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25th EADV Congress sets new participants record. Professor Dr. Luca Borradori takes over the Academy's presidency.

Vienna, 30/09/16. The European Academy of Dermatology and Venerology held its 25th annual Congress in Vienna, Austria from 28 September to 2 October 2016. The meeting, which ended yesterday, set a new record of attendance, reaching 11,320 participants.

Including 180 stimulating sessions, which involved contributors from more than 30 countries worldwide, the intensive scientific programme covered all major fields of dermatology and venereology, as well as surgery courses and a full day on aesthetics. More than 700 enthusiastic speakers with well recognized clinical expertise and high presentation scores over the past years were invited to present.

The EADV's collaboration with other societies continues to flourish and this was proven by the joint EADV/AAD (American Academy of Dermatology) Symposium on Friday, as well as the ESDR (European Society for Dermatological Research) session. The President's symposium was a highly interactive session with enhanced audience participation via smartphones and tablets, allowing live questions and comments, which were projected on the screen in real time, as well as live answers of the audience to questions posed by the speakers.

Other highlights of the Congress included the popular Spotlights sessions, which provided new information and latest developments on a wide spectrum of areas in dermatology and venereology, the late-breaking news session, which summarised the most recent, important studies published to date and one track dedicated to clinical cases from around Europe. Two half-day tracks focused on dermatology and important diseases from the Americas, as well as skin diseases in dark skin, featuring key speakers from the Indian and African continent. In addition, a selection of "hands-on" workshops was organised, in order to provide practical insights and promote expertise.

The 25th EADV Congress was also special due to the change in the leadership of the organisation. After two years as President, Prof. Erwin Tschachler's term ended and Prof. Luca Borradori from Switzerland became President of the Academy until 2018. Dr. Michael Reusch from Germany took over as Secretary General, succeeding Prof. Carle Paul, who was elected as President-Elect.

'Firstly, I want to congratulate my predecessor, Prof. Erwin Tschachler, for his excellent work the last two years as President of the EADV. He led the Academy with extreme dedication and together with the support of the entire executive committee set the basis for further growth and development of the Academy. The EADV has become an important key player, which annually organises the largest European Congress in dermatology and venereology, offers a variety of fostering courses, scholarships and research grants to young residents and specialists, acts as a public health advocate and has built excellent relations with the patients' organisations.

All this work is done in-house due to the excellent collaboration of the leadership with Ms. Nancy Induni, CEO of the EADV and the 36 highly professional staff members. My aim is to enhance this relation, which I consider fundamental for the flourishing of the EADV. I also want, with the collaboration of my fellow colleagues of the Executive Committee, to set a clear strategy with concrete goals and a temporal planning. My goal for the next two years is for the EADV to consolidate its role as a successful educational promoter and effective policy advocate in our changing world, as well as, together with Ms. Nancy Induni, optimize the organisational structure of the EADV and its operation model,' said Prof. Luca Borradori, after assuming his duties as President of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology.

The EADV next year will be celebrating its 30th anniversary. For this reason, special events are planned for the upcoming EADV Spring Symposium in Brussels, Belgium (25-28 May, 2017). The next EADV Congress will take place in Geneva, Switzerland from 13 to 17 September 2017.

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Founded in 1987, EADV is a non-profit association whose vision is to be the premier European Dermato-Venereology Society, with the key aims of improving the quality of patient care, providing continuing medical education (CME) for all Dermato-Venereologists in Europe, and advocacy on behalf of the specialty and patients.

The membership concept has been broadened to include all areas of Europe and elsewhere, and the development of alliances and affiliations with other organisations.

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