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## WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear colleagues,

We are very proud to welcome you in Florence for the 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation. The Conference will be held in a hybrid mode from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

First of all it is necessary to thank all the industries for making the 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation a successful event.

Indeed, the industry has continued to innovate by investments in studies and research, up to development of new molecules for patients affected by hidradenitis suppurativa (HS), over the last few years. Thanks to this partnership, grown together, has been possible to promote a shared culture on new scientific and technological frontiers in the field of HS.

After years of remote events, EHSF 2023 will be an excellent opportunity to meet again in person further strengthening this partnership in support of HS patients.



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## ABOUT EHSF

### OUR HISTORY

#### Founding of HSF, Inc.

In 2005, Mrs. Michele Barlow, a patient from San Diego, CA, USA, organized first funding to initiate the Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation, Inc. (HSF, Inc.), a tax-deducted organization according to the US law. In addition to Mrs. Barlow as president and co-founder, the first board of HSF Inc., Prof. Dr. Ralf Paus, Luebeck, Germany, director of basic research and co-founder, Prof. Dr. Christos C. Zouboulis, Dessau, Germany, director of clinical research and co-founder, Mrs. Christine E. Pasela, San Diego, CA, USA, Mrs. Sylvia Shawcross, Chelsea, Quebec, Canada, Mrs. Mary Veta, San Diego, CA, USA, and Mrs. Lynn Edward Wedell, San Diego, CA, USA. Experimental Dermatology became the official scientific journal of the HSF, Inc.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The 1st International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Research Symposium took place on 30.03–02.04.2006 in Dessau, Germany. The milestones of the Symposium were the so-called Dessauer definition of the disease and the HSF 2006 Outstanding Investigator Award presented to Prof. Gregor B. E. Jemec. The attendees of this legendary meeting were Dr. David R. Adams, USA; Dr. Andreas Altenburg, Germany; Mrs. Michelle Barlow, USA; Dr. Martina Brunner, Germany; Dr. George Cotsarelis, USA; Dr. William Danby, USA;

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#### LAST HSF, INC. BOARD WITH EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION

On 15.02.2012 a new HSF, Inc. board was elected (and re-elected on 11.02.2018) with Prof. Dr. Christos C. Zouboulis, Dessau, Germany, President and responsible for hidradenitis suppurativa/acne inversa guidelines, Prof. Gregor B.E. Jemec, Copenhagen, Denmark, vice president and responsible for clinical research, Prof. Dr. Ralf Paus, Luebeck, Germany/Manchester, UK, vice president and responsible for experimental research, Mrs. Michelle Barlow, San Diego, CA, USA (former president, ex officio), treasurer and responsible for the

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Despite the excellent and close cooperation among the involved scientists, the European Board members have recognized that bureaucratic issues in the USA made it more and more difficult for non-US citizens to run efficiently a US association. Therefore, Prof. Zouboulis resigned as HSF, Inc. president and member of the board on 27.02.2013 followed by Prof. Paus, leaving the leadership of the HSF, Inc. to US colleagues with Dr. Paul Hazen as new HSF, Inc. president from 02.03.2013. During its first meeting on 24.03.2014 the new HSF, Inc. board has granted Mrs. Michelle Barlow, Prof. Christos C. Zouboulis and Prof. Ralf Paus the honorary Founders HSF, Inc. membership.

#### INAUGURATION OF EHSF E.V.

The European Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation e.V. (EHSF e.V.) has been inaugurated on 29.09.2012 in Prague, Czech Republic as independent, sister society of HSF, Inc. The EHSF e.V. has been registered and recognized as a non-profit, public benefit

organization (gemeinnuetziger e.V.) according to the German law. General assemblies, take place annually during the annual International Conference of the Society.

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## CONGRESSES

The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Research Symposium took place on 05.03.2009 in San Francisco, IL, USA.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Research Symposium (first of the EHSF e.V.) took place on 27.-28.02.2014 in Brussels, Belgium.

The 4<sup>th</sup> International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Research Symposium took place on 19.-20.02.2015 in Brussels, Belgium.

The 5<sup>th</sup> International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Conference, which was for the first time also open for non-members of the Society, took place on 10.-12.02.2016 in Berlin, Germany with 192 participants and 76 scientific contributions.

The 6<sup>th</sup> International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Conference took place on 8.-10.02.2017 in Copenhagen, Denmark with 202 participants and 77 scientific contributions.

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Conference took place on 10.-12.02.2018 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands with more than 250 participants and 82 scientific contributions.

The 8<sup>th</sup> International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Conference took place on 10.-12.02.2019 in Wrocław, Poland with 406 participants and 119 scientific contributions.

The 9<sup>th</sup> International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Conference took place on 5.-7.02.2020 in Athens, Greece. 422 participants from 48 countries with 137 scientific contributions participated at the conference.

The 10<sup>th</sup> International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Conference took place – due to the COVID-19 pandemic – at a digital mode – 10.-12.02.2021. 138 scientific contributions were presented and 688 participants from 52 countries took part.

The 11<sup>th</sup> International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Conference took place – due to the COVID-19 pandemic – at a digital mode – 09.-11.02.2022. 138 scientific contributions were presented and 598 participants from 48 countries took part. with 12% of the participants were young scientists under the age of 30 years, a fact that guarantees a wide future of dermatology in the field of hidradenitis suppurativa.

The 12<sup>th</sup> International Hidradenitis Suppurativa Conference takes place hybrid from February 8-10, 2023 in Firenze.

## OUR GOALS

- The European Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation e.V. (EHSF e.V.) pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the “tax-privileged purposes” of the tax code. Goal of the association is the promotion of science and research in field of the disease hidradenitis suppurativa/acne inversa.
- The goal of the association is raising funds for the promotion of research projects in the field of the disease hidradenitis suppurativa/acne inversa also to be achieved by support from other tax-exempt entities, public corporations or foreign entities whose activity is in line with the German Charity Law.

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  - through lectures of educational character and
  - through public relations. Goal of the association is also raising funds for the promotion of public health care in the field of the disease hidradenitis suppurativa/acne inversa also from other tax-exempt entities, public corporations or foreign corporations whose activities are in line with the German non-profit law.



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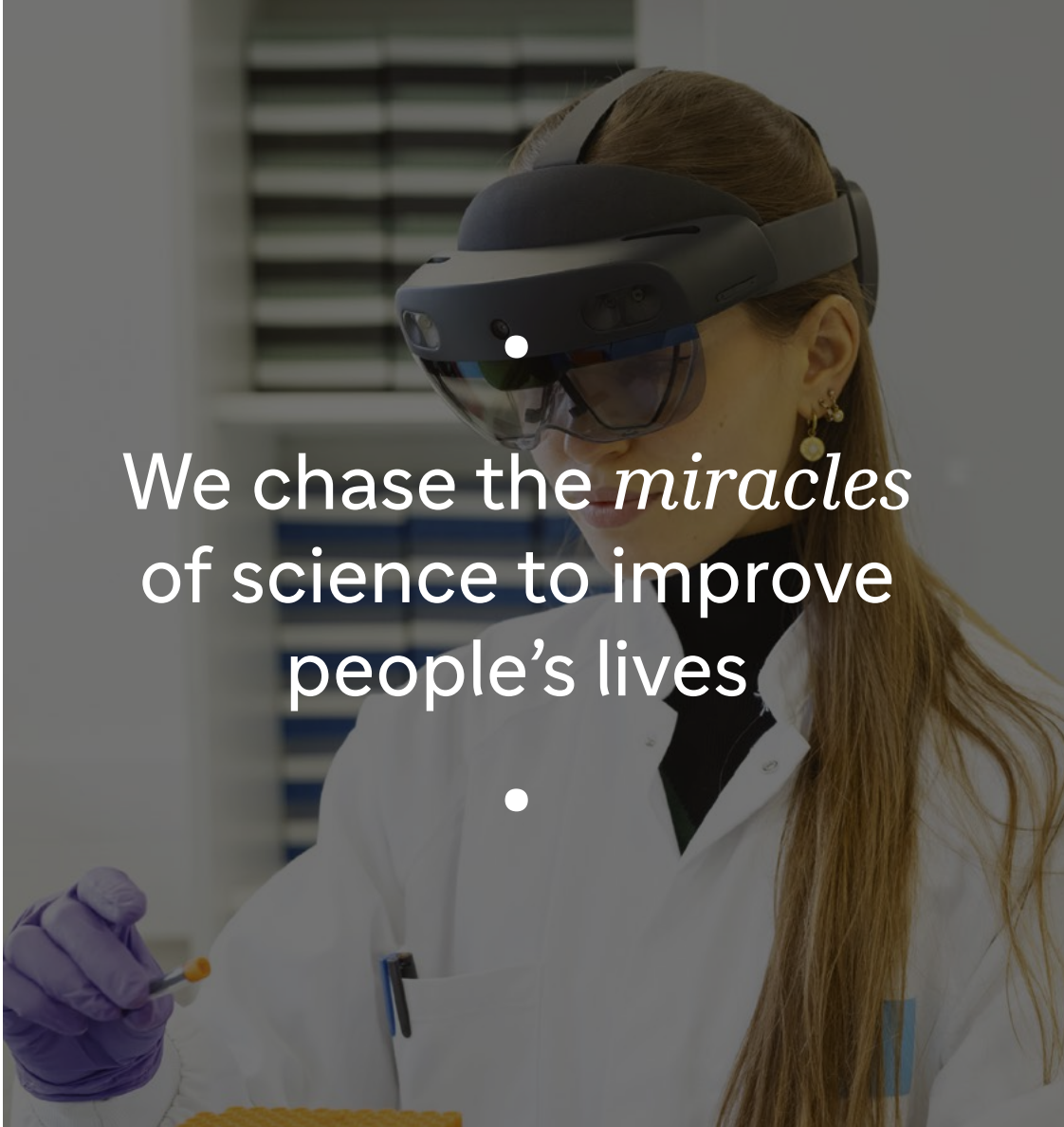
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 Wednesday, February 08, 2023

08.00–19.00 (CET)

Sponsor Exhibition (digital booths) – Meetings with Sponsor Representatives

 09.00–10.00 (CET)

Novartis Satellite Symposium

 10.00–11.30 (CET)

AbbVie Satellite Symposium

 12.45–13.30 (CET)

UCB Satellite Symposium

 14.00–15.30 (CET)

AbbVie Satellite Symposium

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Poster Viewing

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09.00–10.00

## Novartis Satellite Symposium

Hide and Seek: A look into future technology-assisted tools and novel approaches for the management of HS

*John Ingram, Cardiff University*

*Amit Garg, Feinstein Institute for Medical Research*

*Antonio Martorell, Manises Hospital, Valencia*

*Francesca Prignano, University of Florence*

 All day

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 All day

Poster Viewing  
on site and on  
the platform

10.00–11.30

## AbbVie Satellite Symposium

Delayed diagnosis and treatment in HS: Managing advanced disease

*Hessel Van der Zee, Erasmus University Rotterdam*

*Monika Arenbergerova, Charles University Prague*

*Falk Bechara, Ruhr University Bochum*

*Pierre-André Bécherel, Hopital privé d'Antony*

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*Lukasz Matusiak, Wroclaw Medical University*

*Saxon Smith, Gosfor and St Leonard's Hospitals*

12.45–13.30

## UCB Satellite Symposium

Exploring the patient journey: why time matters

*Francesca Prignano, University of Florence*

*John Ingram, Cardiff University*

*Andreas Pinter, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main*

14.00–15.30

## AbbVie Satellite Symposium

Early diagnosis and treatment in HS: Maximising outcomes

*Wayne Gulliver, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada*

*Antonio Martorell, Hospital Manises*

*Maria Rivitti-Machado, University of Sao Paulo*

*Laura Savage, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust*

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### SYMPOSIUM 1

**DELAYED DIAGNOSIS  
AND TREATMENT  
IN HS:  
MANAGING  
ADVANCED DISEASE**

10:00-11:30 (CET)

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EHSF platform

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Dr. Monika Arenbergerova (Czechia)  
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### SYMPOSIUM 2

**EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND  
TREATMENT  
IN HS:  
OPTIMIZING  
OUTCOMES**

14:00-15:30 (CET)

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