

First joint event between Europe and EADV: EADV-AAD Review Course State-of-the-Art in Dermatology Munich, 25-28 June 2009

The relations between Europe and the USA, especially the European Academy of Dermato-Venereology (EADV) and the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), have been increasingly more intense over years. This year in June, a "world premiere" happened with the joint EADV-AAD Review Course in Munich, where EADV and AAD created a program together on the topic of "state-of-the-art in dermatology".

The idea of the American regional review courses where a limited number of participants (maximum 200) meet for two days at a nice location was adopted by Johannes Ring, Munich, who developed a program together with Mary Maloney, Worcester, USA. The actual organization was in the hands of the EADV Central Office, with great support from the Department of Dermatology and Allergology Biederstein, Technische Universität München (Martin Mempel).

The scientific program covered all aspects of dermatology and venereology without a special "theme". Excellent speakers both from the USA and Europe guaranteed for an outstanding program for 120 participants from 38 countries.

Oncology

Skin cancer was covered by a lecture by EADV President Andreas Katsambas, and non-melanoma skin cancer by Symposium organizer Mary Maloney. Jean Bologna (North Haven) described and explained "signature nevi", while John Guitart (Chicago) reviewed the difficult subject of cutaneous T cell lymphoma.

New opportunities in dermoscopy were presented by EADV past President Alberto Giannetti (Modena).

Inflammatory Skin Disease

From the vast spectrum of inflammatory skin diseases, the topic of psoriasis was covered by AAD President David Pariser (Norfolk) who remarkably stepped in the last minute for Louis Dubertret whose flight was unable to leave Paris due to technical problems. Gerd Plewig (Munich) covered acne and introduced a new concept for what was formerly called "acne tetrad" as "dissecting terminal folliculitis".

Frank Powell, EADV President-Elect (Dublin), showed different subtypes of rosacea, expressing new pathophysiological concepts with a movie showing demodex mites dancing to Beatles music.

Allergy

Johannes Ring (Munich), organizer of the event, gave an overview on "Skin and allergy", showing clearly that no other discipline has better opportunity to deal with allergy than dermatology! Stephan Weidinger (Munich) covered the recently exploding field of molecular genetics of atopy in atopic eczema with not only filaggrin mutations, but also new findings regarding the IgE receptor and totally new gene associations.

The difficult subject of subcutaneous drug eruptions was covered by Lars French (Zurich).

Infectious Dermatology and Venereology

Martin Mempel (Munich) described the various granulomatous skin diseases, both infectious and non-infectious in origin.

The venereological part of our specialty was highlighted by Erwin Tschachler (Vienna) with news on syphilis and HIV infection.



Skin Aging

The exciting pathophysiological changes occurring during skin aging were highlighted by former EADV President Jean-Hilaire Saurat (Geneva). He introduced the new term “dermatoporosis”, stressing the disease character of these findings.

Advances in Treatment

Latest results in topical treatment of atopic eczema were highlighted by Lawrence Eichenfield (San Diego).

David Pariser gave very important tips and tricks for practical management of hyperhidrosis. Michael Landthaler (Regensburg) showed the clear indications for laser or intense pulse light (IPL) treatment in dermatology.

In the social program, attendants had an opportunity to see the movie of the musical “Odysee of Allergy”, which had been performed at the 10th EADV Congress in Munich in 2001 in the Löwenbräu Beer Hall. Furthermore, in an excursion to the outskirts south of Munich, the participants could enjoy the sights of monastery of Ettal with a beautiful rococo church, King Ludwig’s II castle of Linderhof as well as an alpine cottage, Kreutalm.

In their summing up, Mary Maloney and Johannes Ring felt that this first common course as a joint event of EADV and AAD was a real success and that the program should be continued, most likely in 2010 in the USA.

Professor Johannes Ring, MD, PhD

ACTIVITY OF THE CROATIAN DERMATOVENEREOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS IN 2009

1. The First Regional Symposium in Hereditary Epidermolysis Bullosa (Mediterranean – Central and Eastern Europe), Zagreb, Croatia, April 3-4, 2009
2. 6th EADV Spring Symposium, Bucharest, Romania, April 23-26, 2009
3. 12th World Congress on Cancers of the Skin, Tel Aviv, Israel, May 3-6, 2009
4. Euromelanoma Day, Croatia, May 11, 2009
5. 7th World Congress on Melanoma and 5th Congress of the European Association of Dermatovenereology (EADO), Vienna, Austria, May 14-17, 2009
6. 10th International Congress of Dermatology, World Congress of the International Society of Dermatology, Prague, Czech Republic, May 20-24, 2009
7. XXVIII Congress of the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology, Warsaw, Poland, June 6-10, 2009
8. EADV/AAD Review Course “State of the Art in Dermatology”, Munich, Germany, June 25-28, 2009
9. 39th Annual European Society for Dermatological Research Meeting, Budapest, Hungary, September 9-12, 2009
10. 8th Congress of the Baltic Association of Dermatovenereologists, Vilnius, Lithuania, September 17-19, 2009
11. Support Activities in the Treatment of Chronic Wounds. Association for Wound Care Slovenia, Bled, Slovenia, October 2-3, 2009
12. 18th EADV Congress, Berlin, Germany, October 7-11, 2009
13. 11th IUSTI World Congress, Cape Town, South Africa, November 6-12, 2009
14. Croatian Wound Association and European Wound Management Association Symposium with International Participation – Leg Ulcer, Primošten, Croatia, November 11-14, 2009
15. 15th Alps-Danube-Adria Symposium on Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Infections of the Skin, Kosice, Slovakia, November 20-21, 2009
16. International Scientific Symposium – Ageing and how to Keep Away from it?, Zagreb, December 4-5, 2009.

UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY AND VENERELOGY, ZAGREB UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CENTER, ZAGREB, CROATIA ORGANIZED IN 2009

1. Dermatovenereology in General Medicine, Continuing Medical Education Course, Zagreb, February 28, 2009
2. Chronic Venous Insufficiency – New Diagnostic and Therapeutic Guidelines, Continuing Medical Education Course, Zagreb, September 26, 2009
3. Photo Rejuvenation Procedures, Traditional Workshop, Zagreb, October 2, 2009
4. Day of Open Door for Patients with Chronic Venous Insufficiency, Zagreb, October 2, 2009
5. Continuing Medical Education Courses for Visiting Nurses (continuously - 7 courses during year 2009)

COURSES AND CONFERENCES TO BE ORGANIZED IN 2010 BY UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY AND VENERELOGY, ZAGREB UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CENTER, ZAGREB, CROATIA

1. Continuing Medical Education Course, Category I for Visiting Nurses, Zagreb, January 28-30, 2010
2. Dermatology in General medicine, Traditional Continuing Medical Education Course, Zagreb, February 27, 2010
3. Day of Open Door for Patients with Venous Insufficiency, Zagreb, March 19, 2010
4. Chronic Venous Insufficiency – PreUlcer Procedures, Traditional Continuing Medical Education Course, Zagreb, April 17, 2010
5. Harmony in Dermatology and Venereology, 7th Spring Symposium of the EADV, Cavtat, May 13-16, 2010
6. Symposium on Bullous Dermatoses, Dubrovnik, May 16, 2010
7. Symposium with North American Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, Zagreb, June 4, 2010
8. Continuing Medical Education Course, Category I for Visiting Nurses, Zagreb, September 23-25, 2010