

Dear colleagues,

As 2014 is coming to an end, it is just timely to keep you abreast on the accomplishments achieved so far by our Action and on the activities expecting us in 2015.

A brief overview

- ✓ The second grant year started on 1 June 2014 and will end on 31 May 2015. Meanwhile, a total of 28 parties have joined our Action. Two international partner countries (IPC), namely South Africa and Argentina joined StanDerm during 2014.
- ✓ 13 STSM have been carried out and 4 are in the pipeline. Further applications for STSM in the 2nd grant year are most welcome as the budget is not exhausted yet (<http://www.standerem.eu/short-term-scientific-missions.html>).
- ✓ Two workshops (Bern, Amsterdam) and one scientific seminar (Barcelona) were organized during the year. All three events were very well attended with an average of 60-65 persons.
- ✓ The five working groups had an opportunity to pursue their work plan during separate meetings.
- ✓ The WG 3 sub-group on “UV skin cancer” met for the first time at the occasion of the workshop in Amsterdam (October 2014) and will continue its work on 25 February 2015 in Prague.

StanDerm Homepage: The website has been updated.



We invite you to have a close look at <http://www.standerem.eu/standerm/standerm-news.html>. Your comments and suggestions to further improve the website are most welcome. (pweinert(at)uos.de). You will note that under the section “StanDerm experts” we have not been able to finalize each experts’ profile for lack of information. Everyone is therefore requested to look at his/her profile and to send us the missing information (<http://www.standerem.eu/standerm/standerm-experts.html>), particularly pertaining to “fields of activity” and “active in the following network” by **30 January 2015**. It is also planned to create a section with useful links to databases, institutions, and so forth; all suggestions are most welcome!

1st training school (15-17 April 2015), Split Croatia: The first training school will be organized by working group 1 on the topic of “Skin barrier assessment in occupational dermatology”. Applications can be submitted to standermts@gmail.com and must include a current CV and a statement of motivation. Registration deadline: **15 January 2015**. (<http://www.standerem.eu/training-school/first-training-school.html>) Please disseminate this information to your early stage researchers and encourage them to apply.

ISA 2015 29 July 2015 (4th International Summer Academy of Practical Dermatology): In October, StanDerm has been invited by the organizers (<http://www.isa2015.com/>) to hold a half-day seminar within the framework of its International Summer Academy from 3-7 pm on 29 July 2015 in Munich on the topic of

“Prevention of occupational skin diseases in Europe”. A morning session from 11 am to 1:30 pm will in addition be devoted to an Early Stage Researchers Forum with abstract-driven presentations. All detailed information, including the *Call for papers*, will be posted on StanDerm’s website very soon.

World Café results: Many thanks to all participants, who attended and actively contributed to the World Café held in Amsterdam. Without going into details at this stage, participants underlined that differences in diagnoses and treatment of OSD need to be overcome with common standards, that cooperation between dermatologists and occupational physicians has to be improved, that things can only be moved as a group and that therefore the exchange and cooperation between the WG need to be increased to ensure meaningful results from the activities undertaken by StanDerm.

Hence, based on the results of the World Café, WG 5 will further investigate the interdependencies between the different WG and their key activities. It will ask for the give and take between the groups and analyze the degree of interference between the different activities. The objective is to increase the transparency within StanDerm, to optimize the output of the project and to increase the impact of StanDerm on the outside world. To that end, WG 5 will hold a workshop from 19-20 March 2015 with representatives from all WG. We will get back to you on these relevant issues soon and may request your input to bring forward our objective of knowledge dissemination.

In 2015, the following WG meetings are scheduled to take place.

WG 1	Aetiology and susceptibility	10.02.	Berlin
WG 2	Development of common European standards	24.02.	Triest
WG 3/ Subgroup	European intervention studies	26.02.	Prague
	Subgroup UV-induced skin cancer	25.02.	
WG 4	Surveillance, risk assessment and allergens	24.02.	Triest
WG 5	Knowledge diss. - workshop with other WG representatives	19-20.03.	Dresden

For detailed information, please contact the chairs of the respective working groups or pweinert(at)uos.de. We want to take the opportunity to thank you ALL for your continuing support and commitment to bring forward our Action’s objectives. Without your expertise we would not be able to progress!

We look forward to a continuing fruitful cooperation with all of you and wish you a very happy and successful new year 2015.

Best wishes,

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