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ESCF will host the 2nd International Conference on UV and Skin Cancer Prevention

In 2013 the European Skin Cancer Foundation will celebrate its five year anniversary. Due to this occasion we proudly announce that we will host the 2nd International Conference on UV and Skin Cancer Prevention from the 10 – 13 September 2013 in Berlin. After the resounding success of the 1st International Conference on UV and Skin Cancer Prevention we hope that there is as much spirit and enthusiasm as everybody felt in Denmark. We also hope that we will continue the exciting discussions that started in Copenhagen.



Source: Jörg Sabel/pixelio.de

In Spring 2012 we will announce the main facts, including the topics and the keynote speakers. There will be also a special website to register and to get more information about the conference and about sightseeing in Berlin. Our aim is to prepare a comfortable atmosphere while learning more about skin cancer and its prevention.

See more at:

<http://www.escf-network.eu/en/welcome/news/newsdetails/article/escf-will-host-the-2nd-international-conference-on-uv-and-skin-cancer-prevention.html>

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Underestimated Danger of the Autumn Sun



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Cloudiness and cold temperatures often mask the strength of the autumn sun. Many people underestimate that a reduced solar radiation may cause skin damages. About 80 percent of the UV-Radiation penetrates through the cover of clouds even when it is cloudy. The Swiss Cancer League advises to stay in the shadow between 11.00 a.m. and 3 p.m., to protect yourselves with clothes and to use sun glasses.

At the moment it is quite popular to walk through the autumn landscape. Especially hikers have to be cautious: Because the sun intensity rises about three to five percent each 300 high meters. Therefore, they should wear a hat, suitable clothes and use sun glasses and sunscreen. The same applies for the flat German landscape. Despite the reduced radiation do not underestimate the intensity of the autumn sun, and therefore protect yourself accordingly.

The best prevention is skin cancer screening, which is a standard benefit of the general health insurances in Germany and free of charge for every two years if you are over 35. It is necessary to go to the screening since changes of the skin will be detected early and effectively treated.

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7500 Dermatologists at the 20th Congress of the EADV

The 20th Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venerology (EADV) was held in Lisbon from 20 - 24 October. In five days about 7500 dermatologists from all over the world exchanged knowledge about new trends and developments in dermatology. According to Professor Harald Gollnick (Magdeburg) dermatology in Europe will be more and more important.



Arc de Triomphe in Lisbon,
Source: Rolf Handke/pixelio.de

The head of the department of dermatology in Magdeburg referred to the demographic development with increasing cases of skin cancer and he also pointed out the rising requirements of dermatocosmetology. Harald Gollnick presented the skin cancer screening of Germany and underlined the decreasing costs of treatment because of the early detection of skin cancer.

In about 2000 presentations and workshops there were surgical treatment methods of nonmalignant and malignant skin changes on the program, as well as gene therapy of innate or acquired skin diseases. News about scientific and clinical studies were also presented during the congress.

The next EADV-Congress will be held in Prague from 26 - 30 September 2012.

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Parliamentary Evening of Skin Cancer at the Danish Embassy

According to the motto: "The skin cancer rates are still rising. What can we do?" the Danish embassy in Berlin invited to a parliamentary evening on 28 September 2011. The guests were dermatologists and experts of other medical fields, as well as experts of the health insurances and of the pharma industry.

Professor Eggert Stockfleth, Head of the European Skin Cancer Foundation (ESCF) underlined the brisance of the increasing new cases of skin cancer from five to seven percent each year.



Source: Florian Bolk

In a discussion of over two hours the experts debated all important aspects of skin cancer prevention. The so called “pioneer” of the skin cancer screening, Professor Eckart Breitbart (Buxtehude), appreciated the legal regulation of the screening in Germany since 2008. It has been possible to cover not only the malignant melanoma but also the basal cell carcinoma and the squamous cell carcinoma.

Dr. Michael Reusch (Hamburg), president of the BVDD (Berufsverband der deutschen Dermatologen), pointed out the high quality of the early detection of skin cancer. Over many years these examinations were only done by dermatologists, before the screening was included in the benefits of health insurances.

At the same time Dr. Reusch underlined that the knowledge in the population about the services of the health insurances has to be improved. This information has been retrieved from a survey of the Deutsche Dermatologische Gesellschaft (DDG).

Four organizations who are implementing awareness campaigns on a regular basis were in the discussion round. These included the ESCF, the BVDD, the “Arbeitsgemeinschaft Dermatologische Prävention” (ADP) and the “Verband deutscher Betriebs- und Werksärzte”. Professor Wolfgang Weiss from the “Bundesamt für Strahlenschutz” argued in favor of a network of all organizations to improve the success of all initiatives with regard to skin cancer prevention.

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