



Nurses in



Dr Christa De Cuyper

“The valuable psychological support and coaching role nurses play for patients with chronic skin diseases”

One of EADV's goals is to build and support a strong nurse community via well-structured training. Our recent Nurses in Dermatology Practice event is a proof point of how we are achieving that.

With the support of both NAWG (Nurse Association Working Group) and the EADV School Committee, last November, Malaga hosted the first face-to-face course dedicated to nurses with functions in dermatology practice.

Despite the ever-present COVID-19 pandemic, the course was well attended; 25 participants - among them presidents and vice-presidents of national nurse associations and many chief nurses -, from nine European countries were in attendance.

The event, chaired by Dr Christa de Cuyper and Rebecca Penzer-Hick (president of BDNG (British Dermatology Nurse Group)), featured presentations from medical practitioners from different countries, several part of NAWG. Presentations were very interactive and covered different educational programmes for nurses and the implementation of European guidelines in daily practice, as well as addressing nurses' diversity of competences and tasks. They illustrated the valuable psychological support and coaching role nurses play for patients with chronic skin diseases particularly well.

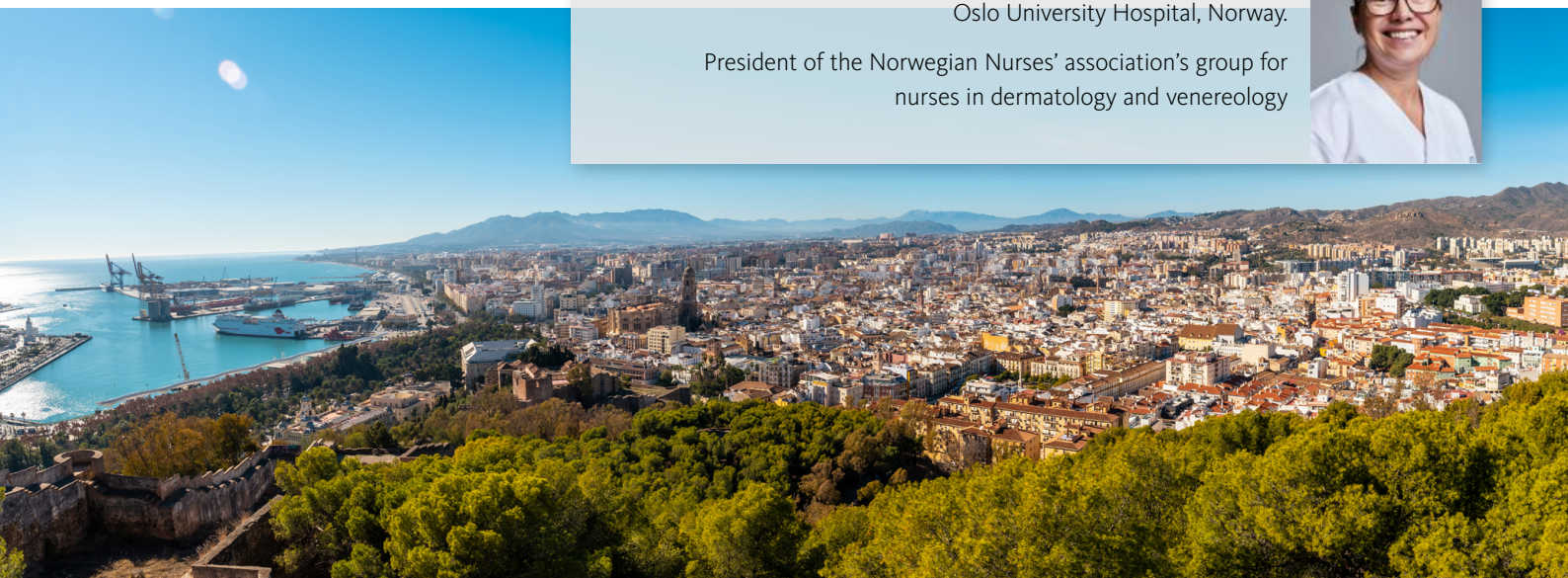
Many participants also gave presentations, highlighting different aspects of their clinical practice, which proved to be a

“Speakers were knowledgeable about the topics addressed and had good communication skills. This promoted the creation of a fantastic environment where learning, sharing and team spirit was truly evident. We found that many issues are the same whether you are seeing patients in Norway, Portugal, England or Croatia.”

Kristine Kirkeby Fuskeland,

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“ Although we speak different languages, we all had something in common; an eagerness to learn and share knowledge. We had the opportunity to present case studies and approaches we consider innovative and soon started to envisage greater cooperation between nurses across Europe.”



Miguel Teixeira,

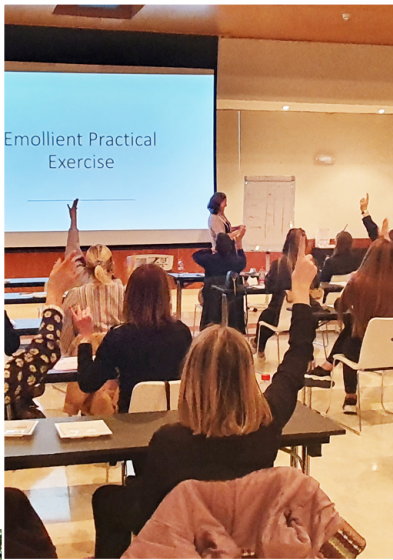
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perfect way to exchange experiences and resulted in animated discussions.

Attendees expressed the need for educational programmes for nurses in dermatology and insisted on the added value of live courses and networking. We hope to continue building a strong nurse community within EADV and to gain support for future initiatives. ●

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