

Letters, Questions, Answers, etc

World Congress of Dermatology and Venereology 2002, 1-5 July, Paris

The World Congress of Dermatology and Venereology (WCD 2002) is rapidly approaching. In just one year's time the congress will open in the Palais des Exposition in Paris, only a couple of kilometres from the L'Arc de Triomphe.

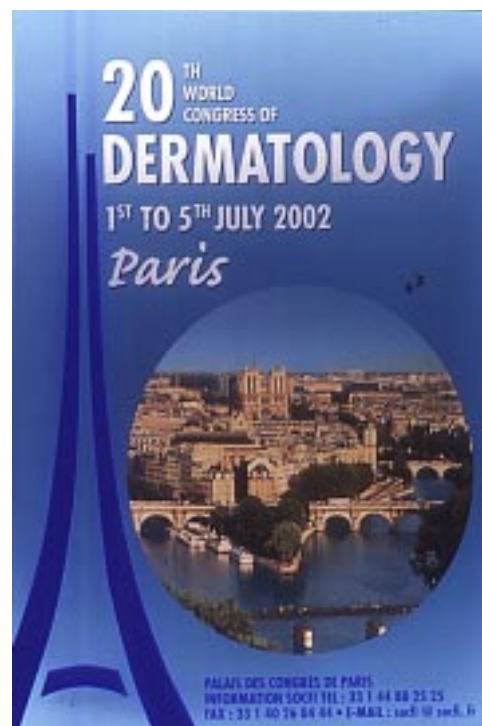
The French organizers have now invited all the chairpersons (481 people), and the final programmes with speakers etc. are being developed during the months that are left. The congress announcement, with the relevant forms, will be available during the AAD meeting in March, 2001. You can already visit the Web site of the congress to get further information (<www.derm-wcd-2002.com>).

When making the Nordic bid for the WCD 2002 we promised to give 1/3 of the net surplus to support the work carried out by the International Foundation of Dermatology (IFD). So did the French. For that reason, too, the ICD hopes there will be many colleagues in Paris, because this will be a significant help to the continued success of the programme of the RDTC in Moshi, Tanzania (see separate article in this issue).

Au revoir à Paris!

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European Dermatology Forum

The European Dermatology Forum was founded 4 years ago, with Professor Lasse Braathen as its first president. The organization consists of professors and chairpersons from university departments of dermatology and venereology throughout Europe. The current membership is about 100 members.

At the most recent meeting in Inter-laken, Switzerland, Georg Stingl

stepped in as the next President, Johannes Ring was made Vice-president and Peter van de Kerkhof Treasurer and Secretary-general.

Over the past year, members of EDF have produced a **White Book: Dermatology in Europe**. This book will be distributed to dermatology societies in all the countries of Europe, as well as to Ministries of Health, administrators and politicians in health organizations, and patient organizations. It will also be sent to the European Parliament and the EU Commission.

It is hoped that the book will heighten the focus on dermatology and venereology, in a field that is becoming more and more competitive.

If you are interested in receiving a copy, please contact me at my e-mail address.

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