For many years, dermatology has been at the forefront of efficient management of resources for healthcare. We have managed to reduce the number of beds in clinics due to scientific progress with new medicines. One such example is the way we treat psoriasis on an outpatient basis, already for decades now.

Recently, the introduction of biologicals for psoriasis has revolutionised treatment of this chronic disease. Although expensive, the total cost to society is probably lower than before. Furthermore, clinical efficacy is better. In the coming years, the introduction of biosimilars may reduce costs even more. However, clinical studies are needed. The spectrum of dermatologic diseases is changing rapidly. The incidence of atopic dermatitis has increased substantially in recent years. Prophylactic measures to minimise symptoms are important for the patient but also to reduce costs.

**Delivering better outcomes**

Also, the incidence of skin cancer is increasing rapidly. In many countries we see no levelling-off of this disease. Recent studies have demonstrated that these diseases are best taken care of by dermatologists. It is both better and cheaper for society to have direct access to dermatologists for skin cancer compared to visiting a general practitioner first.

In Germany, for example, a big proportion of the population was screened for skin cancer. Several years later, the mortality of malignant melanoma has decreased significantly. The health economic effect of such an intervention is immense.

**Better use of resources**

In the near future, we can expect the introduction of several new drugs for treating metastasising malignant melanoma. Keeping such treatments in the hands of dermatologists will ensure efficient use of resources. However, it is very important to carry out clinical research and follow the outcome of patients by quality registries. In Europe, we have unique possibilities to conduct such studies.

New, interesting devices are introduced on the market to help us in the diagnosis of melanoma. As some of them have a...
24TH EADV CONGRESS
EUROPEAN ACADEMY
OF DERMATOLOGY
AND VENEREOLOGY

7-11 OCTOBER 2015
BELLA CENTER
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

www.eadvcopenhagen2015.org
Personalised medicine – getting the balance right

Individualised medicine has always been the goal of patients. Which unique individual would want to be treated in a standardised regimen? In our rational age, the therapeutic choices that physicians make should, however, also be evidence-based, and evidence ideally indicates that there is one solution that is better than another.

Usually there are, however, many approaches to solving a patient’s problems and this combination of individualised medicine and evidence-based medicine can therefore pose a significant challenge.

The combination carries the inherent choice between being either too attentive to detail or too normative and, therefore, physicians have to balance their view of reality every day. The argument that good evidence can allow freedom of clinical choice because specific choices have been compared and found equivalent is theoretically true, but generally not available. The combination of a fertile therapeutic fantasy and the real burden of providing evidence for any given choice effectively prevents a completely rational approach to the problem.

Practising clinical medicine well is probably the best way of meeting this challenge. It is not easy. We classically describe diseases in standardised terms such as papules or plaques, which get eroded over time until they lose their value and have to be defined again. To some extent the nomenclature of clinically descriptive terms is replaced by imaging techniques, biochemical and genetic testing, but here again the magnitude of the problem is such that these techniques are in reality usually only adjuncts to the clinical assessment.

In the end, we have to learn the basics all over again and again. It is a regular and recurrent task for all of us. It is perhaps also the real human condition that development happens incrementally through many reiterations. And every time we look at a patient closely, we see a unique individual.

Gregor Jemec
Editor

Calculating value

Value-based healthcare has been introduced in some hospitals in the US and Europe. It estimates value for money by the quotient value for patients/cost for treatment. By doing this you get an approximation of clinical efficacy versus cost. The theory was developed by Michael Porter at Harvard Business School. In short, it not only appreciates the cost but also the value of the treatment. Several other specialties, including psychiatry, have been enthusiastic concerning this new development. It has been developed in cooperation with private enterprises in the healthcare sector, such as the Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

Involving dermatologists

It is important that dermatologists engage in hospital administration and university posts, such as prefects, deans or vice-chancellors. Laymen are usually interested in our specialty and we certainly can get some help from the press. Such an example is springtime when newspapers are very keen to talk with us about the dangers of the summer sun. I think we also can work together with the press to encourage reasonable sun-awareness habits and hence deal with the skin cancer issue. Prophylactic measures may also work out well in combating skin cancer.

Olle Larkö
Professor of Dermatology and Venereology
Sahlgrenska Academy
University of Gothenburg
I am honoured to write my first EADV News report as President.

While each EADV President makes his or her contribution to the growth of our Academy I would like to register a special thanks to the outgoing Past-President Frank Powell for what he has done for EADV. Throughout his tenure he was a guarantor of transparency, democratic progress and collegiality, and, in difficult times, he was the rock in a stormy sea. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with him, first as Secretary General and for the past two years as President-Elect. I am determined to keep up his legacy.

Landmark congress

The 23rd EADV Congress in Amsterdam was a landmark in our history. It was the first congress that was organised entirely by EADV. The lecture halls were packed until the last day and with more than 12,000 participants it was the biggest dermatology congress worldwide in 2014.

We owe this success to the excellent programme put together by the Scientific Programming Committee and its former Chair, now President-Elect, Luca Borradori, and the enthusiastic Local Organising Committee led by Martino Neumann and Catherine “Bibi” van Montfrans.

Our staff members under the guidance of our CAO Nancy Induni performed well in sometimes difficult circumstances. The success of this congress, the rise in membership as well as the sound financial situation of the Academy (due to the excellent work of our Treasurer Jørgen Ronnevig and the Finance Committee) all signal that EADV is on the right track.

Challenges for the future

However, major changes are taking place in the status of medical congresses and serious questions concerning the future strategy of the Academy await answer:

- How do we ensure that EADV has the capacity for continuing growth?
- Does our current status as a charitable organisation allow us to develop in an uncertain future with financial stability?
- Will the implementation of new European legislation (that regulates the interaction of the pharmaceutical industry with medical doctors) affect the viability of our future congresses? For example in Amsterdam there were already major restrictions on non-prescriber access to industrial exhibits.

To address these important issues we need to analyse our options and review in depth the strengths and weaknesses of our Academy. Based on this we will develop a strategic plan for the future. I have asked the Executive Committee to start this process and together with the other EADV committees and the EADV Board we will address this task over the coming months. I will keep you updated on our progress.

Dermatology in the European context

The past decade has brought about enormous progress in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of skin diseases with molecular typing, new classes of drugs and vaccines. But at the same time dermatology in many European countries faces an uphill struggle. Dermatology departments are being downsized, in-patient units diminished and patients are being diverted to other medical disciplines. Dermatologists less frequently treat patients with skin diseases with systemic involvement. Dermatological oncology, infectious skin diseases, phlebology and allergology are no longer integral parts of the dermatovenereological curriculum in several European countries.

To stem this reductionist approach we need to convince political decision-makers that the broad diagnostic and therapeutic skills of dermato-venereologists are of great value for patients and of economic advantage for the healthcare system.

During my presidency our Academy will spearhead “lobbying for dermatology”. In this endeavour we will strengthen our co-operation with our sister European societies, the European Dermatology Forum (EDF), the European Society of Dermatological Research (ESDR) and the dermatology section of the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS).

We will also work with the European national dermatological societies as well as with patient organisations – e pluribus unum - to create a broad base for the common cause. Our cause is a worthy one! We want to strengthen European dermato-venereology to provide the best possible care for our patients.

Best greetings from Vienna.

Erwin Tschachler
EADV President (2014-2016)
Estonian dermatologists organised their 2014 Euromelanoma Day screening in the small and remote island of Kihnu on 3 May, examining suspicious pigmental lesions with digital dermoscopy.

Dr Pille Konno, a dermato-venereologist from the East-Tallinn Central Hospital, organised the event. Kihnu Island was chosen as “in the last three years, we have paid more attention to the Estonian islands, where the early diagnosis of skin cancer is not as accessible as on the mainland. No dermatologists are registered on the island”, she explained.

Participating doctors were dermatologists Maigi Eisen, Annika Volke, Kreete Põder, Tiina Toomson, Elo Kuum, Marge Tampere and Pille Konno, with oncologist Enn Tuulik.

Dr Konno noticed that Kihnu Island is a place where women with young and beautiful skin live without sun damage: “These women know how to protect themselves from the sun.”

**World heritage recognition**

UNESCO proclaimed Kihnu’s cultural space and traditions as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. Kihnu Island was first mentioned in 1386. Originally used by seal hunters and fishermen, Kihnu is now a culturally significant and essentially matriarchal society. The women guard the cultural heritage, which includes handicrafts, dances, games and music, whilst the men go off to sea and fish. Unlike their menfolk, they also wear their national costumes in everyday life. So it’s quite normal to see a woman dressed in traditional clothing.

Ninety (58 women, 32 men) of the 500 inhabitants on this island were screened. The average age was 43 years, the oldest being 84 years old. Dermatologists found four primary melanomas and 1 basal-cell carcinoma. Dr Konno warned that the incidence of melanoma over the past 10 years is increasing in Estonia. It is associated with sun exposure and mindless use of sunbeds. The sunbed fashion, however, has never reached Kihnu Island.

From her conversations with the elderly people, whose skin has remained very youthful, Dr Konno reported that there has never been a tradition of tanning on the island. Also, traditional Kihnu women wear long sleeves, a long skirt and a shawl that really offer a very good protection against the sun.

Our thanks to the pleasant and peaceful Kihnu residents who participated in the screening.

**Dr Pille Konno**
Dermato-venereologist
Estonia, East-Tallinn Central Hospital

---

**Euromelanoma Campaign**

To find out more about the Euromelanoma campaign and planned activities for 2015 in your country, visit: [www.euromelanoma.org](http://www.euromelanoma.org)
On 28 October 2014, EADV invited the press, VIPs, politicians, dermatologists and patients’ associations to swim for psoriasis. More than 20 million people suffer from this disease in Europe. The event was set up in the framework of World Psoriasis Day, on the initiative of Prof Lajos Kemeny, our Hungarian Board member, and the EADV Media & PR Committee.

For the first time the event was organised on a European level and representatives from Belgium, France, Slovenia, Hungary and Poland gathered under the motto “leave your prejudices at the door”.

**Tackling misperceptions and isolation**

Although psoriasis is a visible condition, patients still suffer from others’ misperceptions, including about contagion. Sufferers isolate themselves from their peers and this loneliness can lead to depression and anxiety. Similarly, feeling excluded makes taking part in any sport difficult. Although it is highly recommended, the practice of swimming, dancing, gymnastics and sport in general is complicated because the body is often exposed.

We would like to thank the representatives from the patients’ organisations who travelled to Brussels for the event: Dalila Sid-Mohand (France), Anna Król (Poland), Jan Koren (Slovenia), Tamás Petes (Hungary), Dany Mathieu and Antoinette Romeo (Belgium) for their presence and support.

The event was made possible thanks to a cost-related grant from AbbVie Hungary Ltd.

**Ass Prof Myrto-Georgia Trakatelli**
Chair
EADV Media & PR Committee
Cyprus

The Cyprus Society of Dermatology and Venereology (CSDV) also organised a World Psoriasis Day Campaign which took place between 27 October and 2 November 2014.

The campaign was a big success, and it consisted of two parts: First, the press conference with patients sharing their experiences, as well as a photoshoot with patients and famous Cypriot personalities in the swimming pool, in order to share the message that psoriasis is not contagious.

Second, CSDV held a free public event where people had the opportunity to speak with doctors and be informed about psoriasis. We also set up a photo booth on the spot, where the audience had the opportunity to be photographed with our personalities who supported the campaign, and to share their pictures on social media, thus spreading our campaign message.

Throughout the whole week, CSDV representatives participated in TV and radio programmes in order to share our message and raise awareness about psoriasis.

Louiza Palloura
On behalf of Cyprus Society of Dermatology and Venereology

Swimmers' Night: Great success in Hungary

In Hungary, the event was organised for the third time with a high level of interest. In Budapest, Debrecen, Pécs and Szeged, more than 500 patients and healthy people participated with more than seven World or Olympic champions in swimming or water polo. As a combined effort the participants swam around 100 km in one hour. The media widely covered the event (http://www.uszokejszakaja.hu/) highlighting the stigma the patients are facing.

Prof Lajos Kemeny
Szeged, Hungary
André Kuipers showed us pictures of the earth, which were of an overwhelming beauty. They made us realise on the one hand how careful we must be with what we have and on the other how far innovation can bring us. The sub-specialty societies met the first day, but we know many others organised meetings during and after the congress.

We had hands-on sessions for both phlebology and surgery, which were very well visited. Also a self-assessment course in virtual dermatopathology was held for the second time. This interesting technology allowed participants to use their own laptops as microscopes, and to view digitally scanned histopathological slides. Since dermato-pathological

Why will we remember this congress? First of all, around 12,000 dermatologists and trainees, as well as nurses and researchers, participated in this year’s EADV Congress in Amsterdam. A true record! From Wednesday to Sunday all presentations very were well attended.

Second, it was the first time that EADV was 100% responsible for organising its own annual flagship event. EADV is now an adult society. As a consequence, no fees will be paid any more to the dermatological society of the host country. Moreover, due to the increasing number of participants, the range of cities that will be able to host the EADV congress in the future will be limited.

Lastly, we almost experienced an Indian summer with some real Amsterdam sun.

Helping hands

The motto ‘building bridges’ came to life in many ways: using the green lights of the Poken® hands meeting new colleagues was facilitated. In the large exhibition hall we had the opportunity to meet many partners from industry, both pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical. The plenary lectures, given by Antonio Costanzo, Richard Langley, Marcel Jonkman, Thomas Bosch, Irene Leigh and Tamar Nijsten gave us the chance to gain in-depth knowledge and widen our horizons.

André Kuipers showed us pictures of the earth, which were of an overwhelming beauty. They made us realise on the one hand how careful we must be with what we have and on the other how far innovation can bring us. The sub-specialty societies met the first day, but we know many others organised meetings during and after the congress.

We had hands-on sessions for both phlebology and surgery, which were very well visited. Also a self-assessment course in virtual dermatopathology was held for the second time. This interesting technology allowed participants to use their own laptops as microscopes, and to view digitally scanned histopathological slides. Since dermato-pathological

EADV recognises the contribution of leading European dermatologists

Outgoing EADV President Prof Jana Hercogová presented three awards to distinguished European dermatologists in recognition of their contribution to our specialty. Prof Eckhart Haneke (Germany) received the Clinical Care Award, Prof Pascal Joly (France) the Scientific Achievement Award, and Prof Willem A van Vloten (Netherlands) the Distinguished Service Award.

The prizes were presented during the EADV President’s Dinner in the Amsterdam Concert hall, where an orchestra of 17 Dutch dermatologists surprised the audience with a lovely concert. Once a year, the Board of Directors submit award nominations for each prize to the Executive Committee. The most frequent nominees are then recommended to the Board for approval before the award presentation at the President’s Dinner.
correlation belongs to our core business we would encourage you to follow this type of course in the future.

Tips and tricks in soft skills, such as how to give a presentation and how to communicate with the media, were given during sessions organised by the Media & PR Committee. Interactivity in pro/contra sessions was guaranteed by the new voting system. Amsterdam was - for a full week - the dermatological place to be.

Digital future

The bridge to an eco-friendly congress in the near future was crossed by using digital and electronic tools. To minimise printed materials, the participants could navigate their way around the large congress area with a very handy app and some even participated in a pilot with free tablets.

The EADV photo contest on ‘building bridges’ produced a ‘people’s choice’ winner and a ‘dermatologists’ choice’ recipient – see box.

The Networking Symposium gave everyone a real flavour of Dutch food and traditions. Highlights included the two van Gogh replica paintings and the skin moulages from the Utrecht University Museum.

The now Past-President, Jana Hercogová, rewarded three dermatologists for their work: Willem A van Vloten (Netherlands), Pascal Joly (France) and Eckhart Haneke (Germany) – see box.

Last but not least, it was a joy for the local contacts to work with the EADV staff and with the Scientific Programming Committee for Amsterdam, chaired by Prof Luca Borradori. It was also a lifetime experience for both of us and we will have an everlasting friendship!

Bibi van Montfrans and Martino Neumann
EADV Board Members (Netherlands)

EADV Photo Contest

EADV invited all delegates and exhibitors to enter a photo competition based on the congress theme – Building Bridges. Two winners were chosen: the public voted for a picture of the Storseisundet bridge in Norway taken by Kris Creytens, a trainee at the University Hospital in Leuven (Belgium); while a three-member jury – dermatologists Mette Deleuran (Denmark) and Joost van de Kleij (Netherlands), and professional photographer Livien Willemsen (Netherlands) - rewarded Marjolein Wintzen, a dermatologist at the VUmc Amsterdam, for her photo of the Nesio bridge in Amsterdam.

The winners received an exclusive EADV Tablet PC containing all the educational information from the EADV congress and links to the Academy’s social media networks.
Scenes from the 23rd EADV Congress in Amsterdam
During the 23rd EADV Congress in Amsterdam this year, the EADV Honours & Awards Committee, chaired by Prof Christos C Zouboulis, again honoured young colleagues from all around the world with the scholarship awards named after inaugural EADV members.

From among the 155 strong applicants this year, we had 34 winners of the Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarship from Central, Eastern & Northern European countries. From the 47 applicants for the Imrich Sarkany Non-European Memorial Scholarship we chose the best eight. For the John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship for members from Southern Europe and from Mediterranean countries we rewarded 33 applicants. As the number of strong applications from certain countries, such as Romania and India, increased dramatically we will try to award more than a single applicant per country with more than 10 applications in the coming years.

On the other hand, we provided 512 fellowships of reduced registration fees allowing people from low-income countries to attend the EADV Congress in Amsterdam. So far this is the first time that the number of applications exceeds the planned 500 fellowships. This proves the necessity of such awards for future EADV events.

The EADV Alumni Club is steadily growing and now we have 102 alumni members who were previous scholarship winners. Our mission is to get these young people more motivated to contribute to the Academy’s success. Therefore we have proposed to the Scientific Programming Committee to consider the Alumni Club as possible lecturers at future EADV congresses and symposia. All alumni members are also eligible and encouraged to apply to become members of one of the EADV committees.

This year the Alumni Lecturer of the Year contest was very competitive and we had 19 applicants from 13 countries. We proudly announce that the winner of the Alumni Lecturer of the year is Dr Aimilios Lallas, a true European representing Italy but originally from Greece. He is evidence of the international and multicultural face of our Academy.

We strongly encourage young members from all over the World not only to apply for a scholarship but also to get actively involved in EADV activities.

Honours and Awards Committee
Christos Zouboulis (DE), Chair
Michael Boffa (MT)
Zsuzsanna Szalai (HU)
Razvigor Darlenski (BG), Co-Opted Junior Member

Feedback from award winners

“This was a very important moment of my professional life. Receiving the Lecturer of the Year Award is a great honour, as well as motivation for me to continue my scientific efforts.

Although awarded personally to me, this award reflects the work of several people, since all the important achievements have been reached by teamwork. I would like to take this opportunity to deeply thank all of them.

I would also like to encourage the young colleagues throughout Europe to work with passion and enthusiasm. Dermatology is full of challenging fields and in our community there are plenty of inspiring teachers.

Finally, I would like to thank very much EADV for what they have been doing for new members in recent years. I am sure that their investment in younger colleagues will be successful, promoting both our Academy and our specialty.”

Dr Aimilios Lallas
Thessaloniki, Greece

“I would like to thank the Academy for giving me this award. It means a lot to me. It is an amazing honour. I know that a lot of people from my country have applied and all were eager to get it. It is a nice start to working and being active in the life and the activities of EADV.”

Dr Andrea Boca
Romanian winner of the Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarship

“It is a great honour to receive this award. It is a great chance to make new friends and meet EADV members throughout the world. It is a very inspiring moment and it will motivate me to work even harder in the field of dermatology.”

Dr Eujin Cho
South Korean winner of the Imrich Sarkany Memorial Scholarship
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The 12th EADV Spring Symposium is fast approaching and we look forward to welcoming you to three days of intensive and stimulating education, training and networking.

The programme has been arranged to offer a variety of formats from in-depth training and education, to reviews and updates on hot topics, and interactive free communication sessions.

Among the highlights:

Reviews and updates
- Pigmented skin lesions in children (incl. vitiligo)
- Therapeutic challenges in melanoma
- Psoriasis
- Neutrophilic diseases
- Infectious diseases – viral and bacterial
- Facial dermatoses – Rosacea
- Allergy
- Soft tissue tumours: Clinics, classification and treatment

- Benign and malignant tumours of the adnexa: Clinics, classification and treatment
- Wound healing
- STIs and HIV
- Vasculitis: Clinics, diagnosis and treatment
- Lasers
- Squamous cell carcinomas and basal cell carcinomas
- Cosmetics and anti-ageing

Training and education forum
- Melanoma
- Non-melanoma skin cancer
- Eczemas
- Psoriasis
- Acne and rosacea

Free communications
- Cutaneous oncology
- Pigmentary diseases
- STIs
- Vasculitis and wound healing

Late Bird Registration Deadline: 21 January 2015
About Valencia

In addition, we hope you will take the opportunity to visit the beautiful city of Valencia, situated along the banks of the river Turia and overlooking the Mediterranean. A World Heritage site since 1996, Valencia’s rich and varied history is still clearly visible in its architecture which reflects its Roman, Moorish, Greek and Visigoth influences. Notable landmarks include the towers of the medieval city, the gothic Cathedral La Seo containing Goya’s paintings, the San Miguel monastery with its specialised library, museums and the distinctly futuristic Arts and Sciences complex near the port area.

Now a vibrant and cosmopolitan city, renowned for its cuisine and cultural life, it is also home to a unique garden reserve created from the bed of the Turia river, which stretches for 9km across the city and which offers plenty of opportunities for cyclists, runners and walkers to enjoy and explore. Other natural wonders on offer include the saltwater lagoon in Albufera Natural Park, the thermal spring waters and sandy beaches.

We look forward to seeing you soon in Valencia!

Kind regards,

Eduardo Nagore
Chairman
12th EADV Spring Symposium

For further information about the programme and how to register, please visit: www.eadvvalencia2015.org
The 2014 EADV Spring Symposium in Belgrade proved to be yet another successful scientific and social event. Special thanks and congratulations go to the Symposium President, Prof Ljiljana Medenica, and her team who collaborated very closely with the hard-working Scientific and Programming Committee and EADV administrative staff.

Almost a fifth (19%) of returned evaluation forms came from residents (compared with 24% in Cracow and 19% in Verona). A third (33%) of respondents had their registration paid for by industry (compared with 29% in Cracow and 43% in Verona). Unfortunately 17% of respondents felt that sessions contained commercial bias.

Thank you

This is my last report as CME-CPD Committee Chair. It was a privilege and an honour to serve EADV and its members in this capacity over the past four years. I sincerely wish my successor, Prof Peter Arenberger, every success in continuing with the mission of this committee. One last appeal - please keep those evaluation forms coming in to help EADV plan future events that better meet everyone’s expectations.

Lawrence Scerri
Outgoing Chair
CME-CPD Committee

Statistics from the Belgrade Symposium

**Time to bid farewell**

Invaluable feedback from session evaluation forms and headcounts reveals the following list of top-attended and top-rated sessions:

**Most--attended sessions**
(average headcount)

1. Acne, rosacea, red face: Spectrum and management (CO01) (358)
2. Hair: Clinical features and spectrum (WS03) (220)
3. Surgery or no surgery? That is the question! (WS07) (201)
4. Melanocytic naevi in children: What the practitioner needs to know (WS14) (180)
5. What's new in the device-assisted diagnosis of melanoma (PLNS) (179)
6. How to deal with children with a febrile rash (WS01) (170)
7. How not to miss STIs in any clinical setting (WS06) (169)
8. Clinical evaluation and diagnosis in hair and nail diseases (WS08) (166)
9. How do I treat severe skin diseases? (WS29) (164)
10. Dermoscopy intermediate and advanced refresher course (CO04) (155)
11. Test yourself in skin and internal medicine (TY04) (140)
12. What not to do in venereology (WS26) (137)
13. Surgical anatomy and dangerous zones (WS02) (134)
15. Test yourself in hair and nail diseases (TY03) (119)

**Highest--rated events**
(for which at least 20 evaluation forms were received)

1. Opening Plenary Lecture (PLNS) (94.14)
2. Infectious and inflammatory nail disorders: Diagnosis and management (WS23) (93.92)
3. Test yourself in skin and internal medicine (TY04) (93.39)
4. Infections and inflammations in anogenital skin (WS05) (93.29)
5. Dermoscopy intermediate and advanced refresher course (CO04) (93.03)
6. Malignant nail tumours (WS28) (92.78)
7. Test yourself in paediatric dermatology (TY05) (92.58)
8. What not to do in venereology (WS26) (92.51)
9. Test yourself in STIs (TY01) (91.93)
10. Syphilis: Clinical features, diagnostic tests and management (WS11) (91.38)
11. What's new in therapy for STIs? (WN01) (91.23)
12. What's new in skin and internal medicine? (WN04) (88.94)
13. Dermoscopy and confocal laser microscopy for dermatological surgeons (WS17) (88.78)
14. How not to miss STIs in any clinical setting (WS06) (88.63)
15. Patients with pruritus: Pitfalls, evidence-based workup and management (WS22) (88.61)
The beautiful Belgian city of Ghent was the host venue of the second part of the Summer School in Dermatopathology, held in July 2014.

Prof Sofie De Schepper, from the University Hospital in Ghent, was the organiser of this course that brought together 30 residents from different European countries, to provide a week of valuable training in dermatopathology. The first part of this course took place last year in Ghent, focusing on functional dermatopathology.

This year, for the second part of the training, residents received advanced knowledge in tumorous dermatopathology from well-known specialists in this field.

Outstanding lectures were given by leading world experts:

- Prof D Metze on “Epidermal Genodermatoses and Epidermolysis Bullosa” and “Interface dermatitis and cutaneous drug reactions”
- Prof D Creytens on “Vascular tumours and malformations”
- Prof B Zelger on “Soft Tissue Tumours”
- Dr M Haspeslagh on “Melanocytic tumours”
- Prof B Cribier on Tumours of cutaneous appendages”
- Dr F Vermander on “Cutaneous markers of internal malignancy”
- Prof F Rongioletti on “Deposition disorders”
- Dr M Haspeslagh on “Alopecia”
- Prof W Kempf on “Lymphomatous and leukemic cutaneous infiltrates”
- Dr J André with “Nail pathology”.

All presentations were of the highest standard, with the latest updates in the field and also very interactive, with a great opening for questions and discussions.

Each afternoon was reserved for the slide seminar sessions, where the participants could observe real cases at individual microscopes, having the opportunity to interact with the lecturers, ask questions and discuss the cases.

The participants all had to present an interesting case from their practice - even solve some difficult ones by having the opinion of the specialists.

On Thursday night there was a farewell dinner in a lovely restaurant, offering the residents and specialists the chance to build friendships, share experiences and enjoy Ghent at night.

Many thanks to EADV’s Fostering Programme and its staff member Marc Somja, who was a very good organiser of the event, to Prof De Schepper and her colleagues at the University Hospital in Ghent and to all the other lecturers. This training course allowed residents in dermatology with different backgrounds to receive invaluable knowledge in the dermatopathology field and even more invaluable life lessons, such as ‘nothing is ever what it seems’. That’s why the correlation between the clinical and pathological aspects of a disease is the key to successfully treating it.

Roxana Croitoru
5th Year Dermato-venereology Resident
Romania
Well, dear EADV colleagues, I can hardly believe that my four years as Chair of the Membership Committee are up. The time seemed to go by in a flash. That this is so reflects that the task was enjoyable. I’m sure that this will help to reassure my successor, Prof Karel Ettler from Hradec Králové.

And so what happened during my tenure? The great news is that we recruited about 700 new members. There were many reasons for this, including liaising and co-operating with the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) to allow members of one organisation more easily to become members of the other. We also facilitated the entry of those who had taken part in a Fostering Course. Prior to this the number of proverbial hoops that aspiring new members had to go through was tedious and offputting.

Strong growth

We also have a presence (booth) at the AAD, JDP and World Congress, and, of course, we are there to recruit at our own symposia and congresses. It is also likely that the couple of small concessions to juniors were helpful. These included a considerably reduced membership fee for trainees, and a lower fee for residents who are EADV members for attending EADV events, compared with those who are not.

I also strongly believe that the success of the congresses, and the rising status of our journal, the *JEADV*, are other factors positively contributing to people wanting to become members of our Academy.

In a further effort to promote the Academy in a friendly and caring light to new members, we held our first New Members’ Breakfast last year in Istanbul, and repeated the event in Amsterdam at our recent congress. On this occasion, after a few words of welcome I handed over to Dr Michael Waugh, one of the Founding Members, who made a lovely speech of welcome to the new recruits. He told them the importance of making new connections - perhaps it is now called networking - and welcomed them all warmly. The President-Elect (as he was then), Prof Erwin Tschachler, and the Secretary General, Prof Carle Paul, also added their gracious words.

Many thanks

I must say a big thank-you to so many people who have help make my time in the chair productive and fun. First and foremost there is Catherine Cathala and her team in Brussels. These included a considerably reduced membership fee for trainees, and a lower fee for residents who are EADV members for attending EADV events, compared with those who are not.

I also strongly believe that the success of the congresses, and the rising status of our journal, the *JEADV*, are other factors positively contributing to people wanting to become members of our Academy.

In a further effort to promote the Academy in a friendly and caring light to new members, we held our first New Members’ Breakfast last year in Istanbul, and repeated the event in Amsterdam at our recent congress. On this occasion, after a few words of welcome I handed over to Dr Michael Waugh, one of the Founding Members, who made a lovely speech of welcome to the new recruits. He told them the importance of making new connections - perhaps it is now called networking - and welcomed them all warmly. The President-Elect (as he was then), Prof Erwin Tschachler, and the Secretary General, Prof Carle Paul, also added their gracious words.

Many thanks

I must say a big thank-you to so many people who have help make my time in the chair productive and fun. First and foremost there is Catherine Cathala and her team in Brussels. There are no words of accolade high enough for this brilliant band of people. And although I have not had to call on her too often, there is our wonderful CAO, Nancy Induni. There are others, too numerous to mention, who have helped me on the way, though I have to squeeze in thanks to Monica Cauchi in Malta, assistant to the Secretary General. I have had interactions with chairs of other committees, but mostly the Statutes and Development Committee, so ably chaired by Dr Angela Robinson.

Thank you to my presidents, Prof Frank Powell and Prof Jana Hercogová, and my Secretaries General, Prof Erwin Tschachler (whom I wish well in his presidency), and Prof Carle Paul, who always gave time when it was needed to help me solve problems. And last but not least, thank you to my committee members, Dr Sue Cooper, Prof Jorgen Serup and the ever-glamorous and wonderful Prof Ljiljana Medenica who hosted us so royally at our Spring Symposium in Belgrade. We were delighted recently to welcome our first co-opted Junior member, Dr Fabiola Copaci. And to Karel Ettler, former committee member, and now Chair, I extend my very best wishes.

I now return to my university studies which will keep me busy for the foreseeable future, but I do hope to keep up to date with what is happening in the Academy and to attend our academic meetings.

And so, until we meet again, let me leave you with a Gaelic blessing:

*May the road rise up to meet you*
*May the wind always be at your back*
*May the sun shine warm upon your face*
*The rain fall soft upon your fields*
*And until we meet again*
*May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Sarah Rogers
Outgoing Chair
Membership Committee
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – 2015
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Notice is hereby given to fill the position of:

Chairperson of the Honours and Awards Committee
Chairperson of the Media & PR Committee
Chairperson of the Statutes and Development Committee

Nominations must be received by the Secretary General not later than MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2015

- Only Specialist Members in good standing and with voting rights are eligible to stand for election.
- Candidates for election to Chairperson must be proposed and seconded by two Board Members.

Committee Chairs will be elected by the Board of Directors at the Board Meeting on 4 March 2015.
The single transferable voting system will be used if necessary.

The terms of office of the elected candidates will become effective in October 2015 (ie after the 2015 AGM)

All nominees must send in:

1. The completed nomination form signed by the applicant and the two Board Members
2. A short CV of up to 2 A4 pages
3. A mission statement by the candidate of not more than 300 words
4. A recent head and shoulders photograph of the candidate
5. A completed Conflict of Interest Form

Submission of required material will only be possible electronically (files should be either in Word or pdf format or scanned) and should be sent to the Secretary General: secgen@eadv.org

The relevant Nomination Form and Conflict of Interest Form can be downloaded from www.eadv.org

Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.

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

Further information can be obtained from www.eadv.org

Carle Paul MD PhD
EADV Secretary General
December 2014
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – 2015
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given to fill vacancies on EADV Committees.

Nominations must be received by the Secretary General not later than **MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2015**

- Only **Specialist Members** in good standing and with voting rights are eligible to stand for election.
- Candidates for election to Committees must be proposed and seconded by two EADV voting members in good standing.

Committee members will be elected by the Board of Directors at the Board Meeting on 4 March 2015. The single transferable voting system will be used if necessary. The terms of office of the elected candidates will become effective in October 2015 (ie after the 2015 AGM).

All nominees must send in:
1. The **Nomination Form** signed by the applicant and the endorsers
2. A **short CV** of up to 2 A4 pages (with a recent photograph if available)
3. A completed **Conflict of Interest Form**

Submission of required material will only be possible electronically (files should be either in Word or pdf format or scanned) and should be sent to the Secretary General: **secgen@eadv.org**

The relevant Nomination Form and Conflict of Interest Form can be downloaded from [www.eadv.org](http://www.eadv.org)

Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.

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

Further information can be obtained from [www.eadv.org](http://www.eadv.org)

**Advertised positions**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Committee Members:</th>
<th>Committee Members:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>• Finance Committee (1 vacancy)</td>
<td>• Finance Committee (1 vacancy)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Fostering Trainee Education Committee (1 vacancy)</td>
<td>• Fostering Trainee Education Committee (1 vacancy)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Honours &amp; Awards Committee* (3 vacancies)</td>
<td>• Honours &amp; Awards Committee* (3 vacancies)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Membership Committee (1 vacancy)</td>
<td>• Membership Committee (1 vacancy)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Nomination and Election Monitoring Committee (2 vacancies)</td>
<td>• Nomination and Election Monitoring Committee (2 vacancies)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Project Proposal Review Committee (2 vacancies)</td>
<td>• Project Proposal Review Committee (2 vacancies)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Scientific Programming Committee (1 vacancy for the Northern region**)</td>
<td>• Scientific Programming Committee (1 vacancy for the Northern region**)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Statutes and Development Committee* (3 vacancies)</td>
<td>• Statutes and Development Committee* (3 vacancies)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

* One of the positions is open only to Board Members
** SPC European Spread, Northern Europe - Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom & Northern Ireland

Carle Paul MD PhD
EADV Secretary General

December 2014
Update from the CME-CPD Committee

New chair

As soon as I realised that EADV was asking its Board members to apply to be the new CME-CPD Committee Chair, I picked up this challenging call and submitted my application, with the kind support of Profs Rongioletti and Bylaite-Bucinskiene.

The main reason for my decision was the fact that I am responsible for the CME-CPD agenda at EBDV-UEMS and I understood that I am able to contribute to the well-organised EADV CME system. EADV has developed an evaluation framework of scientific activities so it can measure the effectiveness of the Academy’s efforts concerning education and be sure it is putting resources to work as efficiently as possible.

Educational excellence

Strategic scientific congress and symposia preparation by the SPC committee helps the Academy focus on the challenges ahead to ensure that the educational framework is a living structure that keeps pace with a challenging competitive environment. Efficient source data are essential to get feedback from the audience to the event organisers concerning the quality of particular sessions and speakers, in order to prepare an excellent programme in the future. This is one of the major tasks of the Committee.

Petr Arenberger
Incoming Chair
CME-CPD Committee

New member

I graduated in Medicine (Honours) in 1995 from the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Rome (UCSC), Italy. In 1999 I specialised in Dermatology (Honours) at the same university. During my training, I spent study periods abroad as a dermatologist in France (Brest, UBO), Brazil (Belo Horizonte UFMG), USA (Houston, TX, Baylor College of Medicine) and as general practitioner in the United Kingdom.

In 2006 I completed my PhD at the Università Cattolica in Rome where I worked as consultant dermatologist until September 2012. I lectured there from 2007 to 2013. I also enriched my knowledge by studying for three Master’s and several specialisation courses.

For the past two years I have been working as a consultant in the United Kingdom in major London hospitals.

Sharing knowledge

I am interested in oncologic dermatology and paediatrics and my studies are mainly on cytokines and rare genetic cutaneous diseases. I have authored 62 publications and nine book chapters.

My passion is to pass on my experience in dermatology. I have organised several CME-CPD-accredited events. I am really proud of this nomination to the EADV CME-CPD Committee and I will work to deliver the best updated knowledge in dermatology to trainee doctors and specialists.

Anna Zampetti
Member
CME-CPD Committee
Chris Bunker
(UK)
Chris Bunker was educated at Cambridge University and Westminster Medical School, London, and trained in general medicine in London, Derby and Oxford, and in dermatology in London. He won the Cambridge University prize for his postgraduate MD research on CGRP in Raynaud’s phenomenon (1992).

He is currently Consultant Dermatologist at University College and Chelsea & Westminster Hospitals, London, with a personal Chair at Imperial College (2004) and University College (2010), London.

Positions of responsibility include: immediate Past-President, British Association of Dermatologists (2012-14); President, St John’s Hospital Dermatological Society (2006-07); and President-Elect, Dermatology Section of the Royal Society of Medicine (2015-16). Prof Bunker is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, and a member of the American Dermatology Association and the European Dermatology Forum.

Clinical and research interests include melanoma, TEN, male genital dermatoses and HIV dermatology. He has published over 300 papers, case reports, books and chapters, including on HIV and male genital dermatology in Rook, McKee and Fitzpatrick.

Constantinos Demetriou
(Cyprus)
Constantinos Demetriou was born in Nicosia, Cyprus, and raised by his father Dr Demetrios Demetriou, one of the first dermatologists on the island.

Dr Demetriou graduated from Athens Medical School with Honours. He received his training and PhD at the Athens Dermatology and Venereology University Clinic (1980).

Dr Demetriou was a founding member of the Cyprus Society of Dermatology (1986) and served as First Secretary. He also served as President of the Cyprus Society of Dermatology, and re-elected for five consecutive terms from 1998 to 2008.

He is also a Member of the European, Greek and American Academies of Dermatology.

He is a researcher with a special interest in lasers, an international lecturer and conference organiser and has presented his scientific work in many international conferences and journals.

Dr Demetriou is now working in private medicine and owns three laser centres in Cyprus.

Vladimir Vašků
(Czech Republic)
Vladimir Vašků was born in 1954 in Brno in what was then Czechoslovakia. In 1979 he graduated as a doctor of general medicine from the Medical Faculty of Masaryk University in Brno and in 1992 he received his CSc (the equivalent of a PhD at that time). He became an associate professor in 2003 in the First Department of Dermatovenereology at St Anna’s Faculty Hospital, Masaryk University in Brno, and was appointed Head and Chairman of the Department from 2005. In 2011 he became simultaneously Head and Chairman of the Second Dept of Dermatovenereology at the Faculty Hospital of Brno-Bohunice.

Prof Vašků is Chairman of the Czech Academy of Dermatovenereology. His main interests are cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, psoriasis, immunology of the skin and the genetics of complex skin diseases. His wife Anna is a professor of pathophysiology and one of his daughters is also a physician. His other daughter is an economist and artist. His personal interests are modern history and fine arts.

Constantinos Demetriou was born in Nicosia, Cyprus, and raised by his father Dr Demetrios Demetriou, one of the first dermatologists on the island.

Dr Demetriou graduated from Athens Medical School with Honours. He received his training and PhD at the Athens Dermatology and Venereology University Clinic (1980).

Dr Demetriou was a founding member of the Cyprus Society of Dermatology (1986) and served as First Secretary. He also served as President of the Cyprus Society of Dermatology, and re-elected for five consecutive terms from 1998 to 2008.

He is also a Member of the European, Greek and American Academies of Dermatology.

He is a researcher with a special interest in lasers, an international lecturer and conference organiser and has presented his scientific work in many international conferences and journals.

Dr Demetriou is now working in private medicine and owns three laser centres in Cyprus.

Vladimir Vašků was born in 1954 in Brno in what was then Czechoslovakia. In 1979 he graduated as a doctor of general medicine from the Medical Faculty of Masaryk University in Brno and in 1992 he received his CSc (the equivalent of a PhD at that time). He became an associate professor in 2003 in the First Department of Dermatovenereology at St Anna’s Faculty Hospital, Masaryk University in Brno, and was appointed Head and Chairman of the Department from 2005. In 2011 he became simultaneously Head and Chairman of the Second Dept of Dermatovenereology at the Faculty Hospital of Brno-Bohunice.

Prof Vašků is Chairman of the Czech Academy of Dermatovenereology. His main interests are cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, psoriasis, immunology of the skin and the genetics of complex skin diseases. His wife Anna is a professor of pathophysiology and one of his daughters is also a physician. His other daughter is an economist and artist. His personal interests are modern history and fine arts.
Dear Colleagues,

Caring for members is very important in every organisation. A lot of work has been done in this respect at EADV in recent years.

Many thanks must go to Prof Sarah Rogers from Dublin for her dedication as Chair of the Membership Committee for the past four years. She also devoted much of her free time too to supporting new and old members with great enthusiasm.

The last Congress in Amsterdam could be seen as a milestone in EADV’s history. This congress was for the first time under the complete supervision of the EADV Board and considered as a step to stability. Other provisions, like reduced membership fees for trainees, a discounted fee for residents attending EADV events, cooperation with the American Academy of Dermatology, and participation in Fostering Courses should encourage younger dermatologists to become members of our Academy.

I am pleased to join the Membership Committee as its new Chair. The enjoyable work is waiting – as the Czech proverb has it: “Well begun is half done”.

Karel Ettler
Incoming Chair
Membership Committee

I am BA/MA graduate in Biology from Boston University (USA) and in Medicine from the Universidad Central de Venezuela (UCV). After a three-year internship, I graduated as a dermato-venereologist at UCV. I later trained in Spain in Mohs surgery and laser treatment for vascular lesions with Dr Alex Camps Fresneda and returned to work alongside Dr Gilberto Castro Ron, an internationally-renowned cryosurgeon. We teamed up with Dr B Trujillo and together taught a six-month training programme in cryosurgery as well as giving symposia and master classes on the subject in America and Europe.

After moving to Spain in 2007, I took charge of the Dermatology Department at Pius Hospital de Valls (Tarragona), where I still teach cryosurgery as well as having developed a regional teledermatology programme.

My main areas of interest and research, besides cryosurgery, are teledermatology, non-melanoma skin cancer and non-invasive diagnostic imaging, mainly high frequency ultrasound. I am the editor of two books, Skin Cancer, A Practical Approach and Cryosurgery, A Practical Manual, as well as having authored several book chapters. As a member of EADV, I have chaired and lectured on courses in these subjects. In September 2014, I was part of the organising committee of the 5th World Congress of Teledermatology in Barcelona and currently act as Vice-President of the International Society of Teledermatology.

I am honoured to have been newly elected a member of the Media & PR Committee and hope to help attain the objectives of the Academy by enhancing its image and the relationships EADV has with its members, institutions and community.

Paola Pasquali
Member
Media & PR Committee
Fostering Dermatology & Venereology Programme

Upcoming courses

Training Courses for Residents 2015

Trainee Course – Paediatric Dermatology (Basic)
6-7 February 2015 in Barcelona, Spain
Course chair: Dr R Grimalt

Trainee Course – Skin in organ transplant & Mohs surgery
26-28 March 2015 in Zurich, Switzerland
Course chair: Prof G Hofbauer

Trainee Course – Intermediate/Advance surgery
22-24 April 2015 in Brussels, Belgium
Course chair: Dr F Corgibet

Trainee Course – Laser
14-16 May 2015 in Trieste, Italy
Course chair: Dr L Marini

Trainee Course – Contact Dermatitis
27-29 May 2015 in Malmö, Sweden
Course chairs: Prof M Gonçalo & Prof M Bruze

Trainee Course – Dermatoscopy
29 June-3 July 2015 in Zagreb, Croatia
Course chair: Dr M Buljan

Trainee Course – Rosacea and Acne
28-30 August 2015 in Debrecen, Hungary
Course chair: Prof E Remenyik

And many more to come:
New Skin Imaging
Techniques, Paediatric Dermatology (Advanced),…

Training Courses for Specialists 2015

Hidradenitis Suppurativa/Acne Inversa
18-19 February 2015 in Brussels, Belgium
Course chairs: Profs C Zouboulis, V del Marmol, G B Jemec

Nail surgery, diseases
13-14 March 2015 in Brussels, Belgium
Course chair: Prof E Haneke

Surgery for Specialists
24-25 April 2015 in Brussels, Belgium
Course chairs: Dr G Reuter & Dr M Gniadecka

Vascular malformations and disorders
26-27 May 2015 in Malmö, Sweden
Course chair: Prof A Troilus

And many more to come:
Botulinumtoxine, Atopic / Occupational dermatitis,
Media training for specialists...

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

NOTE
• Resident courses are free and students can receive an EADV grant of 400€ (if they are EADV junior members)
• Specialist courses are affordable at a very low price and with a guarantee of receiving CME points.
Calendar of Events

> 2015

EUROGIN 2015
4-7 February 2015
Seville, Spain

12th EADV Spring Symposium
5-8 March 2015
Valencia, Spain

PsOfuture: new directions from the Eternal City
9-11 April 2015
Rome, Italy

4th World Congress of Dermoscopy
16-18 April 2015
Vienna, Austria

23rd World Congress of Dermatology
8-13 June 2015
Vancouver, Canada

16th ESDaP Congress
25-27 June 2015
St Petersburg, Russia

> 2016

13th EADV Spring Symposium
5-8 May 2016
Athens, Greece

25th EADV Congress
28 September-2 October 2016
Vienna, Austria

> 2017

26th EADV Congress
13-17 September 2017
Geneva, Switzerland
12th EADV Spring Symposium

5-8 March 2015
Palacio de Congresos
Valencia, Spain
www.eadvvalencia2015.org