

# Letters, Questions, Answers, etc

## Inauguration of the EADV House in Brussels on April 27, 2002

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EADV, the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, was founded in 1987 and had its first meeting in 1989 in Florence with Emiliano Panconesi as its first president. Since then EADV has evolved dramatically from being a small or-



*Fig. 1.* The EADV house in Brussels. EADV House, Avenue General de Gaulle 38, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium. Phone +32 2 650 0099. Fax +32 2 650 0098. office@eadv.be



*Fig. 2.* The inauguration of the EADV house with Professor Emiliano Panconesi unveiling the plate assisted by Dr Martin Black, President of EADV. In the background is the current treasurer, Dr Jacques Delescluse.

ganization of a select group of European dermatologists to an influential organization with large annual meetings - the last one in Munich in Oct 2001 with close to 6,000 attendants. This increase has created the need for a central office to manage the necessary "bureaucracy" and to take charge of congresses with a continuum.

The EADV board decided to open its own office in Brussels and has done so by buying an EADV house with a permanent staff of two assistants - one from Belgium, Mrs Els van Pee, and Mrs Tanja Sepälä from Finland, who has moved to Brussels with her family.

Fig. 1 shows the EADV house, situated at the address mentioned in a lovely residential area of Brussels with the house facing towards a small park with a lake. The Art Nouveau style is much appreciated. The EADV house consists of offices and meeting rooms. The upper floor is rented,

keeping down the costs of running the house.

EADV has extended invitations to the European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR) and European Dermatology Foundation (EDF) to rent an office for their organizational work at a very reasonable price. This was done to secure unity among various organizations for the promotion of European Dermatology and Venereology. Hopefully, this will be a very successful development, where we can all work to promote our specialty to the benefit of patients sufferings from dermatological and venereological diseases.

The other figures illustrate various aspects of the event on April 27, 2002. The Nordic dermato-venereologists have made a prominent contribution to EADV over the years - from the 3rd EADV Congress in Copenhagen in 1993, with Hans Rothenborg as president of the congress and EADV presi-



*Fig. 3.* Dr Martin Black, President of EADV (*middle*), the former Treasurer Professor Dianne Roseuwv (*right*) and the former Secretary-General Professor Andreas Katsambas (*left*).

dent at the same time, to present days, when many colleagues offer their input via their EADV membership.

I strongly recommend that colleagues of the Nordic countries are actively involved in EADV, as members and as

active congress participants. This is for the benefit of dermatology and venereology and as a unifying force behind European Dermatology. We need not give up our Nordic meetings - on the contrary - but being active in Europe is a must for the future.



*Fig. 4.* Some of the Nordic EADV board members and a former EADV president. *From left to right.* Ole Christensen, Oslo, Kristian Thestrup-Pedersen, Aarhus, Jon Hjaltelin Olafsson, Reykjavik, Finn Kjær Jacobsen, Aarhus, Hans Rothenborg, Hellerup, Lars Henriksen, Aarhus.