# **EUROPEAN SKIN CANCER FOUNDATION**

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## European Skin Cancer Foundation initiated Global Consensus Meeting

A special workshop was initiated by the European Skin Cancer Foundation from 10 to 11 August 2012 in Berlin. The concern of interest of the so called "Global Consensus Meeting" was focused on Non Melanoma Skin Cancer and the treatment of field cancerisation, meaning the therapy of large affected skin areas. Eight key opinion leaders from the USA, Australia and Spain informed themselves about prevention, diagnoses and treatment of skin cancer in Germany and discussed new approaches.



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The aim of the workshop is to build up a strong relationship of the participants and to extend the knowledge in order to raise the awareness of skin cancer in a global perspective. New national programs and materials will achieve a higher level of skin cancer awareness among the authorities and the society as well. During the next Global Consensus Meeting the process of a joint publication about "Field Cancerisation in Dermatology" will be continued.

### See more at:

http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/european-skincancer-foundation-initiated-global-consensus-meeting.html



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## 6th International Conference of HPV, Polyomavirus and Ultraviolet Radiation in Skin Cancer



The 6th International Conference of HPV, Polyomavirus and Ultraviolet (UV) Radiation in Skin Cancer will be held under the auspicies of the European Skin Cancer Foundation (ESCF) in Berlin, Germany on 18th-20th October 2012.

The aim of the conference is to define future directions of skin cancer research with the main focus on UV radiation and oncogenic viruses (human papilloma-viruses (HPV) and polyomaviruses). Basic reasearch as well as epidemiology and novel therapeutic treatments in skin cancer will be discussed with international experts.

We are looking forward to meet you in Berlin!

See more at: <u>www.hpv2012.de</u>

## European Skin Cancer Foundation awarded prize for poster

During the anniversary congress of the Society of the Support of Sexual Health (DSTG) in June 2012 two winners were chosen. The posters based on an international cooperation and were presented during the STI congress. The European Skin Cancer Foundation (ESCF) and the Department of Dermatology of the Ruhr University donated the prize of 500 Euros for each of the two winners.

The award of the ESCF was given to Dr. Amir Adem (Ayder Referral Hospital, Mekelle University, Ethiopia) for his poster of "HIV, ART, and the problem of Treatment Failure Detection in Ethiopia". The data evaluation was created in



cooperation with Sintayehu Abebe, Borbert Brockmeyer, Anja Potthoff, Adriana Skaletz-Rorowski und Judith Coenenberg.

## See more at:

http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/europaeischehautkrebsstiftung-und-dermatologische-klinik-der-ruhr-universitaet-haben-poster-preiseve.html

## Government will strengthen the fight against cancer

Thousands of cancer patients should benefit from early detection and better therapies. The German cabinet has developed such a law. If the law is passed by the Bundestag and the Bundesrat it will come into force at the beginning of 2013. People will be invited to early detection examinations. So far, only organized prevention programs for breast cancer detection are existing.



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Furthermore, the law now states that the different clinical cancer registries will be complemented and unified. *(Source: dpa)* 

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http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/government-willstrengthen-the-fight-against-cancer.html



According to scientists all over Europe the risk of skin cancer due to sunbeds is still dramatically underestimated. A new study showed that the use of sunbeds will increase the risk of the harmful black cancer by 20 percent in contrast to people who have never been in a solarium.





The risk rises rapidly when people start to go to sunbeds below the age of 35 up to 87 percent, wrote an international team of scientists around the Frenchmen Mathieu Boniol in the "British Medical Journal" (BMJ). Since August 2012 the rules of solariums have been tightened once again in Germany. No equipment shall exceed a determined irradiance (0.3 watts per square metre skin). (Source: dpa)

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http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/gefahr-von-dersonnenbank-studie-belegt-hohes-hautkrebsrisiko.html

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