

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The European Society of Skin Cancer Prevention, **EUROSKIN** is pleased to announce it's 5th International Conference:

“Reducing the Health Risks of Sunbed Use-
Needs for Further European Harmonization of Regulations”

Hamburg 2007
October 14. – 17.
Steigenberger Hotel

EUROSKIN is pleased to invite you to attend the conference in the beautiful city of Hamburg.

Sunbeds emit UV-radiation which is known to be the main risk factor for the induction as well as the promotion and progression of skin cancer, the most frequent cancer worldwide. In order to reduce the health risk of sunbed use it is necessary to develop methods and strategies in the field of primary prevention to inform and educate the public. This has been done in many European countries and **EUROSKIN** has already worked in this field for several years (e.g. with the 1st International Conference: Towards the Promotion and Harmonization of Skin Cancer Prevention, Hamburg, 2000) and successfully supported European activities, e.g. by proposing a “Code of Practice for Artificial Tanning” which discusses the requirements and possibilities of sunbed regulations to reduce health risks.

At the present many European countries are working on or already implemented national regulations for sunbeds. This is taking place against the background of a new mandate of the European Commission to limit irradiance in sunbeds to 0.3 W/m² and an ongoing discussion about special regulations for children and adolescents. Therefore, it is **EUROSKIN**'s conviction that a further European harmonization of regulations is needed. To promote this intention, however, it is necessary to discuss once more new results about the aetiology of skin cancer, its epidemiology and role of vitamin D in connection with sunbed use. Based on this, public health implications have to be discussed and experiences about voluntary and legal regulations throughout Europe to be exchanged. In this way we will be able to formulate recommendations for a harmonization of regulations in Europe which could then be used as part of balanced messages in primary prevention of skin cancer.

To achieve this aim, **EUROSKIN** has invited international experts to give talks in several sessions about the basic knowledge in the field of

Vitamin D
UV & Skin Cancer
Public Health Implications
Regulations

There will also be time in the programme for

General Discussion,
Conclusions & Recommendations

where you are kindly invited to discuss and work together in order to promote a successful outcome of the conference. There will be also limited space for poster presentations (see "preliminary programme").

We hope that the topic of the conference and the programme is able to attract you to attend the conference and

We are looking forward to meeting you in Hamburg

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