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A year of growth, advocacy and connection: 2025 Congress highlights and EADV milestones

With more than 20,000 delegates representing 142 countries, 140 participating companies and over 170 scientific sessions, the atmosphere in Paris was one of shared purpose and passion. Our 594 speakers and 4,097 accepted abstracts reflected the incredible breadth and depth of expertise

within our global dermatology and venereology community.

Together, we transformed Paris into a vibrant hub of learning, dialogue and connection. My heartfelt thanks go to all our delegates, speakers, partners and the dedicated EADV staff who made this Congress possible. Your enthusiasm and

commitment continue to define the strength of our Academy.

A year of vision and purpose

Two-thousand-and-twenty-five has also been a pivotal year for the Academy's evolution. We proudly reached over 13,000 members across 134 countries, a testament to EADV's



Among the many memorable moments of the Congress, one that resonated deeply was our Plenary Session keynote lecture by Lucy Cooke, acclaimed zoologist, author and National Geographic explorer. In her talk, *“Live like a sloth, think like an octopus: Lessons from nature’s greatest survivors,”* Lucy explored how unconscious bias has shaped our understanding of the natural world. Her message - that resilience and adaptability can take many unexpected forms - offered an inspiring parallel to our field, where innovation and open-mindedness drive progress every day.

growing global impact and the trust our community places in our mission.

This year, we undertook an important revision of our **Vision and Mission statements**, reaffirming the Academy’s commitment to leading progress in dermatology and venereology.

Global recognition and advocacy

In Europe, our advocacy work reached new levels of visibility and impact.

Together, we have submitted two joint letters to DG SANTE and DG JUST, calling for stronger EU-wide rules on sunbed use - a pressing public health issue too long overlooked.

This is not just a medical issue - it is a matter of public health and consumer safety.

Through our European Parliament event, “Beyond the Glow: The Harmful Effects of Sunbeds on Public Health,” we continue to gather policymakers and leading cancer and dermatology

A year of growth, advocacy and connection

organisations to push for concrete action. It is time for Europe to act.

This year also brought historic recognition for our specialty. The World Health Assembly officially acknowledged skin diseases as a global public health priority, marking a turning point for millions of patients worldwide.

With over 4.69 billion incident cases globally, skin and subcutaneous diseases are among the top ten causes of disability. EADV fully supports the development of a Global Plan of Action on public health responses to skin diseases, reinforcing our advocacy for improved care, education and access across all regions.

Representing EADV worldwide

In 2025, the Academy was also proudly represented on the global stage. We continued our engagement in international collaboration with the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL) in Jaipur, India, the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Annual meeting and Summer Innovation Academy, Canadian Dermatology Association (CDA-ADC) 100th Anniversary, Korean Dermatological Association (KDA), Japanese Dermatological Association (JDA), MEIDAM and ILDS in Cape Town, South Africa. These exchanges

strengthen our shared Europe commitment to advancing the specialty through science, education, and solidarity including our ongoing partnerships with ESDR, EDF and IUSTI Europe.

Looking ahead

As we move into 2026, our collective energy and achievements in Paris set the tone for what lies ahead. The success of this Congress and of this remarkable year is a reflection of each of you: Our members, speakers, partners and staff.

Thank you for your dedication, your curiosity and your belief in the mission of our Academy. Together, we continue to build a future where dermatology and venereology thrive as pillars of global health and patient care.



Branka Marinović

EADV President
(2024–2026)

EADV Vision:

Drives the future of dermatology and venereology by leading progress, empowering a diverse professional community, improving patient care and setting new standards of excellence across Europe and beyond.

EADV Mission:

Advances care, education and research in dermatology and venereology by connecting professionals and fostering innovation worldwide, through events and educational opportunities.

These renewed statements reflect our shared ambition - to continue setting the standard of excellence and to ensure our Academy remains at the forefront of medical, scientific and societal change.

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Editorial

A winter fairy tale

Dermatology and venereology is a medical specialty known for having few Europe-wide specialisation slots, especially in dermatology departments. This can be greatly demotivating and may be a factor in a young physician's decision to not join our specialty. I have employed young physicians from university and who have been active in my research laboratories for many years. There has never been a need to advertise open slots. Until now. A recent structural change meant I announced just one. I unexpectedly had hundreds of applications. It was like a fairy tale!

Over the past decade, dermatology has become one of the most attractive medical specialties, an interest driven by a combination of professional, personal and societal factors. One of the most significant reasons for dermatology's appeal is its favourable work/life balance. Compared to many other medical specialties, dermatology often offers more predictable working hours, fewer night shifts and limited emergency duties.

Dermatology also combines medical, surgical and aesthetic aspects to offer daily diversity in practice.

Dermatologists manage chronic inflammatory diseases, diagnose and treat skin cancers, perform procedural interventions and increasingly engage in cosmetic treatments. This broad scope allows physicians to tailor their practice to their individual interests, enhancing long-term job satisfaction.

Technological and scientific advancements have further increased the specialty's attractiveness. Innovations such as biologic therapies, laser treatments and digital diagnostic tools have transformed dermatology into a highly dynamic and research-driven field. Young physicians are drawn to a specialty that offers opportunities to participate in cutting-edge research and clinical trials.

Economic factors also play an important role. Dermatology is often associated with stable income prospects and flexible career models, including private practice, group practices, hospital-based work and academic careers. The possibility of combining clinical dermatology with aesthetic medicine can further enhance financial security.

Finally, the strong patient-physician

relationship in dermatology contributes to its appeal. Many skin diseases are visible and significantly impact patients' quality of life. Effective treatment often leads to rapid and tangible improvements, providing a sense of accomplishment and meaningful patient impact.

Dermatology's increasing attractiveness among young physicians reflects broader changes in medical career expectations. Its combination of work/life balance, clinical diversity, innovation, economic stability and patient-centred care makes dermatology a highly desirable and future-oriented specialty. This is not a fairy tale but the wonderful truth!



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

Editor



Another record-breaking attendance at EADV Congress

The EADV Congress was held this year in the so-called “City of Lights”, Paris, France, between 17 and 20 September 2025. And it again proved to an exceptional event, attracting 20,108 participants from 142 countries, making it our most successful Congress ever. There were 4,097 accepted abstracts.

The EADV Congress once again had a four-day outstanding programme including keynote

lecturers from all over the world, focus sessions on various subspecialty areas of dermatology, including late-breaking news sessions and workshops. The [on-demand content](#) from the Congress remains available for the three months (until 31 December) after the event.

Live like a sloth

This year, the EADV Congress officially opened with a fascinating talk - “Live like a sloth, think like an octopus: Lessons from nature’s greatest survivors” - by best-selling author, broadcaster and zoologist Lucy Cooke. In the session, she exposed how unconscious bias



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has shaped our understanding of the natural world. In this talk, featuring gorgeous photos and video along with insightful personal anecdotes from the field, Lucy Cooke introduced some of nature's greatest survivors, beyond the bias.

A broad range of learning

EADV Congress provided excellent presentations by renowned experts on various topics

Top attended topics

- ★ Hair disorders
- ★ Dermoscopy for melanoma and melanocytic naevi
- ★ Atopic dermatitis
- ★ Nail disorders
- ★ JAK inhibitors
- ★ Acne
- ★ Hidradenitis suppurativa
- ★ Dermoscopy for non-melanoma skin cancer
- ★ Pigmentary disorders: Hyperpigmentation
- ★ Pigmentary disorders: Hypopigmentation



2025

Submitted abstracts: top 10 categories

- ★ Cutaneous oncology
- ★ Psoriasis
- ★ Atopic Dermatitis / Eczema
- ★ Infectious diseases, parasitic diseases, infestations
- ★ Inflammatory skin diseases
- ★ Autoimmune disorders
- ★ Hair and nail disorders
- ★ Acne and related disorders, hidradenitis suppurativa
- ★ Corrective, aesthetic and cosmetic dermatology, lasers
- ★ Adverse drug reactions, TEN

including hair disorders, dermoscopy for melanoma and melanocytic naevi, atopic dermatitis, nail disorders, JAK inhibitors, acne, hidradenitis suppurativa, dermoscopy for non-melanoma skin cancer, pigmentary disorders: hyperpigmentation, pigmentary disorders: hypopigmentation.

Supporting tomorrow's specialists

EADV also provided a great number of scholarships to support attendees, as always, which is in line with

our mission to support healthcare and health professionals.

Follow @eadv for more highlights from the Congress and news of other EADV activities.

Looking forward to see you in the annual EADV Symposium, Athens, Greece, 7–9 May 2025.

EADV Congress 2026 will take place in Vienna, Austria, between 30 September 2026 and 3 October 2026.



What a conference we had as social media reporters!

The EADV Congress in Paris is over and we had one of the busiest conferences ever in our lives. I am Szabolcs Bozsányi (Szabi) from Hungary and I was one of the awardees who had the opportunity to be part of the social media reporting team at the EADV Congress in Paris, France, between the 17 and 20 September 2025.

Maybe you met one of our team. We were usually the people with smartphones, tripods and microphones running from Hall 1 to Hall 2, and from Hall 2 to Hall 3, trying to catch as many speakers and participants to interview as possible. I hope we brought some joy and infotainment to the event and that this short article will bring back good memories, a sense of nostalgia and perhaps inspire you to join the team in the future.

A chance application

For me, it all started with an Instagram post on EADV's official page on the very day of the deadline to apply. I had only three hours to submit my application, so I sent it without any expectations. I made a short video to apply as a volunteer, using Canva Pro in an Interstellar-movie style, with me talking and Matthew McConaughey appearing at the end. To my surprise, I was accepted. The acceptance letter was signed as "Greetings from planet Miller" - I was happy that they got the joke.

Kicking it all off

We had a kickstart meeting one day before the conference in picturesque Paris and the next day we already

started our challenging assignment. I carried out my job in a semi-chaotic way; I had some ideas in mind about who I wanted to interview and where, but I also left plenty of room for flexibility and laughter along the way.

I was very lucky, because despite the limited time, I managed to interview many fascinating and renowned professors from all over the world: Dr Esperanza Welsh, Dr Ophelia E. Dadzie, Prof Gürkan Kaya, Prof Véronique del Marmol, Dr Hassan Galadari, Dr Leticia Szadai, Dr Norbert Kiss, Dr Maria Tsoukas, Prof Ayse Karadag, Dr Fatima Belgnaoui Zahra, Dr Diala Haykal, Prof Carmen Cantisani, Prof Jo Lambert and Prof Rolland Gyulai, as well as several EADV residents and EADV President Prof Branka Marinović. Thank you all very much for your time and patience and for giving us such wonderful insights. All of the interviews can be found online on EADV's or our own Instagram pages.

An outstanding event

The sessions were amazing. I attended as many sessions as humanly possible besides the interviews. My personal favourites were the dermoscopy session, "Writing

Your Paper from Scratch," and the European Society for Dermatology and Psychiatry (ESDaP) session, which beautifully closed the whole conference. And Paris, as always, was wonderful. As Victor Hugo said, "Respirer Paris, cela conserve l'âme."

A winning team

The Communication Team greeted us with warmth and kindness. Jose Mazza, Oliver de Leeuw and Gerdie Schreuders provided us with all the necessary information and guided us on how to prepare for this role.

The social media reporters were superb, Dr Joanna Goldberg, Dr Avend Bamarni, Dr Amy Perkins, Dr Kristine Josephine, Dr Georgia Gilbert and Dr Sarai Guevara, what a vibrant, intelligent and inspiring team! I loved working with everyone and I am so glad that we became good friends and still keep in touch. I wish the same for future social media teams; to find as wonderful people as I found here.



Dr Szabolcs Bozsányi

Social Media Reporter 2025



Celebrating excellence: EADV 2025 awards

Each year, EADV honours outstanding individuals whose achievements have advanced the fields of dermatology and venereology. The 2025 EADV Awards once again highlighted the dedication, innovation and global collaboration that define our community. This year's honourees exemplify excellence across science, clinical care, service and international leadership, reflecting EADV's commitment to advancing dermatology and venereology for the benefit of patients worldwide.

EADV Scientific Achievement Award

Professor Alexander Stratigos
(Greece)

*Presented by Professor
Carmen Salavastru*

The EADV Scientific Achievement Award celebrates individuals whose research and innovation have

significantly advanced the scientific understanding and management of skin and venereal diseases.

Professor Alexander Stratigos receives this recognition for his pioneering contributions to skin cancer research and his leadership in improving prevention, diagnosis and treatment strategies across Europe and beyond.

EADV Clinical Care Award

Professor Nikolay Tsankov
(Bulgaria)

Presented by Professor Erkan Alpsoy

The EADV Clinical Care Award honours those who demonstrate exceptional commitment to patient care and clinical excellence.

Professor Nikolay Tsankov is recognised for his outstanding contributions to clinical dermatology, his dedication to mentoring generations of clinicians and his tireless efforts to elevate patient outcomes through compassionate and evidence-based care.



EADV Distinguished Service Award

Professor Martino Neumann
(The Netherlands)

Presented by Professor Menno de Rie

The EADV Distinguished Service Award acknowledges individuals who have made lasting contributions through leadership, advocacy, education and service to the dermatology and venereology community.

Professor Martino Neumann is honoured for his decades-long dedication to advancing vascular dermatology and his unwavering commitment to strengthening the EADV's educational and professional initiatives.

EADV International Awards

EADV International Awards celebrate individuals outside Europe whose work has had a profound global impact on dermatology and venereology. This year, three outstanding international leaders are recognised for their exceptional scientific, clinical and educational contributions worldwide.

Professor Johann Gudjonsson
(United States)

Presented by Professor Martin Röcken

Honoured for his groundbreaking research in the field of inflammatory skin diseases, Professor Gudjonsson's work continues to shape the global understanding of psoriasis pathogenesis and immunology, advancing precision medicine and translational dermatology.

Professor Wilma Bergfeld
(United States)

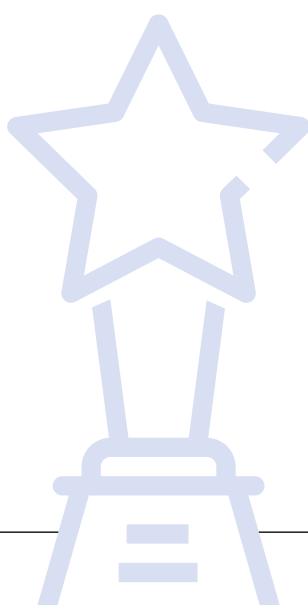
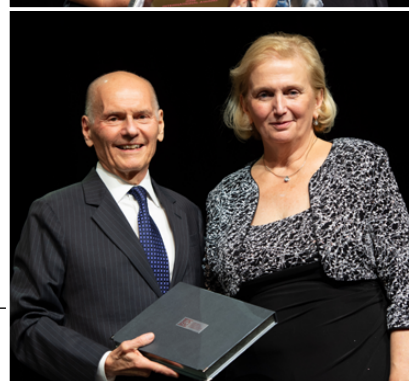
Presented by Professor Branka Marinović to Professor Kenneth Tomecki (on behalf of WB)

A pioneer in dermatopathology and hair disorders, Professor Bergfeld is recognised for her lifelong commitment to advancing dermatological science, mentoring generations of physicians and championing women in dermatology worldwide.

Professor Valeria Aoki
(Brazil)

Presented by Professor Margarida Gonçalves

Professor Aoki is celebrated for her leadership and research in autoimmune and bullous skin diseases and for her dedication to fostering dermatological education and collaboration throughout Latin America and globally.



EADV Games –second edition

This year's exciting competition kicked off with the two co-hosts emerging from the darkness camouflaged in silver and gold helmets to the music of Daft Punk's 'One More Time.' Arriving at the stage, they danced together before removing the helmets à la Daft Punk to reveal Prof Frédéric Caux from Paris, France, in his signature grey suit with 'tricolour' bowtie and Prof Dedee Murrell from Sydney, Australia, wearing a silver sequin-studded dress and matching shoes. Given the popularity of this session last year, the room size was twice that of last year. .

Once the excitement in the room had died down, the rules of the games were explained using examples from EADV Treasurer, Menno de Rie, who explained via AI-assisted video that the answer to 'what is the unique idea in my mind' is 'I need a lot of money'; EADV immediate past Secretary, Carmen Salavastru, for whom the answer to 'what does she do in her spare time?' was her AI image singing a witty song as if singing karaoke; and EADV President-Elect, Marie Aleth Richard, for whom 'works hard' was answered by her

AI-adjusted image in black leggings and a gym routine.

Meeting the competitors

The first round featured three sets of six countries, each with four brave contestants introducing themselves with an amusing slide and wearing

newly minted EADV Games t-shirts and caps. The first three to answer three questions correctly went through to Round 2. And so on it went until four countries competed for the two places in the final – the pressure was on as last year's winner, France, and runner-up, Poland, were eliminated.

And the winners were....

The final between Spain and Romania was neck and neck with match point occurring when Spain held nine points and Romania seven points. Spain answered the final question correctly first, achieving 10 points to win the competition, free registration for each winner to the EADV Congress in Vienna in 2026 and the admiration of the audience.





Will you compete in 2026?

To compete in 2026, your country's EADV Board Members need to nominate your team early as only 18 European countries may compete. Start preparing early with a good mentor!

Auf wiedersehen and see you in Wien (Vienna) next year!

Prof Dedee F. Murrell,
Sydney - Australia

Prof Frédéric Caux,
Bobigny - France



Supporting the next generation: A commitment to excellence

Supporting young dermatologists is one of the most powerful investments in the future of our specialty. Having been a scholarship applicant myself, I know how valuable these opportunities can be. Receiving support early in my career opened doors, broadened my horizons and inspired me to help others. Becoming part of the EADV Honours & Awards Committee felt like a natural way to give back and contribute to the growth of future generations.

During the recent Scholarship Ceremony in Paris, France, I was deeply moved by the enthusiasm and diversity of our winners. Their passion for science, learning and patient care reflects the very best of our field. Discover some of their experiences below.

Applying for an EADV scholarship is, for many young dermatologists, a defining step in their professional journey. It opens doors to new ideas, lifelong connections and inspiration that shapes their careers. Supporting young talent today helps make sure that dermatology continues to advance through innovation, compassion and shared purpose - values that make our community truly exceptional.

Five new grant categories—EADV-AAD, EADV-CILAD, EADV-SDS,

EADV-FSD, and EADV-ESDR—were introduced, celebrating 66 winners from 51 countries. These initiatives strengthen EADV's global impact and commitment to inclusivity.



Prof Aleksandra Lesiak
EADV Honours & Awards
Committee Member, Poland

182
valid
applications

66
recipients

The Michael
Hornstein
Memorial
Scholarship
19
winners

The
John Stratigos
Memorial
Scholarship
9
winners

Reciprocal
Grant
13
winners

The
Imrich Sarkany
Non-European
Memorial
24
winners

Best
Researcher
Award
1
winner



Gabriela Blanchard | Resident in Dermatology, Switzerland Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarship

Winning this Michael Hornstein Memorial Scholarship has allowed me to deepen my knowledge in dermatology and connect with leading experts in the field, strengthening both my clinical and research skills. I'm particularly interested in the field of cutaneous lymphoma, for both clinical practice and research.

Participating in the EADV Congress enabled me to broaden my perspectives and enhanced my knowledge, allowing me to improve both my research skills and patient care. It also reinforced the importance of integrating cutting-edge research with everyday clinical practice. I learned a lot about new therapies and multidisciplinary approaches that will definitely influence how I work going forward.



From left to right:
Prof Margarida Gonalo (Secretary General), Dr Gabriela Blanchard,
Prof Asja Prohic (Honours & Awards Committee Chair)

Roberta Giuffrida | Assistant Professor, University of Messina, Italy John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship

This John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship offered me a unique opportunity to broaden my scientific and clinical perspective. Attending the EADV Congress allowed me to update my knowledge on the latest therapeutic advances and clinical guidelines, while also engaging in inspiring discussions with international colleagues. These insights will directly influence my daily practice, improving my management of patients with complex dermatological conditions. Moreover, the

experience has motivated me to further develop my research activities, with the aim of contributing to innovative strategies for patient care and fostering collaborations at an international level. I would strongly encourage young dermatologists and researchers to apply, as the experience is not only academically enriching but also personally inspiring. Taking this step can open new perspectives and provide valuable recognition early in one's career.



From left to right:
Prof Erkan Alpsoy (Board Representative to the EC),
Dr Roberta Giuffrida, Prof Asja Prohic (Honours & Awards Committee Chair)



From left to right:
Dr Markus Vincent Starink (Honours & Awards Committee Member), Dr Alexander Woods,
Prof Asja Prohic (Honours & Awards Committee Chair)

Alexander Woods | MD, University of Illinois College of Medicine, US | EADV-AAD Grant

Attending the EADV Congress 2025 meeting in Paris, France, through the Scholarship Programme was a truly exceptional and inspiring experience. I am deeply grateful and honoured to be awarded a scholarship to attend the conference and meet and learn from internationally renowned leaders in the field. The EADV Congress was invigorating, discovering groundbreaking research for a vast array of dermatologic conditions and the latest updates and innovations in treatments—some not yet

available in the US. Meeting and networking with the many internationally distinguished leaders was equally exhilarating. Lastly, the Scholarship Ceremony was particularly memorable, as it was great to meet EADV leadership and my extremely talented fellow resident recipients from around the world, learn about their journeys, form new friendships and celebrate the diversity and shared purpose that define our specialty.

Mustafa Nooruldeen Abdulqader AlHafdh | Dermatologist, Assistant Lecturer at the Ninevah University, Iraq | Imrich Sarkany Non-European Memorial Scholarship

Attending the EADV Congress for the first time was a truly meaningful experience. Coming from far away, it was not easy to make the journey, but I believed that the opportunity to learn and engage at this level was worth every effort. I applied for the EADV Imrich Sarkany Memorial Non-European Memorial Scholarship seeking inspiration and a direct connection to the international dermatology community. Being selected was a dream come true, affirming that I was on the right path and

opening a door to unparalleled learning opportunities. Attending the EADV Congress has been a significant milestone in my career. It felt like joining a family of people who truly care about advancing dermatology together. The entire experience was a whirlwind of incredible moments. This scholarship has not only expanded my clinical knowledge, but has also reinvigorated my passion for dermatology.



**Mustafa Nooruldeen
Abdulqader Al Hafdh**

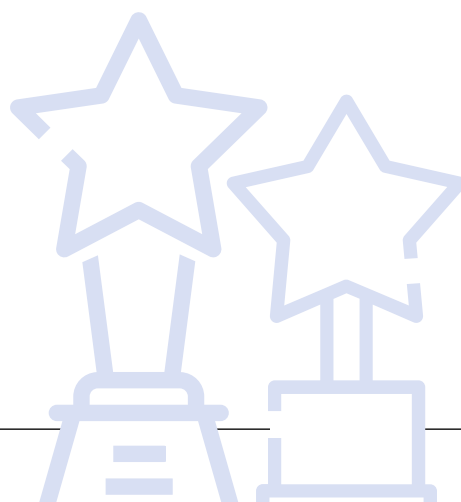


Vinay Keshava Murthy

Vinay Keshava Murthy | Additional Professor, India | EADV Best Researcher Award

It was a true honour to receive the Imrich Sarkany Memorial Scholarship at the 23rd EADV Congress in Amsterdam in 2014 – my very first international meeting. That experience was not only academically enriching, but also opened doors for future collaborations and mentorship. Over the years, I was always inspired by the 10-minute talks delivered by the 'Lecturer of the Year' awardees. What struck me most was how the EADV alumni club stood apart – a closely-knit community where members continue to feel connected and supported well beyond their initial involvement. To now receive the EADV

Best Researcher Award – formerly the Lecturer of the Year Award – feels both humbling and inspiring. It is the highest honour from the EADV Honours & Awards Committee and, for me, represents not only recognition of my work, but also a responsibility. It strengthens my resolve to advance dermatology research, especially for patients with skin of colour, and to make sure that science continues to translate into better patient care. More than an award, it is a catalyst to push boundaries and contribute more meaningfully to the field.



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VIENNA
30 SEP-3 OCT



Psychodermatology: What is it?

Psychodermatology (psychocutaneous medicine) is a field at the interface of dermatology and psychiatry, involving dermatologists, psychologists, psychiatrists, psychosomaticians, paediatricians and their teams (see *JEADV* 2023;37:2419-2427). Consequently, only healthcare professionals are authorised to practice psychodermatology and teach it.



EADV Psychodermatology Task Force meeting, Paris, France, September 2025

Considering social and psychological factors

Experts working in the field of psychodermatology recognise that many skin conditions have a psychological component and base their work - both clinical and research - on the biopsychosocial model of disease and health. This model considers social and psychological factors in addition to biological factors to partly explain disease symptoms. Additionally, skin diseases can have important psychological consequences. Psychodermatology therefore advocates a

multidisciplinary approach to the treatment of skin patients in whom psychological factors seem to play a role.

Skin symptoms and psychological factors

Skin diseases for which correlations between the occurrence of the disease and/or the severity of skin symptoms and psychological factors such as anxiety or depression have been shown include - but are not limited to - atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, seborrheic dermatitis, acne, chronic urticaria and chronic prurigo. There

is also a relationship between psychological stress and symptoms of skin diseases. It is supposed that under stress, patients with skin disorders develop dysfunctional coping methods, such as catastrophising thoughts, which may contribute to a worsening of the disease. There are some specific psychodermatological disorders where the role of psychological disorders is huge in the pathophysiology of skin lesions (like dermatitis artefacta or skin picking syndrome) or sensory skin disorders (like delusional parasitosis or burning mouth syndrome).

Taking a psychodermatological approach

The psychodermatological approach aims to identify associations between psychological factors and signs of skin conditions in patients with skin diseases to offer and apply certain psychological therapies or interventions to these patients. Interventions comprise cognitive behavioural therapies, psychodynamic therapies, mindfulness-based interventions, stress management and relaxation trainings, among others.

Psychodermatology in Europe

In Europe, psychodermatology is organised under the umbrella of [EADV's Psychodermatology Task Force](#) and the [European Society for Dermatology and Psychiatry](#) (ESDaP), which are closely associated.

Training and events

There is a psychodermatology diploma, which is only open to dermatologists, psychiatrists and

psychologists: <https://www.psychodermatology.net/about-7>. An international classification of psychodermatological disorders under the auspices of ESDaP, EADV and APMNA (Association for Psychocutaneous Medicine of North America) has been published ([JEADV 2024;38:645-656](#)).

The recent EADV Congress in Paris, France, was also the [1st World Psychodermatology Congress](#). The next ESDaP congress will take place in 2028 in Wroclaw, Poland, and a symposium in association with the British Association of Dermatologists (BAD) will be soon held in Manchester, UK, (30 June-1 July 2026).

Further reading

The ESDaP Executive Committee and EADV Psychodermatology Task

Force have recently warned about the lies and dangers associated with certain cosmetics. An editorial will be published in the *JEADV* and a commentary on the definition of neurocosmetics and the use of cosmetics in psychodermatology will be published in *Clin Dermatol*, in association with APMNA.

Through ESDaP studies, supported by our task force, research and collaboration between European countries have reached unprecedented levels. The ESDaP I study resulted in 16 publications and the ESDaP II study has led to nine publications so far. The ESDaP III study will begin shortly.

It is particularly satisfying to see the growing recognition of psychodermatology by the entire dermatology

community and the current revival of this approach with the arrival of many young colleagues.



Laurent Misery MD, PhD

Professor of Dermatology and Venerology, University of Brest, France
Head of the Department of Dermatology at the University Hospital of Brest and the French Expert Centre on Pruritus

Chair of EADV Psychodermatology Task Force

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More than meetings: A personal reflection on the EADV Communications Committee

The month of June 2025 remains special for me as an ingrained bond that formed between EADV's Communications Committee members. As a junior co-opted member of the team coming from Nepal, it is an enriching experience to be part of this esteemed group and to share interactions with some of the greatest minds in global dermatology. It has indeed become a dream come true for me. I had never imagined being in this very place, years ago, when I first became

an EADV member on a scholarship waiver, sitting in front of my computer in my hostel room in Nepal. For this, I remain forever grateful to the committee's dedication to inclusivity and diversity.

The EADV Communications Committee is an integral part of EADV. Its sole purpose is to foster communication amongst EADV members and disseminate our activities, Congresses and training opportunities to participants. Team members meet virtually every month to plan activities relating to EADV Congresses and Symposia, selecting social media reporters,

finalising promotional banners, creating social media content for event promotion, designating awareness campaigns and more. The team frequently contributes to *EADV News* through the submission of reports and articles.

Global and inclusive

The Communications Committee has become more global and inclusive, now comprising members from Albania, Australia, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Nepal, Romania, UK, USA and Uzbekistan. The team's dedication is demonstrated in our continued progress in driving EADV communications forward across diverse activities.

How do we secure improvements? Via our monthly (online or in-person) meetings, the focus of which is to brainstorm ideas, align strategies and create engaging content that





strengthens our communications and reaches our audience effectively. It is worth noting that in-person meetings tend to be far more memorable. These moments usually take place during EADV's flagship events, EADV Symposium and EADV Congress, or at the EADV's offices in Lugano, Switzerland.

Saying farewell

While in Lugano in June, which marked my first in-person meeting, the occasion became especially moving as we bid farewell to our outgoing Chair of the EADV Communications Committee, Professor Dedee Murrell. We reflected on our outstanding achievements accomplished under her leadership. During the period, her integrity and values were reflected in the reinforced inclusivity of board members from around the world and from varied backgrounds. Her dedication not only to the committee but also to the Academy is truly remarkable. We also bid goodbye to an outstanding committee member and lifelong friend who completed her term, Asli Bilgic.

Enjoying a social moment

Afterwards, we gathered for a delightful dinner, enjoying excellent food, wine, conversation and music that created memories to last a lifetime. Moments like these highlight the human side of the Academy, reminding us that beyond our professional achievements, it is the personal connections and shared experiences that truly strengthen our community.

Welcoming Prof Mariano Suppa

The committee chairmanship is now in the excellent hands of Prof Mariano Suppa from Brussels, Belgium, who remains committed to the committee's vision to foster communication for increased academic standards in global dermatology education. He remains committed to continuing and improving the activities of our global team of enthusiasts with his visionary leadership. I am looking forward to the exciting developments and achievements that lie ahead under his guidance.



Dr Prajwal Pudasaini, M.D

EADV Communications
Committee member (Nepal)

Why be an EADV Member?

This year has been significant for the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV). Our recent Congress welcomed over 20,000 delegates, a record in participation, while membership surpassed 13,300 professionals. These milestones reinforce our role as Europe's leading network for dermatology and venereology. We share these achievements with gratitude and would like to take the opportunity to outline how EADV membership continues to evolve in response to the needs of our community.

Who are our members?

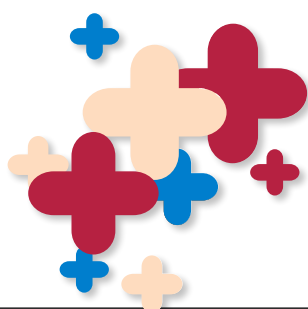
EADV brings together professionals dedicated to advancing dermatology and venereology across Europe and beyond. Our membership includes dermatologists, venereologists, scientists, residents, nurses, medical students and other healthcare professionals.

The diversity of our membership fosters collaboration, supports professional development and strengthens the exchange of knowledge across clinical practice, research, education and policy; all united by a shared commitment to improving skin and sexual health globally.

Member benefits

EADV membership offers a range of resources and opportunities designed to support professional growth, learning and collaboration.

Some long-standing benefits are well known, while new ones, available from the 2026 membership year, further expand access to educational and professional materials.



BENEFITS

Reduced fees for EADV events	Members benefit from substantially lower registration rates for EADV Congresses and Symposia: About three times lower than non-member fees.
Access to JEADV	Members have online access to current and past issues of the <i>Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology</i> (JEADV).
Discounted publishing in JEADV Clinical Practice (JEACP)	Members receive a 20% reduction in publication fees for articles submitted to JEADV Clinical Practice, our open-access companion journal.
Educational resources	Access to a range of scientific and clinical materials (JAMA Dermatology, NEJM), dermatology books (Rook's Textbook-10 th edition), CME-accredited courses, and online or hands-on training. Exclusive access to on-demand education, webcasts and podcasts developed by experts.
Community, visibility and advocacy	Membership connects you with the largest dermatology and venereology network in Europe, helping strengthen the representation of our speciality at European institutions.
Grants, scholarships and fellowships	Members are eligible to apply for EADV funding opportunities supporting attendance at scientific meetings, research and medical training.

Membership renewals are now open!

Make sure your dues are credited to the EADV by Saturday, 31 January 2026.

New from 2026

New from 2026 onwards, members will gain full online access to recordings from past EADV Congresses and Symposia (from 2020 onwards), enabling convenient on-demand viewing of scientific sessions.

More than a membership

Being an EADV member is more than saving on fees.

It is:

A way to keep your practice at the frontier of dermatology and venereology through continuous learning

A means to collaborate with colleagues across Europe and beyond

A platform to contribute to guidelines, research and training future generations

A way to ensure our voice is heard in policy and advocacy discussions at the European level

Next steps

Members are encouraged to make sure their 2026 renewal is up to date. Professionals not yet part of EADV are invited to consider joining us to engage with our broad community and the educational and professional opportunities we offer.

We look forward to growing the EADV community and making it ever stronger, together advancing knowledge, excellence and care in dermatology and venereology.



Professor Margarida Gonçalves
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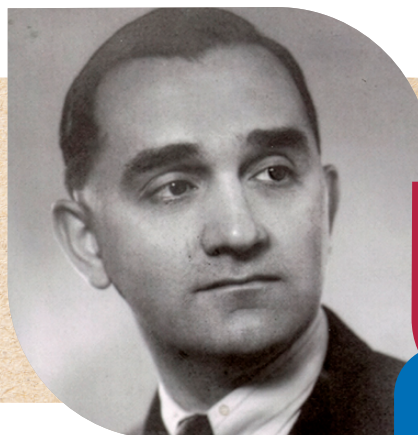
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Eugene (Jenő) Follmann



1898–1977

Eugene (Jenő) Follmann (1898–1977) was an Hungarian dermatologist and dermatopathologist who practiced dermatology and dermatopathology for over a half century on two continents: Europe and South America. He published well into his seventies and is most remembered for the balanitis that bears his name, an uncommon manifestation of primary syphilis that can pose a diagnostic challenge to today's clinician.

Eugene Follmann was born in Budapest, Hungary, and attended the University of Pázmány Péter, Budapest (1924). He worked at the Department of Dermatology of the University of Erzsébet, Pecs, Hungary (1923–1938). He received a PhD in 1935 ("Doctor of Science"). During the 1940s, Eugene Follmann held the title of Associate Professor, Chief Physician, of the Dermatology section of the Outpatient Clinic of the Hungarian State Employees Health

Insurance Fund (OBTA), Budapest. He published at least 18 contributions while in Hungary, the most recognised being his 1948 presentation on syphilitic balanitis (1), although he references his earlier publications on this topic in 1931 and 1939.

In 1948, Eugene Follmann, his wife Victoria and two sons, Zsolt and Eugene emigrated to Buenos Aires, Argentina, aboard the ship *Campana*. In his 1973 book, entitled *Human Melanin* (2), he lists his academic title

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as "Director of Investigative Laboratory of Clinic of Dermatology, University of Buenos Aires" as well as six other professorships and academic titles he had held in Pecs (Budapest), Kolozsvár (Hungary), Buenos Aires (Argentina), Paris (France) and Berlin (Germany). He published over 40 papers in Argentine dermatology journals often in *Revista Argentina de Dermatologia* (*Dermatologia Argentina*). He died in Buenos Aires in 1977.

Follmann balanitis

The term "balanitis" is derived from the Greek *balanos* meaning "acorn" and refers to the inflammation of the glans penis which is shaped like an acorn. One interesting, but uncommon manifestation of primary syphilis is Follmann balanitis. It can present as a balanitis with or without an accompanying chancre or lymphadenopathy. Clinical findings include papules and plaques on the glans or erosions and crusted lesions with edematous changes. The balanitis may be painful and has been sometimes reported to occur in the setting of secondary syphilis.

The balanitis is named in honour of Eugene Follmann who first described it.

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Face-to-face activities

2025–26

2025

DECEMBER

Autoimmune diseases in dermatology

Jean-David Bouaziz

11–12 December 2025

Paris, France

Non invasive imaging in dermatology

Juliana Monnier, Mariano Suppa, Elisa Cinotti

2–4 March 2026

Marseille, France

2026

JANUARY

Genodermatoses: Basic and Practical Aspects

Johann Bauer

12–13 January 2026

Salzburg, Austria

Advanced surgery on cadavers

Elena Rossi

6–8 March 2026

Verona, Italy

Dermoscopy in Clinical Practice

Ahmed Sadek

16–17 January 2026

Vienna, Austria

Dermatologic Ultrasound in Clinical and Aesthetic Dermatology

Fernando Alfageme

16–18 April 2026

Madrid, Spain

FEBRUARY

Hidradenitis suppurativa: Current status and developments

Christos C. Zouboulis

Michael J. Boffa

2–3 February 2026

Valletta, Malta

MAY

Hair Transplantation Hands-on workshop

Krystallia Kyparissou

21–23 May 2026

Athens, Greece

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

An introduction in phlebology with hands on training

Liselot Vink

21–22 May 2026

Rotterdam, the Netherlands

MARCH

Mohs Surgery

Maria Goreti Catorze

2–3 March 2026

Lisboa, Portugal

Mature Skin

Carmen Salavastru

3–5 June

Bucharest, Romania

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

David Moreno-Ramírez

4–6 March 2026

Seville, Spain

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

Intermediate surgery for residents

Myrto Trakatelli

2–4 July

Thessaloniki, Greece

Check our [website](#) for information about courses for 2025–2026



Meet the EADV Board



**Prof Dr Marcel
Bekkenk**

**Board representative
for the Netherlands**

2025–2028

It is an honour to be elected to be EADV Board member for the Netherlands. I am looking

forward to being part of this strong and growing international organisation dedicated to advancing dermatological care, research and education. My mission is to strengthen collaboration and enhance knowledge sharing across borders. Bringing together diverse clinical experiences, scientific insights and cultural perspectives to collectively advance our field.

I have been a fulltime professor of dermatology and head of the department of dermatology at the Amsterdam University Medical Centre (UMC) in the Netherlands since 2021. After completion of my dermatology training and my PhD in Leiden, I worked as a dermatologist in several institutions, before starting work in UMC in 2013.

My research is mainly focused on pigment disorders and skin cancer therapy. Recently, I became interim head of the department of dermatology of the National Cancer institute/Antoni van Leeuwenhoek hospital where I am investigating new collaborative options to improve care for skin cancer patients, together with regional experts in this field.

I have an open mind for innovative approaches for dermatological patients, while making sure that we remain grounded in the strong foundation of evidence-based research.

Within our department, the first professor of dermatology and venerology in the Netherlands was appointed by the University of Amsterdam in 1851.



**Dr Pedro Mendes-
Bastos**

**Board representative
for Portugal**

2023–2026

I herald from a generation that already grew up with EADV. Within the Academy, I found rigor-

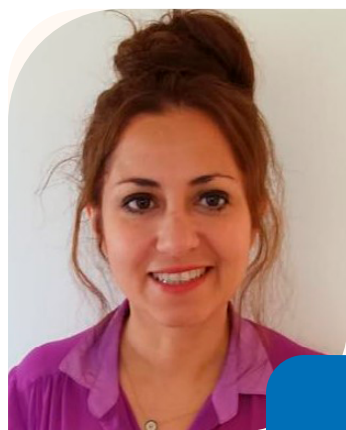
ous training, mentorship and the chance to learn from key opinion leaders - experiences that shaped my career. I was deeply grateful to have been elected to the EADV Board in 2023 and I have a strong desire to give back. There are many reasons for being part of the EADV family. If I had to pinpoint the most relevant, I would select three: Scientific excellence, modern, accessible education and genuine European collaboration across hospitals, academia, research networks and, of course, dermatologists.

As a Board Member, I feel responsible for safeguarding what makes EADV unique - independence, quality and a truly European spirit - while driving the Academy forward. That means accelerating our digital transformation (hybrid learning, micro-learning, on-demand resources) and preserving what cannot be digitised: Face-to-face exchange, stronger in-person networks and a reinforced Congress as our flagship forum. It also means fostering inclusion that reflects Europe's diversity - valuing the differences that make each member unique while nurturing the common matrix that defines our shared ethos.

We must find new ways to advance EADV in a rapidly changing world marked by global instability, uncertainty about medical practice in the age of AI and challenges we cannot yet fully see. We must defend people living with skin and venereal diseases and affirm dermatology and venerology as a broad, multifaceted specialty, driven by therapeutic and care innovation and committed to excellence.

With openness and ambition, I hope to help EADV remain the place where ideas grow and where every young dermatologist finds a path and the support to deliver better care.

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 Mahtab Samimi

Board representative for France

2025–2028

I am Professor of Dermatology at the University of Tours and, since March 2025, Head of the Dermatology Department. My academic and clinical career has been dedicated to onco-dermatology, with a particular focus on rare skin cancers such as Merkel cell carcinoma, combining patient care, research and the education of future dermatologists.

I have been an active member of EADV since 2014, contributing regularly as a speaker at annual Congresses and other educational initiatives. Since 2017, I have chaired the EADV Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer Task Force and launched the Skin Cancer online course on the EADV learning platform. These responsibilities have offered the opportunity to foster collaboration, mentorship and innovation in the field.

Beyond the Academy, I serve as Secretary General in the French Society of Dermatology (FSD), a position I have held since 2025, for which I have also held mandates as Vice-President (2022–2024) and Board Member since 2021. I am also involved in several national expert groups, including the Rare Skin Cancer Network (CARADERM) and the Oral Mucosa Group (GEMUB), where I currently serve as President.

Joining the EADV Board at the Symposium in Prague 2025 was a great honour. As a Board Member representing France, my aim is to strengthen communication between the Academy and our members, advocate for colleagues and contribute to the Academy's strategic development, so that, together, we can continue advancing excellence in dermatology across Europe and beyond.



Prof Dr Danka Svecova

Board representative for Slovakia

2023–2026

My academic career is closely connected with Comenius University in Bratislava, where I began and have continued my professional journey at the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Dermatovenerology. In 2014, I was promoted to Professor of Dermatology and Venerology.

Throughout my career, I have been deeply involved in graduate education and postgraduate training of certified dermatologists in Slovakia. It has been my privilege to mentor many doctors and students, guiding them through their education in dermatology, specialisation and academic growth toward a PhD degree.

My research in dermatology began with registry-based studies focused on mycology and borreliosis, later expanding to inflammatory skin diseases such as psoriasis, atopic dermatitis and autoimmune bullous disorders. My scientific interests also led me to research stays at Hokkaido University in Japan and Charles University in the Czech Republic, experiences that greatly enriched my professional growth.

At present, I lead a specialised department for autoimmune bullous disorders at the Department of Dermatovenerology, University Hospital Bratislava.

It is a great honour for me to represent my Slovak colleagues on the EADV Board. I have been a proud EADV member since 1996, the first Slovak member, and have participated in numerous Academy activities over the years. EADV is an inspiring community that connects dermatologists from across Europe and beyond. Our Congress and Symposium are always both professionally enriching and personally rewarding, uniting dermatologists into one strong and vibrant society - a society that not only advances our specialty but also has the potential to influence health policy and political decisions within the European Union.



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Calendar of Events

2026

15th European Hidradenitis Suppurativa (EHSF) International Conference

4–6 February 2026 | Valletta, Malta

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2nd International Conference on Tropical Dermatology World Congress on Itch

11–13 March 2026 | Colombo, Sri Lanka

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22nd EADO Congress

23–25 April 2026 | Prague, Czechia

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EADV Symposium

7–9 May 2026 | Athen, Greece

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3rd Global Summit on Polymer Science & Composite Materials Conference

24–25 August 2026 | Paris, France

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International Society of Dermatopathology XLV Symposium World Congress on Itch

24–26 September 2026 | London, UK

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30 September–3 October 2026 | Vienna, Austria

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5–7 November 2026 | Beyrouth, Lebanon

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2027

7th World Congress of Dermoscopy 2027

12–15 May 2027 | Lyon, France

26th World Congress of Dermatology

21–26 June 2027 | Guadalajara, Mexico

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22–25 September | Amsterdam, the Netherlands

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