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## Together for Better: Strengthening global partnerships

The past spring and summer have been seasons of connection, collaboration and representation for our Academy. It has been my privilege to attend a series of important international meetings, where we not only reinforced existing ties, but also expanded the visibility of European dermatology on the global stage.

### Japan – JDA Annual Meeting, Yokohama

From 29 May 2025 to 1 June 2025, I had the pleasure of joining colleagues in Yokohama for the Japan Dermatological Association's Annual Meeting. This exceptionally well-organised event provided the perfect

platform to highlight the work of our Academy and to engage in fruitful exchanges with our Japanese partners. Together with Michel Gilliet and other EADV speakers, we took part in a special session entitled "EADV Session: Frontiers of European Dermatology," held on 31 May 2025. Michel Gilliet, Jo Lambert and Kilian

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Eyerich delivered outstanding lectures during this two-hour programme, showcasing European expertise and strengthening our scientific and collegial links with Japan.

### Canada – 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Canadian Dermatology Association, Halifax

In June, I travelled to Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the Canadian Dermatology Association's centennial meeting. This was a more intimate gathering, with around 900 participants, yet it



**CDA Meeting**, Susan Taylor AAD President, Gabriele Weichert CDA President, Branka Marinović, Mariusz Sapijaszko CDA President Elect

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**JDA Meeting**

From Left to right: Kenji Kabashima, Kilian Eyerich, Jo Lambert, Michel Gilliet, Branka Marinović and Manabu Fujimoto



carried enormous significance. Out of the 700 dermatologists practising in Canada, an impressive 200 are EADV members. This reflects the natural affinity and shared values between our communities. Maintaining and nurturing this relationship is crucial, especially considering the "triangle" between the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), the Canadian Dermatology Association and EADV. Together, we represent an extraordinary network that can advance dermatology globally while respecting the unique perspectives of each region.

### United States – AAD Innovation Academy, Chicago

Later in the summer, I attended the AAD's Innovation Academy in Chicago, together with our Secretary General and Treasurer. While smaller in scale, this meeting offered meaningful opportunities to connect. Of particular interest was the *Unity Summit*, which brought together around 60 leaders of state dermatology societies and sister organisations. The Canadian Society and EADV were the only international invitees to attend the Summit. The discussions centred on strategies, themes and collective actions, reinforcing the importance of dialogue across borders. This model of unity and collaboration resonated strongly with me and will form part of the focus of the *President's Symposium* at our upcoming Congress in Paris, France.

### Executive Committee and presidential visits

Beyond external meetings, the work of the Academy has continued. The

Executive Committee met in person in Lugano, Switzerland, in July, followed by an online session in August to ensure continuity and progress on our strategic objectives. I also undertook a visit to our offices in Lugano during August, where I was able to meet with staff and review preparations for the busy months ahead. These encounters, both formal and informal, reaffirm the dedication of everyone involved in ensuring that the Academy serves its members effectively.

### Looking Ahead – Paris Congress

As we turn our focus toward the future, anticipation is building for our Congress in Paris. Early indications suggest that this will be our largest Congress yet, bringing together colleagues from around the world for an extraordinary programme of science, learning and exchange. The sense of "togetherness" that has defined my travels this year will also be at the heart of the Paris meeting.

I look forward to welcoming you all there and to continuing our work - together for better.



**Branka Marinović**

EADV President  
(2024–2026)

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## Editorial

### The role of Dermatology in challenging times

Our specialty plays a crucial role in healthcare, especially during challenging times. The skin often reflects internal health issues. During difficult times, dermatologists not only address skin conditions but also contribute significantly to the overall wellbeing of patients. One key aspect of the role of dermatology in tough situations is the management of skin-related complications that arise from injuries, stress, anxiety and changes in lifestyle. Conditions such as eczema, psoriasis and acne can worsen under stress, and dermatologists are essential in providing treatment that alleviates both physical symptoms and psychological distress. By offering effective therapies and support, dermatologists help patients maintain their self-esteem and quality of life.

Moreover, dermatology is vital in the early detection of systemic diseases that may be exacerbated during difficult times. Skin manifestations can indicate underlying conditions such as diabetes or autoimmune diseases. Dermatologists are trained to identify

these signs and refer patients to appropriate specialists. This holistic approach ensures that patients receive comprehensive care, addressing not just dermatological issues but also their overall health. During global health emergencies, dermatologists also often find themselves at the forefront of responding to new challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic brought about a surge in skin problems related to the use of personal protective equipment, such as mask-related dermatitis. Dermatologists played a crucial role in educating both the public and healthcare workers on skin care practices to prevent and manage these issues. Teledermatology also gains prominence during difficult times, allowing patients to access specialist care remotely. This innovation provides a vital link for individuals who may have been hesitant to seek in-person care due to health concerns. Dermatologists use telemedicine to diagnose and manage skin conditions effectively, ensuring continuity of care when traditional methods are disrupted.

Dermatology is instrumental in navigating the complexities of challenging times. By addressing the physical and psychological aspects of skin health, providing early detection of systemic issues, adapting to new challenges and leveraging technology for remote care, dermatologists enhance patient outcomes and contribute to the overall resilience of healthcare systems in times of crisis. For all these issues, continuous dermatological education is the most important requirement.

See you in Paris!



**Prof Dr med Prof honoraire  
Dr hc Christos C. Zouboulis**

Editor





# Why Paris is the perfect choice for the EADV Congress

Few cities in the world can rival Paris, France, in terms of cultural heritage, charm and atmosphere. With its iconic landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum, Notre-Dame Cathedral and Montmartre, the city offers a unique experience that blends history, art and gastronomy. Congress attendees will have the opportunity to combine scientific enrichment with unforgettable experiences, walking along the Seine or enjoying a café on a Parisian terrace.

## A city at the heart of global attention

During summer 2024, Paris successfully hosted the Olympic Games, reaffirming its status as a world-class destination capable of organising large-scale international events. The city not only demonstrated flawless logistics and security

management, but also showcased its capacity to welcome global communities in a spirit of innovation, inclusion and sustainability. The Olympic legacy has brought new energy and visibility to Paris, making it an even more attractive hub for international gatherings.

## A centre of dermatological excellence

France has long been recognised as a leader in the field of dermatology, and Paris is at the forefront of this reputation. The city is home of one of the first learning societies created in 1889, the French Society of Dermatology and hosts several world-renowned dermatological institutions such as Hospital Saint-Louis, one of the oldest dermatology centres in Europe.

The French dermatology community has made significant contributions to the understanding and treatment of conditions such as atopic dermatitis, auto-immune blistering diseases, cutaneous lymphoma, drug reactions, genodermatoses and pigmentary disorders, etc. French experts are also pioneers in cosmetic





dermatology, dermatosurgery and laser technologies, making Paris a focal point for both clinical innovation and academic leadership.

### A strategic and accessible location

Paris is easily accessible from all major European cities and international destinations, thanks to:

- **Two international airports** (Charles de Gaulle and Orly)
- **High-speed rail connections** (Thalys, Eurostar, TGV)
- **An efficient public transportation network** (metro, RER, buses, tramway)

Its infrastructure is designed to accommodate large congresses while its knowledge in organising congresses such as the annual congress of the French Society, the "Journées Dermatologiques de Paris" (JDP), will provide participants with comfort and convenience.

### A destination of extraordinary beauty

By choosing Paris, EADV is not only selecting a destination of extraordinary beauty, art of living, city of champagne, culinary delights and cultural richness, but also embracing one of the nicest cities in the world with a vibrant scientific community and a proven capacity for excellence. The post-Olympic momentum, combined with France's dermatological leadership, makes Paris the ideal venue for a memorable and impactful congress.

Welcome to Paris!



**Prof Samimi**

EADV Board Member



**Dr Jouan**

EADV Board Member



# What to look out for at the EADV Congress 2025

## Advancing Knowledge, Inspiring Discovery

The EADV Congress 2025 promises a comprehensive and dynamic scientific programme, offering dermatology and venereology professionals a deep dive into the latest advances across a wide spectrum of topics. Attendees can expect cutting-edge sessions covering conditions such as acne, hidradenitis suppurativa, atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, urticaria, pigmentary disorders and hair disorders, as well as emerging technologies and procedures. The programme will also explore the latest in aesthetic dermatology, surgical techniques, dermoscopy, JAK inhibitors and more, ensuring a rich blend of clinical and research-focused content.

Participants can also look forward to a series of plenary lectures; high-profile talks delivered by leading authors, scientists and clinicians. Among the highlights is the Keynote lecture by Lucy Cooke, the bestselling author, broadcaster and zoologist, who will explore how unconscious bias has shaped our understanding of the natural world. This year also marks the second edition of the EADV Games, with 18 countries competing in this interactive and engaging scientific challenge. The programme will also feature a variety of workshops, abstract-based sessions and subspecialty sessions, ensuring a comprehensive experience for all participants.

## Keynote address

**Live like a sloth, think like an octopus:  
Lessons from nature's greatest survivors –  
Lucy Cooke, UK**

**Room:** Paris Nord

**Date:** Wednesday, 17 September 2025, 17:45 – 19:00 CEST

We may be living in extraordinarily uncertain times, but Nature holds all the answers. In this talk, featuring gorgeous photos and video along with insightful personal anecdotes from the field, best-selling author, broadcaster and zoologist Lucy Cooke introduces some of nature's greatest survivors, beyond the bias. [Read more.](#)

## Plenary lectures A

**Room:** Paris Nord

**Date:** Wednesday, 17 September 2025, 12:00 – 13:00

Crosstalk between skin, gut and brain - Richard L. Gallo, US

In this presentation, we will explore recent discoveries that shed light on how stress affects the skin's ability to fend off bacterial infections. [Read more.](#)

Vexas syndrome - Cedric Lenormand, France

Since it was first described at the end of 2020, VEXAS (vacuoles, E1 enzyme, X-linked, autoinflammatory, somatic) syndrome has given rise to intense scientific activity, with almost 500 publications indexed in *Pubmed*. [Read more.](#)

Will we cure chronic inflammatory skin diseases? - Christopher E. M. Griffiths, UK

Although we readily embrace cure as an outcome for the treatment of skin cancer and infection we are passive when it comes to outcomes of inflammatory skin disease such as psoriasis and atopic dermatitis. [Read more.](#)

## Plenary lectures B

**Room:** Paris Nord

**Date:** Thursday, 18 Sep, 12:00 – 13:00 CEST

New ways of approaching global skin health - Lucinda Claire Fuller, UK

This presentation will highlight ongoing and planned initiatives to support systemic improvements in skin health and explore emerging opportunities for global collaboration. [Read more.](#)

5-alpha reductase inhibitors "Facts and Myths" - Ramon Grimalt, Spain

This session will provide a comprehensive, evidence-based overview of 5-alpha reductase inhibitors (5-ARIs), focusing on their role in dermatology and beyond. [Read more.](#)

Robotics in dermatology - Martin Kassir, United States

As technology continues to advance, robotic platforms offer numerous advantages over traditional techniques. [Read more.](#)

## Plenary lectures C

**Room:** Paris Nord

**Date:** Saturday, 20 Sep, 12:00 – 13:00 CEST

What's new in the treatment of scabies - Olivier Chosidow, France

Four topics will be covered: MDA (Mass Drug Administration) in low- and middle- income countries; treatment of classic scabies with regards to the results of the « SCRATCH » RCT; scabies in children, pregnant and breastfeeding women and treatment of severe scabies with regards to the results of the « GALE CRUSTED » RCT. [Read more.](#)

Unique insights from mosaic disorders of oncogenes – Veronica Kinslet, UK

This talk provides an update on key changes in mosaic disorders, exploring why different birthmarks look as they do, and the development of novel therapies for birthmark reversal. [Read more.](#)

The changing landscape of understanding and treating vitiligo - Markus Böhm, Germany

In this talk, the latest concepts in our current pathogenetic understanding of non-segmental vitiligo (NSV), the most common vitiligo subtype, are outlined (CD8+ cell mediated autoimmunity, generation of disease-specific resident memory cells as well as newly detected molecular signatures in apparently normal skin). [Read more.](#)

## EADV Games

**Room:** E01 E02 E03

**Date:** Friday 19 September, 16.00 CEST

This is the second edition of the EADV Games. Whether you're looking to showcase your clinical expertise,

connect with peers, or simply enjoy some friendly competition, the EADV Games 2025 are your chance to shine. Form your team, represent your country, and be part of one of the Congress's most exciting and dynamic events. [Read more.](#)

## Workshops

Time	Wed 17.09		Thu 18.09		Fri 19.09		Sat 20.09	
AM	Dermal Fillers	STI diagnosis and treatment	Playing with AI in Dermatology	Wound Healing	Dermoscopy – practical and conceptual (2)	Surgery – Beginners	Use of Botulinum Toxin in Cosmetic and Medical Dermatology	Laser treatment for beginners (1)
PM	Allergology: skin environmental induced contact dermatitis and urticaria	Basics of ultrasound imaging in dermatology	Confocal Microscopy and LC-OCT	Dermoscopy – practical and conceptual (1)	Surgery - Intermediate	Phlebology for Beginners	Laser treatment for beginners (2)	Talk that heals: How better communication drives better patient outcomes

[Find out more](#)





# EADV honours 45 emerging experts at the 2025 Symposium in Prague

The European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology was proud to celebrate the achievements of 45 outstanding early-career professionals at this year's Scholarship Ceremony, held on 22 May 2025 during the EADV Symposium in Prague, Czech Republic. The 2025 EADV Scholarship awards

Organised by the Honours and Awards Committee (HAC), the ceremony recognised the academic and scientific excellence of young dermato-venereologists, trainees, and researchers from across Europe and beyond. The scholars were selected through a competitive process by the HAC chaired by Prof Asja Prohic and represent some of the most promising future leaders in our field from around the world.

The 2025 EADV Scholarship awards were as follows:

- **11 Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarships** – presented to recipients from Central, Eastern, Western and Northern European countries.
- **12 John Stratigos Memorial Scholarships** – awarded to scholars from Southern European and Mediterranean regions.
- **22 Imrich Sarkany Non-European Memorial Scholarships** – offered

to applicants from countries outside Europe, reflecting the EADV's global outlook.

These awards not only recognise scientific and academic merit, but also aim to support the professional growth of emerging talents by providing access to EADV's rich educational and networking opportunities.

The event in Prague offered a chance to formally acknowledge the scholars' contributions and to welcome them into the wider EADV community.

This year's ceremony - as usual attended by the complete EADV leadership - reflected the EADV's enduring commitment to nurturing future generations of dermato-venereologists and encouraged networking of awardees and senior EADV representatives. We are confident that these awardees will go on to make valuable contributions to research, clinical practice and patient care in dermatology. On a personal note, I think being an HAC

member is one of the most rewarding tasks within the EADV organisation since it provides us with the opportunity to select and get to know the best young dermato-venereologists from around the world and get them interested in the EADV for the rest of their professional lives. It certainly worked out that way for me having received an EADV scholarship nearly 30 years ago and here I am. Once again, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of our 2025 scholarship recipients. On behalf of EADV, I encourage each of you to stay actively involved with the Academy and to take full advantage of the many resources and opportunities available. I will be happy to meet you again at future EADV meetings.



**Prof Dr Jan-Christoph Simon**

Honours & Awards Committee Member 2023-2027



## ■ Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarship

> This scholarship has opened doors to cutting-edge knowledge and meaningful international connections. It has deepened my clinical insight and inspired me to pursue research projects with broader, real-world impact - both locally and globally. For others just starting out and looking to achieve similar recognition, I would say be curious, stay consistent and seek out every learning opportunity - even those that seem small. Share your work, seek feedback and stay curious. Take time to attend conferences, submit abstracts and ask for feedback from mentors. Recognition comes when passion meets persistence and community.

Dermatology is blend of science, visual diagnosis and human connection. That makes it deeply

rewarding. Knowing that our work can significantly improve quality of life is what continually drives me to grow, learn and give back.

Participating in the EADV Symposium broadened my understanding of dermatology beyond local clinical practice. It was eye-opening to engage with

diverse perspectives and see how innovation is being applied globally. It also reinforced my desire to contribute actively to the international dermatology community through research, collaboration and education.

**Dr med Klara Cvenkel** (Slovenia)  
Junior Resident



> Applying for the Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarship was driven by my deep commitment to both clinical dermatology and academic research. As a young physician-scientist, I saw this opportunity as a chance not only to broaden my horizons but also to connect with the international dermatological community and learn from its most inspiring leaders.

Being selected as a scholarship recipient was a truly meaningful moment in my career. It served as both recognition of my efforts and a strong encouragement to continue my path in translational and environmental

dermatology. The Scholarship Ceremony in Prague was an unforgettable experience. Meeting fellow recipients from across Europe, exchanging perspectives and feeling the sense of shared mission during the EADV Symposium left a lasting impression. I was particularly inspired by the emphasis on innovation, diversity and evidence-based practice. This scholarship has reinforced my motivation to pursue international collaboration, stay engaged with EADV community and contribute meaningfully to our field.

**Dr Michał Niedźwiedź** (Poland)  
Junior Resident

### ■ John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship

> When I first came across the EADV scholarship, I felt an immediate spark - an invitation to grow beyond borders and immerse myself in a community that shares my passion for dermatology. Being selected was both an honour and a deeply humbling moment. I still remember the pride that swelled in me during the scholarship ceremony as my name and country were called, it was a powerful affirmation of my journey and roots. One of the highlights was presenting my poster, where I had the chance to share

my work on energy-based devices with an international audience. The thoughtful conversations I had during the event reminded me of the universal language of science and collaboration. Each lecture and interaction enriched not just my knowledge, but my confidence to contribute globally. I left inspired, carrying forward the warmth and generosity of the EADV community into both my clinic and my lectures. The experience reaffirmed my commitment to continued learning and meaningful exchange

> Being selected for the John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship to attend the EADV Spring Symposium in Prague was an incredible honour and a defining moment in my early dermatology career. I was motivated to apply by a desire to engage with experts from around the world, gain exposure to the latest advancements in dermatology and expand my academic and professional network.

This recognition reaffirmed my commitment to contributing meaningful research to the field and inspired me to continue asking critical questions in clinical practice.

Attending both the Scholarship Ceremony and the Symposium was a deeply inspiring experience. Meeting and engaging with fellow recipients, researchers and EADV leaders from across the globe was



**Dr Sara Elhawary** (Egypt)  
International Fellow

truly enriching. The exchange of ideas and exposure to groundbreaking work deepened my understanding of emerging therapies and research directions. The scientific programme covered a wide range of topics, from inflammatory skin diseases and cutaneous lymphomas to the latest advances in hidradenitis suppurativa.

This experience broadened my academic horizons and strengthened my motivation to improve patient care through curiosity, persistence and collaboration. I am deeply grateful to EADV for this opportunity and look forward to remaining actively involved in its vibrant community and attending future congresses.

**Dr Ioannis-Alexios Koumprentziotis** (Greece)  
Junior Scientist in full-time training





### ■ Imrich Sarkany Non-European Memorial Scholarship

> Being selected for the EADV Spring Symposium scholarship



was a deeply enriching experience, both academically and personally. I applied for this opportunity motivated by the desire to continue growing as a dermatologist, broaden my perspective on the clinical practice of dermatology and strengthen my commitment to continuing medical education. Being selected from among so many applicants filled me with gratitude and pride, and renewed my motivation to actively contribute to the advancement of our specialty. One of the most meaningful moments was the scholarship presentation ceremony, where I was able to connect with colleagues from

different countries, each with inspiring stories and a shared passion for dermatology. Listening to their journeys reaffirmed my conviction in the value of international collaboration. The experience gave me a broader vision of the impact we can have as professionals committed to excellence and the certainty that global academic exchange strengthens not only knowledge but also empathy and leadership.

**Dr Gabriela Alejandra Amaya Chinchilla** (Honduras)  
International Junior Fellow

> The unique opportunity to attend the EADV 2025 Spring Symposium (my first-ever EADV experience) motivated me to apply for the Imrich Sarkany Non-European Memorial Scholarship. As a recipient of this prestigious award, I feel honoured to have been selected and recognised for my scientific achievements. The Scholarship Ceremony was a truly remarkable experience, surrounded by my peers from across the globe. Hearing about the unique perspectives of a truly international expert panel at the event was particularly insightful for me as a dermatologist-in-training in the United States (US) to better understand subtle nuances and regional differences in the diagnosis and

management of dermatologic conditions worldwide, which may not be otherwise attainable by exclusively attending US dermatology events. In terms of my key takeaways from the scientific portion of the Symposium, I learned in greater detail about the growing role of oral therapies for the management of psoriasis and the increasing role of oral JAK inhibitors for a variety of inflammatory skin conditions (alopecia areata, vitiligo and atopic dermatitis), among others.

**Dr Mohsen Afarideh** (United States)  
International Junior Resident





- Acne / Rosacea / Hidradenitis Suppurativa
- Advocacy
- Artificial Intelligence in Dermatology
- Autoimmune Blistering Diseases
- Contact Dermatitis
- Cosmetic Dermatology
- Cutaneous adverse reactions to drugs and erythema multiforme (CARD-EM)
- Dermatology for Cancer Patients
- Dermatopathology
- Eczema / Atopic Dermatitis
- Epidemiology
- Genodermatoses
- Hair Diseases
- History of Dermatology
- HPV Infection
- Laser Dermatology and Energy Based Devices (EBD)
- Melanoma
- Mycology
- Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer
- Nurses in Dermatology
- Occupational Skin Disease
- Office Management
- Paediatric Dermatology
- Phlebology
- Photodermatology
- Pruritus
- Psoriasis
- Psychodermatology
- Quality of Life and Patient-Oriented Outcomes
- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- Skin Ageing
- Skin Diseases in Pregnancy
- Skin in Organ Transplant Recipients (OTRs)
- Tattoos and Body Art
- Teledermatology
- Tropical Dermatology
- Urticaria / Angioedema Vasculitis and Vasculopathy
- Vitiligo
- Wound Healing

# The workings of our task forces and the crucial role they play

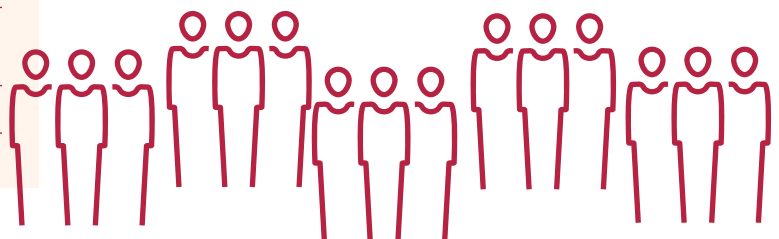
EADV task forces (TFs) are groups of specialists in different fields of dermatology and venereology that bring together a specific set of skills and expertise to enable EADV to influence and advance research and knowledge on subjects with scientific, clinical or educational relevance.

Each task force is focused on a specialty of dermato-venereology and can be considered a “centre of excellence”, internal to EADV, playing a crucial role in fostering and advancing medical and patient education, information, communication on latest advances, cutting-edge studies, discoveries and expert opinion statements.

TFs also promote innovation by stimulating the initiation of projects and proposals related to their area of expertise. And they play an advisory role to EADV regarding trends or unmet needs in clinical practice, education and research in or advocacy for dermatology and venereology. You can read positions statements from EADV's Task Forces [here](#).

Our official [Task Force Bylaws](#) provide details of task force practices and principles. They were first approved by the EADV Board in 2015 and updated in 2020.

If you have a specific area of interest and would like to be involved in the related task force, contact [taskforces@eadv.org](mailto:taskforces@eadv.org) for more information.



# Pioneering the future of laser dermatology and energy-based device education

The EADV's Laser and Energy-Based Devices (EBDs) Task Force has recently announced a new structure and dynamic vision. The enhanced framework is designed to streamline contributions from members and ensure meaningful engagement across a wide spectrum of educational and professional activities. The new visionary roadmap is aimed at revolutionising education and awareness within dermatology.

Central to the task force's vision are two pillars:

## - Education for physicians and practitioners

The task force will focus on delivering impactful education through innovative courses and scientific sessions. These will be organised in both online and face-to-face formats, ensuring accessibility for diverse audiences globally. By leveraging these opportunities, the task force aims to empower healthcare professionals with the latest advancements in laser dermatology and EBDs.

## - Public awareness campaigns

Beyond professional education, the task force is dedicated to engaging the general population through robust public awareness initiatives. Social media outreach will play a pivotal role in disseminating accurate and essential information about lasers and energy-based devices in dermatological care.

## A leading team

The task force is led by Prof Ashraf Badawi (Chair), Dr Albert

Wolkerstorfer (Co-Chair) and Dr Hans Laubach (Co-Chair). Each leader brings a unique perspective and a wealth of experience, securing a robust foundation for advancing laser and energy-based dermatology. Their careers are marked by contributions to groundbreaking research, patient care excellence and education that empowers the next generation of specialists. Together, they are poised to navigate the complexities of emerging technologies and clinical challenges, driving EADV's mission forward with precision and vision.

## Looking forward

Through this new structure and vision, the EADV Laser and Energy-Based Devices Task Force is set to usher in a new era of innovation, collaboration and education, reaffirming EADV's commitment to excellence in dermatological science.

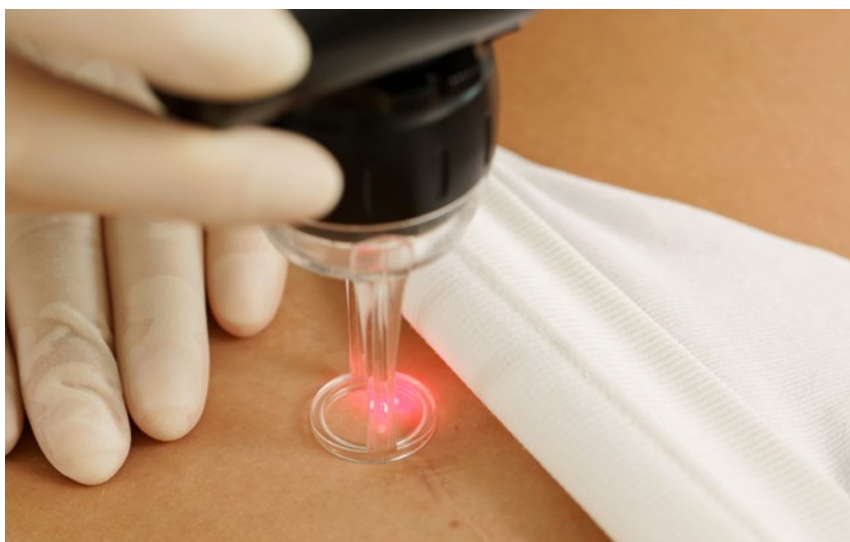


### Prof Ashraf Badawi

Chair of the EADV Laser and Energy-Based Devices Task Force

**Dr Albert Wolkerstorfer** (Co-Chair)

**Dr Hans Laubach** (Co-Chair)



# EADV Specialist Course: Skin Pigmentation in Universal Dermatology

On 10–11 February 2025, the picturesque city of Vilnius, Lithuania, hosted the EADV Specialist Course “Skin Pigmentation in Universal Dermatology”. This expertly organised event brought together over 20 dermatologists from 10 countries to explore the intricate mechanisms of skin pigmentation, delve into emerging research and discuss innovative diagnostic and treatment approaches for pigmentation disorders.

The comprehensive two-day programme featured lectures by renowned experts, including Christos C. Zouboulis, Mauro Picardo, Carmen Salavastru, Alessia Paganelli and Rūta Gancevičienė. Topics were wide ranging and included basic and modern understanding of melanocyte biology, UV radiation effects, clinical comprehension and current pharmacological and interventional manipulations for the main pigmentary skin conditions, abnormalities and diseases, cutting-edge therapies for conditions like vitiligo and melasma.

Practical sessions, led by Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos Head of Centre of Dermatovenereology Dr Tadas Raudonis and young specialists Agnė Sausdravė and Jorinta Jokubaitė were a highlight. These sessions offered hands-on experience with

differential diagnosis techniques, laser technologies and chemical peeling procedures, significantly enhancing the practical applicability of the knowledge shared. Networking opportunities, including a formal dinner, added further value by fostering collaboration among attendees.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive (see page 15), with participants praising the course’s structure, venue and content. The course was a resounding success, providing valuable insights and practical tools for advancing dermatological practice worldwide.

## **Prof Dr Rūta Gancevičienė**

EADV Board member  
Vilnius, Lithuania

## **Dr Tadas Raudonis**

Vilnius, Lithuania

1 Prof Dr Mauro Picardo and Prof Dr Rūta Gancevičienė at the theoretical part of the course

2 Dr Tadas Raudonis “at work” during the multi-tasking practical part of the course

3 Faculty and specialists at the Dermatovenereology Department, Vilnius Santaros Clinic, University of Vilnius, Lithuania





## A word from participants

**Corrado Zengarini, Bologna, Italy and  
Francesca Tozzi, Parma, Italy**

*“The EADV course provided participants with a theoretical and practical approach to hypo- and hyperpigmentation, also focusing on genetic and congenital conditions.*

*The focus on the latest scientific discoveries regarding vitiligo and melasmas, without the influence of pharmaceutical companies, enhanced the value of the faculty's scientific contribution. The multiple-choice text given at the beginning and the end of the course could be used as an indicator of the on-going learning process.”*

**Artūrs Kaļva, Riga, Latvia**

*“The Skin Pigmentation in Universal Dermatology was highly informative and well-structured.*

*The lectures delivered by experienced professionals and renowned professors were inspiring, combining theory with practical sessions that demonstrated real-world applications of the latest treatments.*

*It was a great opportunity to refresh my knowledge and discover new advances in managing pigmentation disorders.*

*As always, it was a pleasure to connect with colleagues from around the world, exchange experiences and engage in enriching discussions.”*



**Dr. Mohammed Karim Lakhssassi,  
Fès, Morocco**

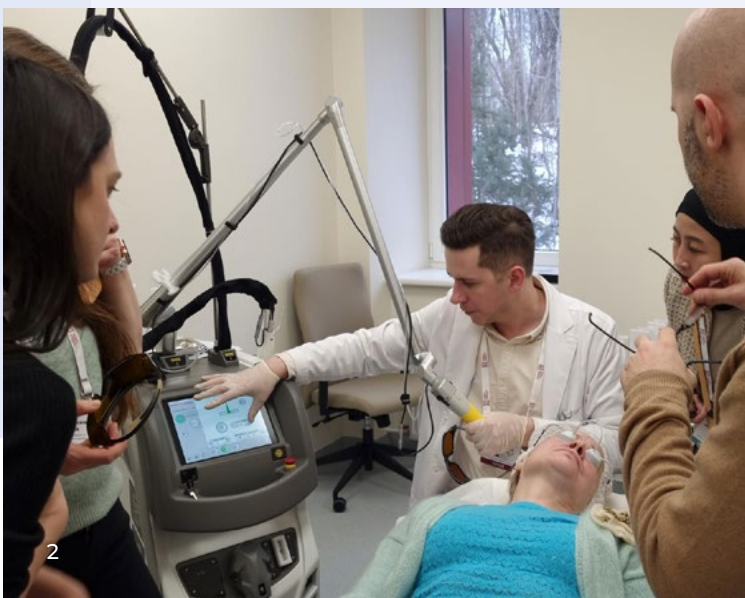
*“The course subjects were well chosen. The programme suited to the progression of knowledge. The faculty presented all the current aspects regarding the basics of pigmentation.*

*The organization was very good and the venues were well chosen to serve the event adequately. The faculty was extremely giving and sharing. The practical part was very good.”*

**Indah Permata Sari, Jakarta, Indonesia**

*“I am a dermatologist from Indonesia. As a tropical country, we have a lot of pigmentation disorders cases. That's why I followed this course. The topic was absolutely amazing and useful for my daily practice.*

*It also provided many new insights and also reminded me on basic knowledge on pigmentation. The speakers are experts, their explanations were clear, easy to understand and detailed. This course was a phantastic education event on skin pigmentation.”*





EADV Fellowship

# A report from the Regional Dermatology Training Centre, Moshi, Tanzania

I am sincerely grateful to the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) for granting me the opportunity to carry out a fellowship at the Regional Dermatology Training Centre (RDTC) in Moshi, Tanzania. This experience has been enriching, both professionally and personally.

My stay at RDTC has been exceptionally rewarding. The staff and faculty at the centre have been remarkably welcoming, dedicated and positive, creating an atmosphere that fosters learning and collaboration. RDTC is a regional hub for dermatology training and education in sub-Saharan Africa, offering a vibrant academic environment. During my time there, many residents were preparing their dissertations, and I had the privilege of attending numerous presentations of exciting and relevant local research projects.

Clinically, the fellowship has given me invaluable exposure to a broad spectrum of skin diseases in skin of colour, including conditions that are

rare or considered exotic in Europe, such as leprosy, elephantiasis and Mpox. These clinical insights have broadened my diagnostic perspective and deepened my understanding of dermatologic diversity and tropical dermatology.

In addition to participating in daily clinics, I provided clinical support to the outpatient department and contributed actively to teaching activities. I gave lectures on medical mycology and trained residents daily in direct microscopy for the diagnosis of fungal infections. It was especially interesting and educational to discuss complex and challenging cases with colleagues in such a collaborative clinical environment.

One of RDTC's unique and essential missions is the treatment and prevention of precancerous lesions and skin cancer in people with albinism and patients with xeroderma pigmentosum. The centre runs outreach clinics supported by the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS), where healthcare teams travel to remote regions to educate local communities about sun protection. During these visits, they distribute sunhats, sunscreen, and sunglasses, and provide clinical care. These efforts are crucial in reducing the burden of skin cancer in highly vulnerable populations (Fig. 1).

I was also actively involved in initiating and conducting a research project on *Tinea capitis* among schoolchildren. The study compared two sampling methods, assessed the prevalence of *Tinea capitis* in schoolchildren and identified the dermatophyte species involved. This project was carried out in close collaboration with PhD student Julia Shen from the Department of



Dermatology, Zealand University Hospital, Denmark, as well as Dr Agnes Kessy, Prof Daudi Mavura, and Dr Lilian M. Swai from RDTC. We enrolled 170 children. Approximately 60% were either asymptomatic carriers or had clinical signs of *Tinea capitis* (Fig. 2).

As part of the fellowship, I also contributed to the planning of two upcoming PhD projects:

- Dr Agnes Kessy, who will be conducting her PhD on *Pityriasis versicolor*.
- Dr Nelson Mosha, who will investigate *Hidradenitis suppurativa* for his PhD.

Both projects are of high relevance and are expected to strengthen the academic capacity at RDTC (Fig. 3). As a direct outcome of the

mycology-focused PhD, a routine mycology laboratory has been established at the centre. This laboratory will play an important role in training young residents in essential diagnostic skills such as direct microscopy.

I also had the pleasure of discussing future research collaborations with Prof Faye, who is currently working at RDTC with support from ILDS. We have agreed to collaborate on future projects involving RDTC and his home institution in Mali, with a particular focus on fungal resistance, among other areas of shared interest.

I am deeply thankful to EADV for making this experience possible. It has been a unique opportunity to learn,

contribute and grow. I would also like to express my gratitude to the Department of Dermatology and Allergy, Herlev and Gentofte Hospital, Denmark, for granting me leave to pursue this fellowship. I return with new knowledge, skills and inspiration that I hope will benefit patients in Denmark and across Europe.



**Ditte Marie Saunte, MD, PhD**

Fellow, RDTC Moshi, Tanzania  
EADV Fellowship 2025



- 1 Visiting an outreach clinic in Kimochi, Kilimanjaro.
- 2 Dr Swai and Dr Shen collecting mycological specimens during the *Tinea capitis* study.
- 3 Dr Mosha, Dr Kessy, Prof Saunte and Prof Mavura in front of Regional Dermatological Training Centre, Moshi, Tanzania.



1874 – 1970



## STEFAN GHEORGHE NICOLAU

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Intramuscular injections are not pleasant and, with children, advanced explaining – perhaps even inducement – may be necessary to encourage them to receive them. Discomfort and pain aside, other more severe complications can potentially follow intramuscular injections. One of these is the Nicolau syndrome – embola cutis medicamentosa – a rare disorder that was described in detail by Prof Stefan Gheorghe Nicolau in 1925<sup>1</sup>. It would appear that the online citation for this paper is erroneous, as he was Nicolau SG, rather than Nicolau P, but the article clearly states his name, academic title and his affiliation.

Stefan Gheorghe Nicolau was born in the erstwhile petrol city of Ploiesti in southern Romania on 10 June 1874. His early formative school years appear to have been spent there<sup>2</sup>. Following this, he moved to the capital Bucharest where he was admitted to the Faculty of Medicine in 1893<sup>2</sup>. He graduated from the Bucharest Faculty of Medicine in 1899<sup>3</sup> (This medical school had been founded just 30 years earlier on 12 November 1869, under the leadership Dr Carol Davila and bears his name<sup>4</sup>). His thesis was on leprosy, a topic he would continue to pursue throughout his career.

He left Romania in 1899 to continue his education in France and studied under such luminaries as Louis-Anne-Jean Brocq (1856-1928), Jean Alfred Fournier (1832-1915) and Francois Henri Hallopeau (1842-1919)<sup>3</sup>. He later trained under Josef Jadassohn (1863-1936) in Berne, Switzerland<sup>3</sup>.

### Nicolau syndrome

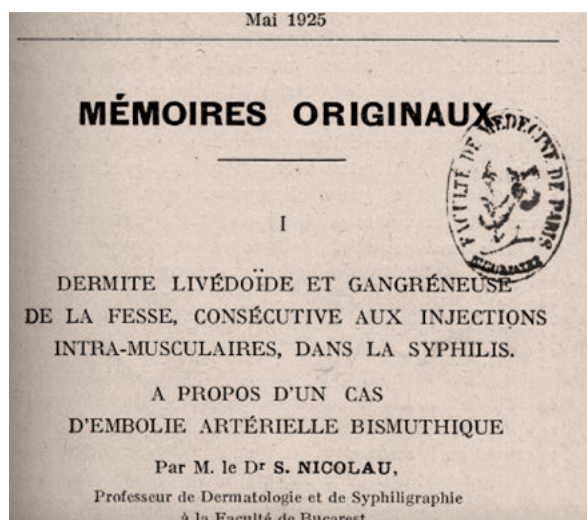
The eponymous Nicolau syndrome, or embolia cutis medicamentosa, may follow intramuscular, subcutaneous or even intra-articular injections. Its exact pathophysiology is unknown. It manifests as live-doid erythematous or purplish macules on the skin with or without acute pain. Progression to purpura, ulceration and necrosis, which sometimes extends to the deeper underlying tissues may occur. Limb ischemia, possibly causing amputation, superinfection, and sometimes paresis or paralysis with neuropathic pain are potential sequelae<sup>6,7</sup>.

Nicolau returned to Romania in 1905 and was employed under Prof Mihail

Petrini-Galati<sup>2</sup> at the clinic of "Dermatology and Syphiligraphy" in Bucharest. He would continue his previously established collaboration with other doyens of Romanian medicine such as Victor Babes (1854-1926), one of the founders of modern bacteriology and Ion Cantacuzinno (1863-1934), another great microbiologist<sup>2,3</sup>. He became professor of dermatology at the University in Cluj (1919-1920), later returning to the Faculty of Medicine at Bucharest in 1920.

He is credited with being a founder of the Romanian Society of Dermatology (1928), the journal of the Romanian Society of Dermatology (1929) as "*Bulletin de la Societe Roumaine de Dermatologie et de Syphiligraphie*", the Ministry of Health's Centre for Dermatology and the first Romanian Textbook of dermatology "*Manualul unic de dermatologie*" (*Single Manual of Dermatology*). He created a vaccine for lymphogranuloma venerum and worked on syphilis, including a serologic method for its diagnosis<sup>5</sup>. He was elected Full Member of the Romanian Academy in 1938, one of the highest academic distinctions in Romania.

Although there is debate about whether Freudenthal first discovered the disorder, it is named after Nicolau, who was the first to make clear and detailed descriptions<sup>1</sup>. Stefan Gheorghe Nicolau mentioned the works of others such as Brocq and Freudenthal in his seminal paper<sup>1</sup>. These works did not fully



Cover page of the journal article in which he describes the Nicolau syndrome.

describe the syndrome that now bears Nicolau's name eponymously.

Stefan Gheorghe Nicolau died on 3 November 1970 in Bucharest.

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# Building together, moving forward:

## My Journey as Secretary General of EADV

As my term as Secretary General of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology comes to an end, I feel equally gratified and grateful for the experiences I have lived. Serving EADV has been one of the greatest professional honours of my life. It has also been a deeply personal journey of growth, learning and collaboration, creating memories I will always treasure.

Being part of the leadership of an association as dynamic, diverse and complex as EADV has been both challenging and rewarding. Our Academy has transformed into a vibrant community, representing many parts of Europe and the wider world. Bringing together such a diverse group of people from different cultural, professional and personal backgrounds requires constant attention to balance, to make sure that every voice is heard and, just as in an orchestra, every instrument plays in harmony to produce something greater than the sum of its parts. Finding the right balance, encouraging open dialogue, creating consensus and building solid foundations have been among the most meaningful aspects of my role.

### Thriving in challenging times

In recent years, our community had also to function in a particularly challenging general context, characterised by various disruptions. The COVID-19 pandemic forced us to make extraordinary decisions, such as cancelling major in-person events and moving activities online, followed by the need to navigate broad geopolitical crises that affected our members and their

patients. These difficult times revealed the resilience and creativity of our community. The Academy's ability to act as a unifying and supportive network has never been more important. Together, we have maintained the quality of our scientific and educational programmes while safeguarding the Academy's financial health, continuing to ensure stability and future evolution.

### Always moving forward

Turning to the internal management of our large association, in recent years, we have sought to ensure balanced and mindful development. EADV is a fast-moving, ever-expanding organisation. One of my priorities was to make sure that we continue to modernise our procedures and the way we are governed as we grew. Change is never simple, especially in a living, breathing organisation. We adapted while securing continuity and progress.

Another highlight was the stunning growth in membership that we have achieved in recent years. When I started my term of office, EADV had 6,815 members; today, we have surpassed 13,000. This success has been possible thanks to our

long-standing commitment to inclusion and community empowerment, our focus on young people and our efforts to establish a robust and consistent digital presence.

### Listening is key

Throughout my mandate, I have striven to uphold three core principles: clarity, transparency and accountability. These values have informed every decision, interaction and endeavour to protect the trust that our members place in the Academy's leadership. A commitment to listening was equally important. I worked hard to make sure that all perspectives could be heard. By promoting open dialogue between the leadership and membership, we were able to create a more inclusive form of growth and make more informed choices. Careful listening to multiple voices helped make even the toughest decisions.

### Building for the future

It is not just what we achieved during these years that I value most, but also the legacy we built for the future. The projects, reforms and new ways of working that we introduced are actually building blocks, helping the Academy to flourish long after my term concludes.

Reflecting on the progress made in recent years, I would like to emphasise that none of this would have been possible without the exceptional people I have had the privilege of working with. I am deeply grateful to the members of the Executive Committee, the Board of the



Representatives, committees and task force facilitators, working groups, the editors, the Academy's personnel and, above all, our members.

### Acknowledging excellence

I address a very special thank you to our current President who, at the time of her mandate as Secretary General, introduced and guided me through the responsibilities, duties and tasks that the Secretary General position entails, always encouraging me to follow my dreams. Thank you, Branka!




To all the Executive Committee Members I had the opportunity to work with, including, foremost, the three presidents I have served with – Alexander Stratigos, Martin Röcken and Branka Marinovic and the two treasurers - Dimitrios Ioannides and Menno de Rie, goes my sincere appreciation.

We have shared unprecedented times and had to make unprecedented decisions; we have overcome challenges and celebrated the Academy's successes, we have shared ideas, aligned differing views and implemented projects dedicated to our members. We worried, we hoped, we worked and we never gave up on pursuing the greater good.

The Academy feels to me like a family and I am proud to have grown alongside it. During my involvement with EADV, on various positions and at different levels, I have shared this journey with many people, within and outside the Academy. Together we built a foundation of trust and friendship that has enabled us to develop various initiatives, activities and new collaborations. My appreciation extends to everyone who has shared this journey with me, offering their time, energy and ideas to make our specialties stronger.

Finally, I would like to thank Margarida Gonçalo, the Secretary General-Elect. In my role as Secretary General, I have

## Prof Carmen Salavastru - EADV News article highlights

EADV News issue		Title and Topic
<b>Autumn 2022</b> page 13		<i>Many benefits of EADV Membership</i> <b>Membership benefits</b>
<b>Summer 2023</b> page 14		<i>Ideas, energy and commitment? EADV needs you!</i> <i>Apply for an EADV elected position</i> <b>Elections as activity under the responsibility of the Sec Gen and general call to action directed at the membership</b>
<b>Spring 2024</b> pages 24–25		<i>Wanting to do good brings us together</i> <b>EADV governance – explaining role of the Board, collaboration between Board and EC</b>
<b>Summer 2024</b> pages 12–13		<i>Abiding by strict regulations in the interests of us all</i> <b>Conflict of Interest Disclosure and relevant EADV form; Codes of Conduct and Behaviour</b>
<b>Autumn 2024</b> pages 18–19		<i>EADV as a scientific and professional community and the rights of healthcare providers and patients: The way ahead</i> <b>Right to health is a fundamental human right</b>
<b>Winter 2024</b> pages 24–26		<i>A milestone achievement for our community with Romania leading the way</i> <b>Focus on the Romanian EADV community celebrating it being the largest community since 2012</b>
<b>Spring 2025</b> pages 28–29		<i>EADV membership: A commitment to excellence and professional development</i> <b>Focus on recent decision to prioritise EADV member rendering the majority of EADV activities an exclusive access to the EADV members and/or creating priority access to them</b>

not only had the responsibility of guaranteeing continuity by walking her through the activities her future position comprises, but I have also found this task to be a truly enjoyable and motivating experience. I wish Margarida all the best for her term, which has all the premises to be filled with great success.

As I pass the baton, I do so equally with unwavering confidence in the Academy's future and joy at the knowledge that our work will continue to flourish.



**Prof Carmen Salavastru**

EADV Secretary General

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# Annual General Meeting 2025

Notice is hereby given that the  
**2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of EADV**  
will be held as follows:

**in Paris, France**

**Paris Expo Porte de Versailles**

Room: Hall 7 – Room 01 – Level 3

**on Friday, 19 September 2025**

**starting at 12:30 CEST**

(registration will open at 12:00 CEST)

May 2025

**Prof Carmen Salavastru**  
EADV Secretary General

**Prof Margarida Gonçalves**  
EADV Secretary General-Elect

## AGENDA

- 1 Call to order by the President, comments and previous general meeting
- 2 Presentation of the reports (for information only):
  - ▶ President
  - ▶ Secretary General
  - ▶ Treasurer
- 3 Date and time of next meeting

## *Why your attendance at the EADV Annual General Meeting matters*

Read the article by Prof Salavastru and Prof Gonçalves on EADV NEWS Issue 93 - Summer 2025



# Face-to-face activities

2025–26



## 2025

### SEPTEMBER

#### Peelings from A-Z

*Fotini Bageorgou*

26–28 September 2025  
Santorini, Greece

### OCTOBER

#### Leg ulcers: Hands-on training

*Elena Conde Montero,  
Catherine van Montfrans*

15–17 October 2025  
Madrid, Spain

#### Genital HPV from Paediatric to Mature Age

*Marco Cusini  
Mihael Skerlev*

28–30 October 2025  
Turin, Italy

### NOVEMBER

#### The Art of Injectables

*Brunilda Bardhi*

6–8 November 2025  
Tirana, Albania

#### Advanced STIs

*Henry de Vries*

19–21 November 2025  
Amsterdam, Netherlands

### DECEMBER

#### Wound Healing

*Marco Romanelli*

2–4 December 2025  
Pisa, Italy

#### Autoimmune diseases in dermatology

*Jean-David Bouaziz*

11–12 December 2025  
Paris, France

## 2026

### JANUARY

#### Genodermatoses: Basic and Practical Aspects

*Johann Bauer*

12–13 January 2026  
Salzburg, Austria

#### Dermoscopy in Clinical Practice

*Ahmed Sadek*

16–17 January 2026  
Vienna, Austria

### FEBRUARY

#### Hidradenitis suppurativa: Current status and developments

*Christos C. Zouboulis  
Michael J. Boffa*

2–3 February 2026  
Valletta, Malta

#### Treatment of the common skin diseases in children: how to avoid pitfalls - pearls and tips

*Carmen Salavastru  
Milos Nikolic*

18–20 February 2026  
Bucharest, Romania

### MARCH

#### Mohs Surgery

*Maria Goreti Catorze*

2–3 March 2026  
Lisboa, Portugal

#### Comprehensive Melanoma Management in Clinical Practice From early diagnosis to advanced treatment

*David Moreno-Ramírez*

4–6 March 2026  
Seville, Spain

#### Non invasive imaging in dermatology

*Juliana Monnier,  
Mariano Suppa, Elisa Cinotti*

spring 2026  
Marseille, France

### APRIL

#### Dermatologic Ultrasound in Clinical and Aesthetic Dermatology

*Fernando Alfageme*

16–18 April 2026  
Madrid, Spain

### MAY

#### Hair Transplantation Hands-on workshop

*Krystallia Kyparissou*

7–9 May 2026  
Athens, Greece

#### An introduction in phlebology with hands on training

*Liselot Vink*

21–22 May 2026  
Rotterdam, the Netherlands

### JUNE

#### Mature Skin

*Carmen Salavastru*

3–5 June  
Bucharest, Romania

#### Mohs micrographic surgery, a tool in skin cancer treatment

*Mihaela Leventer*

5–7 June 2026  
Bucharest, Romania

#### Tropical Dermatology

*Markus Starink*

10–12 June 2026  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

#### Bases of Bioinformatics for Physician-Scientists: From Clinical Questions to Multi-Omics Integration Summer Workshop

*Giovanni Damiani*

17–19 June 2026  
Milan, Italy

#### Dermoscopy: from diagnosis to treatment

*Caterina Longo,  
Giovanni Pellacani*

25–27 June  
Rome, Italy

### JULY

#### Cutaneous mycoses: New developments in diagnosis and treatment

*Shyam Verma*

2–3 July  
Leipzig, Germany

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# Meet the EADV Board



**Dr Aistė  
Beliauskienė**  
**Board representative  
of Lithuania**  
**2024–2027**

I have been a member of the European Academy of Dermatovenereology for more than

20 years. I have seen its value as a resident, doctoral student, hospital specialist, university teacher and now as a private practitioner. EADV has provided knowledge, professional values and opportunities for excellence. I want to use this experience to shape the future of the Academy.

EADV is a strong, democratic and independent professional body. It is a model for national societies. As a board member of the Lithuanian Association of Dermatovenereologists, I work to strengthen representativeness and trust. My knowledge of national challenges helps me promote integration, improve communication and align professional standards.

Membership of EADV is essential for specialists in smaller European countries with limited resources and research activity. Expert task forces, guidelines, congresses, JEADV publications and training courses are vital for these members – indeed for all members. I will work to expand access to these resources, especially in digital formats, and support early-career specialists.

The work of EADV founders, board members, executive committee members and JEADV editors has been significant. We must continue this work with responsibility and respect for the needs of our specialty. My aim is to keep EADV as the leading source of clinical excellence and professional unity for dermatovenereologists across Europe.



**Dr Paola  
Pasquali**  
**Board representative  
of Spain**  
**2024–2027**

I serve as one of the Spanish representatives on the EADV Board. I joined the

EADV community early in my professional career. Serving on the EADV Board is both an honor and a privilege, as it has provided me the opportunity to contribute ideas that influence academic training and enhance the visibility of our specialty within European institutions. I have actively participated in various EADV committees, including Public Relations and Communications, Education, and currently, the Scientific Programming Committee. In this role, I collaborate with the team to ensure that congresses and symposia offer the highest academic standards, maintain representation from all countries, promote gender diversity, and provide training opportunities for young dermatologists and residents across a wide range of areas.

My primary interests lie in imaging techniques and minimally invasive surgical approaches. I am actively involved with the Teledermatology Task Force, collaborating with members dedicated to the digitalization of our specialty and the development of European guidelines for teledermatology.

Additionally, my participation in professional organizations such as the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), the Colegio Ibero Latinoamericano de Dermatología (CILAD), and the International Teledermatology Society facilitates professional connections and knowledge exchange across different dermatological communities, thereby contributing to the advancement of our field.

To help EADV members get to know our Academy's Board Members and better understand their background and experience, as well as their motivation for being part of the EADV Board, in each edition of EADV News, we'll feature the profile of four Board Members (in no particular order).



**Prof Dr Anthony Bewley**  
**Board representative of United Kingdom**  
**2023–2026**

The United Kingdom is a proud member of EADV, and of Europe itself. Where the UK differs is that the specialties of dermatology and venereology are separate and have their own medical communities and faculties. But, as in Europe, we are united in the provision of excellent care for patients and championing clinical and academic advances.

I am honoured to represent the UK at EADV. I have a special interest in psychodermatology. So, my research links are very much with psychiatrists, psychologists and mental-health researchers (e.g. epidemiologists).

I work very closely with the European Society for Dermatology and Psychiatry (ESDaP) [www.psychodermatology.net](http://www.psychodermatology.net) and its current President Prof Laurent. I was president of ESDaP a few years ago and, whilst ESDaP is predominantly European, it has become truly global, largely because we (together with US and other colleagues) have developed a global network of psychodermatology research and clinical excellence. For example, we have recently held the first World Psychodermatology Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, [www.esdap25-wcpd.com](http://www.esdap25-wcpd.com). The work of ESDaP is very much linked to that of EADV; there are several EADV task forces which are specifically interested in the psychological wellbeing of patients: The Psychodermatology Task Force (which I currently lead), the Pruritus Task Force and the Quality of Life Task Force.

I am originally from Liverpool (city of music and football). I graduated from Bristol University and trained in the UK and New Zealand. I am a Consultant Dermatologist in London and an Honorary Professor of Dermatology at Queen Mary University, London. I have had various roles in Psychodermatology UK, ESDaP and the British Association of Dermatologists (BAD). When I attend BAD executive committee meetings, what I hear is dedicated and wholehearted support for EADV, its triumph and its progress.



**Dr Klaus Strömer**  
**Board representative of Germany**  
**2024–2027**

As a dermatologist with over a decade of leadership experience in national professional bodies – including six years as Vice President and eight as President – I have always believed that our profession must shape its own future. Joining the EADV Board was a natural step to bring the voice of practicing dermatologists to the European stage. My motivation is clear: To bridge the gap between clinical realities and strategic decisions, and to make sure that dermatology remains strong, visible and forward-looking.

Within EADV, I focus on strengthening teledermatology as an intelligent, secure and scalable solution across Europe - benefiting both physicians and patients. I am committed to advancing the future of our specialty by making it more attractive to young physicians and by helping the field adapt to rapid technological, demographic and economic change. At the same time, I work to elevate the Academy's role as a strategic voice in global dermatology and to position EADV as a proactive stakeholder in shaping European health policy - particularly in areas such as digitalisation, access to care and safeguarding the independence of our profession.

I encourage my fellow dermatologists - especially those in private practice - to become more involved in the Academy's work. Your expertise is needed. Your perspective is vital. Together, we can ensure that dermatology not only adapts to the future but helps define it.



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#### **38<sup>th</sup> IUSTI Europe Congress**

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#### **13<sup>th</sup> International Forum for the Study of Itch (IFSI) World Congress on Itch**

12–14 October 2025 | Heidelberg, Germany

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#### **15<sup>th</sup> Georg RAJKA International Symposium on Atopic Dermatitis**

24–26 October 2025 | Melbourne, Australia

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#### **15<sup>th</sup> European Hidradenitis Suppurativa (EHSF) International Conference**

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