



## **EUROPEAN SOCIETY of CONTACT DERMATITIS NEWSLETTER**

**Dear members, Dear all**

Visit the ESCD website regularly: [www.escd.org](http://www.escd.org)

It is updated regularly with reports from working parties, educational events, and other news and meetings.

Membership application with instructions and information is available on-line and membership fee can be paid on-line!

If you have ideas and suggestions on how to improve the website – please contact the council members. Mark Wilkinson, Leeds is currently webmaster, [mark.wilkinson@leedsth.nhs.uk](mailto:mark.wilkinson@leedsth.nhs.uk)

The important event in 2010 is the forthcoming congress in Strasbourg, September 15-18, 2010

**The Second Announcement and Preliminary Programme of the “10<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Society of Contact Dermatitis” is ready.** For further information visit <http://www.escd-gerda2010.com/>

For young dermatologists: remember to apply for the:

### **Jan Wahlberg Prize**

This prize to encourage a young research worker in the field of contact dermatitis will be to the value of €2,000 as a cheque to be drawn on a UK bank and the successful individual will be expected

to give a lecture during the Congress on the topic of their submission.

The individual must be 45 years old or less and provide clinical or research work in the field of contact dermatitis that has been recently published or submitted for publication within the past 2 years.

The article should be sent to the ESCD secretariat by the 16th April 2010. Confidentiality will be maintained if the work has not already been published.

The jury will be Thomas Diepgen, Ana Gimenez-Arnau, Jean-Pierre Lepoittevin and Mark Wilkinson.

### **Travel Grants for the ESCD Congress, September 2010 Strasbourg, France**

10 travel grants are available for junior researchers who have submitted an abstract to the Congress. The grants are for €1000 and will be given as a cheque to be drawn on a UK bank.

Individuals must be under 35 years old and can apply by submitting the abstract to the ESCD secretariat together with a brief 1 page curriculum vitae by 16th April 2010. ESCD membership is not obligatory but the abstract must be accepted for presentation at the congress.

### **Future educational activities under planning are:**

**Immunology course in 2010 organized by Thomas Rustemeyer**

**Occupational dermatology in 2011 organized by Thomas Diepgen**

Consider suggestions for future educational activities – contact the secretariat with your ideas

**Reduced membership fee (50 Euro) is available for “junior members”.**

Eligible are residents, researchers, PhD students, post.doc fellows. Persons applying for the junior member status must provide written documentation from the chief of their department every year. This category of members will enjoy all the rights and obligations including vote at the General Assembly but will not receive the journal, Contact Dermatitis.

**Hand eczema guideline**

An international task force headed by Thomas Diepgen and Tove Agner has authored a draft Guideline for diagnosis, treatment and prevention of hand eczema. This draft will soon be published on the “member’s only” section of the ESCD website and be subject for discussion, comments and modification.

Thereafter, a one-day consensus conference, open for ESCD members (except members from the pharmaceutical and cosmetic Industry) will be held at a meeting room at Frankfurt Airport. An independent moderator will assure that the final Hand Eczema guideline reflects the best available evidence-based approach to handling hand eczema patients.

ESCD has approached **EMEA** and urged the agency to implement banning of fragrances from topical pharmaceutical products and, if their presence is needed in view of their pharmacological properties, standardized labelling of all natural (fragrance) ingredients of such products. Moreover, to also label medical devices. The letter is available on the “members only” section of ESCD website.

### **Election of Council members**

The members from each country (with a minimum of 6 ESCD members) are requested to elect a council member for the coming 2 years.

**All the ESCD members are important, please feel the ESCD as yours and do not hesitate to participate. You can friendly contact through the Secretariat, make your suggestions and express your needs. “We need you as you would need the ESCD”.**

