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MALTESE ASSOCIATION OF
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FOCUS ON THE YOUNG AND THE ELDERLY

DERMFEST 2018

CME:

PROGRAMME AWARDED
9 CPD POINTS BY THE MALTA
COLLEGE OF FAMILY DOCTORS

26-27th October
The Palace Hotel, Sliema

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by the President of the Maltese Association
of Dermatology and Venereology



Dear friends,

On behalf of my colleagues, I warmly invite you to our annual academic activity - Dermfest 2018. We have a full programme designed to appeal to both specialists and non-specialists with an interest in skin/GU problems. Doctors, nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals and students are all very welcome to attend.

Dermfest this year will run over 2 days – Friday evening and Saturday. The academic programme will focus on the young and the elderly and has been compiled together with the Maltese Paediatric Association and the Geriatric Medicine Society of Malta. We will also have, for the first time, a patients' symposium on Saturday afternoon in collaboration with the Malta Eczema Society and the Psoriasis Association of Malta.

We are honoured to have two eminent visiting speakers – Christos Zouboulis (Germany) and our own Michael Camilleri (Mayo Clinic, US) and local colleagues who will give a variety of lectures. Topics include hidradenitis suppurativa, acne, blistering disorders, STIs, prescribing in children and the elderly, infantile haemangiomas, dry skin, skin infections, skin malignancies, skin histology, skin ageing, refugee dermatology, paediatric and geriatric dermatology in general practice, quality of life issues and advances in eczema and psoriasis. Our aim is to provide attendees with useful information that can be applied to daily practice.



As always, special thanks go to our sponsors, without whose generous support the event would not be possible, and to the backroom team run so well by Dorian Schembri and George Depasquale.



We hope that you do attend Dermfest and find the event informative and useful and enjoy it as much as we enjoyed preparing for it!

Dr Michael Boffa

PRESIDENT, MALTESE ASSOCIATION OF DERMATOLOGY AND VENEREOLOGY



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by the President of the Maltese Paediatric Association



Over the years Dermfest has established itself as a high-quality educational event for medical professionals, and is unique in bringing professionals and lay people together in one forum. I congratulate the Maltese Association of Dermatology and Venereology (MADV) on coming up with such an original idea of bringing together specialists from opposite ends of the age spectrum to contribute in one symposium.

The two age groups share a common social dimension and represent potentially vulnerable populations. Young persons are often completely dependent on their parents for their needs, while older persons are increasingly reliant on their close relatives or social network for a helping hand. As healthcare providers we need to recognize the importance of the social support network, without whom our management advice may be diluted and indeed ineffective.

Despite the difference in age, many dermatological conditions are common to both age groups. The pathophysiology is the same and so are the basic principles underpinning their management. I am sure that this conference will highlight these similarities.

On behalf of the Maltese Paediatric Association I would like to applaud the initiative of the MADV and thank them for inviting us, paediatricians, to contribute to this symposium.

Dr Patrick Sammut

PRESIDENT, MALTESE PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION



Maltese Paediatric Association

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by the Chairperson of the Geriatric Medicine Society of Malta



I would like to start my short message by thanking the Maltese Association of Dermatology and Venereology (MADV) and its president Dr Michael Boffa for the invitation to participate in Dermfest 2018. I think that this should be the way forward for the local associations and societies of medical specialties when organising their respective scientific meetings.

Dermfest has become a regular fixture in the calendar of scientific meetings and a beauty of the meeting is the opportunity offered to the trainees in dermatology and venereology to share their knowledge with the audience. This collaboration is important for our speciality since the skin is one of the most common organs to present us with diagnostic dilemmas. It has to be said that skin changes in the elderly might be overlooked both by the patient and physician as they could be attributed to ageing, but on the other hand such conditions might also lead to social isolation and increased frailty in a group of people who are already vulnerable.

I would like to congratulate the MADV for the organisation, and coming up with such an interesting programme spanning from the very young to the very old. Dr Christine McAlpine, the outgoing chair of the Scottish branch of the British Geriatric Society, about a similar collaboration by our British counterparts said that such collaboration surely is “some good cross-pollination”.

Dr Mark Anthony Vassallo

CHAIRPERSON, THE GERIATRIC MEDICINE SOCIETY OF MALTA





**EVENT
INFORMATION**

Elaine Agius

Consultant Dermatologist, Frimley NHS, UK & St Anne's Clinic, Malta

Martina Aquilina

Specialist in Family Medicine, Malta

Sue Aquilina

Consultant Dermatologist, Sir Paul Boffa Hospital, Malta

Godfrey Baldacchino

Resident Specialist in Dermatology, Sir Paul Boffa Hospital, Malta

Alexandra Betts

Consultant Histopathologist, Mater Dei Hospital, Malta

Michael Boffa

Consultant Dermatologist, Sir Paul Boffa Hospital, Malta; President MADV

Eileen Borg

Resident Specialist in Dermatology, Sir Paul Boffa Hospital, Malta

Mark Buttigieg

Consultant Paediatrician & Paediatric Endocrinologist,
Gozo General Hospital, Malta

Michael Camilleri

Associate Professor of Dermatology, Mayo Clinic, USA

Philip Carabot

Consultant Genito-Urinary Physician, St James Hospital, Malta

Dawn Caruana

Consultant Dermatologist, St James Hospital, Malta

Anne-Marie Cassar Flores

Clinical Pharmacist, Neonatal & Paediatric Intensive Care Unit,
Mater Dei Hospital, Malta

Anthony Fiorini

Consultant Geriatrician & Clinical Chairperson,
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Liam Mercieca

Resident Specialist in Dermatology, Sir Paul Boffa Hospital, Malta

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Valeska Padovese

Consultant Dermato-Venereologist & Head of Genito-Urinary Clinic,
Mater Dei Hospital, Malta

Chris Sciberras

Consultant in Neuro-Developmental Paediatrics,
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Christos C. Zouboulis

Director, Departments of Dermatology, Venereology,
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Higher Specialist Trainee in Dermatology

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Basic Specialist Trainee in Medicine

Jessica Sammut

Basic Specialist Trainee in Medicine

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Basic Specialist Trainee in Medicine

Jeanclaude Scicluna

Medical Student, University of Malta



Dermfest 2018: Focus on the Young and the Elderly 26-27th October, The Palace Hotel, Sliema

Friday 26th October

- 15:30** Registration
16:30 Welcome & Opening Remarks

TRAINEE PRESENTATIONS

- 16:35** An Edinburgh dermatology elective experience – *JC Scicluna*
16:45 The lesser-known cousin – *A Vella Baldacchino, R Corso, MJ Boffa*
16:55 Fifty shades of grey hair in dermatology – *M Cachia, S Aquilina*
17:05 Cutaneous mastocytosis: the skin and beyond – *J Sammut, L Mercieca, MJ Boffa*
17:15 Neither cellulitis nor eczema – *D Micallef, A Betts, MJ Boffa, E Clark, L Scerri*
17:25 Psoriasis and the microbiome – *D Mintoff, F Benhadou, B Schnebert, H Bing Thio*
17:35 Giving a voice to the voiceless: the creation of a dermatology-specific quality of life assessment instrument for infants and toddlers – *R Corso, MJ Boffa, P Chernyshov*
- 17:45** [Pharma Presentations 1](#)
- 18:00** Dry skin: is it a normal part of ageing? – *Dawn Caruana*
18:20 Bullous pemphigoid and the elderly – *Michael Camilleri*
18:40 Acne in children & adolescents – *Sue Aquilina*
19:00 Update on hidradenitis suppurativa/acne inversa – *Christos C. Zouboulis*
- 19:30** [Dinner Break](#)
- 20:30** Common skin infections in the elderly – *Godfrey Baldacchino*
20:50 Keeping up appearances – *Eileen Borg*
21:10 Clues to diagnosis of malignant skin lesions
in the young and old – *Elaine Agius*
21:30 Nutrition & acne – *Christos C. Zouboulis*



07:45 Registration



MORNING SESSION 1

08:25 Welcome Remarks

08:30 Nuances and confusing terminology in skin histopathology reports –
Alexandra Betts

08:50 Tangas & panties – The STIs spectrum – *Valeska Padovese*

09:10 Mycoplasma genitalium: hype or should we worry? – *Philip Carabot*

09:30 The impact of chronic skin disease on child development – *Chris Sciberras*

09:50 Modern management of infantile haemangiomas – *Michael Boffa*

10:10 Pharma Presentations 2

10:25 Coffee Break

MORNING SESSION 2

11:00 Prescribing in children – *Ann-Marie Cassar Flores*

11:20 The impact of dermatological treatment in childhood and adolescence –
Mark Buttigieg

11:40 Prescribing in older people: when to stop, when to start, should all doctors
just lose heart? – *Anthony Fiorini*

12:00 Dermatology in a Syrian refugee camp – *Joe Pace*

12:25 “One last thing before I go” - dermatology in general practice – *Martina Aquilina*

12:45 Blistering disorders in the paediatric population – *Michael Camilleri*

13:05

- Presentation of the MADV 2018 Medical Student Prize (*winner: Andrew Hall*)
- Presentation of MADV 2018 Research Grant Certificates
 - Pilot study on *Mycoplasma genitalium* infection at the Genitourinary Clinic in Malta: prevalence, macrolide resistance and impact of ResistancePlus™ MG on clinical outcome (*Valeska Padovese**, *Graziella Zahra*, *Katya Muscat*, *Alexandra Gauci Farrugia*, *Rosanne Zammit*, *Christopher Barbara*)
 - Vitamin C, zinc & vitamin D status in patients with venous leg ulcers: a case-control study. (*Daniel Micallef**, *Charlton Agius*, *Ian Brincat*, *Gerald Buhagiar*, *Michael Boffa*) **Primary applicant*
- Presentation of the Dermfest 2018 Best Trainee Presentation Award
- Concluding Remarks





Saturday 27th October

PATIENTS' SYMPOSIUM

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- 15:00** Welcome & Opening Remarks
- 15:05** Quality of life in skin disease – *Liam Mercieca*
- 15:35** Living with skin disease: personal experiences – *Melissa Zarb (Secretary, Malta Eczema Society), Timothy Fish (Psoriasis Association of Malta)*

- 15:55** [Pharma Presentations](#) (2-3 min each)

- 16:05** Advances in treatment of eczema and psoriasis – *Christos C. Zouboulis*
- 16:50** Panel Discussion





Prof. Dr Med Christos C. Zouboulis is Director of the Departments of Dermatology, Venereology, Allergology and Immunology, Dessau Medical Center and Founding Professor of Dermatology and Venereology at the Brandenburg Medical School Theodor Fontane, Germany.

He is also elected Prof. honoraire of the University of Franche-Comté, Besançon, France, Dr. h.c. of the National Kapodistria University of Athens and Visiting Professor of the Shanghai Jiao Tong Medical University, China. He currently serves as President of the European Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation (EHSF) e.V., Honorary President of the European Society of Preventive, Regenerative and Anti-Aging Medicine (ESAAM) and Board member of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) and the International Society on Behçet's Disease.

Prof. Zouboulis is currently the Editor of the EADV News, Co-Editor of the journals *Dermato-Endocrinology* and *Rejuvenation Research* and serves in the Editorial Boards of several leading international scientific journals.

He is honorary member of the French, the Hungarian and the Lithuanian Dermatological Societies. Prof. Zouboulis has an extensive publication record on skin endocrinology, the pilosebaceous unit and its diseases (hidradenitis suppurativa, acne), skin stem cells, molecular ageing, cryosurgery and rare skin diseases. He has received numerous awards, including the Oskar Gans Prize, the EADV Research Fellowship, the Felix Wankel Animal Protection Research Prize, the Paul Gerson Unna Prize and the Springer Prize for Dermatology. His Departments have been decorated with the title "Germany land of ideas - 2009 place of excellence" for the work on skin stem cells. Prof. Zouboulis' publication list includes over 700 peer-reviewed articles and over 150 books and book chapters (h-index 90, personal IF 1641).



Dr Michael Camilleri is a staff consultant dermatologist, dermatopathologist and immunodermatologist in the Department of Dermatology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, United States.



Dr. Camilleri is currently an Associate Professor of Dermatology at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. He received his Medical Degree at the University of Malta Medical School and is a board-certified dermatologist and dermatopathologist.

He is chair of the Bullous Disease Interest Group, Department of Dermatology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

He was Section Head of Immunodermatology and Director of Dermatology Laboratory Test Development at the Division of Dermatopathology and Cutaneous Immunopathology, Department of Dermatology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota from 2008 to 2017.

Clinical interests include mucocutaneous autoimmune blistering disorders, other cutaneous autoimmune disorders, inflammatory dermatoses, dermatopathology, immunodermatology and graduate resident education.

He has published 58 peer-reviewed articles and written 5 book chapters.

He has received the Harold O. Perry Award for Clinical Excellence in Dermatology at the Department of Dermatology, Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and has received multiple times the Teacher of the Year Award for the Department of Dermatology, Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.



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