



Chronic Hand Eczema

**Saturday, September 28, 2024 • 14:15-17:30 CEST
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***An International Eczema Council
Symposium at the 2024 Congress of the
European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology***

AGENDA

14:15–14:25

Welcome and Introduction

Alan Irvine, MD DSc, IEC President, Dublin, Ireland

14:25–14:40

Essentials and FAQ of Chronic Hand Eczema (CHE)

Tove Agner, MD DMSc, Copenhagen, Denmark

14:40–14:55

Are Biomarkers Helpful for Identification of Subtypes?

Caroline Meyer Olesen, MD PhD, Copenhagen, Denmark

14:55–15:10

The Microbiome's Impact on Chronic Hand Eczema: To Treat or Not to Treat?

Line Brok Nørreslet, MD PhD, Copenhagen, Denmark

15:10–15:25

Frequent and Important Contact Allergies in Non-Occupational CHE

Margarida Gonçalo, MD PhD, Coimbra, Portugal

15:25–15:40

Preventing Occupational Hand Eczema: Simple and Novel Solutions

Swen Malte John, MD PhD, Osnabrück, Germany

15:40–15:50

Break

15:50–16:10

Hand Eczema in Childhood: Treatment Strategies and Preventing Progression

Lawrence Eichenfield, MD, San Diego, CA, USA

16:10–16:30

Traditional and Novel Topical Treatments for CHE

Sonja Molin, MD, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

16:30–16:50

Choosing Systemic Treatments

Marie Louise Schuttelaar, MD PhD, Groningen, Netherlands

16:50–17:10

Emerging Therapies on the Horizon: Future Additions to Our Treatment Arsenal

Robert Bissonnette, MD FRCPC MSc, Montréal, QC, Canada

17:10–17:25

Q&A Presenter Panel Discussion

All presenters

17:25–17:30

Closing Remarks

PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS



Robert Bissonnette, MD FRCPC MSc, IEC Immediate Past President

Robert Bissonnette is board certified in dermatology, and the president of Innovaderm Research—a contract research organization (CRO) specializing in the design, conduct, and analysis of clinical trials in various areas of dermatology—in Montreal, QC, Canada. He is the immediate past president of the IEC. He has published more than 220 articles and book chapters and lecture on various aspects of dermatology at national and international meetings.

Dr. Bissonnette earned his medical degree from the University of Montreal, underwent residency training in dermatology at the University of Montreal, and completed his basic and clinical research training at McGill University and the University of British Columbia. He was an associate professor of dermatology at the University of Montreal until 2004.



Tove Agner, MD DMSc, IEC Councilor

Tove Agner is a professor emerita at the University of Copenhagen and a consultant for the Department of Dermatology at Bispebjerg Hospital in Copenhagen, Denmark.

She researches skin barrier function with a special interest in contact dermatitis and atopic dermatitis—especially hand eczema, including irritant contact dermatitis and hand eczema caused by or aggravated by occupational exposures. Dr. Agner has co-authored almost 300 scientific papers registered in PubMed.

PROGRAM FACULTY



Lawrence F. Eichenfield, MD, IEC President Elect

Lawrence Eichenfield is chief of pediatric and adolescent dermatology at Rady Children's Hospital–San Diego in San Diego, CA, USA, and the vice chair of the department of dermatology and professor of dermatology and pediatrics at the University of California San Diego (UCSD) School of Medicine in La Jolla, CA, US.

His clinical interests include atopic dermatitis, acne, psoriasis, vascular lesions including port wine stains and hemangiomas, neonatal dermatology, laser surgery, nevi, and skin signs of systemic disease. He has authored more than 400 journal articles, chapters, abstracts, and books on these topics and has served as the senior editor of *Neonatal and Infant Dermatology* and *The Eczemas*. He served as editor-in-chief of *Pediatric Dermatology* for 12 years and serves on the editorial boards of multiple journals and periodicals.

He has received extensive honors and served in various leadership capacities for the Society for Pediatric Dermatology, American Academy of Dermatology, American Acne and Rosacea Society, and Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA).

Dr. Eichenfield received his medical degree from Mount Sinai School of Medicine, was a pediatric resident and chief resident at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and completed his dermatology residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.



Margarida Gonçalo, MD PhD

Margarida Gonçalo is the Subdirector of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Coimbra (FMUC) for Institutional Relations and International Affairs since 2024. She has been an Invited Professor of Dermatology at FMUC since 2015 and achieved Aggregation in 2022. She also has served as Chair of the Dermatology Department at the University Hospital of Coimbra, Local Health Unit of Coimbra, E.P.E., since 2022.

Dr. Gonçalo has been a Senior Graduate Assistant since 2009, overseeing the Cutaneous Allergy Unit and the GA2LEN Urticaria and Angioedema Center of Reference and Excellence (UCARE and ACARE) of Coimbra. She is responsible for consultations on atopic dermatitis, chronic urticaria, and immuno-inflammatory skin diseases, including lupus erythematosus.

She is the elected Secretary General of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV), a board representative at the EADV Executive Committee, and an invited member of the EADV Scientific Programming Committee. She is a former Chair of the European Environmental Contact Dermatitis Research Group (EECDRG) and a former President of the European Society of Contact Dermatitis (ESCD). Dr. Gonçalo is an honorary member of the French Society of Dermatology and the Polish Society of Dermatology.

In her editorial roles, she was Session Editor for the journals *Contact Dermatitis* and the *Journal of the EADV* until December 2023, and she is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the Portuguese Society of Dermatology* and a member of the Editorial Board of the *European Journal of Dermatology*.

Dr. Gonçalo has participated in numerous clinical trials, primarily as principal investigator, focusing on atopic dermatitis, chronic prurigo, lupus erythematosus, and clinical studies on contact dermatitis, urticaria, and cutaneous adverse drug reactions. She has been involved in national and international scientific projects, exploring mechanisms of dendritic cell activation by contact allergens and non-immediate cutaneous hypersensitivity reactions, biomarkers of chronic urticaria (CU-TIGER), and biomarkers for cutaneous reactions to immune checkpoint inhibitors (PEPITA).

She is the author/co-author of 25 book chapters and over 300 papers in peer-reviewed journals, and she has delivered more than 250 invited lectures.



Alan Irvine, MD DSc, IEC President

Alan Irvine has been a consultant dermatologist at Children's Health Ireland and St. James's Hospital, Dublin, Ireland, since 2002 and professor of dermatology at Trinity College Dublin since 2007.

He has published extensively in high impact journals such as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Lancet*, *Nature Genetics*, and *Nature Reviews Disease Primers*—mostly on epithelial genetics, characterisation of the skin barrier, disease mechanisms in, and therapy of, atopic dermatitis. His international awards for research include the Times Higher Education Supplement Research Project of the Year and the Paul Gerson Unna Prize (German Dermatology Society). He has delivered several prize lectureships including the MB Sulzberger (AAD), Watson-Smith (RCP Edin), and Dolovich (AAAAI).

Dr. Irvine is a founding director of the International Eczema Council, an elected member of the Royal Irish Academy and the Academia Europaea, and an honorary member of the Société Française de Dermatologie.

He trained in dermatology and genetics in Belfast, Northern Ireland; in Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, England; and as a Fulbright Scholar at Children's Memorial/Northwestern University in Chicago, IL, USA.

PROGRAM FACULTY (CONTINUED)



Swen Malte John, MD PhD

Swen Malte John is a professor and chair of the Department of Dermatology, Environmental Medicine, and Health Theory at the University of Osnabrück in Lower Saxony, Germany. He leads the Institute for Interdisciplinary Dermatological Prevention and Rehabilitation (iDerm) and the Lower-Saxonian Institute of Occupational Dermatology.

Dr. John has a special interest in occupational dermatology and allergology, particularly focusing on the prevention of occupational skin diseases through interdisciplinary approaches and worker education, exemplified by the “Osnabrück model” which has successfully been implemented throughout Germany. He has authored more than 400 scientific papers and has served as lead editor for key textbooks in the field, such as *Kanerva’s Occupational Dermatology*.

He has been a World Health Organization and International Labour Organization expert for years. He chairs the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) Task Force on Occupational Skin Diseases and the ICOH Scientific Committee Occupational and Environmental Dermatoses. He coordinates the EADV Healthy Skin@Work campaign. He was elected chair of an EU-funded Horizon 2020 COST Action “StanDerm” (TD 1206) to help develop and implement European standards on prevention of occupational skin diseases. His contributions to the field were recognized with the ILDS Certificate of International Leadership in 2023.



Line Brok Nørreslet, MD PhD

Line Brok Nørreslet is a medical doctor and PhD from Denmark with a specific interest in chronic hand eczema.

Dr. Nørreslet has focused on chronic hand eczema from a bacteriologic perspective including culture studies on *Staphylococcus aureus* and microbiome studies.



Sonja Molin, MD, IEC Councilor

Sonja Molin is the chair of the Division of Dermatology at Queen’s University in Kingston, ON, Canada. She is an academic dermatologist committed to high-quality patient care, innovative treatments, research, and passionate teaching. She is an internationally renowned expert in inflammatory skin diseases, including hand eczema, atopic dermatitis and psoriasis, contact allergy, and occupational dermatology. She is principal investigator of several ongoing research projects and has received prestigious research prizes. She is member of the Board of Directors of the American Contact Dermatitis Society and the German Society for Occupational Dermatology and councilor of the International Eczema Council. Dr. Molin has published more than 80 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters.



Caroline Meyer Olesen, MD PhD

Caroline Meyer Olesen is a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Dermatology at Bispebjerg Hospital, part of Copenhagen University Hospital, in Copenhagen, Capital Region, Denmark.

Dr. Olesen is principal investigator on a clinical study of chronic hand eczema aiming to elucidate subtype specific disease biomarkers. Her research is primarily focused on investigating molecular disease mechanisms of atopic dermatitis and chronic hand eczema using minimally invasive skin sample techniques. Her work includes studies of the skin microbiome and expression of genes, proteins and lipids in these diseases.

Dr. Olesen completed her medical degree at University of Copenhagen and obtained her PhD degree at the Department of Dermatology, Bispebjerg Hospital.



Marie Louise Schuttelaar, MD PhD

Marie-Louise Schuttelaar, MD PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Dermatology Department of the University Medical Center Groningen in Groningen, The Netherlands. She is an academic dermatologist focused on providing high-quality patient care and innovative treatments and conducting research. Her major interest is clinical and translational research in hand eczema, atopic dermatitis, and contact allergy.

Dr. Schuttelaar has been a principal investigator in several clinical trials and investigator-initiated studies on hand eczema and atopic dermatitis. She is a cofounder of the National Bioday Registry, which is focused on new systemic treatments for atopic dermatitis and comorbidities. She is a member of the steering group of the Hand Eczema Core Outcome Set (HECOS) initiative, the International Contact Dermatitis Research Group (ICDRG), and the board of directors of the European Surveillance System on Contact Allergies (ESSCA).



INTERNATIONAL ECZEMA COUNCIL

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL ECZEMA COUNCIL

Founded in late 2014 and led by experts in atopic dermatitis, the International Eczema Council (IEC) is a global nonprofit organization. Dermatologists and allergists from around the globe serve as Councilors and Associates, contributing their expertise to support the IEC's research, programs, events, and education. The IEC has [145 Councilors and Associates in 32 countries](#), and this group continues to grow.

Mission: Improve patient care by promoting research, education, and best practices in treatment for atopic dermatitis in people worldwide.

Vision: Transforming the lives of people with atopic dermatitis.

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2025 Symposia

Save the dates to attend IEC symposia at six global meetings in 2025. Go to EczemaCouncil.org/symposia for more details as they are announced.

Date(s)	In Conjunction With	Location	Symposium Title
February 27	American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) & World Allergy Organization (WAO)	San Diego, CA, USA	<i>The Impact of Environmental, Food, and Contact Allergies on Atopic Dermatitis</i>
March 6	American Academy of Dermatology (AAD)	Orlando, FL, USA	to be announced
April 7	World Congress of Pediatric Dermatology (WCPD)	Buenos Aires, Argentina	<i>Lessons Learned: Practical Strategies for Preventing, Treating, and Managing Atopic Dermatitis in Pediatric Populations</i>
May 7-10	Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID)	San Diego, CA, USA	to be announced
June 13-16	European Academy of Allergy & Clinical Immunology (EAACI)	Glasgow, Scotland, UK	to be announced
September 17-20	European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV)	Paris, France	to be announced

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