

Aims and Scope of the WDC Journal

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The Italian Society of Dermatology and Venereology

The oldest National Society of Dermatology and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in the world is the Italian Society of Dermatology and Venereology, founded in 1885 and officially established in Rome on June 23, 1886 under the Presidency of Casimiro Manassei.

A truly historical event occurred 20 years earlier. In 1866, Giovanni Battista Soresina founded the Giornale Italiano di Malattie Veneree e della Pelle and in 1886 the Scientific Society.

When I was elected President of the Italian Society of Dermatology (2009-2011), I was simultaneously appointed Editor-in-Chief of the oldest Journal of Dermatology and Venereology in the world, founded in 1866 (Fig.1).

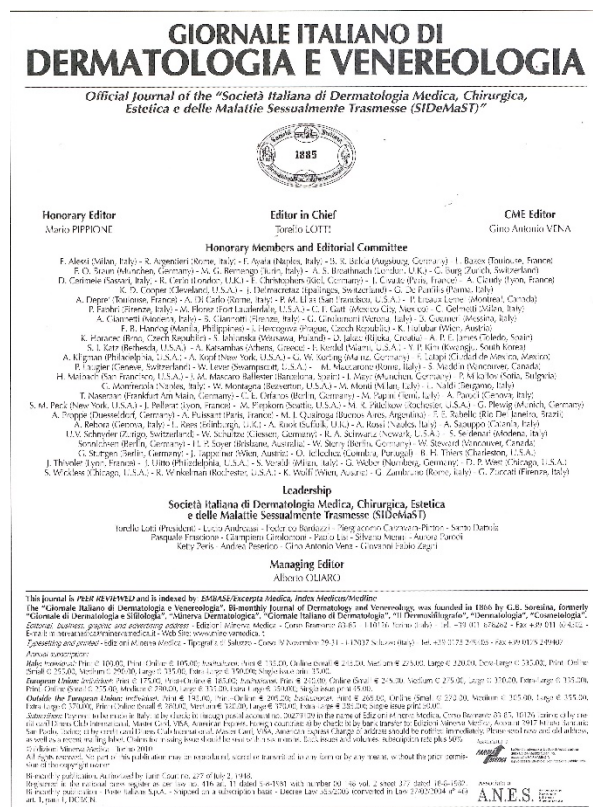


Fig. 1. The Giornale Italiano di Malattie Veneree e della Pelle was founded in 1866, while the Italian Society of Dermatology was founded in 1886. The President of the Society and Editor in Chief 2009-2011 is Torello Lotti. This is the first Journal of Dermatology any Venereology in the World.

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At that time, I realized that the Identity of the vision and mission of our National Scientific Society could not be fully realized without its official organ: its journal, voice, and identity card.

In Italy the Italian Journal of Venereology and Dermatology preceded the foundation of the Italian Society of Dermatology and Venereology by 20 years (1866-1886).

The foundation of the world's oldest National Society of Dermatology and Venereology did not happen by chance. It was a culmination of scientific and cultural progress, rooted in a strong tradition of medical scholarship and collaboration.

Historia Magistra Vitae

The EADV - European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology

On October 3, 1987 the EADV was founded in Luxembourg by visionary European Leaders. The first EADV Congress was held in Florence, Italy, in 1989.

I had the privilege to serve as Secretary of this memorable and controversial Congress. At the time, the Dermatological Leadership of the European German-speaking European countries (Germany, Austria, and Switzerland) refused to participate in the First Congress of the EADV.

The reason was straightforward: the Dermatology Leaders of the German-speaking countries had declined to sign the founding document of the EADV. This uncomfortable situation lasted for a very long time.

In 1992 something changed the history of the EADV. The Academy decided to establish its own official organ: the Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (JEADV). I was honored to be elected as the Founding Editor and Editor-in-Chief (1992-2002), and Derek Freedman Founding Editor and Venereology Editor of the JEADV during the same period (Fig.2).



Fig. 2. 1992 - *The Foundation of the JEADV* - on the left Derek Freedman, *Venereology Editor* and on the right Torello Lotti, *Editor-in-Chief 1992-2002*

The flourishing of the JEADV heralded the growth of the EADV.

In 2002 the EADV history totally changed. The unrivaled Dermatology Leader of the German-speaking countries, Otto Braun Falco, wrote a personal letter of congratulations to the eEditor-in-Chief of the JEADV (Fig.3) accepting the position of Honorary Editor of the JEADV.

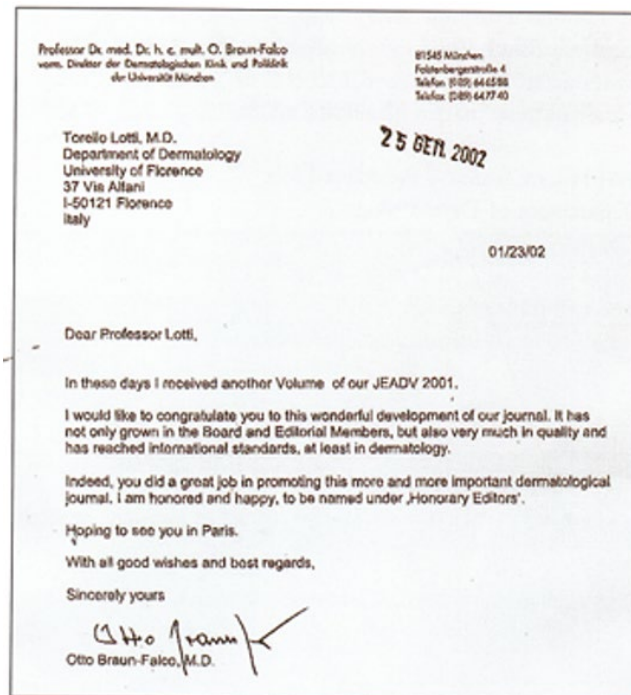


Fig.3. The Historical letter dealing with the history of the EADV written by Otto Braun Falco to Torello Lotti in 2002.

The President of the Society and Editor-in-Chief 2009-2011 is Torello Lotti. This is the first Journal of Dermatology any Venereology in the World. With the changes of the EADV Bylaws, the German-speaking dermatology community officially entered the EADV organization bringing enormous growth to the Academy.

The ISD - International Society of Dermatology

In 1959 the Italian dermatologist Aldo Castellani, with the support of Frederick Reiss, founded the International Society of Dermatology (ISD) in New York. The Society found its Identity in 1963, with the foundation of the Official Journal: *The Journal of the International Society of Dermatology: Tropical, Geographical, and Ecological*.

I was elected as Secretary General of the ISD from 1999 to 2009 and as President of the ISD from 2009 to 2011.

During my term, something of historical relevance happened: Robin Marks, the President of the ILSD (International League of Dermatological Societies) published in the ISD Journal precious Editorials for the World United Dermatology. This didn't happen by chance.

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Sometimes the personal academic life is entangled with the history of Dermatology, National and International. This happened to me.

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The Worldwide Dermatology Collaboration has found its UNIQUE Identity, vision and mission with its Official Organ, our WDC Journal.

Hereunder you will find the multifaceted nature of the WDC and its vision and mission established by the Founding President of the WDC Ibrahima Traoré.

Let me express my admiration for the Leadership of the WDC and my gratitude for the privilege of being appointed Founding Editor and Editor-in-Chief of the WDC Journal. My primary responsibility will be to take advantage from the history of the three World Leading Dermatology Societies and to contribute to bring at the highest academic level the WDC.

The Worldwide Dermatology Collaboration is a New Entity completely different from any existing academic associations, scientific societies, and organized groups within our discipline.

Ibrahima Traoré deserves the merit of the envision and of the leadership of the WDC.

In this inaugural Editorial of our official journal, you'll find what makes the WDC distinct, knowledgeable, and unique.

The AI is already settled in our Editorial and Communication integrated algorithm, making our world scientific cooperation fully inclusive and truly international.

Join us and never forget: “*Historia Magistra Vitae*”.

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