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Prof Bertrand Richert
Chair of the Fostering Trainee Education Committee

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The Master Class is a private session open to EADV Resident Members during the 14th EADV Spring Symposium in Brussels.

Held under EADV’s Fostering Dermatology & Venereology Programme, the 100 selected applicants hail from all over the globe: Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Sweden and Turkey. Each will receive free registration to the Symposium and an educational grant to support their travels.

Want to attend one of the next editions of our Master Class?
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What to do in Brussels

Food & drink
Eat a waffle like a true Belgian: no extra toppings! Pick one of the cafés in the gorgeous Galeries Royales just next to the Grand Place (UNESCO World Heritage Site).
Taste some authentic chocolate, made by real artisans. Try the orangette at Laurent Gerbaud, right behind the SQUARE Meeting Centre.
Before trendy food trucks, there was Mer du Nord. Eating fish in the street is a typical Brussels tradition, especially in the Sainte Catherine area, which used to be the old harbour of the city.
Belgian beer with a modern twist? The Brussels Beer Project is the place to visit these days.

Art & culture
It’s no surprise the Mont des Arts, location of our Spring Symposium, is surrounded by museums and cultural centres. Stop by the BOZAR for an art show, an exquisite meal in the restaurant, or simply to admire its Art Deco architecture.
A few more steps and you will easily reach the Old England, a former Art Nouveau department store-turned Musical Instruments Museum. Enjoy a breathtaking view of the city from its top floor.
Visit the Comics Art Museum to learn more about the many characters created by Belgian artists, and follow the route of comic strip wall paintings all around the city centre!

Shopping
For art lovers, the picturesque Sablon square is home to many antique shops and galleries.
Abandoned in the 1970s and 80s, the quartier Dansaert has flourished again in the last decades and is now the go-to spot for fashion enthusiasts. Visit STIJL for the best collections from Belgian designers.
Looking for a one-of-a-kind souvenir of the city? Choose a unique postcard from Avec Plaizier, a small gem a few minutes away from the Symposium venue.

In the programme:
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- Evaluation of hair loss
- Trichoscopy
- Reflectance confocal microscopy for alopecia
- Histopathologic assessment of alopecia
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Today you receive the first electronic version of EADV News. The switching to a virtual type of contact with our Society by a digital-only version instead of the usual tactile contact of getting the newsletter in your hands is a change.

In addition, you discover a “new” EADV News, with another format and colours; this is another change.

With the “new” EADV News we move into a more tech- and eco-friendly era. We shall no longer receive large amounts of undelivered copies, which are economically and environmentally wasteful. This is a change.

We shall contact you more often and reduce the expenses by more than one third. Issues will be interactive, with direct links to websites and videos, while still maintaining the flip-through readability effect of a printed magazine. These are some more changes.

Changing is good. From the “Some Changes Are For Good” song by Michael Masser / Carole Bayer Sager sung by Dionne Warwick, the column “3 Reasons Why Change Is Good” by Jennifer E. Jones at “The Inspiration Report” (change makes you flexible; change makes you smarter; change reminds us that anything is possible), the article “5 Reasons Change Is Good For You” by Amber Rose Monaco at “The Huffington Post” (you are pushed out of your comfort zone; you get to experience more; you get to find out who you really are; makes you more flexibility and adaptable; you have more fun), the book “Changing for Good: A Revolutionary Six-Stage Program for Overcoming Bad Habits and Moving Your Life Positively” by James O. Prochaska / John Norcross / Carlo DiClemente, to the blog articles “7 reasons embracing change can be a good thing” in the “Attitude is Altitude” website and “Everything Must Change … 20 Reasons Why Change Is Good” by Allan Karl in his eponymous website, all believe that changing is at least antagonising normative conditions.

We promise you that nothing is going to hold back EADV News contributors from their optimistic attitude. These changes indicate that we are flexible and we hope that the certain difficulties we found on our way pushed us out of our comfort zone. We have gained and will further add more experience, and we surely have and will have more fun in preparing the next issues.

We invite you to become a part of this ongoing fun! We believe that this change in EADV News will bring great advantages to the Academy, allowing it to move into an even more member-friendly era.

Prof Christos Zouboulis
New EADV statutes: Have your say

Under the presidency of Prof Erwin Tschachler, a Working Group led by our now Secretary General Dr Michael Reusch and the EADV Statutes Committee, chaired by Prof Pierre Wolkenstein, came to the conclusion that the current EADV statutes slow down decision-making processes which negatively affect EADV’s organisation, development and leadership.

Their conclusions and proposals to modernise EADV were presented to the last Board Meeting held in Vienna. The Board approved all suggestions and will put them to a vote by the membership electronically at the EGM at the next EADV Symposium. The choice of approval in Brussels at the time of the 30th birthday of the Academy also has symbolic significance.

You will have already received all relevant material and explanation. Let’s again briefly summarise the improvements.

AGM

Now: The annual general meeting (AGM) of members is at present very poorly attended and not representative. Attendance is less than 2-3% of the total membership, which is unbalanced and undemocratic. The current AGM may therefore not be the best body suited to control EADV’s activities.

Proposed: Under the new statutes the AGM will become an information platform for all EADV members, giving them insight into EADV activities and considering reports of the relevant officers. In addition, EADV members will still be able to select and vote for the EADV president.

Board of Directors

Now: Our very large Board of Directors meets only twice a year, and right now has insufficient time to take all decisions required of it at any sitting. An in-depth analysis of matters discussed and of the implications at operational level is not possible today.

Proposed: Under the new statutes the Board of Directors will be able to take strategic decisions, approve reports, decide budgets, elect and withdraw officers, make motions and change statutes. The members of the Board of Directors, elected as delegates of all EADV members, will thus ensure that the missions of the Academy are properly fulfilled.

Executive Committee

Now: Today the Executive Committee is only entrusted with the day-to-day management of the Academy. Since our organisation has expanded, the complexity of the decisions has increased considerably, requiring enormous effort and sacrifice by all officers who are still professionally active and therefore not in a position to dedicate more of their time to the Academy. All this at a time when, strategic matters and decisions have become more and more important for the future of the Academy.

Proposed: This is why the new statutes strengthen the strategic role of the Executive Committee while it remains under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The latter still continues to be responsible for every major strategic decision.

Operations

Now: Thirty years ago the founders of the Academy were assisted by an Administrative Officer, whose role has evolved over time to become one of a general manager.

Proposed: The new statutes confirm that the operations of the Academy shall be led a professional manager, chosen by the Board and acting within the strategic framework elaborated by Board and its Executive Committee.

International Members

Now: The number of EADV International Members has grown considerably.

Proposed: The new statutes ensure that they may have two representatives within the EADV Board.

These are all substantive improvements to our Academy, which in this new format will be more relevant to meet and match the needs of the future. Consequently, the EADV leadership invites you to follow the almost unanimous recommendation of the Board and approve the new statutes.

Please read the revised statutes carefully. Use your vote to ensure the further development of our Academy. (See page 18 for further details.)

Luca Borradori MD PhD
EADV President (2016-2018)
Interview

Dr Singh (India) was part of the Social Media Reporting Team at the 2016 EADV Congress in Vienna

How did you learn about EADV?
Through online journals and from friends.

What inspired you to attend the Congress in Vienna, and what was most interesting about this event?
EADV has always been informative and it’s a knowledge-fest. I have been attending EADV events regularly for the last few years to gather more and more knowledge from my colleagues. It opens up so many learning options and discussions with different doctors from around the world that helps you a lot in your practice. It improves patient satisfaction and you get desired outcomes.

Could you describe your experience as part of the Social Media Reporting Team, and would you do it again?
Oh, that was the most interesting part! I was attending all the lectures and workshops and sharing live updates on the EADV social media channels. I was even able to get some beautiful glimpses of Vienna in the morning. It was a wonderful team and I really enjoyed working with them. Yes, I would like to be the part of the social media team again.

How could other colleagues from your country benefit from attending EADV events and participating in the Academy’s activities?
There is so much to learn in this world and EADV allows you to meet different doctors from all over the globe with different experiences in their particular field. It is a combination of learning and socialising. Evenings in Europe are always beautiful. So the leisure is also there, along with learning. As English is our basic language of study it makes sense for us to attend EADV international events.

Are you planning on attending the EADV events in 2017 (Brussels and Geneva)?
Of course!

Social media @ Brussels 2017

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Share your experience during the 14th EADV Spring Symposium in Brussels using the hashtag #EADVbru!

Do you want to join our Social Media Reporting Team during the 14th EADV Spring Symposium in Brussels? Send an email to romano@eadv.org and tell us why you would be the perfect candidate!
The Project Proposal Review Committee (PPRC), chaired by Prof Alexander Stratigos, is responsible for the systematic review and evaluation of all project proposals submitted to EADV for funding. These include research fellowships and projects ranging from clinical care to education. The latest approved projects and fellowships are shown here.

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In recent years we have seen a lot of interest in telemedicine in general and teledermatology is no exception due to a multitude of reasons. First, there is the accessibility of cutaneous examination and secondly, the development of new devices and techniques that can be easily used to assess skin conditions.

For areas underserved by dermatologists or for self-examination and prevention, teledermatology is a very useful tool. Furthermore, images presenting dermatologic conditions can be stored in databases and accessed by dermatologists and other specialists. This way, doctors can easily and effectively share their experience and help each other in their clinical practice. Finally and most importantly, through teledermatology patient care can be improved.

In this context, during 2015-2016, our team developed the IMADERM PLUS project on the premises of the already existing IMADERM Picture Database. The main scope of the project is to improve the database by adding diverse cases, useful for various categories of doctors. The clinical cases were classified by diagnosis and, where appropriate, pathology and dermoscopy images are also presented. All selected cases are accompanied by the medical history of the patient and clinical description of the lesions.

One of the goals of the project is to increase the number of cases and images uploaded to the online database, in order to achieve an important variety of conditions and clinical features. Through our work we created a teaching resource, readily accessible to different categories of doctors.

The final achievement of our project is to enrich the collection of images illustrating dermatologic conditions, with a large number of cases varying from frequent conditions to rare and very rare diseases. This way, the project contributed to the education of both doctors accessing the online database and of the team who worked to prepare the cases.

The database is part of the EADV Learning Centre and is a complementary education tool for EADV members, displaying more than 2,400 clinical pictures.

To conclude, our project achieved its goals and we hope that our experience will help our colleagues throughout their practice.

Dr Stefana Cretu, Prof Carmen Salavastru
Dermatology Department, Colentina Clinical Hospital, “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania

Residents, fellows, PhD students and attending physicians from Colentina Clinical Hospital, Paediatric Dermatology Department and Second Department of Dermatology, who helped in selecting the cases.
Mycosis fungoides (MF) is the most prevalent form of primary cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. Patients frequently present with erythematous scaly patches in early-stage disease typically associated with a favourable prognosis and survival of 10–35 years, but over 25% may progress to advanced disease with nodal or systemic involvement and a median survival of less than 4 years and 30% present with the advanced stages.

Identifying prognostic factors in MF may allow better management and improve survival and the development of a prognostic index should help identify patients at risk of progression. In order to investigate prognostic factors the PROCLIPI study was launched.

The PROCLIPI study is a PROspective Cutaneous Lymphoma International Study for the development of a prognostic index in mycosis fungoides. This study is funded in Europe with an EADV project grant and a Cancer Research UK Population Grant. The study prospectively collects clinical, pathological, genotypic, treatment and quality of life data from 37 international sites on MF/SS to test and identify prognostic parameters against survival in order to determine which ones are the important predictors of outcome. The aim is to recruit 1000 patients with early stages of mycosis fungoides and 500 with advanced stages over 5 years. The study opened in July 2015 and thus far has recruited 490 patients. We have a successful central review process led by Rein Willemze to confirm correct diagnosis and stage. A federated biobank led by Maarten Vermeer, where sites register all tissue samples stored at their site for future translational projects, has been a tremendous success with over 300 samples registered.

Already we are looking at trends in possible prognostic factors and time to progression. By the end of 5 years we will be able to model and test a prognostic index in advanced disease. Whilst recruitment of early stage patients will stop at 5-year survival data will be continued to be accrued for a further 5 years. In addition, we are prospectively collecting treatment data and responses to determine the most efficacious treatments for stage.

We are extremely grateful for the EADV Project Grant which has facilitated the development of this unprecedented collaborative study.

Dr Julia Scarisbrick
The London Skin Clinic, London, UK
Pruritus is the most frequent symptom in dermatology occurring in a majority of dermatoses and in every age group. It results in a high burden and impaired quality of life for patients. The Global Burden of Disease 2010 project identified pruritus as one of the 50 most frequent, interdisciplinary diseases worldwide. One neglected but very important issue, from the patient’s perspective, is the need to focus on the course of the pruritus during treatment. Accordingly, pruritus should be assessed during a dermatological therapy. Even today, there is no widely accepted and daily used method to assess pruritus. This serves to further highlight the urgent need to implement a standardised approach. A consequent assessment of pruritus allows for high quality treatment and medical care.

In 2014, EADV funded the European Network on Assessment of Severity and Burden of Pruritus (PruNet), which aims to harmonise the assessment of pruritus in Europe. PruNet consists of 33 experts from 17 countries who have initiated various related projects. In one project, an analysis of the current methods used for assessments in Europe was performed. The International Forum for the Study of Itch (IFSI) provided assessment recommendations for clinical trials. Based on the recommended information, a survey was adopted to investigate the use of the patient-reported outcome (PRO) tools in Europe and defined the most commonly used tools. A subsequent consensus conference among experts discussed the survey outcomes and prioritised PRO tools regarding their suitability for daily patient care and importance for making a reliable assessment of pruritus. With a Delphi process, the PruNet experts were able to decide on the value, feasibility and validity of PRO measures for pruritus. A high level of consensus was achieved regarding the prioritisation of tools. Furthermore, it was decided that questionnaires regarding patients’ current pruritus intensity (87% consensus among participants) and quality of life (93% consensus among participants) are of high importance.

In a subsequent project, the tools agreed upon by the experts were converted into a digital format and made available for tablet computers, and were validated for use in various languages. Tools such as intensity scales (VAS, NRS, VRS) and pruritus-specific quality of life instruments (ItchyQol, 5PLQ) were provided to 552 patients with pruritic dermatoses across Europe. All tools demonstrated high values concerning concurrent validity and reliability and can now be used for dermatological care in all participating countries. With this, we have achieved one of our goals of using harmonised and valid pruritus assessment tools in dermatology in order to increase the quality of care for patients suffering from pruritic dermatoses. PruNet activities and projects are continued within the novel EADV Task Force Pruritus.

Sonja Ständer, Martin Dugas
Centre for Chronic Pruritus, University Hospital Münster, Germany

References

The statutory framework of the Academy - essentially conceived 30 years ago for a much smaller and less complex organisation - now needs to adapt in order to increase the Academy’s responsiveness and reduce delays in decision-making.

Key performance indicators (KPIs) are used to evaluate the success of an organisation and the activity in which it engages. They are comprised of operational goals as well as strategic ones.

The Academy has been evaluated by several such KPIs and has proven to be highly successful in many of these aspects. For example, since its founding in 1987 it has seen a continual rise in membership, now topping 5000 members; its congresses now regularly draw over 10,000 participants; its financial base is sound, allowing it to accomplish the Academy’s missions such as the Fostering programmes for residents, the funding of research projects and fellowships for young dermatologists and venereologists, and many other areas.

Preparing for the future

When things are going well it is the time to think about and prepare for future challenges. For this reason, over the past two years the EADV leadership has analysed the opportunities and potential risks the Academy could face in the coming years.

One of the items in this analysis, and which took centre stage, was the statutory framework of the Academy, which was essentially conceived 30 years ago for a much smaller and less complex organisation.

Therefore, the EADV Board, together with the Executive Committee and the Statutes and Development Committee, has reviewed the current statutes and has come up with proposals for adaptations to fit the current state of the Academy.

In order to increase the Academy’s responsiveness and reduce the delay for decision-making, several control functions will be transferred to the Board. At the same time, the Executive Committee will take on more responsibilities for decisions on the everyday activities of the Academy. Lastly, taking into account the Academy’s increasing international membership and to give it a voice, in the future two international Board members will be elected by our non-European members.

Evolutionary change

These changes represent a gentle modernisation and adaptation where necessary, while preserving the core attributes of the Academy. They serve to increase functionality and flexibility, as well as maintain control and responsibility.

These changes to the statutes have been accepted by an overwhelming majority of the Board of Directors (90% of those who voted). They are available on the EADV website for your detailed review.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, we would like to ask for your strong support for these amendments to our statutes in order to safeguard EADV’s future prospects.
Adaptability and flexibility are the governing rules of modern living, which however are limited by what Franz Kafka alludes to as omnipresent and omniscient bureaucracy. EADV plays a major role on the global scene of dermato-venereology. Therefore, it is essential that it not be restrained by bureaucracy.

Under the direction of the Executive Committee, a working group (WG) was commissioned to brainstorm on the structures of our Academy. Michael Reusch, our new Secretary General and leader of the working group, reported on its conclusions at the Board meeting in Athens in May 2016.

To allow for more adaptability and reactivity, the reflection of the WG was mainly to reinforce the role of the Board of Directors and the role of the Executive Committee (EC). The principle behind the change was agreed upon by more than a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors, thus leading the Statutes and Development Committee to work on new statutes.

During these three months of intense work, the Committee strictly respected the directive approved by the Board in Athens by maintaining continuous communication with the EC and EADV lawyer, Gianluca Airaghi.

The final draft was submitted by our lawyer to the Swiss authorities in order to guarantee compliance with Swiss law as well as ensure the maintenance of the Academy’s tax-exempt status in case the new statutes are approved. The draft was accepted by the Registry of Commerce and the Revenue Office.

The new statutes were presented to the Board by Michael Reusch and myself, as Chair of the Statutes and Development Committee, in Vienna (September 2016). The changes were voted on and approved.

It is now the responsibility of EADV members, as the “safeguarders” of the democratic process, to approve the new statutes via an electronic vote and an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the Brussels Spring Symposium in May 2017.

I would like to thank the members of the WG and the Statutes and Development Committee for their hard work and dedication to modernising the Academy.

Let’s open up to modernity!

Pierre Wolkenstein MD PhD
Chairperson
Statutes & Development Committee

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of EADV will be held on Thursday, 25 May 2017

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Square Brussels Meeting Centre
Panoramic Hall, Floor 05, Brussels, Belgium

At 12:45 hours (CEST) - (Registration will open at 12:15 hours CEST)

AGENDA

1. Amendments to the statutes

Prof Luca Borradori
EADV President

Dr Michael Reusch
EADV Secretary General

For information on how to vote, relevant preparatory documentation as well as information about the EGM, please visit our website.

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We are delighted to invite you to Geneva, the location of our next annual EADV Congress. Not only known for its precision, scientific excellence and diversity, Switzerland is also headquarters of the United Nations, Red Cross and World Health Organization, and of course, home of the EADV Headquarters office where many of the congress-related activities are undertaken.

It will be our honour to welcome you, our distinguished experts in dermatology, venereology and other related disciplines both as speakers and delegates. Geneva will also be the perfect setting to discuss and share best practices, the ideal exchange platform to stimulate interaction and gain new knowledge, and an idyllic location to network and meet with peers.

We have prepared an outstanding programme for our delegates and have endeavoured to include the latest developments and updates, innovative treatment modalities and new areas of clinical research and development, to keep up with the ever-changing world of skin diseases and improve European dermatology for our patients with skin diseases. The intensive 4-day programme will include more than 150 stimulating sessions, again arranged in the successful track system, from contributors originating from more than 30 different countries worldwide.

More than 700 star speakers with established publication records and high presentation scores over the past years have been strategically included in the programme. Eminent speakers will represent the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western regions of the European continent, as well as Asia, the Americas and Africa. Well-known guests from other disciplines will also broaden our views with their extensive knowledge and experience.

The star photographer and speaker Rick Guidotti will open the congress with ‘The spirit of difference’. He reveals the most impressive pictures, secrets and the unknown side of diseases and patients that we see in daily practice.

The scientific programme will be complemented by keynote lectures on clinically relevant questions from internationally recognised experts:

- Lupus erythematosus in daily practice Dan Lipsker (France)
- Beyond the sequence: The role of the genome 3D structure for cancer and ageing Tom Misteli (USA)
- Do we need pigment to develop melanoma? David Fisher (USA)
- Live skin imaging Kenji Kabashima (Japan)
- Why does hunger sensitise for infections? Josef Penninger (Austria)
- ESDR Lecture: Can we cure HIV? Giuseppe Pantaleo (Switzerland)
- René Touraine Lecture: Update on hair diseases Ralf Paus (United Kingdom)
Immunotherapies

The broadest revolution over the past ten years has been the introduction of targeted immune therapies for psoriasis and atopic dermatitis, for the treatment of autoimmune diseases and now even melanoma and other skin cancers. Therefore, “Clinical immunology: The new immunotherapies”, is the hot topic for the practising dermatologist this year. More than 30 of Europe’s leading immunologists will focus on the clinical and especially the novel therapies, starting from allergy and autoimmune diseases, immunodeficiencies, to infectious and malignant diseases.

Other highlights include the popular Spotlights sessions which will provide new information and 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, the EADV President’s Symposium featuring 3 eminent speakers from Europe and abroad, as well as one track dedicated to Clinical Case Presentations from around Europe. 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.

AAD and ESDR sessions

Collaboration with other societies continues to strengthen and develop. We are delighted to invite our American colleagues back to this side of the Atlantic on Friday, 15 September for the “Joint EADV/AAD Symposium”, as well as our European researchers who will take the stage during the afternoon slot with a stimulating “ESDR session”.

Aesthetic Sunday

Ten renowned specialists in cosmetic and aesthetic dermatology have put together this year’s exceptional edition of the EADV Aesthetic Sunday programme. Sunday, 17 September will be dedicated separately to the basics and hot topics where “Energy based devices, including lasers”, “Peels”, “Fillers”, “Botulinum toxin” “Threads”, “Scars”, “Complications” will be covered in 4 parallel tracks. This programme will most certainly satisfy your requests for excellence and training in aesthetics and cosmetic dermatology.

Don’t forget to block these dates in your diary: 13-17 September 2017! We look forward to welcoming you to Geneva, to a great meeting with stimulating lectures and thought-provoking discussions. Utmost care will be taken to facilitate your access and enhance your experience while at the Congress venue.

Martin Röcken MD PhD
EADV Scientific Programming Committee Chair
Scalps, forceps, markers, syringes, sharps box, sutures, hospital bed – this isn’t the shopping list of a hospital; these are items EADV might be preparing to ship to the next Congress. Since our pilot programme launched at the 2014 Congress in Amsterdam, EADV has organised practical workshops for Congress delegates as part of the Workshop Programme.

Organised by the Scientific Planning Committee (SPC), workshops cover a range of subjects taught by experts in the field. Instructors are hand-selected by the SPC from a network of specialists to give 3-hour-long workshops in their areas of expertise. The goal is to have interesting subjects geared towards medical professionals ranging from those still in training to established doctors who want to keep current on skills and techniques or work hands-on with a discipline outside their specialties. Evaluation and feedback from participants is carefully monitored and used to adapt and improve the workshops. With space at the EADV Congresses at a premium, EADV must focus on making efficient use of resources. With two rooms available over three days, four workshops must be planned per day allowing up to 360 delegates to take the courses. With this, EADV arranges for CME credits and Certificates of Workshop Attendance to give further added value to delegates.

**What to expect in Geneva 2017**

The Workshops Programme will be piloting a new workshop in Atopic Dermatitis. The programme will see a continuation, and in some cases an expansion, of highly-rated workshops where experts will share their individual pearls of wisdom.

- **The Basic Surgery Workshop** is quite popular. The basis of this workshop involves real-time practice of suturing procedures on a skin analogue, but through these years of experience the teaching methods and organisation of the workshop have evolved. In 2016, live video from the instructor was projected in front of the class so course participants could watch the suturing techniques in real-time from their individual workstations.

- **The Advanced Surgery Workshop** focuses on advanced wound surgery strategy; this year we will debut live-drawing allowing the instructor to visualise concepts and techniques in real time.

- **The Phlebology Workshop** offers hands-on training with a duplex machine and plastic models; this technology is not commonly utilised by all practising dermatologists.

- **The Allergology Workshop**, launched in 2016, will be offered twice due to high demand. The course focuses on a discussion of allergy testing, classic pitfalls and diagnostic restrictions, and hands-on practice of allergy tests.

- **The STI Diagnosis and Treatment Workshop** focuses on the exchange of experiences in a high-energy discourse.

- **The Laser Therapy Workshop** will be redeveloped and refreshed focusing on energy-based device treatments currently used in modern dermatologic surgery.

For anyone who is interested in attending a workshop at the 26th EADV Congress in Geneva 2017, registration is open online. A full description of the workshops is available under the Scientific Information section of the 2017 Geneva Congress website.

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**Growth in workshops since 2014**

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One of my highlights of the EADV meetings is the possibility to visit a private practice in the host city of the congresses. The Office Management Task Force, which organises the “See my office” visits, has over 20 members from 18 countries. These visits are open to all dermatologists attending EADV congresses.

Dr Walter Klein in Vienna was very gracious when he invited us to see his practice. This time we were a group of six colleagues from Germany, Spain, Romania, Sweden and Iceland. The office of Dr Klein is on the outskirts of beautiful Vienna. Dr Klein works a sole practitioner, with a colleague covering for him only during the short holiday periods.

The premises of the office are spacious and well equipped, with a good-sized waiting room, two examination rooms, rooms for the nurses and an operating room as well. There is also space for UVB and UVA cabins, lasers, a sterilisation room as well as a coffee room. Everything is newly renovated, very bright and nice. He has at least 2 nurses as well as other assistants and receptionists working for him. The practice is very busy during weekdays so we were invited to visit the office on a Saturday when no patients were in the office. We were received by Dr Klein and his wife Angelika, who is a lawyer and takes care of all the office administration.

Dr Klein sees mostly general dermatology cases and carries out most of the surgery that is needed for his patients. Some difficult cases are sent to the nearby hospital. He is also active in cosmetic dermatology with injections and minor surgery. He is one of the few practising dermatologists in Vienna who has a contract with the state or communal insurance. The communal/state insurance pays the majority of the cost of the patient’s visit. Cosmetic procedures are of course excluded from that insurance and patients pay for those procedures themselves. The total cost, that is the insurance payment plus the patient part for each visit, seemed however to be rather low so the doctors have to see many patients every day to be able to “survive”.

Well organised

It was remarkable to see how much can be achieved in a well organised and structured practice during a tightly scheduled 12-hour working day. All of us asked many questions which were very well answered by Dr Klein and his wife and all of us learned a lot from this visit. For me this visit was one of the highlights of the EADV Congress.

I urge practising dermatologists attending EADV congresses to apply for these office visits which are simply invaluable. There is obviously a limited number for each office visit. Should, however, more dermatologists apply to participate I certainly hope there would be a chance to increase the number of offices in the congress host cities. We hope that our EADV colleagues in Geneva (EADV Congress 2017) and Paris (EADV 2018) will be positive and willing to participate in this and open their doors for EADV colleagues from other countries. In that case they should contact the chairman of the Office Management Task Force, Dr Monika Gniadecka.

Many thanks to Dr Klein and his marvellous wife for their wonderful reception, and to Dr Rolf Ostendorf, the former chairman of the Office Management Task Force, who organised this visit. ●

Jon Hjaltalin Olafsson MD PhD (Iceland)
Sister society meeting in Geneva

How to explain my friendship, my addiction to EADV activities? I would begin by mentioning I have witnessed EADV grow. The first EADV event I attended was the second Congress, held in Athens in 1991. Since this date I have missed very few EADV meetings.

Through these meetings, my circle of friends and colleagues has expanded. The Pan Arab League of Dermatologists (PALD) was founded in Berlin during the World Congress of Dermatology in 1987 by some Arab opinion-leaders in dermatology. The main objective of the League was to put Arab dermatologists in contact with one another, bringing them closer together and enhancing scientific cooperation between different departments and different Arab countries.

PALD organises a congress every two years, the last one was held in Ramallah in the Palestinian Territories in November 2016. The current Secretary General is Dr Abdulwahab Al Fouzane from Kuwait. I was honoured to be appointed Vice Secretary General from 2000 to 2004. The first side meeting we organised at an EADV Congresses was in 2004 in Florence. Since then we have been faithful to these prestigious meetings, especially because so many of our Arab colleagues take part in EADV’s annual congresses and spring symposia.

Organising a side meeting on behalf of PALD gives us the opportunity to get together, which is not always possible in such huge meetings, enjoy a varied scientific programme coming from different parts of the Arab world, and discuss how to promote specific networks (particularly the Arab Psoriasis Network).

We are looking forward to enhancing scientific cooperation with EADV, for example welcoming European speakers to our meetings or running some specific workshops with the support of EADV.

Launching common studies on diseases such as genodermatoses would be another idea.

We have already started such cooperation with the International Society of Dermatology.

Since the number of Arab members in the EADV is growing, why not involve them in the different courses organised by the EADV? Personally, I am honoured to take part in a course on superficial mycosis which will be held in Sarajevo in May 2017.

Together we can build a future we believe in.

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"We are looking forward to enhancing scientific cooperation with EADV, for example welcoming European speakers to our meetings or running some specific workshops with the support of EADV."

Dr Nejib Doss
Fostering courses

What people say about our Fostering courses...

EADV Fostering Course for Residents on Hidradenitis Suppurativa/Acne Inversa (6-7 February 2017 in Roskilde, Denmark)

I think the Fostering courses organised by EADV are a great opportunity to connect with colleagues from around the world. It is really important for us to share knowledge, experience and ideas between us.

Iva Crnaric (Polyclinic ‘Sveti Rok’, Zagreb, Croatia)

I will definitely try to keep in contact with the people I met during the course. I hope to collaborate with some of the course participants in the future and if I had some difficult cases I would send them to some of the attendees or speakers of the course to get their opinion.

Guannan Zhu (Xijing Hospital, Fourth Military Medical University - Xi’an, China)

Fostering courses are interactive and have practical sessions. It is important for me to meet dermatologists from all over Europe. I believe that bringing dermatologists together is one of the EADV’s missions.

Vasyl Hiliuk (Bogomolets National Medical University - Kiev, Ukraine)

I think it’s important that EADV organises courses on topics such as Hidradenitis Suppurativa because it is an area where you can do a lot to increase the patient’s quality of life given the right knowledge and tools.

Bremnes Oeyvind (University Hospital of Northern Norway – Tromsø, Norway)

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Margarida Moura Valejo Coelho (Centro Hospitalar de Lisboa Central – Lisbon, Portugal)
We would like to remind you that the electronic vote on the new proposed statutes is open and will close on Monday, 8 May 2017 at 23:59 CEST.

Kindly note, that the vote is managed by the Academy’s trusted service provider, Electoral Reform Services (ERS) of London. Consequently, should you not have voted yet, please take a careful look at your inbox, including the spam folder, for an email from ERS.

If you have recently changed your e-mail address please inform us in order not to miss any information. Please send an email to: secgen@eadv.org.

Please bear in mind that the vote will not be limited to this electronic procedure but will include the alternative possibility to vote in person at the EGM (Brussels, 25 May 2017).

Those who will have voted electronically, are still welcome to attend the meeting in Brussels, but will not be able to cast a vote there.

Generally speaking, regardless of the option chosen, please bear in mind that only EADV members with voting rights will be able to cast a vote.

All the necessary preparatory material can be found on the dedicated repository - 2017 EGM Repository.

Whether you take part remotely or in person does not matter - but your vote counts!

We thank you in advance for your kind attention.

Michael Reusch MD
EADV Secretary General
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25-28 May 2017
Brussels, Belgium
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21-23 June 2017
Brest, France
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13-17 September 2017
Geneva, Switzerland
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1st ‘Cells to Surgery’ Skin Cancer Congress
27-29 September 2017
Rotterdam, Netherlands
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18-21 October 2017
Brisbane, Australia
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17th European Society for Pediatric Dermatology Annual Meeting
19 - 21 October 2017
Palma de Mallorca, Spain
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15th EADV Spring Symposium
3-6 May 2018
Budva, Montenegro
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5th World Congress of Dermoscopy
14-16 June 2018
Thessaloniki, Greece
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12-16 September 2018
Paris, France
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