

Euroderm Excellence – 4th European Training Programme for Residents in Dermatology, November 2007

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Dr Grøn from the Department of Dermatology, Aarhus University Hospital, went to Rome and the 4th European Training Programme "From malignant and chronic inflammatory diseases to aesthetic medicine: The spectrum of Dermatology" in November 2007.

Last year, Nannie Bangsgaard, Christian Vestergaard and I were the lucky ones who had been selected to go to Rome from Denmark to join the clinical course in dermatology. Euroderm Excellence is an innovative and up-to-date course aiming to gather residents in dermatology with the most competent dermatology professors in Europe to further build European dermatology.

Professor Alberto Giannetti from Italy was the founder of Euroderm Excellence in 2004. He introduced the course, with the lecture: "What is clinical research?" Professor Louis Dubertret from France was the President of Euroderm Excellence 2007.

Thirty-six lectures were given through 5 days, from the 7th to the 11th of November 2007. Lectures on cutaneous lymphomas, malignant melanoma, atopic eczema, psoriasis, scleroderma, PDT, dermoscopy and laser are only a few of the subjects that deserve to be mentioned. The teachers came from the most European countries, but mainly from the middle and south European countries. Generally, they were well prepared with good presentations and understandable English.



The course gave us an in-depth update of our knowledge and practice, focussing on recent advances. The educational level was high, partly because the residents showed much interest and contributed with good questions to the speakers. Discussions continued through the coffee breaks outside in the sun. At the same occasion, questions about research and working conditions were discussed.

The residents in Dermatology arrived from 24 different countries. A few hundreds of us were staying at the Hotel Villa Pamphili, which was also the course venue. Euroderm Excellence covered breakfast and lunch. Likewise, the programme offered a welcome cocktail, and the gala dinner at Palazzo Ferrajoli followed by dancing at the Diskotek "Cabala" in the heart of Rome.

The social atmosphere was phenomenal from the early morning with jogging and hiking in the park close by. Many appointments were made about sightseeing and visiting restaurants, and we had the opportunity to discover Rome in the evenings and Friday afternoon. The weather was enjoyable and changed over the week from sunny to heavy rain and thunder.

In conclusion, participation gave us the chance to sum up parts of the Dermatology and to develop an international contact group among colleagues. Therefore, look out for the advertisement at your department this spring. Residents will be selected under the auspices of a National Coordinator for each country. Apply for attendance; by filling out the on-line application form available at www.eurodermexcellence.com. Every year, 2–3 residents from Denmark have been to Rome to attend the course. Likewise, the other Nordic countries were represented this year at the course. Most Dermatological Departments allow the resident to join Euroderm Excellence with salary.

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