

Danish Dermatological Society – Dansk Dermatologisk Selskab

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General information

Danish Dermatological Society (DDS) was founded on December 9th 1898. At present DDS has in total 379 members out of whom 225 are dermatology residents or specialists in dermato-venerology.

Goals

The primary statutory goal of the society is to contribute to and to catalyze the development of dermatological specialty in Denmark. DDS is responsible for the development of the residency curricula and is involved in the selection of candidates for the residency programs. DDS plays also a vital role in the continuous medical education of dermatologists via its annual CME meeting (traditionally held in Hotel Munkebjerg in Vejle each January) and two scientific meetings per year. Apart from being a scientific society of the professionals, DDS is also actively lobbying to increase the understanding of the importance of skin diseases in the society and among the political stakeholders in Denmark. DDS has thus been actively supporting the Euromelanoma project and the open clinic day when the individuals with pigmented skin lesions may freely consult a dermatologist. DDS has also been successfully lobbying for the regulation of cosmetic laser treatments and the restrictions of the use of solarium in children and adolescents.

Dermatology in Denmark is a vigorous specialty producing excellent research and attracting considerable interest from

young colleagues. The specialty has very recently expanded by incorporating relevant parts of allergology into the specialist training with the possibility to obtain competence as dermato-allergologist. However, over the last decades dermatology developed into a medical specialty with a lesser emphasis on dermatological surgery and dermatopathology. The current efforts of the DDS is to bring dermatological surgery back into our specialty. We strongly feel that without proper surgical training and experience we will not be able to offer the optimal treatments for skin cancer, one of the most common diagnoses in dermatological clinic. Our ambition is to regain the leading position in oncologic dermatosurgery by implementation of Mohs surgery and more comprehensive training in surgical closure techniques already at the resident level. Other areas of educational need are pediatric dermatology and dermatopathology.

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