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### Ian Baldacchino

General Practice Trainee

### Yanica Vella

General Practice Trainee

### Caroline Attard

General Practice Trainee

## Academic Programme

07:45 Registration

08:25 Welcome & Opening Remarks - *Michael Boffa, President MADV*

### MORNING SESSION 1

08:30 Frontal fibrosing alopecia: the Darth Vader of Trichology - *Dawn Caruana*

08:50 Isotretinoin: How to use it and how to manage the risks of depression, suicide and inflammatory bowel disease - *Catalin Popescu*

#### Trainee Presentations

09:10 A study of melanoma and skin phototypes in Malta - *L Mercieca, S Aquilina, N Calleja, M J Boffa*

09:20 Neutrophilic dermatosis of the dorsal hands - *D Micallef, M Bonnici, D Pisani, D Mintoff, O Woods, M J Boffa*

09:30 An unusual cause of genital swelling - *R Corso, P Ellul, M J Boffa*

09:40 Watch the spider! - *M Cachia, L Mercieca, C Mallia Azzopardi, M J Boffa*

09:50 A study of acne antibiotic resistance in Malta - *L Mercieca, J Cefai, D Micallef, P Caruana, E Clark, M J Boffa, L Scerri, S Aquilina*

10:00 The re-emergence of lymphogranuloma venereum in Europe, a Maltese case - *K Muscat, V Padovese*

10:10 Behçet's disease: challenges in diagnosis & management - *Bernard Coleiro*

10:30 Pharma Presentations

10:45 Coffee Break

### MORNING SESSION 2

11:15 What's new in GU Medicine? - *Philip Carabot*

11:35 Advances in laboratory investigations in Dermatology & GU Medicine - *Christopher Barbara*

11:55 The wide range of Dermoscopy in daily use - *Andreas Blum*

12:15 Antibiotics in dermatology practice - *Joseph Pace*

12:35 Eternal youth granulomas - *Franco Rongioletti*

12:55 Pharma Presentations

13:10 Lunch Break

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Dermatology & Genito-Urinary Medicine in General Practice

14:25 Management of viral warts in general practice - *Michael Boffa, Caroline Galdes*

14:40 Clinical pointers to melanoma. Which lesions require urgent referral? - *Eileen Clark, Ian Baldacchino*

14:55 Management of urticaria in general practice - *Sue Aquilina, Krystle Ebejer*

15:10 Ten tips and tricks for common skin disorders - *Catalin Popescu*

15:25 Re-emergence of syphilis: testing, treatment and follow up of an old disease in the new era; The role of the general practitioner - *Valeska Padovese, Yanica Vella*

15:40 Skin conditions that require urgent referral - *Charmaine Apap, Caroline Attard*

15:55 Diabesity - diabetes, obesity & the skin - *Franco Rongioletti*

16:10 Presentation of 2017 MADV Medical Student Prize

Presentation of Dermfest 2017 Best Trainee Presentation Prize

Concluding Remarks - *Michael Boffa, President MADV*



MALTESE ASSOCIATION OF  
DERMATOLOGY AND VENEREOLOGY

ANNUAL  
ACADEMIC MEETING

# DERMFEST 2017

18<sup>th</sup> November  
The Palace Hotel, Sliema

## Our Visiting Speakers



**Catalin Popescu** MD, PhD is Associate Professor of Dermatology at Carol Davila University of Medicine, Bucharest, Romania. He trained as a dermatologist in Bucharest and has been working as a Consultant Dermatologist since 1998. He has a strong interest in evidence-based Dermatology and has served as Assistant Section Editor of the Evidence Based Dermatology section of the Archives of Dermatology/JAMA Dermatology from 2009 to 2015. Other special interests include acne, psoriasis and infectious skin diseases.



**Andreas Blum** MD is Assistant Professor of Dermatology at the University of Tuebingen, Germany. He has been in charge of research projects, publications and teaching lectures about dermoscopy for more than 20 years and has been a Board Member of the International Dermoscopy Society since its foundation. At present he works in his public, private and teaching practice in Konstanz, Germany.



**Franco Rongioletti** MD is Full Professor and Chairman of the Unit of Dermatology and Director of the Residency Training Programme in Dermatology and Venereology, University of Cagliari, and was previously Associate Professor of Dermatology in Genoa, Italy. He is Visiting Professor of Dermatology at Miller University of Miami, United States. He has published widely and is currently Associate Editor of the Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology & Venereology, Board member of the Italian Society of Dermatology and Chair of the EADV Task Force in Dermatopathology. His interests include clinical research, clinico-pathological correlation, dermatopathology, deposition disorders, metabolic and endocrinologic disorders, cutaneous oncology, rare skin tumours and immunological diseases.

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**Valeska Padovese**

Dear friends,

On behalf of my colleagues, I warmly invite you to Dermfest 2017 – the annual academic activity of the Maltese Association of Dermatology & Venereology. 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 feature a variety of lectures from local colleagues as well as three eminent overseas speakers - Catalin Popescu (Romania), Andreas Blum (Germany) and Franco Rongioletti (Italy). Topics include frontal fibrosing alopecia, isotretinoin, Behçet's disease, advances in GU Medicine, dermoscopy, antibiotics in Dermatology, advances in laboratory investigations, granulomatous reactions to fillers, viral warts, urticaria, melanoma, syphilis, conditions requiring urgent referral, diabetes and management tips for common skin disorders.

This year we have changed the format slightly from previous years. The morning session will also include a number of interesting presentations by Dermatology & GU Medicine trainees while the afternoon session is aimed especially for GPs - 'Dermatology & GU Medicine in General Practice' - and will address several common conditions and include case presentations by GP trainees. Speakers have been asked to include case-based material, audience interaction and care pathways where possible. Our aim is to provide attendees with useful information that can be used in 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 so ably led 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!

**Michael Boffa**

President, Maltese Association of Dermatology & Venereology

## Pharmaceutical Exhibition

- Abbvie
- Bioderma
- Biorga Dermatologie
- Celgene
- Difa Cooper
- Eau Thermale Avène
- Galderma
- Laboratoire SVR
- Laboratoires Dermatologiques d'Uriage
- La Roche-Posay Laboratoire Dermatologique
- Novartis
- Teva/Actavis
- Vichy Dermablend

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Full day congress package including lunch and coffee break ..... €50

Students without lunch ..... €30\*

\*Option for students ONLY

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