench and from bench to bedside. To promote the research aspect of dermatology the Academy, together with the European Society of Dermatological Research (ESDR,) organises courses to initiate young doctors in fundamental techniques for skin research. That there is need for such courses was again recently highlighted by the fact that for the EADV/ESDR summer school, held this year in Vienna, more than 60 residents applied for the 25 (alas) available positions. Whereas these courses can stimulate interest in skin research, it is up to the home institutions of the residents to establish and/or maintain a research-friendly environment and to support aspiring young researchers in dermatology. To stress how important we consider the promotion of basic skin research, EADV has also started a programme distributing five substantial annual research fellowships for residents to go abroad.

We encourage junior members to participate actively in the life of the Academy

The functioning of an organisation like the Academy strongly depends on the voluntary participation of its members also in its “administrative” duties. In this area also junior members have the opportunity to actively contribute: they may be co-opted to our committees and learn hands-on about (sometimes boring) leadership realities. I encourage you to regularly consult our website for committee openings and to apply for such positions.

A happy return - the 25th EADV Congress in Vienna

To conclude I would like to express my great pleasure and honour, that our 25th annual congress is organised in Vienna, the beautiful city in which I work and live. I am truly delighted to welcome you all here. Your presence is testimony to the important place our Academy has gained in the life of European and international dermatology. Please enjoy the science as well as the company of your peers and find some time to revel in the plentiful cultural and culinary delights of my home town.

With my best greetings from Brijuni, ●

Erwin Tschachler MD PhD
EADV President (2014-2016)
A breakthrough was reached in the field of dermatology in February 2016 with the publication of the first Global Report on Psoriasis by the World Health Organization (WHO) – the first time WHO has focused on a dermatosis under the WHO Global Action Plan for Control and Prevention of Non-communicable Diseases.

Real-life impacts

The report arose from the 2014 Resolution on Psoriasis (WHA 67.9), endorsed by the World Health Assembly, and was scientifically advised by Prof Swen Malte John, Chair of the EADV Media & PR Committee. It brings the public health impact of psoriasis into focus and aims to raise awareness of the multifaceted ways that psoriasis can affect patients’ lives, including discrimination and stigma. In the report WHO defines psoriasis as a complex, serious, chronic, inflammatory non-communicable disease (NCD) affecting at least 100 million people. Around 90% of patients experience shame and embarrassment, more than 40% experience a lack of self-confidence and around 62% show depressive symptoms.

In addition, suffering from psoriasis may create major difficulties at work, as the publication highlights. Psoriasis may also be triggered by work-related factors, like mechanical strain. Between 1.3% and 34.7% of psoriasis patients develop chronic arthritis that leads to joint deformations and disability. Affected patients are also at an increased risk of developing other serious clinical conditions such as cardiovascular and other NCDs. The tremendous disease burden is clearly outlined and the need for change.

Practical solutions

With the objective to improve the healthcare and social inclusion of psoriasis patients, this groundbreaking study provides a range of key actions and recommendations aimed at policymakers, patient organisations, healthcare professionals and researchers to empower them with practical solutions. These include:

- improving access to and the affordability of essential medicines and care for patients in universal healthcare schemes
- providing training for health professionals, especially in primary care settings
- developing standardised guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of psoriasis
- increasing research into psoriasis epidemiology, aetiology and the associated co-morbidities
- concrete steps aimed at reducing stigmatisation.

On 26 May 2016, during the 69th World Health Assembly held in Geneva, the International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA) organised a side event on how to implement the resolution and the recommendations made in this report.

Dr Belinda Loring, Technical Officer, Palliative Care at WHO, explained that for the first time a skin disease has received WHO’s full attention.

The full report can be downloaded at: http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/204417/1/9789241565189_eng.pdf

Making it happen

With the report publicly available, implementation is now needed if the member states are to fulfil their tasks as specified in the recommendations. This will, of course, require a major joint effort from all stakeholders, particularly patient organisations, in co-operation with scientific societies. EADV will very actively guide this process and has already taken manifold actions. One of which is highlighting the new options for our patients arising from the report in various events, including the 25th EADV Congress in Vienna in September this year, and in joint symposia with WHO.

Do join in; make use of the powerful tool that is now at hand for improving quality of life and healthcare services for millions of our patients with psoriasis!

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It gives me great pleasure to introduce the International Dermatology Outcomes Measures (IDEOM) Group to the European community of dermatologists. IDEOM is a non-profit organisation founded in late 2013 whose mission is to establish evidence-based, consensus-driven, patient-centred outcomes for dermatologic conditions.

Our aim is to develop core outcome sets through alignment of relevant stakeholders so that we may better identify which therapies add the most value to patients, and thus support clinical decision-making at the point of care. Core to our philosophy is the direct collaboration of patients in the outcomes development process, since this is essential to ensuring that these outcomes ultimately reflect what is most meaningful to patients.

Challenges of measurement

In dermatology, there exist a number of limitations to the assessment of symptoms and disease severity, as well as to the measurement of responses to therapy. For many conditions, there is little agreement on not just what to measure, but also how to measure. For example, disease domains for dermatologic conditions may not be comprehensively defined and thus difficult to measure meaningfully. Even when defined, measurement instruments may not be sufficiently validated for reliability and sensitivity to change.

There is also significant heterogeneity in the use of measurement instruments in observational and interventional trials, which makes indirect comparisons and meta-analyses of outcomes more challenging. Moreover, many measurement instruments have been developed without meaningful input from the most relevant of stakeholders—our patients.

International consensus

IDEOM has made significant strides in overcoming these barriers to outcome measurement. Beginning with psoriasis as our prototype disease, we have engaged the international community of stakeholders in achieving consensus on methods of assessment in clinical trials. IDEOM has also partnered with the Cochrane Skin Group and Zealand University Hospital Roskilde to form HISTORIC, the DRouTiva outcomes set International Collaboration, which has launched a parallel outcomes set initiative for hidradenitis suppurativa.

Patient input is key

In both diseases, we have initiated nominal exercises that have yielded candidate domains for assessment. We are prioritising these domains through consensus using Delphi methodology, with the goal of achieving a core domain set. Ultimately, we will aim to achieve a core measure set for interventional trials in psoriasis and hidradenitis suppurativa.

Our participants have included patients, clinician experts, nurses, and industry partners who collectively represent five continents. In addition, we have had collaboration in our efforts from patient advocacy groups such as the National Psoriasis Foundation, Associazione Per La Difesa Degli Psoriasici (ADIPSO), the European Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation, as well as regulatory agencies.

We are determined to advance the care of patients with dermatologic diseases through supporting the development and, when necessary, the standardisation of outcomes achieved through consensus and with the participation of our patients, so that we may ultimately improve access to the most appropriate and effective treatments.

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Recently I attended a meeting with representative vascular surgeons, plastic surgeons, general practitioners, wound care nurses, skin therapists and podotherapists and a patient leader from the National Dutch Skin Society. We were tasked with developing guidelines on complex wound care. An insular discussion ensued: who of the professional caregivers was to take the lead for these patients? After a while the patient leader intervened and asked us to put our rather narrow points of view aside and consider this issue from the patients’ perspective. We then realised we were all behaving in a silly way. The obvious is not always so clear. This is just one of the examples where patient organisations and medical professionals - more specifically dermatologists - can and need to join forces.

Patient perspectives at the Vienna Congress

The mantra ‘No decision about me without me’ is recognised by EADV. To work on this theme more explicitly, the EADV Patient Working Group, inaugurated last year, has invited patient associations involved in skin disease to the EADV Congress in Vienna. A patient-centred session entitled ‘Essential steps to increase the quality of our dermatological care’ will take place on Saturday, 1 October. We hope to surprise you with an innovative and interactive programme.

Starting with a short play ‘Bad day at the clinic’ by Prof Colm O’Mahony, we continue with a presentation about patient leadership by Ms Esther van Zadel, Chair of the Dutch Hidradenitis Society, showing how collaborative relationships may pave the way towards better accessibility of medicines. To conclude the session, Prof Pierre Wolkenstein will discuss what dermatologists should or should not show of their own personality to their patients and gives us inside information about the person behind the doctor. Of course, we will include time for intensive discussion.

Patient Society Village

The Patient Society Village will be situated on Level -2 near the Exhibition Hall. Over 10 patient associations focusing on skin diseases will exhibit their booths. You are all very welcome here. First of all, to exchange ideas with the attending patient organisations, and secondly, we will collect short personal stories of successful events, such as a joint lecture, a special patient day, a national skin cancer screening day to be shared and downloadable from the EADV website (www.eadv.org/patient-corner). In addition, a suggestion box will be available to collect your ideas of what and how to co-operate as dermatologists with patient organisations.

To discuss possible mutual projects between patient associations and EADV in more depth, the PWG organises a breakfast meeting with all the attending patient associations.

We realise that co-operating with patient leaders and patient organisations requires some shift in thinking from all us. Taking into account patients’ points of view in guideline development is just one of the many projects EADV will embark upon in the near future.

We count on you all to join us!

Catherine van Montfrans MD
On behalf of the Patient Working Group
The third edition of the highly successful EADV master class for residents and Junior members was held on 20 June 2016 during the 13th EADV Spring Symposium in Athens. This year, the topic selected was ‘Medical Imaging in Dermatology’. The course brought together 150 young dermatologists from all over the world and lectures were given by leading experts in the field. Participants received an in-depth review of the latest developments accompanied by lively group discussions and questions from the audience.

The distinguished speakers were Dr Josep Malvehy (Spain), Prof Ximena Wortsman (Chile), Dr Mariano Suppa (Belgium), Prof Rainer Hofmann-Wellenhof (Austria), Dr Paola Pasquali (Spain), Dr Giuseppe Argenziano (Italy), Prof Lidia Rudnicka (Poland) and Prof Bianca Maria Piraccini (Italy).

Harnessing emerging technologies

After Dr Malvehy’s general introduction on medical imaging, Prof Wortsman, a world-renowned radiologist specialising solely in skin imaging, who had travelled from Chile, delivered a lecture on radiography, ultrasound, CT-scans and MRI. The new emerging medical imaging was then demonstrated to the audience: Dr Suppa gave an insight into OCT and HD OCT and Prof Hoffmann-Wellenhof discussed confocal microscopy. In our era, where pictures are taken by smartphones and exchanged over social networks, medical photography has to find its place. Dr Pasquali gave a clear exposition of all the medical and legal issues.

The afternoon session was opened by a speech from EADV President Prof Erwin Tschachler, who emphasised the role of EADV’s Fostering courses in nurturing young talent and future generations of dermato-venereologists. Then, a stimulating talk on dermatoscopy was provided by Prof Argenziano, while imaging and the adnexae, trichoscopy and onychoscopy were presented respectively by Prof Rudnicka and Prof Piraccini. Dr Malvehy provided the closing lecture on digital dermatoscopy and body mapping.

The master class received excellent reviews from the participants: 97.6 per cent of attendees rated it excellent or good. Participants particularly appreciated the educational content and the relevance of the sessions. The feedback for the eight speakers was overwhelmingly positive and all had a good or excellent evaluation for the content and delivery of their presentations.

All 150 participants attending the master class were given free admission to the 13th EADV Spring Symposium where they could attend lectures on cutting-edge topics in dermatology and the possibility to network with the leading specialists in the field. They were also offered an educational grant by EADV to cover their travel costs to Athens.

The next master class will take place in Brussels during the 14th EADV Spring Symposium in May 2017.

For more information contact: fostering@eadv.org
EADV’s 13th Spring Symposium welcomed almost 2500 attendees (delegates and industry participants) to three days of reviews and updates on the latest in global dermatology and venereology, set amidst the spectacular scenery and splendour of ancient and modern Athens.

Highlights included an intensive training and educational forum aimed at residents to help them hone their skills, and a master class on medical imaging as a tool in dermatology (see the report on the previous page). Scholarships were also awarded to 27 young dermatologists from around the world (see pages 20-21 for full details of the winners).
Since 2005 EADV has been the leading provider of high quality training and education in dermatology and venereology in Europe. Over the past 11 years, specialists and trainees have enjoyed expert teaching in a collegial atmosphere, as well as hands-on training.

The Fostering Courses enhance clinical and practical knowledge, and allow participants to enrich their social and professional networks by meeting and exchanging experiences with colleagues from across Europe and the world.

The Fostering Educational Programme offers a wide range of topics, such as advanced STIs, paediatric dermatology, hair and scalp, laser medicine, Moh’s surgery and skin cancer—among many others.

See page 22 for more details on upcoming courses in 2017 and how to apply, or feel free to contact fostering@eadv.org for more information.
The science of the human nail is a relatively young part of dermatology. However, whereas inflammatory and infectious nail diseases raise the interest of many dermatologists, nail surgery still remains an underdeveloped branch of dermatological surgery. There is often the impression that surgical interventions of the nail apparatus are not only scary for the patient, but also for the physician who has to perform it.

Nail surgery requires an in-depth knowledge of biology, physiology, anatomy and pathology. The differences in growth characteristics between individual fingers and toes have to be known. Skills of atraumatic surgery, asepsis, types of local and block anaesthesias and of the different anaesthetic agents available are a must.

**Complex factors**

The Fostering Course on Nail Surgery, which will take place in Brussels, Belgium, on 17-19 March 2017, aims to help specialists navigate the complexity of nail diseases and surgery. Among the main topics to be covered will be:

- An introduction to the anatomy of the nail organ and its four epithelial components: the matrix that produces the nail plate, nail bed attaching the nail to the distal phalanx, hyponychium sealing the virtual distal sub-unungal space, and the epidermis of the proximal nail fold, which is responsible for the formation of the cuticle.

- Patient selection: of the utmost importance for nail surgery. A thorough personal and family history including that of drugs is important to exclude risk factors for infection, delayed healing and post-operative necrosis. The patient should know what he/she is going to expect, how long the procedure will last, what the level of pain will be after surgery, when normal activities can be resumed; further, some surgeries will require an estimate of success and recurrence rates. Behaviour directly before and after surgery has to be discussed.

- Types of surgical interventions, such as nail avulsion, still the most common surgical intervention in this field. It is rarely indicated and virtually never a treatment on its own.

- Common and uncommon conditions, such as ingrown nails, which are a common ailment in children and adolescents, but may occur at any age; periungual warts, another common problem in children and young adults; tumours, which are often thought to be rare in the nail unit. However, as this comprises the entire distal phalanx, there are more than 125 different tumours and tumour-like lesions, most benign, some malignant including metastases and systemic malignant conditions. The most common nail malignancies are squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma. The discussion of ungual melanomas also requires consideration of the problem of longitudinal melanonychia.

- Reconstructive nail interventions: split nail repair may be done by excision of the cicatricial pterygium or by excision and covering the matrix defect with a free matrix graft. Other traumatic defects may require more sophisticated repair techniques depending on the individual case.

Nail surgery is a fascinating developing field of dermatological surgery. As the dermatologist is the expert of this particular cutaneous appendage it is logical that this field is also covered by dermatologists. Comparison of the results obtained by dermatological nail surgeons and other surgical specialists are in favour of dermatology.

Join us at this in-depth Fostering Course in Brussels, and learn from four expert dermatologists with years of experience in nail surgery who will teach the basics of nail surgery and enable course participants to start their own nail surgery clinic.

**Eckart Haneke MD PhD**

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

To celebrate the 30th birthday of EADV, we are delighted to welcome you to the European capital Brussels, and the home of EADV. We thank the Spring Symposium Chairperson, Prof Jo Lambert for hosting the 14th EADV Spring Symposium in this central location. It will be an honour to welcome our most distinguished experts in dermatology, venereology and other related disciplines both as speakers and participants.

Brussels will also be the perfect setting to discuss and share best practices, gain new knowledge, and as an exchange platform to stimulate interaction and the continued development of dermatology and venereology throughout Europe. The intensive three-day programme will include 50 stimulating sessions from contributors originating from more than 30 different countries from around the world.

**Programme highlights**

Thematic highlights in the programme include clinical pathological correlation, dermatosurgery and lasers, contact allergy and occupational dermatology, skin diseases and systemic diseases as well as topical and systemic treatments, infections and STIs and the ever more important dermatology.

The tracks will be complemented by keynote lectures given by internationally recognised experts. Saturday’s “What’s New” session will highlight key areas of development and progress in fillers, botulinum toxin (aesthetic and non-aesthetic indications), aesthetic indications using energy as well as two separate tracks for photodermatology and hot topics in dermoscopy. One full-day track will be allocated to the master class which will be exclusively dedicated to juniors and trainees in dermatology.

We aim to deliver an outstanding programme to our delegates and have endeavoured to include the latest developments and updates, innovative treatment modalities and new areas of clinical research and development, in order to keep up with the ever-changing world of skin diseases and improve European dermatology for our patients with skin diseases.

So please save the date - 25-28 May 2017! We look forward to welcoming you to Brussels, to a great meeting with stimulating lectures and thought-provoking discussions.

Martin Röcken MD PhD
Chair, Scientific Programming Committee
About Brussels

In addition to its famous chocolate, beer, moules-frites and other culinary specialities, there is much more on offer in Brussels too. The city is home to an extraordinarily rich artistic heritage from Flemish Masters to the Impressionists mixed in with vibrant modern and street art, while its architectural gems encompass the medieval splendour of the Grand’ Place and elegant Art Nouveau districts.

Music is another highlight and Brussels offers an eclectic repertoire with a particularly strong jazz tradition (perhaps unsurprising as the inventor of the saxophone, Adolphe Saxe, was an alumnus of the Brussels Conservatoire). The annual Jazz Marathon weekend hosts hundreds of free concerts and performances around the city. In 2017 the festival partially coincides with the Symposium, so come early and catch some of the atmosphere!

With its quirky style, world-renowned cuisine, relaxed cafés and bars, it’s worth making time to unwind and explore the city.
Notice is hereby given that a call for nominations for Committee Chair-Elects on the following Committees will open on 10 October 2016.

**Project Proposal Review Committee**  
Nomination and Election Monitoring Committee*

The deadline for applications is **Monday, 7 November 2016 at 23:59 CET.**

- Only Specialist Members in good standing and with voting rights are eligible to stand for election.  
- Candidates for election must be proposed and seconded by two EADV Board Members in good standing and with voting rights.  
- The term of office for Committee Chair-Elect Members is one (1) year after which they automatically take over as chairperson of the committee (4-year term). The Chair-Elect is non-voting and assists the existing Chairperson.

* Chairman of the NEMC must be either a Past President (not currently in office) or a Past Officer of EADV.

Committee Chair-Elects will be elected by the Board of Directors in an online vote between November and December 2016. Term of office will be effective immediately.

All nominees must send in:

1. The Nomination Form signed by the applicant and the endorsers (candidates must clearly indicate which committee they are applying for on the Nomination Form)  
2. A short CV of up to 2 A4 pages  
3. A mission statement of no more than 300 words  
4. A recent head-and-shoulders photograph  
5. A completed Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form  
6. A signed Code of Conduct Form.

All information, including specifics on how to apply for the positions, can be found on the EADV website once the call has been opened. Submission of required material will only be possible electronically.

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.  
All applications will be subject to approval by the Nomination and Election Monitoring Committee.

Committee meetings are normally held twice a year during the Spring Symposium and the Annual Congress.

Carle Paul MD PhD  
EADV Secretary General

Michael Reusch MD  
EADV Secretary General-Elect

September 2016
8th EADV Dermatological Meeting in Ticino

"From the Bench to the Clinic"

1 December 2016
Bellinzona, Switzerland

Dear Colleagues,

The arrival of autumn also brings the 8th edition of the Scientific Meeting in Ticino promoted by the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology.

The close and fruitful collaboration with the Ticinese Dermatology Society, the Dermatology Departments of Ente Ospedaliero Cantonale, the Institute for Research in Biomedicine, and EADV’s Scientific Programming Committee has enabled the Local Organising Committee to come together once again to create this excellent joint project.

Strategically located between the mountains and the castles of the picturesque town of Bellinzona, this one-day meeting offers stimulating topics for researchers and dermatologists in both Switzerland and Northern Italy, and should also capture the attention of allergologists, immunologists, internists and oncologists, by addressing areas with significant clinical and interdisciplinary overlap.

Hot topics

The programme starts with a basic research session in the morning and is then followed by a clinically-orientated section in the afternoon. The schedule proudly features distinguished researchers and clinicians with recognised experience in their field to discuss a number of practical and relevant advances in their fields.

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

Should you find yourself in the vicinity on this day, it will be our pleasure to invite you to take part in this conference, an opportunity to exchange experiences and share approaches in our daily work.

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Morning Research Programme

**IMMUNE RESPONSES AND SKIN PATHOLOGY**

**Chair:** Mariagrazia Uguccioni

08:40 Marcus Thelen
IRB, Università della Svizzera italiana, Bellinzona, Switzerland
The atypical chemokine receptor ACKR3 in immune responses

09:00 Santiago Fernandez-Gonzalez
IRB, Università della Svizzera italiana, Bellinzona, Switzerland
Macrophage-associated secretion of IL-1α promotes dendritic cell function and induces B cell response after influenza vaccination

09:20 Mariagrazia Uguccioni
IRB, Università della Svizzera italiana, Bellinzona, Switzerland
Chemokine activities in chronic immune activation

09:40 Hans-Uwe Simon
University of Bern, Switzerland
Neutrophils and eosinophils undergo necroptosis under inflammatory conditions

**Chair:** Robert Hunger

10:40 Morteza Jafari/Robert Hunger
University of Bern, Switzerland
The role of IL-10 in surgical flap survival

11:00 Christoph Schlapbach
University of Bern, Switzerland
Origin and fate of human IL-9 producing T-helper cells

11:20 Curdin Conrad
CHUV Lausanne, Switzerland
Psoriasis – paradoxical and non-paradoxical

11:40 Lukas Flatz
St Gallen Hospital, Switzerland
Vaccination against melanoma using self- and neoantigens

12:00 Antonio Lanzavecchia
IRB, Università della Svizzera italiana, Bellinzona, Switzerland
General discussion

Afternoon Clinical Programme

**UPDATE ON “HOT TOPICS” IN DERMATOLOGY**

**Chairs:** Franco Rongioletti, Carlo Mainetti

14:00 Giampiero Girolomoni
University of Verona, Italy
Urticarial vasculitis: Spectrum, diagnosis and management

14:20 Luca Borradori
University of Bern, Switzerland
What’s new in bullous pemphigoid?

14:40 Franco Rongioletti
University of Cagliari, Italy
What’s new in the treatment of scleroderma?

15:00 Emilio Berti
University of Milan – Bicocca, Italy
What’s new in the treatment of mycosis fungoides and T-lymphomas?

15:20 Piergiacomo Calzavara-Pinton
University of Brescia, Italy
Skin cancer, sun exposure and sun protection

15:40 Peter Itin
Basel Hospital, Switzerland
Genodermatoses that are relevant to clinical practice

16:00 Carlo Mainetti
EOC Bellinzona, Switzerland
Management of cutaneous infectious diseases

16:20 All speakers and attendees
Final discussion

16:30 End of the meeting
As a result of the election carried out at the Board Meeting last year in Copenhagen, I had the privilege to be elected as the EADV Task Force Facilitator. My tasks include guiding and overseeing the EADV task forces, mediating with the chairs, helping to develop a task force strategy in line with EADV’s mission, reviewing outcomes and preparing the annual report on performed activities.

What is their purpose?

Task forces enable EADV to influence and keep up to date in specialist areas within dermato-venereology, as well as provide a structure for greater engagement of EADV members in their fields of expertise and links to existing sub-specialty societies.

Task force reapplication process

As a first step in my activities as a Task Force Facilitator, in accordance with the decision of the EC, all task forces (TFs) underwent a reapplication procedure to keep them active and of good value for EADV. The TF Guidelines (officially approved by the EADV Board in October 2015) were respected and applied during this reapplication process.

EADV task forces: current status

Out of 38 existing TFs, 28 submitted their application forms, as well as three new ones. They were asked to provide a mission statement, key aims on what they expect to achieve, business plan and their internal structure.

During the 29th EADV Board Meeting in Athens in May 2016, 31 TFs were finally approved and made official. The list of the current task forces can be found on the EADV website: www.eadv.org/scientific/task-forces.

Structure

Being a TF chair/co-chair implies:
1. Being an EADV member specialised in a distinct topic
2. Respecting the term of office of four years (extendable on request by two years)
3. Not being a chair of any other EADV committees, working groups or task forces.

From the outcome of the reapplication process, it was observed that each TF had a different composition and number of chairs and/or co-chairs.

During a videoconference with the Executive Committee it was decided that each TF should be composed of one chair and up to two co-chairs. The idea behind this is to have one key person who is responsible for the TF and one or two joining forces able to bring together the group and the activities.

Task force membership vs EADV membership

Not all chairs and/or co-chairs were also EADV members. During the process many chairs have been persuaded to become members: several had their membership disabled (not paid for years) or were not members at all. All agreed that chairing a task force is a great opportunity and therefore becoming an EADV member makes them more connected, more inspired and gives them more inside benefits. TF chairs also encouraged their TF members to apply for EADV membership.

List of Task Forces approved by the EADV Board in Athens, May 2016

1. Acne/Rosacea/HS
2. Autoimmune bullous diseases
3. Dermatopathology
4. Contact Dermatitis
5. Eczema/Atopic Dermatitis
6. Epidemiology
7. Genodermatoses
8. History of Dermatology
9. HPV Infection
10. Laser Dermatology
11. Melanoma
12. Mycology
13. Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer
14. Occupational Skin Disease
15. Office Management
16. Paediatric Dermatology
17. Phlebology
18. Pruritus
19. Psoriasis
20. Psychodermatology
21. Quality of Life
22. Sexually-Transmitted Diseases
23. Skin Ageing
24. Skin Diseases in Pregnancy
25. Skin in Organ Transplant Recipients
26. Teledermatology
27. Tropical Dermatology
28. Urticaria/Angioedema
29. Vasculitis
30. Vitiligo
31. Wound Healing
Activities

• Organising an annual task force meeting and a meeting between the TFF and TF chairs starting from the 2016 Vienna EADV Congress

• Continuing close co-operation with the TF chairs in preparation of the annual report on performed TF activities for the Board with evidence of outcomes achieved

• Encouraging co-operation between TFs and EADV committees, especially the Scientific Programming Committee; as the TFs are experts in fields of interest, they should support the SPC by providing a selection of the speakers and topics for EADV congresses and symposia

• Developing educational materials (eg leaflets for patients or the website)

• Submitting and proposing Fostering courses in co-ordination with the Fostering Specialist Skills Committee and Fostering Trainee Education Committee (the TFs can facilitate identifying appropriate centres and contributors to run Fostering courses)

• Providing a medical glossary to upload to the EADV website

• Making video-tutorials for the EADV website and social media

Ljiljana Medenica MD PhD
Task Force Facilitator

Not yet a member but thinking about joining?

Join Europe’s largest dermatological and venereological society and connect with colleagues from across the continent and around the world.

Membership categories cater for all levels within our specialty, from resident to specialist, and with special rates for Junior members.

Participate and benefit

Among the main benefits, all members are entitled to:

• Substantial reductions on registration fees for EADV scientific meetings (Congresses & Spring Symposia)

• A subscription to the Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology & Venereology (hard copy and/or online depending on membership category) - Impact factor: 3.3

• A subscription to EADV News, a regular update on Academy activities and opportunities (hard copy and/or online depending on membership category)

• Access the “Members only” areas of the EADV website (member directory, JEAHV online, Newsletter online, your personal account for the following membership categories: Ordinary, Junior, Specialist, International and retired)

• Participate in EADV’s extensive and highly successful Fostering Dermatology & Venereology Programme with focused meetings directed at both Junior members as well as office dermatologists;

• Access CME-CPD online questionnaires

• Access webcasts and presentations of past EADV scientific meetings

• Voting rights (for eligible categories)

How to join

Visit https://www.eadv.org/memberships/ and find out about membership benefits and how to apply

Or

Stop by the EADV Resource Centre during the 25th EADV Congress in Vienna – the Membership Team will be glad to assist you!
Update from the Honours & Awards Committee

EADV salutes 27 scholarship winners in Athens

During the 13th EADV Spring Symposium in Athens in May this year, the EADV Honours & Awards Committee (HAC) honoured young colleagues from around the world with the EADV scholarship awards.

Of 33 applicants from Central, Eastern, Northern and Western European countries for the Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarship, 10 received the scholarship. Thirty young doctors from Mediterranean countries and Southern Europe applied for the John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship and nine were awarded. For the Imrich Sarkany Non-European Memorial Scholarship there were 43 applicants and eight winners (see next page for the full listing). The committee also provided 100 fellowships of reduced registration fee for the EADV Symposium in Athens.

This was the first Scholarship Ceremony with Dr Michael Boffa as HAC Chair. After his introductory speech he invited all members of the Committee, as well as other honoured guests to participate in the awarding of the winners. Prof Tschachler (EADV President), Prof Tsankov (previous HAC Chair), Prof Borradori (EADV President-elect), Dr Reusch (Secretary General-elect) and of course Prof Zouboulis (immediate past HAC Chair), in addition to HAC members Assoc Prof Darlenski, Prof Cosgarea, Dr Skiljevic and Dr Liakou, all had the opportunity to speak. EADV Board members Prof Deleuran (Denmark), Dr De Cuyper (Belgium) and Dr Chernyshov (Ukraine) also attended and participated in the ceremony.

In recent years applications for EADV scholarships have increased steadily, not only from European countries but also from around the world. The HAC cordially invites EADV members to encourage their residents and junior colleagues to apply (details can be found on the official EADV website: www.eadv.org or by emailing scholarship@eadv.org).

EADV Alumni Club

The EADV Alumni Club, founded in 2012 and available for EADV scholarship winners who remain EADV members, is steadily growing and now has 145 members. During the Scholarship Ceremony in Athens participation in the Alumni Club was strongly encouraged, to foster the active involvement of young members in EADV activities and contribute to the future success of the Academy.

Honours and Awards Committee

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DARLENSKI Razvigor (BG)
POPESCU Catalin Mihai (RO)
SKILEVIC Dusan (SR)
ZOUBOULIS Christos C (DE) co-opted, former Chair
LIAKOU Aikaterini (DE) co-opted Junior member
Dr. Elena Thomaidou, Israel, winner of the John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship

“I am originally from Cyprus but now live and work in Israel. I am in my second year of residency and have two more years to finalise my residency in Israel. I am very honoured to receive the John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship, since Prof. Stratigos was a very famous dermatologist in Europe. It is for me an excellent opportunity to meet European scientists, exchange opinions and make new friends. I am particularly interested in dermato-oncology and I wish to further specialise in this field in the future.”

Dr. Bijal Harish Mehta, United Arab Emirates, winner of the Imrich Sarkany Non-European Memorial Scholarship

“I originally come from India but moved to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates where I am a specialist in dermatology, since finishing my residency in 2008. I am particularly interested in paediatric dermatology, a field that I find very challenging. I am very honoured to have received this scholarship, because I was one of only eight participants from non-European countries who received this award. It has been a great opportunity for me to meet other dermatologists in Europe and exchange opinions about different scientific fields.”

Dr. Denitza Zheleva, Bulgaria, winner of the Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarship

I live and work in my home country, Bulgaria, and am currently in my third year of residency in dermatology. This was the second time that I applied for this award and I feel proud to have received it this year. During my residency I keep trying to improve my knowledge and qualifications in dermatology. My special interest concerns cutaneous adverse reactions of anti-neoplastic targeted therapies.”

Scholarship Winners 2016
Ceremony: 20 May 2016
13th Spring Symposium
Athens, Greece

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• Resident courses are free of charge and EADV junior members receive a 400€ EADV grant.
• Specialist courses guarantee you CME points. The registration fee is 250€ for EADV members and 400€ for non-EADV members.

For further information and how to apply, visit the Fostering Section on www.eadv.org or contact fostering@eadv.org

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19-21 January in Brussels, Belgium
Course chair: Prof J Szepietowski

Basic Paediatric Dermatology
3-4 February in Barcelona, Spain
Course chair: Prof R Grimalt

Hidradenitis Suppurativa/Acne Inversa
6-8 February in Roskilde, Denmark
Course chairs: Prof C Zouboulis and Prof G B Jemec

Laser Medicine
8-10 February in Toulouse, France
Course chairs: Dr H-J Laubach and Prof T Passeron

Basic Surgery
6-8 April in Brussels, Belgium
Course chairs: Prof M-G Trakatelli and Dr F Corgibet

Trichoscopy
6-8 April in Warsaw, Poland
Course chair: Prof L Rudnicka

Moh’s Surgery
27-29 April in Valencia, Spain
Course chair: Dr C Guillen

Mycology
4-6 May in TBD
Course chair: Prof A Prohic

Summer School: Dermoscopy
5-9 June in Vis, Croatia
Course chair: Dr M Buljan

And many more to come: Contact Dermatitis, Bullous Diseases, Inflammatory skin diseases, Tropical Dermatology, Psoriasis, Pregnancy Dermatology, Skin Cancer, Office Management, Advanced Paediatric Dermatology, Advanced STIs, Intermediate/Advanced Surgery, Cosmetics.

Training Courses for Specialists 2017

Laser Medicine
10-12 February in Toulouse, France
Course chairs: Dr H-J Laubach and Prof T Passeron

Cosmetology
25-26 February in London, United Kingdom
Course chair: Dr C Rowland Payne

Nail Surgery and Nail Disease
17-19 March in Brussels, Belgium
Course chair: Prof E Haneke

Moh’s Micrographic Surgery in Modern Dermatology
20-22 April in Trieste, Italy
Course chair: Prof L Marini

Advanced Surgery
4-6 May in Modena, Italy
Course chair: Dr E Rossi

Botox
30 June-1 July in Athens, Greece
Course chair: Prof A Katsambas

And many more to come: Tropical Dermatology, Communication, Dermoscopy, Wound Care.

Dates might be subject to modification.
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Calendar of Events

> 2016

2nd International Conference of Dermatology
20-22 October 2016
Kathmandu, Nepal

Vitiligo International Symposium
2-3 December 2016
Rome, Italy

> 2017

9th World Congress of Melanoma
18-21 October 2017
Brisbane, Australia

15th EADV Spring Symposium
3-6 May 2018
Budva, Montenegro

XII International Congress of Dermatology
18-22 April 2017
Buenos Aires, Argentina

14th EADV Spring Symposium
25-28 May 2017
Brussels, Belgium

26th EADV Congress
13-17 September 2017
Geneva, Switzerland

> 2018

27th EADV Congress
12-16 September 2018
Paris, France

24th World Congress of Dermatology
10-15 June 2019
Milan, Italy

28th EADV Congress
9-13 October 2019
Madrid, Spain

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