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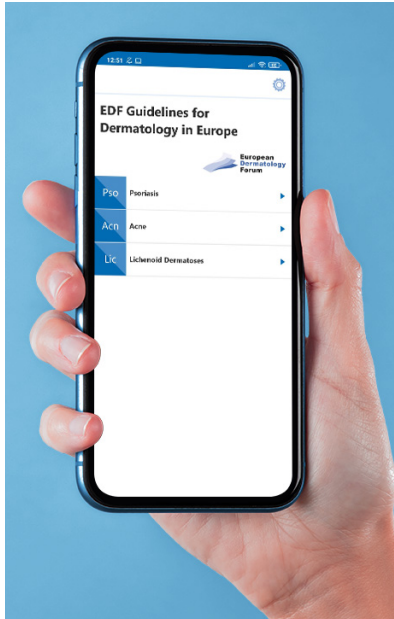
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# DEAR EDF MEMBER

**A**lthough the Coronavirus pandemic has also affected some of the activities of the EDF in 2021, the EDF Newsletter will try to keep you updated as a reliable form of information even in difficult times and is meant to inform you about the upcoming activities of the EDF.

The EDF, by involving you as key opinion leaders and Professors from all over Europe, aims to strengthen the position of Dermato-Venereology and to improve healthcare needs of patients across the continent. To achieve these goals, and with your support, we will keep interacting with industry, academia, government, patients' organizations and society. We will be promoting our specialty through the following activities:

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## EDF ANNUAL MEETING

**T**he 25th EDF Annual Meeting is planned to take place from January 20-22, 2022 in the Hotel Suisse Majestic in Montreux. The program starts with our traditional plenary guest lectures. This year Prof. Cédric Blanpain, a world-leading scientist in the field of tumorigenesis, will speak about “Stem cells and non-melanoma skin cancer”, followed by a lecture on “The illusion of skin color” by Prof. Nina G. Jablonski from Penn. State Univ. in the US. More plenary lectures will follow on Friday afternoon with Prof. Antonio Torrelo speaking about the “Clinical challenges in genodermatoses” and Prof. Johann Bauer on “Gene editing and therapy of genodermatoses”. Two well-established highlights will be our interactive forums. The first one on Teledermatology, chaired by Prof. Marie-Aleth Richard, CHU de Marseille, includes Prof. Paola Pasquali discussing the “Types of teledermatology, chances and dangers” and Prof. David Moreno Ramirez who will talk on “Teledermatology during COVID 19 and the Spanish Teledermatology experience”. Additionally, Prof. April

Armstrong’s lecture will describe “Telepsoriasis care in the U.S.” and Prof. Claire Fuller will present on “Teledermatology - a chance for underserved African patients?”. This session will be closed by an interactive discussion on general Teledermatology. The second forum moderated by Prof. Thomas Krieg will be on aging. Prof. Björn Schumacher will speak about basic mechanisms of aging, while Prof. Christopher Griffith and Prof. Heyo K. Kroemer will discuss skin aging and the impact of aging on healthcare, respectively. The program will be complemented by industry symposia and commissions groups.

I am certain that we can all look forward to productive and interactive discussions on these stimulating topics. To register and make hotel reservations please look at the EDF homepage.

 [EDF Meeting Website](#)



The following new members were accepted in January 2021 during the EDF Annual Meeting:

**Sara Brown, UK**

**Carmen Salavastru, Romania**

**Alan Irvine, Ireland**

**Julien Seneschal, France**

**Paolo Gisondi, Italy**

**Sirkku Peltonen, Sweden**

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## 2 EURODERM EXCELLENCE

**T**he 17th “EDF Euroderm Excellence” course had to be postponed

from last November to April 2021. Although it was held virtually, the course comprised overview talks and interactive workshops and was a great success receiving excellent feedback from the speakers and participants. We are intending to conduct the 18th “EDF

Euroderm Excellence” course live on November 16-19 in Rome (Italy). However, we will reassess the Corona situation at the end of September. This course will be once again supported by Lilly. Excellent candidates have already been selected (100 participants out of 169 applications in total) and the program finalized.

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# 3 ADVANCED EURODERM EXCELLENCE

**A**fter the successful launch of the new “EDF Advanced Euroderm Excellence” course this January, the EDF Board has decided to conduct the course again during the next EDF Annual Meeting in January 2022. Twenty carefully selected participants from the original “EDF Euroderm Excellence” course, who are expected to be the future opinion leaders in our specialty, have been invited to participate in this course. The aim of the program is to provide training in areas such as managing a clinical department, risk management, role of global dermatology, compliance regulations etc. and to strengthen

skills in these areas. The course is also designed to further stimulate the dermatological careers of the participants. Renowned dermatologists will provide lectures on grant-writing, lecturing skills, but also provide overviews on career planning. The course is sponsored by Pharma.



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# 4 WHITE BOOK

**T**he 6th edition 2020 of the EDF White Book has been updated and new chapters on important topics in dermato-venereology are included such as specific infections, body dysmorphic syndrome and psychologic impact of skin diseases or nutritional deficiencies and skin disorders. The White Book describes in general the burden of skin and sexually transmitted infections within Europe and shows how provision of care and costs vary across the continent. A directory of national dermatological associations, European dermatology societies and patient organizations, is included to provide a complete and valuable resource that will be useful to everyone involved in health care policy decision making. The White Book should be of interest to a

broad spectrum of policy makers including medical schools and hospital administrators, as well as politicians, health care providers, physicians belonging to different medical disciplines, the pharmaceutical and medico-technical industry, patient support groups and not at least dermato-venereologists. A new Edition 7 is planned in 2023.

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## ORDER NOW!

**The Challenge of Skin Diseases in Europe, 6th Edition (2020)**  
Harald Gollnick,  
Martine Bagot,  
Luigi Naldi,  
Nick Reynolds (Editors).  
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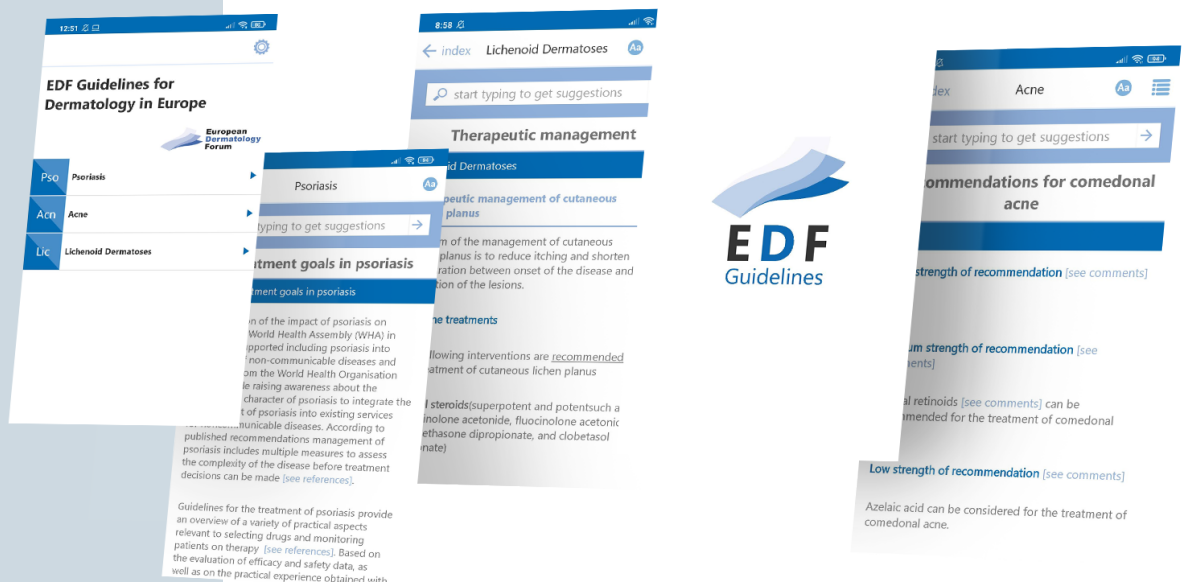
# 5 EDF GUIDELINES APP

The EDF is proud to promote the activities of the European Centre for Guidelines Development (EuroGuiDerm of the EDF) in collaboration with Prof. Alexander Nast from the Division of Evidence-Based Medicine, Department of Dermatology, Charité University, Berlin. The Centre will also be advised and supported by renowned experts in the field. The project aims to

foster high-quality guidelines through harmonized methodologies that ensure alignment with current gold standards, under a systemized structure and with a continuous update process. The governance includes a Board of Directors, with EDF having a majority status. The project is already sponsored by Pharma companies/national societies and by an initial fund provided by EDF. The EDF Guidelines APP offers a useful tool that helps dermatologists to select the most appropriate treatment

for individual patients. The APP contains the PSORIASIS, ACNE and LICHENOID DERMATOSES guidelines – two of which are large, evidence-based guidelines. Updates with additional guidelines are under way, e.g. for 2021: Dermatitis herpetiformis.

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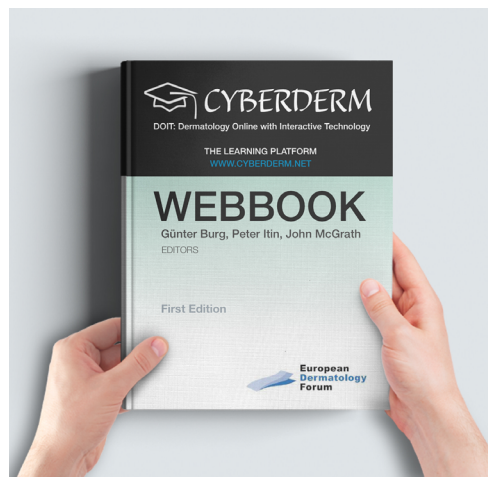
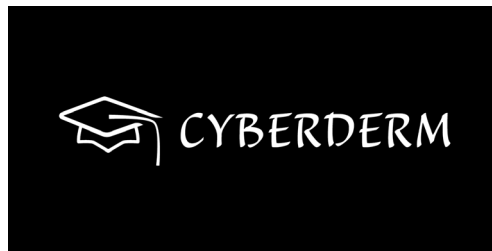
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## CYBERDERM-DOIT

In order to maintain and promote high quality education and training, the EDF has been working to integrate undergraduate teaching activities with an electronic platform; **Cyberderm-DOIT** (Dermatology Online with Interactive Technology, [www.cyberderm.net](http://www.cyberderm.net)) developed by Prof. Gunter Burg and now run by Prof. Alexander Navarini. The educational chapters have been updated, with more than 1000 images, and are now available in German, French, English,

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Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Chinese, with Lithuanian version currently being reviewed. There will also be an updated 5th version of the website launched soon. A **Web Book (WEBBOOK)**, as a supplement to the interactive e-learning platform DOIT, is also available to support the multi-step learning process.



# 7 IN MEMORIAM OF

**W**ith great sadness, the EDF shares the news of the passing of three exceptional dermatologists



**Professor Lionel Fry**  
(\*19.03.1933 / † 11.01.2021)

Professor Lionel Fry passed away on Monday, the 11th of January 2021. Lionel was a consultant dermatologist at St Mary's Hospital, London and Professor of Dermatology at Imperial College, London. He was a first-rate clinician and scientist and established a productive and highly regarded skin research unit at St Mary's. It was here that he and his team made major contributions to the understanding and management

of psoriasis and dermatitis herpetiformis (DH). Lionel pioneered the concept that psoriasis is first and foremost an immune-mediated disease, paving the way for subsequent biologic therapy of the condition. He showed that DH is diagnosed by the presence of IgA in the dermal papillae of uninvolved skin and that the skin disease could be managed a strict gluten free diet. After retirement from St Mary's he continued in private dermatological practice until his late 80s. He leaves a widow (Minne), a son (Michael), and two daughters (Tessa and Kathy).

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# IN MEMORIAM OF



**Professor Alberto Giannetti**  
**(\*30.11.1939 / † 01.07.2021)**

An eminent dermatologist and scientist, Prof. Giannetti contributed to the advancement of our speciality throughout his long and remarkable career, covering the most prestigious roles in national and international organizations of dermatology. Prof. Giannetti was an expert in bullous dermatoses and atopic dermatitis, and would lead the department in the fight against rare diseases, creating a still flourishing school during his twenty-four years as Director. As President of the EDF (2004-2005) he was an influential leader who contributed to the progress and growth of our Academy. In addition, he also directed the European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR, 1984-1985), the Italian Society of Dermatology (SIDeMaST,

2003-2007) and the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV, 2006-2008). He was very dedicated to the training of young dermatologists with the aim of generating highly professional specialists, and he was the founder of the Euroderm Excellence Training Course (this year the 18th edition, which is offered to the best residents in Dermato-Venereology throughout Europe.

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# IN MEMORIAM OF



**Professor Malcolm Greaves**  
**(\*11.11.1933 / † 10.01.2021)**

Professor Malcolm Greaves a Founding member of EDF passed away on Sunday, the 10th of January 2021. He was appointed to Chair of Dermatology at St John's Institute of Dermatology in 1975 and was Dean from 1986-1999. A clinician scientist of great intellect his professional activities spanned many aspects of dermatology. Education was a passion and he made a major impact globalising postgraduate education at St John's. His research covered many aspects of dermatology and included several fundamental discoveries in psoriasis immunotherapy, the pathophysiology of itch, and the autoimmune basis of chronic urticaria. His standing in dermatology was recognized internationally through honorary membership of many national

societies and Presidency of several organisations including ESDR. After retirement from St John's, he worked as a clinician-teacher in Southeast Asia first in Malaysia and then in Singapore before returning to work in the allergy clinic at St John's into his 80s. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and by his son (Kim) and daughter (Suki) both of whom followed him into medicine.

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## EDF Annual Meeting 2022

Montreux / Switzerland

20 - 22 January 2022



Certainly, the Covid-19 pandemic has immensely affected all our lives and work across Dermatology. Face-to face conferences, meetings and associated travelling, as well as socializing amongst colleagues, became essentially obsolete.

We hope that by January the situation will have improved considerably in order to allow for a rewarding on-site meeting to restore European collegiality. However, the EDF Board is well aware of the potential on-going risks associated the pandemic and will take into account on-going advice from European and individual country health organizations. Be assured that if there is any doubt about safety, the EDF Board will put arrangements in place to facilitate a blended format or cancel the meeting if necessary.

Warm regards,

Nick Reynolds  
Secretary General & Vice-President

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