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DEAR EDF MEMBER

The 27th EDF Annual Meeting took place on January 25-27, 2024 in Montreux as face-to-face meeting. The meeting was a great success, with fruitful social interaction and an outstanding scientific program. We thank all collaborators, speakers, societies, corporate partners and guests for their valuable contributions. The EDF was pleased to welcome the following new members who were accepted at the General Assembly of the January 2024 EDF Annual Meeting:

- **Yolanda Gilaberte, Spain**
- **José Luis López Estebarez, Spain**
- **Neil Rajan, UK**
- **Teea Salmi, Finland**
- **Christoph Schlapbach, Switzerland**
- **Enno Schmidt, Germany**
- **Tiago Torres, Portugal**
- **Jonathan White, Brussels**

This EDF Newsletter aims to keep you updated about our ongoing and upcoming activities of the EDF, including preparations for the next EDF Annual Meeting in 2025, planned as a face-to-face event in Montreux on January 23-25, 2025 (please see below).

By involving you as key opinion leaders and professors from all over Europe, the EDF aims to strengthen the position of dermatology and 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 the society.



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EDF ANNUAL MEETING 2025

The 28th EDF Annual Meeting is planned to take place on January 23-25, 2025 as a face-to-face meeting in the Hotel Suisse Majestic in Montreux, Switzerland. The program starts with our traditional plenary guest lectures. This year **Prof. Thierry Passeron** from the University hospital of Nice, will speak about “Unraveling the tight regulation of human skin pigmentation”, followed by a lecture on “CD1a-reactive T cells and lipid antigens in inflammatory skin diseases” by **Prof. Graham Ogg** from the University of Oxford. Further plenary lectures will follow on Friday afternoon with **Prof. Yannick Muller** from the University Hospital of Lausanne, speaking about the “CAR T-cell therapy in autoimmune diseases” and **Dr. Clemens Krepler**, Merck & Co., focusing on “mRNA-based therapeutics developing a new class of drugs: A revolution?”. Two well-established highlights will be our interactive forums. The first interactive forum on “Simulation-based training for residents in dermatology: models and benefits”, chaired by Prof. Kaisa Tasanen-Määttä and Prof. Alexander Navarini, will include: **Prof. Claire Biot** discussing the “Simulation-based training with Dassault Systèmes’ virtual twins: Medical applications for residents”; **Dr. Sebastien Garson** who will look into the “Simulation-based training in dermatologic surgery: Cadaveric Simulation vs. FAST (Facial Simulator Aesthetic Training)”, **Prof. Antoine Bertolotti** talking about “Benefits of simulation using standardized patients for training dermatology residents in breaking bad news”, and **Prof. Alexander Salava** providing a talk on “Enhancing intuitive recognition skills with perceptual learning models: Experiences from Finland”. This session will be closed with an interactive discussion. The second interactive forum, moderated by Prof. Josep Malvehy and Prof. Charlotta Enerbäck, will be focusing on “Imaging techniques in dermatology: a new way to look at the skin”. **Prof. Stéphanie Christen-Zaech** will speak about “Noninvasive examination of healthy

skin at different ages of life”, while **Prof. Joseph Malvehy** and **Prof. Ximena Wortsman** will discuss “New imaging techniques in skin cancers” and the “Updates on ultrasound imaging in inflammatory skin diseases”, respectively. The program will be complemented by industry symposia and updates from the commissions groups. We can certainly look forward to interesting and interactive discussions on these stimulating topics.



Prof. Marie Aleth Richard and Prof. Antonio Costanzo at the EDF Annual Meeting 2024

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Participants of the EDF Euroderm Excellence course 2023

EURODERM EXCELLENCE

Since 2003, the EDF has been organizing the Euroderm Excellence course for residents in dermato-venereology. The renowned course is designed to promote and enhance the highest educational training for 4th year dermatology residents from all across Europe. The EDF Euroderm Excellence is the only course for dermatology residents at a European level with outstanding speakers and opinion leaders in the field of dermatology and venereology.

After the successful implementation of the EDF Euroderm Excellence 2023 with the title “*promotion of the highest standard of skin patient care in Europe*”, which was conducted in Vienna on November 28-December 1, we intend to conduct the 21st EDF Euroderm Excellence course live in Budapest on November 12-15, 2024. This year’s course will focus on the “*excellence in dermatological diagnostics, differential diagnostics and therapy*”. The most promising European dermatology residents have

already been selected (100 participants out of 215 applications in total) and the program has been finalized. We are grateful for the precious support of our two sponsors Lilly and Bristol Myers Squibb. For more information, kindly visit the course website.

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ADVANCED EURODERM EXCELLENCE

After the successful launch of the EDF Advanced Euroderm Excellence course in 2021, the EDF Board decided to integrate the course as an integral part of the EDF activities. Twenty carefully selected participants from the original EDF Euroderm Excellence course, who are promising future opinion leaders in our specialty, are invited to participate in this course. The goal is to select the best young dermatologists in Europe and offer them specific leadership training and mentoring to better prepare them as future leaders within the dermatological field.

Renowned speakers from all over Europe are invited to offer in-depth training on how to successfully run a dermatological department in the future. Participants are provided training in areas such as managing a clinical department, risk management, role of global dermatology, compliance regulations, career planning, etc. From 2025 onwards the course will be labeled as “EDF European Dermatology Leadership Course” to better specify the purpose and nature of the course.



Participants Advanced Euroderm Excellence Course 2024

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PHYSICIAN SCIENTIST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

As of this year, EDF introduces a new physician scientist fellowship program across Europe in collaboration with the Skin Science Foundation (SSF).

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This program aims to equip physician scientists with cutting-edge techniques in translational research, new technologies, and Big Data Science through immersive training programs at specialized centers in Europe. 3-4 physician scientists will be able to complete a fellowship program (3-6 months) at translational research labs focusing on precision medicine to enhance knowledge exchange between labs across Europe in regard to methods for patient's stratification. If you are interested to support this initiative as hosting center, please contact the EDF office (Nadine-estelle.abea@usz.ch).

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EDF/EADV EUROPEAN GUIDELINES ALLIANCE

The EDF launched the EuroGuiDerm European Centre for Guideline Development in 2018 to serve as a reliable, central point of reference for high-quality guidelines and consensus statements. Guidelines are based on evidence that has been identified and analyzed according to internationally accepted, transparent methods, and expert synthesis. In order to enhance this important work, the EDF and EADV have formed a new alliance to support the development of living and new European dermatology guidelines: the “EDF/EADV European Guidelines Alliance”.

In addition, we are happy to announce our new collaboration with EDF member **Prof. Dr. Dr. Enno Schmidt** from the Lübeck Institute for Experimental Dermatology (LIED), Clinic for Dermatology, Allergology and Venereology at the University of Lübeck. We are also grateful that EDF member **Prof. Alexander Nast** from the Charité Berlin and Director of the EuroGuiDerm European Centre, will further continue his alliance with the EDF and EADV.

This year, the chapter on *pregnancy* in the living *psoriasis* guideline has been updated and is currently under review

for final approval. The chapters on systemic therapy of the living *atopic eczema* guidelines are currently being updated. In addition to the publication of the updated chapters on the website, publication in the JEADV is planned. The guidelines on *lichen sclerosis*, which was finalized last year, has now been published in an abridged form in the JEADV. The long version is available on the website. Further ongoing activities are an update of the *urticaria* guideline with the consensus conference scheduled for December and *acne* guideline with ongoing evidence synthesis, working group meetings and consensus meetings in fall and

winter. We would also encourage other EDF members with an interest in guidelines, who would like to actively participate in this project, to get in touch with the EDF office.

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The Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership project entitled “Harmonized European Dermato-Venereology Undergraduate blended LEARning Implementation and Training” led by **Professors Harald Gollnick, Günter Burg and Martine Bagot**, was successfully completed at the end of 2021. Since then, with the support of the EDF, yearly updates of the long version webbook are ongoing. For the 2024 update, 8 new collaborators (4 from Spain, 1 from Poland, 1 from Italy, 1 from Germany, and 1 from France) joined the current author team. We would also encourage other EDF members with an interest in undergraduate education, who would like to actively participate in this project, to get involved.

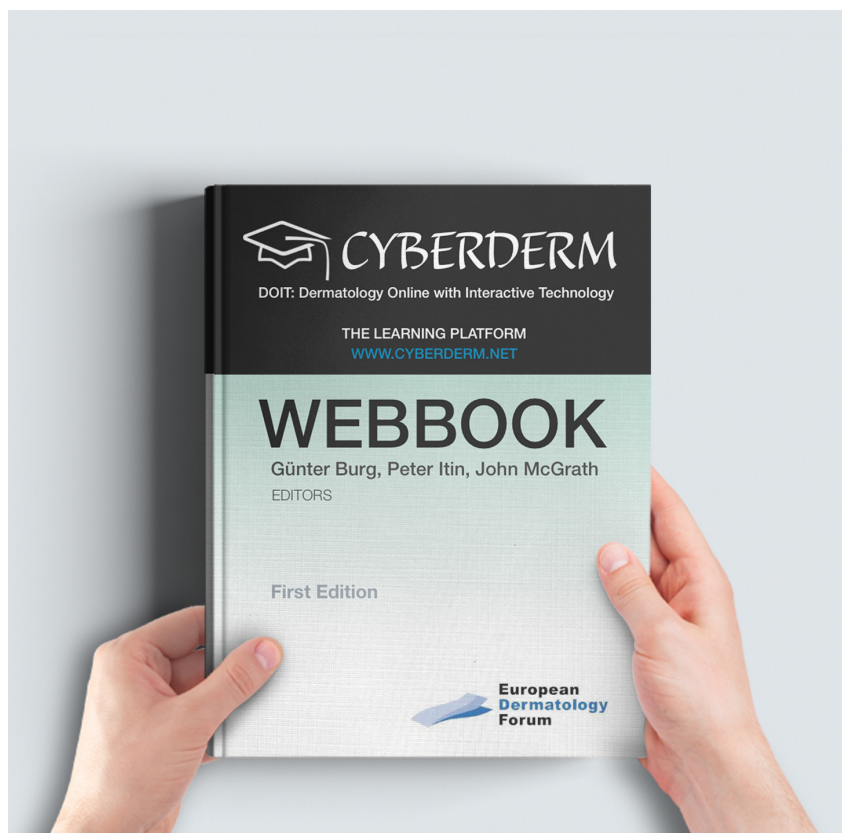
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CYBERDERM

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 (Dermatology Online with Interactive Technology, www.cyberderm.net) developed by **Prof. Günter Burg** and now run by **Prof. Alexander Navarini**. This year, we have developed a new version of Cyberderm in collaboration with the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS), specifically tailored for healthcare professionals.



This version features an image gallery, with all images labeled with ICD-11 codes and categorized by Fitzpatrick skin types. Additionally, we have created a section for frontline health workers in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO). www.ilds.cyberderm.net

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Cyberderm & European Dermatology Forum (EDF)

The EDF and the Cyberderm-Association are non-profit organizations, which cooperate in order to foster harmonization of undergraduate Dermatology training in Europe.

Erasmus+ hEduLearnIT project

Harmonized European Dermato-Venereology Undergraduate blended LEARNING implementation and Training.

The aim of the project HEDU_LEARN_IT is the harmonization of Medical Undergraduate Training in Dermato-Venereology for Medical Students in Europe which will be based on a consensuated recommendation (European Venereological Guidelines)

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GENESKIN

Geneskin is a comprehensive online database and website dedicated to rare genetic diseases of the skin (genodermatoses).

This platform is designed to enhance the diagnosis, treatment, and management of these conditions by providing cutting-edge information to patients, their families, and healthcare professionals.

Recent updates to the Geneskin website include a practice-oriented article on cutaneous mosaicism by **Prof. Veronica Kinsler**. Additionally, the website has undergone a reorganization of its table of contents for a clearer, more topic-focused presentation of the genodermatoses. Ongoing efforts are aimed at expanding the database to include further genodermatoses, thereby broadening the scope of easily accessible information.

Currently, Geneskin offers in-depth knowledge on a broad spectrum of rare genetic skin disorders, including Ectodermal Dysplasias, Connective Tissue Diseases, Epithelial Adhesion Disorders, and DNA Repair Disorders. Overseen by a European Dermatology Forum (EDF) steering committee led by **Prof. Johann Bauer**, the website is regularly updated to reflect the latest research and treatment advances. Explore more at Geneskin.



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23-25 JANUARY 2025

MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND



We look forward to spending another great and interactive EDF Annual Meeting with our members, collaborators, speakers, guests and corporate partners on January 23-25, 2025 in Montreux.

Warm regards,

Handwritten signature of Michael Schön in blue ink.

Michael Schön

EDF Secretary-General and Vice-President

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