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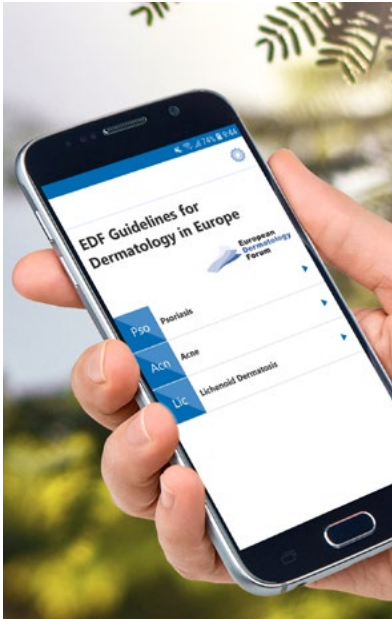
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DEAR EDF MEMBER

Although the Coronavirus pandemic has also affected some of the activities of the EDF, the EDF Newsletter will try to keep you updated as a reliable form of information even in difficult times.

The newly introduced format of the Newsletter generated good feedback and we will keep its current format. It is meant to alarm 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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1 EDF ANNUAL MEETING

Unfortunately (and as already posted on the website), the EDF-Board has felt it necessary to cancel our next meeting in Lucerne in 2021. The recent rise in incidence rates of Corona-infections all over Europe and the unpredictable development in winter are too much of a risk for the well-being of all participants. We therefore look forward to a hopefully fruitful meeting in Montreux, 2022.

The following new members were accepted in January 2020 during the EDF Annual Meeting:

G. Argenziano, Italy

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2 EURODERM EXCELLENCE

The course was planned for late November this year in Rome and will again be supported by Lilly. Excellent candidates are already selected (202 applicants with 100 participants selected) and time and place were fixed, as well as the program finalized, but the EDF Board decided to postpone the course to 2021 due to the Coronavirus pandemic and

its related uncertainties. New dates have been selected in the spring of 2021 (27 – 30 April 2021, Rome, Italy) for this course. Consultations are currently underway with the speakers confirmed for the November 2020 edition. We will come back to you in that matter in due course.

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3 ADVANCED EURODERM EXCELLENCE

S Starting January 2021 the EDF Board has decided to launch a new fostering initiative called “Advanced EDF Euroderm Excellence” course. It was planned to be attached to our annual meeting and will be a one-day fostering activity targeted at former participants of the EDF-Euroderm Excellence course. This meeting will now be a virtual session. The course on invitation only and meant to further stimulate successful participants of EDF-Euroderm in their dermatologic careers. Renown dermatologists will

provide lectures on grant-writing, lecturing skills, but also provide overviews on career planning. This year the first 20 participants were selected from the best participants of EDF-Euroderm from the last five years. The course will be continued in the next years and is sponsored by:



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4 WHITE BOOK

This 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.

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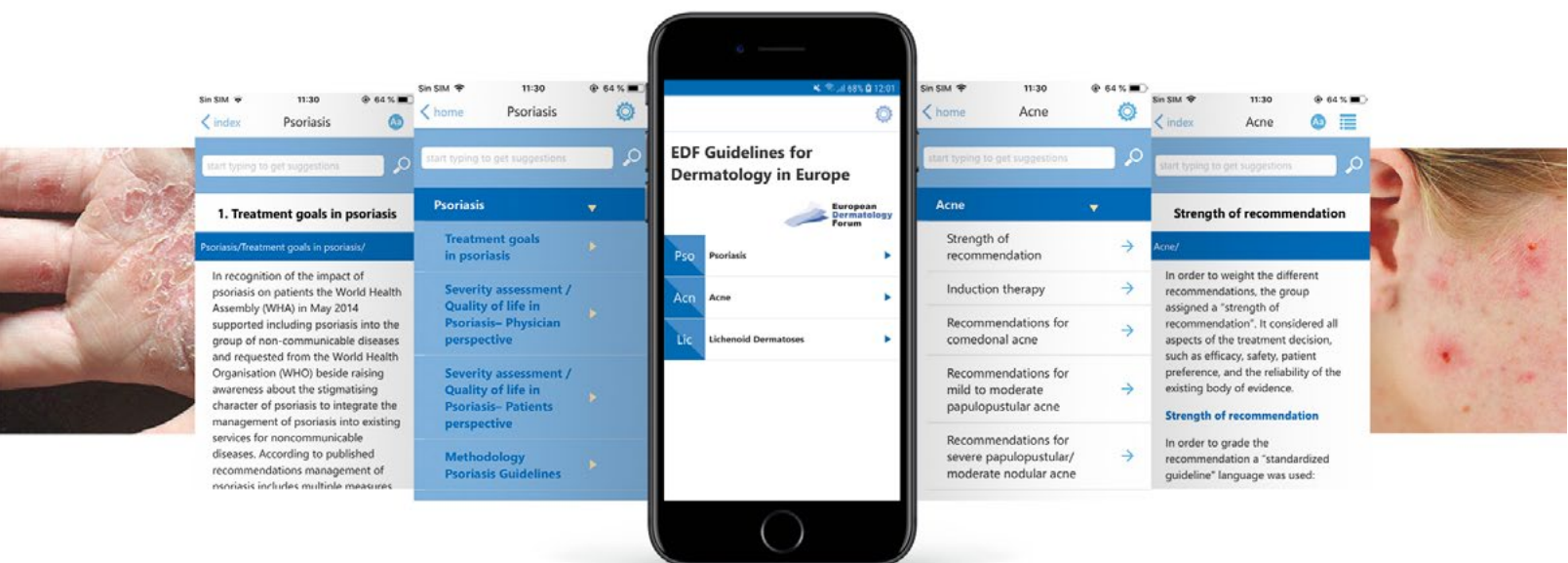
5 EDF GUIDELINES APP

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. Additional support is expected to be provided by international societies. 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 2020: Dermatitis herpetiformis.

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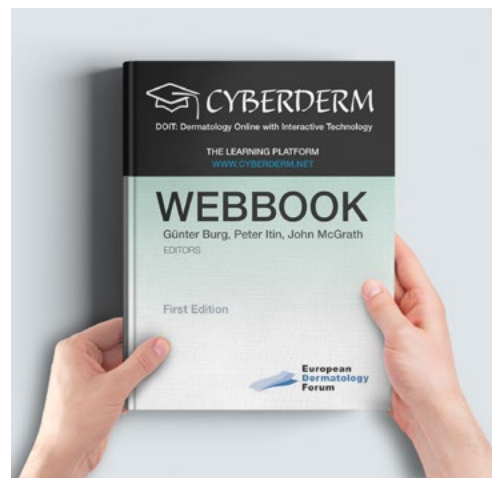
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CYBERDERM-DOIT

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) 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. A **Web Book (WEBBOOK)**, as a supplement to the interactive e-learning platform DOIT, is also available to support the multi-step learning process. You can purchase the WEBBOOK online at Amazon.com for less than 20 euros – please consider introducing your medical students to both the online and printed version.



7 IN MEMORIAM OF PROF. DR. WOLFRAM STERRY

Few days ago, one of the true giants of Dermatology and a founding

father of the EDF, Prof. Dr. Wolfram Sterry has passed away. The whole EDF Board is filled with sadness about this great loss for Dermatology.

W. Sterry was born on March 5, 1949 in Marbach, Germany. After a brief interplay in Anglistic, he started to study medicine at the Univ. of Cologne from 1972-1978. It was also in Cologne that he met his first teacher in Dermatology, Prof. K. Steigleder with whom he started his residency in Dermatology from 1978-1982. In 1984 he moved to the Univ. of Kiel to become vice chairman at the Dept. of Dermatol. with Prof. Dr. E. Christophers. At the age of 42 he became Chairman

of the Dept. of Dermatol. in Ulm. In 1994 he was appointed Chairman of the Dept. of Dermatol. at the Charite in Berlin. He served as dean for many years in Ulm as well as in Berlin.

Besides his work as a well-respected clinician, Prof. Sterry also held numerous high-ranking positions in world-wide Dermatology. He was President of the German Dermatol. Society, President of the ESDR, and President of the ILDS. The positions alone that Prof. Sterry held do not do justice to the many groundbreaking developments he pushed forward. He moved the office of the German Society to Berlin and professionalized the office. He was instrumental in modernizing the ESDR, and he also was a leading figure in setting up the guidelines work at the EDF. Maybe most importantly,

he developed the "Grand Challenges in Global Skin Health" at ILDS and put Dermatology into the spotlight of the WHO.

Besides being a visionary in Dermatology, Prof. Sterry was also a gifted musician. He was an expert in playing the piano and many of us have fun memories with him entertaining his guests with great performances. More than that, Prof. Sterry was a great role model as a human being. He impressed all of us with the vigor and discipline and smarts that he fought the vicious disease with that he finally succumbed to. He will be dearly missed!

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EDF Annual Meeting 2022
Montreux / Switzerland
20 - 22 January 2022



The Corona pandemic has certainly immensely affected also our work and life in Dermatology.

Let us all hope that normality will return in 2022! Stay healthy!

Warm regards,

Prof. Dr. A. Enk
Secretary-General EDF

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