



## HARMONY IN DERMATOLOGY AND VENEREOLOGY 7<sup>TH</sup> EADV SPRING SYMPOSIUM Cavtat, Croatia, May 13-16, 2010

The readers of *Acta Dermatovenerologica Croatica* are warmly invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> EADV Spring Symposium to be held in Cavtat near Dubrovnik.

The Croatian Dermatovenereological Society of the Croatian Medical Association with 116 years of dermatovenereological tradition is proud to be Local Organizer on this occasion. The EADV Spring Symposium has become a nice tradition of bringing together dermatologists and venereologists from all over Europe and the world. Therefore, Croatia is proud to host this major event for the first time and to welcome EADV on our home soil. The 7<sup>th</sup> EADV Spring Symposium will run under the logo "**Harmony in Dermatology and Venereology**", inspired by the need of coexistence of both dermatology and venereology, which has been fostered in our Journal.

### Scientific Highlights

This 7<sup>th</sup> EADV Spring Symposium will bring together a rich scientific program emphasizing the profound and complex influence of skin health on all the aspects of human life. Prevention as well as management of various dermatoses and venereal diseases will give an opportunity for physicians, scientists, and patients to meet and share the perspective of dermatology and venereology.

The highlights of the scientific program will be marked by the opening lectures by Professor Amir Muzur entitled Milestones in the history of Croatian dermatology and venereology, and by Professor Stephan Beissert entitled The present and future of dermatovenereological research.

On plenary sessions, distinguished European and world experts will offer their considerations about particular topics, as follows: Professor Johannes Ring: Allergy, environment and the skin; Professor Christopher Griffiths: Brain skin interactions; Professor Georg Stingl: Immunotherapy for skin diseases in the molecular era; Professor Gregor Jemec: Novel imaging techniques for diagnosis of skin disorders; Professor Jean-Hilaire Saurat: Exogenous acne revisited; Professor Keith Radcliffe: STIs in Europe – progress, challenges and opportunities; Professor Rudolf Happle: What's new in clinical dermatology; Professor Erwin Tschachler: What's new in venereology; and Professor Peter Steijlen: What's new in pediatric dermatology.

Other important topics are: Update on melanoma management; Skin conditions and endocrinology; Psoriasis; Syphilis – the resurgence of an old problem; Pearls in dermatological surgery; Novel drugs and adverse reactions in dermatovenereology; Botulinum toxin: use and misuse; What's new in food allergies; Practical considerations in cutaneous lymphomas; Hair and nail diseases; Skin diseases in the Mediterranean; Bullous diseases revisited; Approaches to wound healing and leg vein treatment; Management of chronic urticaria; Vitiligo; What's new in phototherapy; Atopic dermatitis; Sexually transmitted infections; Office-based cryotherapy; Dermatoses in the genital area; Biologics in psoriasis; HIV infection in dermatology; Psyche and the skin; Laser therapy; Facial rejuvenations; President's Symposium; 4 Case

Report Sessions; Poster Forum; 7 Focus Sessions; 4 Forum Sessions; 12 Workshops; 12 Symposia; What's New Session; and 7 Satellite Symposia.

In addition, we expect to have approximately 170 free communications and 600 posters during the Symposium.

Together with the well known experts from all parts of the world and Croatia, we will do our best to make the Symposium a memorable event from the scientific and professional aspect. We promise you to feel the traditional Croatian hospitality. The Local Organizing Committee and Scientific Committee will invest all their efforts to create an unforgettable professional and social atmosphere for every participant.

The Cavtat and Dubrovnik surroundings are beautiful in spring. In addition, there are other, more distant regions that offer various possibilities to enjoy picturesque landscape and historical monuments. We invite you to discover and enjoy the rich cultural heritage of our tumultuous history at the crossroad of civilizations.

Cavtat is the home town of the famous Croatian painter Vlaho Bukovac, who belonged to the Munich circle of the famous 19<sup>th</sup> century painters. The Zagreb period (1894-1898) was the most active part of his life. He brought fresh ideas to the artistic colony of the town, but as he was the only Croat artist educated in France he was soon confronted by the advocates of the Vienna and Munich schools. He made the famous curtain for the large paintings made for the Croatian National Theater, Gundulić's Dream and Dubravka. The Cavtat period (1898-1903) is characterized by his search for a new means of expression and new coloristic solutions. Bukovac died in Prague on April 23, 1922. His work comprises about 400 portraits and more than 150 other paintings and compositions. Participants of the Symposium will have an opportunity to enjoy in some of his paintings at Bukovac Gallery in Cavtat.

In Cavtat one can experience the warm hospitality the Croatians have to offer, along with majestic mountains and the breathtaking shores of the Adriatic Sea.

We also point out that Cavtat (antique Epidaurus) is a world-known 'Pearl of the Mediterranean', situated in Dalmatia, the southern region of Croatia, on the famous Adriatic Sea, internationally renowned for the breathtaking sceneries of its beautiful coast, thousands of islands and peninsulas overwhelmed with rich and unique vegetation.

### **Bernard Shaw once said:**

**"Those who seek paradise on Earth should come to see Dubrovnik!"**

Dubrovnik, a magnificent city from the UNESCO List of Cultural Heritage will amuse you with its almost 2 km long city walls, which are among the best preserved and most attractive on the planet, and walking along them is an absolute must. The defenses were built between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century. The walls were strengthened by many towers and bastions, and were never breached – the Republic of Dubrovnik only fell after Napoleon's armies had been invited in, on the condition to respect its independence. History meets in Dubrovnik from the Antique Greek-Roman period to the dynamic Mediterranean atmosphere nowadays.

### **Social Program**

Take the opportunity to visit the Croatian historical cities, stunning countryside and coastline. A variety of tours has been organized for Symposium participants, ranging from guided tour of Dubrovnik, wine-tasting at Pelješac vineyards and visit to Trsteno-Ston, the oldest botanical garden in Croatia, to a tour of the Elaphite Islands.

Let your stay in Cavtat convince you to attend the Symposium as I tried with my writing to persuade you!

Professor Jasna Lipozenčić

Chairwoman of the 7<sup>th</sup> EADV Spring Symposium

## DERMATOLOGY IN CENTRAL EUROPE: PROUD PAST AND CHALLENGING FUTURE

The Spring Meeting Dermatology in Central Europe: Proud Past and Challenging Future of the Austrian Society of Dermatology and Venereology, celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary with many European leaders in dermatology, was held on February 26, 2010 in the Great Lecture Hall of the Vienna Old University in Vienna.

The Austrian Society of Dermatology and Venereology (ÖGDV) was founded by Moriz von Kaposi and was granted permission by the authorities on February 25, 1890. The foundation was temporally close to that of the German Society of Dermatology, established in Prague one year before. The latter was based on the then Austrian law and strongly supported by many Austrian dermatologists including Eduard Lipp from Graz, witnessing the friendly relationship between the German speaking societies in Europe.

The topic of the ÖGDV Spring Meeting was not only the proud past of the Society within Central Europe, but also development to the present that is boosted by the far ranging international network and intense collaboration with our European neighbors. The scientific presentation by our young academic generation highlighted the Meeting, which was concluded by a look into the future to outline the upcoming challenges and chances for further development.

The world known experts were presenters at the Meeting, such as: Klaus Wolff, Karl Holubar, Thomas Luger (from Münster, but native Austrian), Peter Petzelbauer, Lorenzo Cerroni, Alexandra Geusau, Peter Wolf, Johann Bauer, Patrizia Stoitzner, Reinhard Kirnbauer, Michael Binder, Peter Fritsch, Werner Aberer, Herbert Hönigsmann, Hubert Pehamberger, Helmut Kerl, Matthias Schmith, Helmut Hintner, Klemens Rappersberger, Erwin Tschachler, Georg Klein, and myself, Beatrix Volc-Platzer.

Stephan I. Katz, director of NIAMS at NIH, Maryland, Bethesda, USA, a world famous dermatologist, with whom many Austrian experts were on scientific education in the past, was invited as a guest. The Meeting was chaired and co-chaired by Frank Powell, EADV President Elect, Andreas Katsambas, actual EADV President, and colleagues oriented towards Austrian dermatovenereology from neighboring countries. Members and presidents from many European dermatovenereological societies were also present; there were almost 150 attendees.

We can conclude that the proud past and challenging future for Austrian dermatology and venereology is continuing.

One of these challenges will be the bid for the World Congress of Dermatology 2015 in Vienna. In 1892, Vienna hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress with Moriz von Kaposi presiding, only four years after the World Fair in Vienna. At this time, as it is nowadays, Vienna was at the crossroads between the East and the West connecting European countries.

Featuring a diversified history, scientific breakthroughs but also open-mindedness and modern congress facilities as the Messe Wien and, the last but not the least, an abundance of cultural options, Vienna represents an ideal venue for the next World Congress.

We would be happy if you would like to support our bid!

Professor Beatrix Volc-Platzer  
President of the Spring Meeting