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# DEAR EDF MEMBER

**Y**ou will be aware that unfortunately the Coronavirus pandemic affected the activities of EDF early in 2022 and that we conducted a shortened and virtual EDF Annual Meeting in January of this year. The following new members were accepted at the General Assembly in January 2022 during the EDF Annual Meeting:

**Marta Szell, Hungary**

**Caterina Longo, Italy**

**Thierry Passeron, France**

**Jacob Thyssen, Denmark**

Fortunately, since then the pandemic appears to have stabilized and the Board and our various committees have been active on behalf of the Society. This EDF Newsletter aims to keep you updated about our ongoing upcoming activities of the EDF. Not least of which have been preparations for the Annual Meeting in 2023, which we are planning as a face-to-face event in Montreux (please see below).

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:



## EDF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022

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## EDF ANNUAL MEETING

**T**he 26th EDF Annual Meeting is planned to take place from January 19-21, 2023 as a face-to-face meeting in the Hotel Suisse Majestic in Montreux. The program starts with our traditional plenary guest lectures. This year Dr. Robert Finn, EMBL-EBI, Cambridge will speak about “Role of microbial communities in skin health and disease”, followed by a lecture on “Mosaic abnormalities of the skin” by Prof. Veronica Kinsler from the UCL Great Ormond Street, Institute of Child Health in London. Further plenary lectures will follow on Friday afternoon with Dr. Sanja Vickovic, the Broad Institute, MIT and Harvard, Boston, speaking about the “Application of Spatial Transcriptomics to Understanding Disease Pathogenesis” and Prof. Tamar Nijsten, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, on “Big data and implications to dermatology”. 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”. Additionally, Prof. Claire Fuller will present the topic on “Teledermatology - a chance for underserved patients in resource limited settings? “. This session will close with an interactive discussion on general Teledermatology. The second forum moderated by Prof. Thomas Krieg, Cologne Cluster of Excellence, will be on aging. Prof. Björn Schumacher will speak about “basic mechanisms of aging”, while Prof. Christopher Griffiths and Prof. Heyo K. Kroemer will discuss “skin aging” and the “impact of aging on healthcare and associated diseases”, respectively. The program will be complemented by industry symposia and commission 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 refer to the EDF homepage: <https://www.formoffice.com/en/Public/Index/6158> (registration deadline October 7th, 2022).

▶ [EDF Meeting Website](https://www.formoffice.com/en/Public/Index/6158)



# 3 ADVANCED EURODERM EXCELLENCE

**A**fter the successful launch of the new “EDF Advanced Euroderm Excellence” course in 2020, the EDF Board has decided to conduct the course again at the next EDF Annual Meeting in January 2023. Twenty carefully selected participants from the original “EDF Euroderm Excellence” course, who are promising 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.



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# 4 WHITE BOOK

The 6th edition of the EDF White Book was updated in 2020 and included new chapters on important topics in dermatovenereology 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 dermatovenereologists. A new digital Edition 7 is planned.

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**The Challenge of Skin Diseases in Europe, 6th Edition (2020)**  
Harald Gollnick,  
Martine Bagot,  
Luigi Naldi,  
Nick Reynolds (Editors).  
ISBN 978-3-940615-63-3

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# 5 EDF GUIDELINES

Currently, the EDF is the main promoter of the Centre for Guidelines Development (EuroGuiDerm) in collaboration with Prof. Alexander Nast from the Division of Evidence-Based Medicine, Department of Dermatology, Charité University, Berlin. The Centre is also 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. Further, for those diseases whose management is rapidly evolving we are developing “living guidelines”. The governance includes a Board of Directors, with external advisers. Following initial and ongoing funding provided by EDF, the guidelines project is additionally supported by pharma companies and national societies (<https://www.edf.one/de/home/Guidelines/Support-Organisation.html>). Importantly, the structure of EuroGuiDerm means that the pharma companies

have no influence on the guideline topics chosen or on their production. We are currently looking to further improve the structure and collaborations of the guidelines network and are working closely with the EADV to establish a more inclusive guidelines network across Europe.

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# 6 ERASMUS

The Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership project entitled "Harmonized European

Dermato-Venereology Undergraduate blended LEARNING Implementation and Training" led by Professors Harald Gollnick, Gunter Burg and Martine Bagot has been successfully completed, achieving an excellent score of 93/100 following submission of the final report. The EDF is looking

to build on the progress made by integrating further with Cyberderm and would also encourage EDF members with an interest in undergraduate education, to get actively involved in this project.



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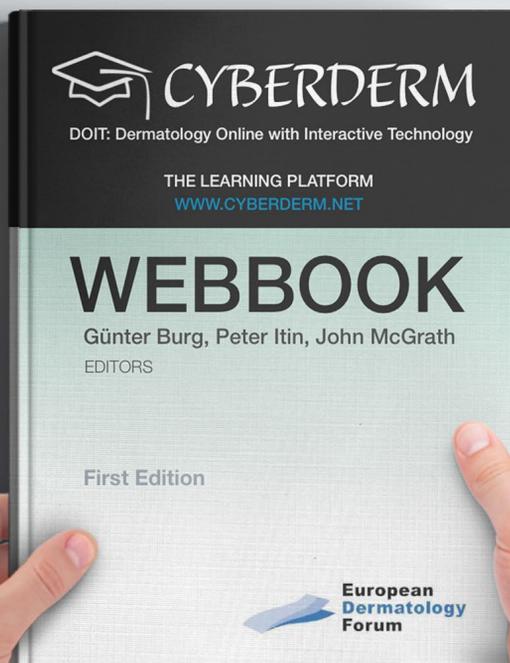
# 7 CYBERDERM-DOIT

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, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Chinese, with a Lithuanian version currently being reviewed. There will also be an updated 5th version of

the website launched soon. A Webbook (WEBBOOK), as a supplement to the interactive e-learning platform DOIT, is also available to support the multistep learning process. Moreover, we are in the process of creating the 2nd Edition of the English webbook.

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# 8 STRATEGY REVIEW

**A**s the EDF was formed in 1997, the Board thought it was timely to consider a review of the EDF's strategic plan, its ongoing objectives and current activities. This process was initiated at the Board meeting in June 2022. Having formulated some initial ideas, the Board will be asking the views, thoughts and perspectives of the EDF members through a questionnaire made available during the 2023 EDF Annual Meeting. There will also be opportunities for wider discussion and feedback. The input of the EDF members will be crucial to enhancing and shaping an updated strategic plan that will ensure the EDF remains at the forefront of European dermatology.



## EDF Annual Meeting 2023

Montreux / Switzerland

19 - 21 January 2023



**A**lthough the pandemic appears to be receding, the EDF Board remains alert to the potential risks and will take into account ongoing advice from European and individual country health organizations with respect to the 2023 EDF Annual Meeting. Be assured that if there is any doubt about safety, the EDF Board will put arrangements in place to facilitate a blended format if necessary.

Antonio Costanzo

EDF Secretary-General and Vice-President

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