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### *International conference discussed climate change and UV exposition*

If the protecting ozone layer becomes thinner, more and more UV radiation will get to the earth. The results are skin damages and skin cancer in the worst case. Exactly these problems were discussed during the scientific conference: "Ozone Depletion, UV Exposure and Skin Cancer" on 25 April 2012 at the Royal Danish School of Architecture in Copenhagen.



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About 1500 participants, including epidemiologists, experts in UV radiation, climate experts, dermatologists and decision makers at national and international level as well as representatives from NGOs exchanged data and opinions about climate changes and the consequences for people.

The ozone layer depletion and the increasing incidence of skin cancer made one wonder and made it clear that there is an urgent need of international strategies. Everybody agreed that an extensive documentation of all skin cancer types is indispensable. Models like the successful German skin cancer screening and the possible adaption in other European public health systems were discussed.

The participants were able to get a practical overview of the topic in the exhibition "Health. Environment. Climate" at the Opera House in Copenhagen.

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Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary and the Danish Minister of European Affairs, Nicolai Wammen, opened the exhibition. All visitors could get answers of the questions about what climate and environment mean for their own health and if the skin is already damaged due to UV exposition.

The conference and the exhibition were designed and organized by the European Movement, the European Policy Center and LEO Pharma.

**See more at:**

<http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/internationale-konferenz-diskutiert-ueber-klimawandel-und-uv-exposition.html>

### *Protect the skin against the sun despite the recovery of the UV layer*

In some regions of the world the UV layer has recovered slightly. Therefore, less UV radiation gets to the earth. But that does not mean that the German people should ignore sun protection. According to the Federal Office for Radiation Protection (BfS) in Salzgitter the changes do not have any significant effect on the strength of the UV radiation in Germany.



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There is still the danger of sunburn and of longterm health risks like skin cancer, especially in spring when the skin does not get used to the sun.

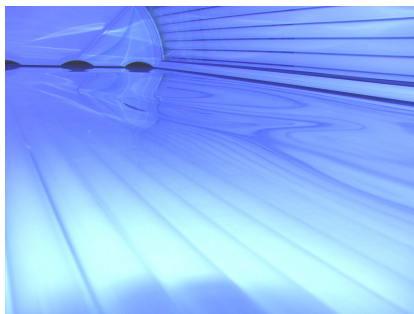
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<http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/trotz-erholung-der-ozonschicht-weiter-gut-vor-sonne-schuetzen.html>

### *Study: Higher risk of skin cancer than thought, due to solariums*

The risk of skin cancer is higher than thought by going to solariums. This is shown by a summary of large studies which was presented at a forum of experts of skin cancer in Berlin. If people up to an age of 35 years go to solariums regularly, they will have a doubled risk for the dangerous malignant melanoma, warned Professor Eckhard Breitbart, head of the Working Group Dermato-logical Prevention (ADP).



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“Each year the risk increases by three percent – and that is nonreversible”, added Breitbart. The experts came to this conclusion after the evaluation of nine of the largest studies worldwide dealing with this topic. These studies were presented during a workshop of the medical society Euro-Skin by French and Italian scientists.

One of the studies showed that almost one visit of a solarium per month will increase the risk of 2.4 times after two or three decades – in comparison to people who never go to a solarium. *Source: dpa*

#### **See more at:**

<http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/studie-hautkrebsgefahrdurch-solarien-hoeher-als-gedacht.html>

### *European Skin Cancer Foundation tenders journalism award*

To honor journalists for their engagement by publishing contributions about skin cancer and for their help to raise the awareness, the European Skin Cancer Foundation tenders the journalism award “Prevention, Diagnosis and Therapy of Skin Cancer” for the second time. The award is endowed with 10.000 Euros in total and it will be separated into the two media categories print and TV/radio. The award ceremony will be on the 13 September 2012 at the European "Non Melanoma Skin Cancer Day".



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Journalists, teams and authors are now called to send their contributions in German or English which are published between 01 August 2011 and 31 July 2012 to the ESCF. The deadline is 31 July 2012.

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<http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/projects/journalism-award.html>

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