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EDF NEWSLETTER 2025

The 28th EDF Annual Meeting took place on January 23-25, 2025, 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 during the General Assembly of the January 2025 EDF Annual Meeting:

- **Marie-Charlotte Brüggén, Switzerland**
- **Zrinka Bukvic Mokos, Croatia**
- **Laurence Feldmeyer, Switzerland**
- **Dirk Jan Hijnen, Netherlands**
- **Christina Mitteldorf, Germany**
- **Graham Ogg, UK**

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 2026, planned as a face-to-face event in Montreux on January 22-24, 2026 (please see below).

By involving key opinion leaders and Professors from all over Europe, the EDF 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 the society.



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Prof. Véronique del Marmol and **Prof. Carlo Pincelli** ended their Board Term in January. The Board thanks both for their most precious commitment and services to EDF over the past 10 years. Both have played an instrumental role in guiding our mission with valuable insights and unique expertise.

The Board welcomed their new members **Prof. Ana-Maria Forsea** from the Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest and **Prof. Alexander Stratigos** from the Medical School at the University of Athens.

EDF ANNUAL MEETING 2026

The 29th EDF Annual Meeting is planned to take place on January 22-24, 2026, 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. Thomas Tüting** from the University Hospital Magdeburg, will speak about “*new insights into the mechanisms of tumor immune evasion*”, followed by a lecture on “*the phagosome in normal and inflamed human skin*” by **Prof. Wolfgang Weninger** from the Medical University of Vienna. Further plenary lectures will follow on Friday afternoon with **Prof. Oliver Distler** from the University Hospital of Zurich, speaking about the “*advances in Cutaneous Systemic Sclerosis*”, and **Prof. Michael Detmar**, ETH Zurich, focusing on “*the molecular secrets of the lymphatic system*”. Two well-established highlights will be our interactive forums. The first interactive forum on “Postgraduate education – what is needed and what works?”, chaired by Prof. Kaisa Tasanen-Määttä and Prof. Ana-Maria Forsea, will include: **Prof. Alexander Nast** discussing the “*developing and implementing clinical practice guidelines: Engaging the audience*”, **Prof. Philipp Tschandl** who will look into the “*artificial Intelligence in dermatology education: Opportunities and challenges*”, **Prof. Tamara Griffiths** talking about “*competence-based education for residents with entrustable professional activities*”, and **Prof. Marie Aleth Richard** providing a talk on “*addressing educational challenges in postgraduate dermatology training*”. The second interactive forum, chaired by Prof. Charlotta Enerbäck and Prof. Alexander Stratigos, will be focusing on “treatment strategies”: **Prof. Curdin Conrad** will speak about “*trained immunity and disease modification*”, **Prof. Dirk Schadendorf** will discuss “*melanoma treatments – soon at 100% long-term survival?*”, and **Prof. Christopher Griffiths** will focus his topic on “*healing Psoriasis*”.

The session will be concluded with a debate on “*can we soon modulate immune reactions to oblivion?*”.

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. Michael Schön
at the EDF Annual Meeting 2025

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Participants of the EDF Euroderm Excellence course 2024

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 4-year dermatology residents from all across Europe. The EDF Euroderm Excellence is one of the most renowned courses for dermatology residents at a European level with outstanding speakers and opinion leaders in the field of dermatology and venereology.

(100 participants out of 258 applications in total) and the program has been finalized. We are grateful for the precious support from our main sponsor Lilly. For more information, kindly visit the course website: www.eurodermexcellence.com

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After the successful implementation of the EDF Euroderm Excellence 2024 with the title “*excellence in dermatological diagnostics, differential diagnostics and therapy*”, which was conducted in Budapest on November 12-15, 2024, we intend to conduct the 22nd EDF Euroderm Excellence live course back in Rome on November 18-21, 2025. This year’s course will focus on the “*dermatology of tomorrow*”. The most promising European dermatology residents have already been selected

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.

The Board has decided to pause the course in 2026 to allow for a strategic redesign that will include integration of the Euroderm Excellence Alumni project, with a renewed focus on strengthening long-term engagement and impact.



Participants of the Advanced Euroderm Excellence Course 2025

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PHYSICIAN SCIENTIST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

As of next year, EDF will introduce a new Physician Scientist Fellowship Program across Europe in collaboration with **Prof. Michel Gilliet**, CHUV Lausanne, and 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. 2-3 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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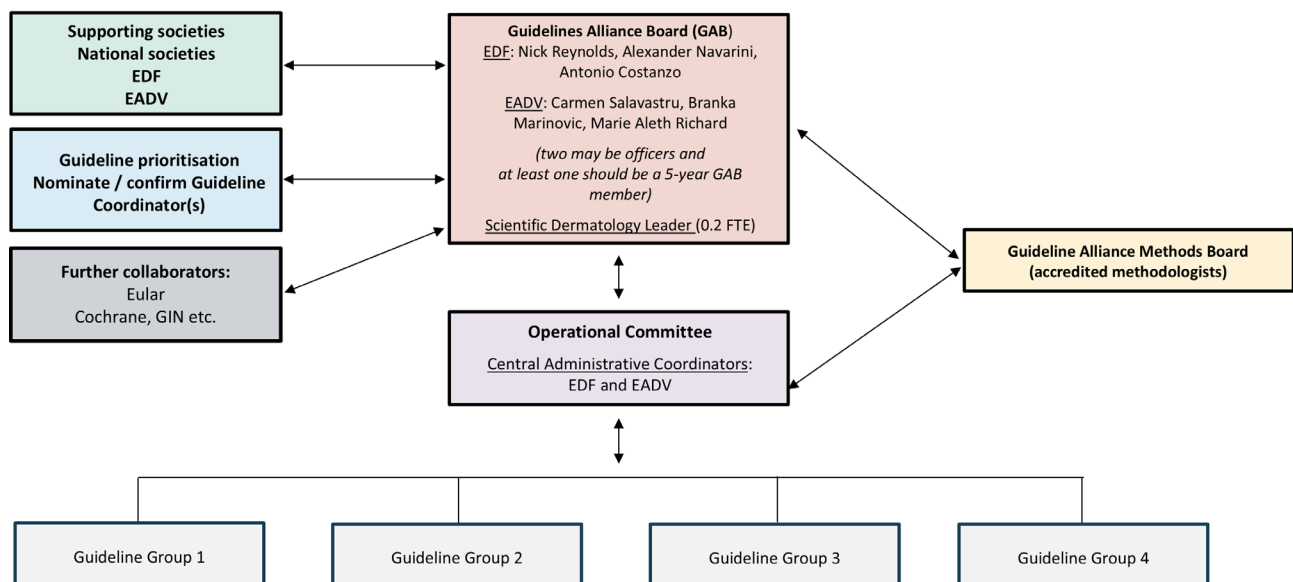
The EDF launched the EuroGuiDerm European Centre for Guideline Development in 2018 to serve as a reliable, central point of reference for high-quality guidelines and consensus statements. Guidelines are based on evidence that has been identified and analyzed according to internationally accepted, transparent methods, and expert synthesis. 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 **EADV/EDF European Guidelines Alliance (EGA)**. The new EGA structure has made significant progress this year. Further information will follow in a separate information flyer in September 2025.

In collaboration with **Prof. Alexander Nast** from the Charité Berlin and Director of the EuroGuiDerm European Centre the guidelines for the *treatment of Acne, Psoriasis, and Atopic Eczema* were updated. In addition, the *Chronic Pruritus* guideline in collaboration with **Prof. Elke Weisshaar** from the Universitätsklinikum Heidelberg was updated.

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. The 3rd edition of the Webbook is planned to be published at the beginning of 2026 and will include:

- Diagnostic algorithms (either created by authors or linked/referenced to the current guidelines).
- Updates to the current chapters with the focus on epidemiology, pathogenesis, classification, diagnosis methods, therapies, and references.
- Integration of content into the Cyberderm platform.

We would also encourage other EDF members with an interest in undergraduate education to actively participate in this project. Please send an e-mail to info@heduclearn.it.



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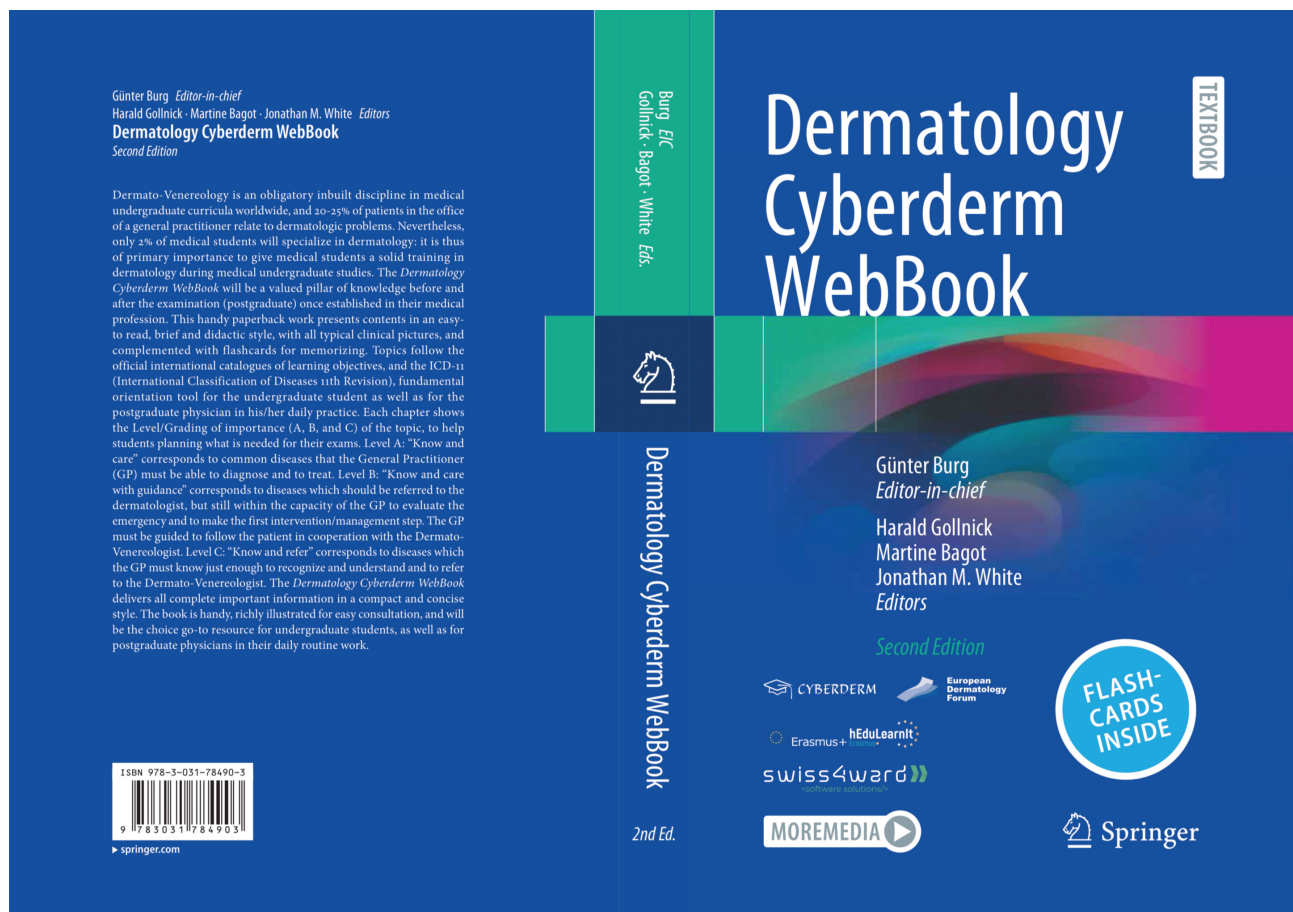
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CYBERDERM

To maintain and promote high quality education and training, the EDF successfully supports an undergraduate online teaching program with over 60'000 users worldwide (mainly dermatologists, venereologists and GP): Cyberderm (Dermatology Online with Interactive Technology) developed by **Prof. Günter Burg** and operated by **Prof. Alexander Navarini**. www.cyberderm.net

In 2025, a new edition of the “*Dermatology Cyberderm WebBook*” was published in collaboration with Erasmus+ and the International League of Dermatology (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, Cyberderm created a designated section for frontline health workers in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO).

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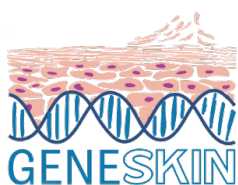
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GENESKIN

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.

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. Main efforts in 2025 include: Updates of the „diseases“ section (patient information); update of clinical trials (under professional information); inclusion of new, recently described genodermatoses, cutaneous mosaic disorders, neurocutaneous disorders and complex vascular malformations; inclusion of disease guidelines; continuous update of specialized centers and patient organizations (addresses and contact information).

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: www.geneskin.org.



**a website dedicated to rare
genetic skin diseases**



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We look forward to spending another great and interactive EDF Annual Meeting with our members, collaborators, speakers, guests and corporate partners on January 22-24, 2026 in Montreux.

Warm regards,

A. Navarini

Alexander Navarini
EDF Secretary General

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