

The European Dermatology Forum (EDF)

A non-profit professional organization
dedicated to improving the quality of healthcare
for Dermatology patients in Europe



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WHAT IS THE EDF?

- a non-profit professional organization dedicated to improving the skin health of people in Europe.
- the EDF was founded in 1997 by a group of leading European Professors of Dermatology. The EDF is currently restricted to 200 active members consisting of heads of academic departments and key opinion leaders in dermato-venereology across Europe.

MISSION STATEMENT

- to implement actions aimed at preventing skin disease and improving the quality of healthcare for dermatologic & venereologic patients in Europe, notably by strengthening the position and reducing the health economic impact of dermato-venereology and its several subspecialties such as allergology and dermato-oncology to the benefit of our patients and our profession.

AIMS

The specific aims of the EDF are to:

1. Provide a visible and positive image for dermatology & venereology within the medical community, governmental agencies and society.
2. Strengthen the health economic impact of the specialty.
3. Provide independent advice and facilitate communication between dermatologists and European governmental agencies, industry, academia and patient associations.
4. Promote the highest possible standard of prevention and care for skin and venereal diseases. The EDF produces European guidelines for the management of skin and venereal diseases.
5. Secure and expand the scientific basis of dermato-venereology by collaborating with sister societies (e.g. EADV, UEMS, ESDR, EADO, IUSTI and others).
6. Enhance and harmonize high quality dermatology & venereology training in Europe as exemplified by the annual Euroderm Excellence Course organized by the EDF, with the support of Galderma, for final year dermatology residents in Europe.

7. Improve and harmonize undergraduate teaching of dermatology-venereology in Europe.
8. Provide platforms for web-based teaching, learning and personal Continuous Medical Education (CME).

EDF Structure

LEGAL ENTITY

The EDF is an independent, non-profit association registered in Switzerland.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is comprised of 12 elected EDF members from 9 European countries. Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting:

John McGrath, London, United Kingdom, President
Lars French, Zurich, Switzerland, Past-President
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MEMBERS

Membership is on an invitation basis. A maximum of 200 active members, all of whom are opinion leaders in Dermatology, and EDF members representing 30 European countries constitute the EDF membership.

CORPORATE MEMBERS

The EDF enjoys a strong collaborative partnership with Corporate Members (10 currently) from the pharma- or biotech industry. Corporate members have the possibility to actively participate in the EDF Annual Meetings in various ways (e.g.- lecture in the industry symposium, privileged annual meeting on an individual basis with the Board of the EDF).

Notable achievements of the EDF

GUIDELINES

Under the guidance of the EDF Guideline Committee the EDF has, to date, published more than 35 guidelines on the management of skin disease. The first ten guidelines have been compiled in a manual: Sterry W, Griffiths C, Korting HC (eds): EDF Guidelines for Dermatology in Europe. ABW Wissenschaftsverlag, Berlin 2009. Both cancerous and inflammatory dermatoses are covered. Thus, the spectrum ranges from guidelines on the Management of Actinic Keratoses and the Diagnosis and Treatment of Melanoma to Systemic Treatment of Psoriasis Vulgaris and Diagnostics and Treatment of Venous Leg Ulcers. Following publication in the medical literature, all current guidelines are provided free on an electronic basis via www.euroderm.org. Guidelines are developed with strategic partners, principally (but not exclusively) the EADV to promote, disseminate and influence best practice in dermatovenereology.

EDF WHITE BOOK (5 EDITIONS TO DATE)

The new published 5th Edition of the White Book was launched in 2017 and is a major initiative and achievement of the EDF. The White Book describes the burden of skin and sexually transmitted diseases in Europe and shows how service provision varies across the continent. It outlines the high impact of skin and sexually transmitted diseases and their management and provides up-to-date information on key areas of clinical and scientific advance. A directory of national dermatological associations, European dermatology societies and patient organizations complete a valuable resource that will inform all those involved in healthcare. The EDF White Book is structured to be of use and interest to dermatovenereologists, other physicians, the pharmaceutical industry and policy makers including medical school and hospital administrators as well as health politicians and patient organizations.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

The EDF organizes a 2-day Annual General Meeting in January with a rich scientific program including plenary lectures, thematic symposia, industry symposia, EDF working group meetings and reports, as well as reports from its European Sister Societies. The annual meeting of the EDF is attended by over 200 delegates including EDF members, corporate members and guests. The high quality scientific program and ideal platform for constructive networking make it a highlight for key opinion leaders in dermatology across Europe.

HARMONIZING EDUCATION

The EDF is actively working towards promoting the harmonization of undergraduate training and high-level teaching of Dermato-Venerology within the medical curricula for students across Europe.

The EDF supports the internet platform Cyberderm DOIT. This is a peer-reviewed interactive, systematic and case-oriented, multilingual online dermatology e-learning platform for undergraduate students in Medicine (www.cyberderm.net) which is also complemented by a webbook (launched in 2017).

LOBBYING

The EDF invests considerable energy into promoting and defending the interests of dermatology and patients with skin disease in Europe.

Besides the White Book as a communication tool, the EDF fosters active contact with leaders of opinion in academia, industry and politics at a European level.

EUROPEAN DERMATOLOGY LIAISON COMMITTEE

A Liaison Committee for European Dermatology Societies meets under the umbrella of the EDF on an annual basis to define common goals and achieve consensus in strategic domains relevant to European Dermatology. Members are the EDF, EADV, UEMS, ESDR and ILDS, as well as ad hoc exchanges with other European societies.

ANNUAL EURODERM EXCELLENCE COURSE

For 12 years the EDF and Galderma have been organizing a highly appreciated training program for European Residents in dermatology & venereology (from 2018 Lilly is our new partner). The intensive course is delivered to a selected >100 final-year Dermatology residents, by several Professors of Dermatology and specialists in their field from all across Europe. The aim is to contribute to a high-level of pan-European education in dermatology & venereology and its subspecialties and to help to harmonize the level of knowledge according to the European training charter for medical specialities.



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