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Stefan Jürgens and Professor Eggert Stockfleth started the campaign (June 2011)

This summer, the European Skin Cancer Foundation (ESCF) and Stefan Jürgens - actor, musician and ESCF-ambassador – have started the awareness campaign "Crime Scene: Skin". The aim of the initiative is to convince more and more people of the need to do a skin cancer screening on a regular basis. Therefore, the ESCF started to distribute free flyers to all dermatologists in Germany.

The ESCF has written to 35.000 dermatologists throughout Germany in order to get their attention of this awareness campaign. Presently, the dermatologists have ordered 25.000 flyers in order to distribute them to their patients. Next year "Crime Scene: Skin" will continue. We would like to thank all dermatologists for their great support.

See more at:

http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/25000-flyers-ofcrime-scene-skin-have-already-been-sent.html



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First training courses of European dermatologists have finished

In November the first workshops for dermatologists from Europe, Canada and Brasil have started. The first training unit finished and about 100 dermatologists informed themselves about prevention, diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer.



Workshop at the Pinkus Library in the Skin Cancer Center Charité Berlin

The topics included skin cancer prevention, treatment of organtransplanted patients, better methods of diagnosis with the confocal laser microscopy, sonographic controlled fine needle aspiration cytology as well as new research approaches of viral skin carcinogenesis.



The aim of the training is to develop international programs and strategies for the early detection of skin cancer and the reduction of its risks. The awareness of skin cancer has to increase worldwide. Therefore, the trained dermatologists will pass on their expertise to dermatologists in their homecountries. The workshops are supported by Leo Pharma A/S.

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Intensive sun exposition in your job may cause skin cancer



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About two third of all cases of Non Melanoma Skin Cancer could have occupational reasons. So far only a few employees working outside protect themselves against the skin damaging UV-Light. It is necessary to wear UV-absorbing clothes and a hat as well as to apply sunscreen, said Michael Reusch (Berufsverband der Deutschen Dermatologen, BVDD) in Berlin in the context of the campaign-week "Skin and Job".

"At least 15 percent of the people have to work in the open air", he said. These include constructors, farmers, ski instructors or garbage men. The employees and the employers often do not know the danger of intensive and permanently UV-radiation. According to Reusch dermatologists as well do not think of the job being an important risk factor for the most common cancer in Germany. At the moment there are 15.000 new cases of Non Melanoma Skin Cancer each year, at least 5000 are related to the job.

See more at:

http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/zu-viel-sonne-im-job-kann-hellen-hautkrebsausloesen.html?PHPSESSID=6flhjq0tq2s87qmd7umm9m3kq6



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