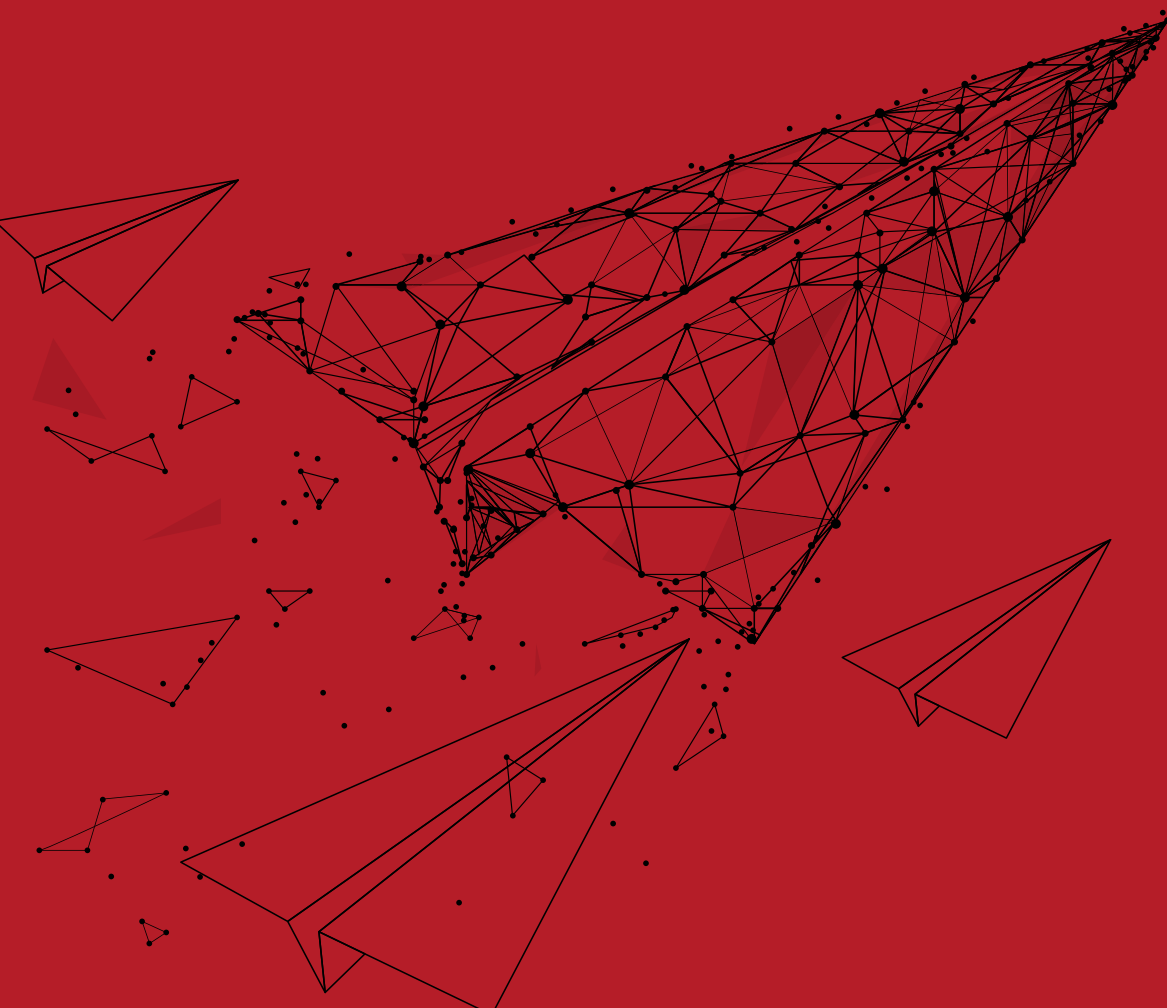




Melanoma  
World Society  
**MWS**



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# WELCOME



Dear colleagues,

In 2013, melanoma experts around the world joined forces to resume the important work of the WHO Melanoma Group, which was disbanded in 2005.

The aim was to pool, compare and, above all, share knowledge. The Melanoma World Society, born out of this idea, has made it its mission to improve medical education, patient’s access to new treatments, the clinical research in melanoma and the development of guidelines.

Having already established several successful educational concepts in recent years, we will also focus on another important mission of the MWS in the coming years. The focus will be on the implementation of national and international health care research projects not only in melanoma but also non-melanoma skin cancer.

The worldwide networking of the Society’s members not only allows us to compare the different standards and treatment options of the various countries and continents, but also to jointly find new ideas and approaches to ensure the best possible treatment for our patients.

I am looking forward to this challenge and invite all interested colleagues to join our efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Axel Hauschild'.

Axel Hauschild  
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## MISSION

The Melanoma World Society (MWS) is the successor organization to the WHO Melanoma Group. The latter established the World Congress of Melanoma in the years 1985–2005 and has conducted trials and other projects with melanoma patients.

The WHO melanoma group was disbanded in 2005, as WHO no longer financially supported such expert groups. MWS was initiated at the 8<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Melanoma 2013 in Hamburg, founded in June 2014 in Munich, and registered in January 2016. The following missions will guide the activities of MWS.

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Guideline Development

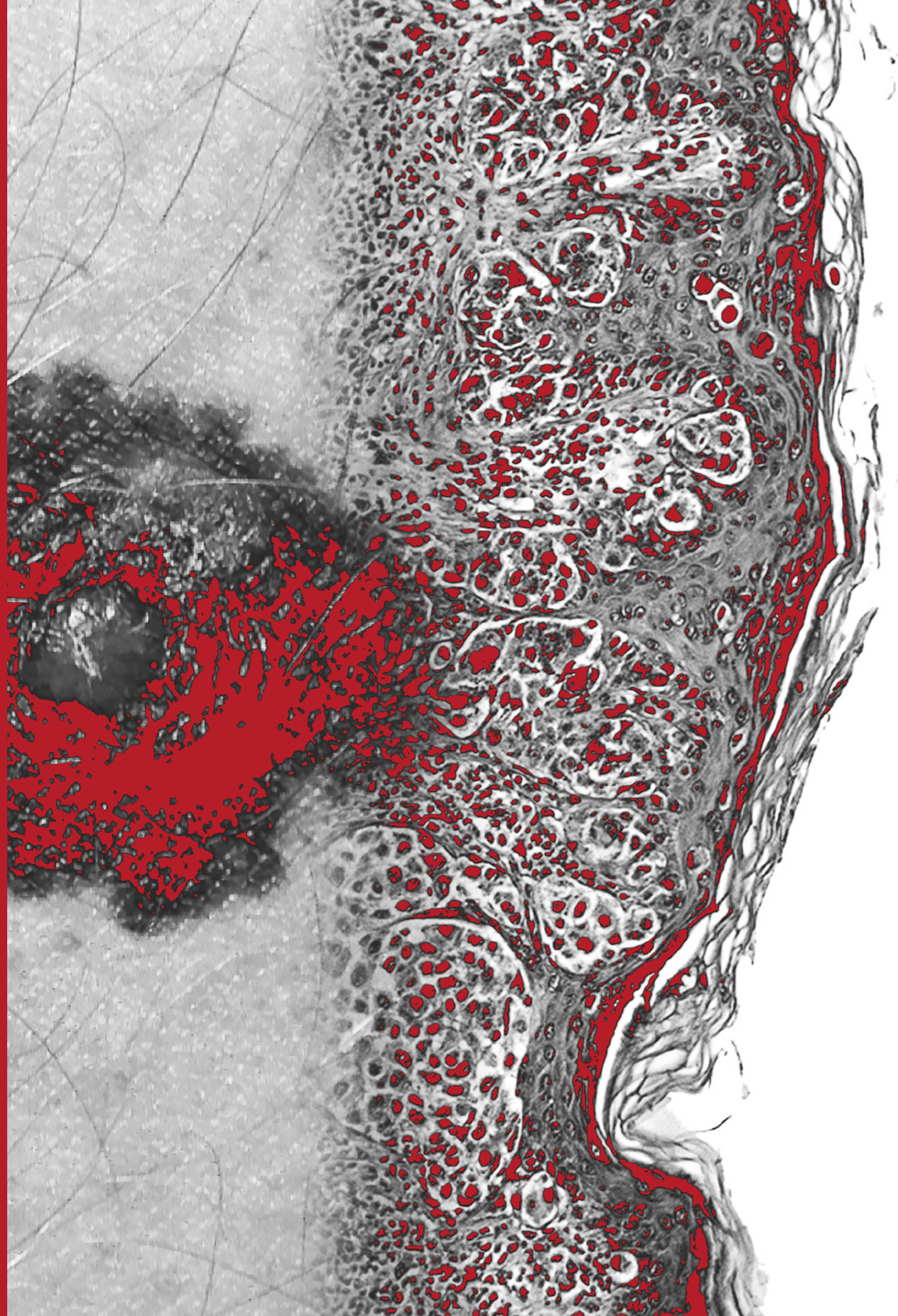
Medical Education

Clinical Research in Melanoma

Patient's Access to New Treatments

# IMPROVE





### **Improvement of Medical Education**

MWS will host the World Congress of Melanoma (WCM) every four years, following the tradition since 1985. The World Congress of Melanoma is the largest congress in this field, combining scientific and clinical topics and bringing together scientists and clinicians. The next World Congress of Melanoma is planned for 2021 in Rome. MWS also organized educational meetings in South America and South Africa, regions in which few training courses on melanoma take place. Future meetings are in planning.

### **Improvement of Guideline Development**

MWS intends to unify diagnostic and therapeutic strategies in melanoma/skin cancer worldwide. MWS will establish a MELANOMA/SKIN CANCER KNOWLEDGE DATABASE (MKD), which contains all relevant articles for evidence based medicine in melanoma/skin cancer, and additionally evidence tables for these articles. The MKD will be accessible for all national guideline-development groups. MWS will organize international expert meetings in order to develop recommendations for diagnosis and treatment of melanoma in the rapidly changing landscape.

### **Improvement of Patient's Access to New Treatments**

MWS intends to provide melanoma patients worldwide access to new and more efficacious treatments. MWS will address governments in order to achieve a more rapid reimbursement of new treatments. MWS will address pharmaceutical companies in order to achieve access to new treatment modalities in countries, where the high cost medications are not affordable.

### **Improvement of Clinical Research in Melanoma**

MWS will coordinate clinical research activities in melanoma internationally. MWS will perform international clinical trials in indications, which are not being investigated by the pharmaceutical industry. MWS will support international expert meetings in order to coordinate clinical research. A special focus will be placed on patient-directed outcome research. The focus here will be on the individual benefit for the patient.





RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

## MWS EDUCATIONAL



CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

*"Thank you for a wonderful congress!"*

*"Presentations on point  
and good choices of cases.  
Overall well done!"*

*"I feel very educated  
and know much more  
about melanoma  
and non-melanoma  
skin cancer"*

*"Discussions  
were excellent!!"*

*"Great speakers!"*

*"Presentations were very good.  
Quality of scientific content  
was very good"*

*"Generally well-organized  
congress"*

### Past Meetings

**Cape Town, South Africa  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>–4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Skin Cancer Update 2017  
First International  
MWS Educational Symposium**

From March 3–4, 2017 the First MWS International Educational Symposium – Skin Cancer Update 2017 was held in Cape Town, South Africa. The meeting was the first of a series of educational meetings organized under the auspices of the Melanoma World Society and attracted almost 250 participants from eleven countries.

**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>–4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> International  
Educational Symposium of  
the Melanoma World Society  
and Latin America  
Skin Cancer Forum**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Educational Symposium of the Melanoma World Society, Latin America Skin Cancer Forum 2018, was held August 3–4 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. International and national key opinion leaders on skin cancer gave an overview throughout specified presentations, presented the latest clinical trial results, and discussed exciting new drugs, technologies and diagnostic tools with the audience. The conference was received very positively by all participants, partners and sponsors.



VIRTUAL MEETING

**Cape Town, South Africa  
March 1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**  
**Update on Melanoma/  
Skin Cancer 2019  
3<sup>rd</sup> International Educational  
Symposium of the  
Melanoma World Society**

In 2019, the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Educational Symposium of the Melanoma World Society returned to Cape Town. Nearly 200 participants from 9 different countries working in the field of Dermatology, Medical Oncology, Immunology, Surgery and other specialties attended a highly informative meeting presented by an outstanding faculty. The evaluation resulted in very positive feedback from the participants with excellent ratings for the quality of lectures and speakers.

**July 9<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Virtual Meeting**  
**10<sup>th</sup> European Post-Chicago  
Melanoma/  
Skin Cancer Meeting**

Over 1,000 delegates from 48 different countries attended the first virtual Post-Chicago meeting in 2020. Due to the Corona crisis, the scientific committee, congress presidents and the congress organization decided to organize the conference as a virtual meeting. In only 6 weeks of preparation, a first-class virtual congress was set up that received a lot of positive feedback. In particular, especially the quality of the lectures and chairmen, the scientific content and the congress organization were rated with top marks by the virtual participants.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Virtual Meeting**  
**10<sup>th</sup> World Congress  
of Melanoma  
in conjunction with the  
17<sup>th</sup> EADO Congress**

More than 2,150 participants from 60 countries attended the 10<sup>th</sup> World Melanoma Congress, held in conjunction with the 17<sup>th</sup> EADO Congress and under the auspices of the Melanoma World Society (MWS) and the European Association of Dermato-Oncology (EADO) from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The first World Melanoma Congress was held in Venice in 1985. Since then, the conference has become an established meeting held every four years. In 2021, the event celebrated its tenth anniversary. Due to the worldwide restrictions related to the Corona pandemic, the conference was not held in Rome as originally planned, but as a virtual meeting. The congress provided a great opportunity for young doctors and researchers to learn about melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer. The whole spectrum of issues related to melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer was covered. Epidemiology, prevention and early detection, diagnosis and staging, surgical and radiotherapy as well as systemic and intralesional therapies were the core topics of the meeting.



**Munich, Germany  
July 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**11<sup>th</sup> European Post-Chicago  
Melanoma/  
Skin Cancer Meeting**

As the corona pandemic is still very present in the world in 2021, it was again decided to hold the Post-Chicago Meeting as a virtual event. Once again, over 1000 participants from 39 countries took part online and listened to exciting presentations, which were rated with top marks by the participants.

## Future Meetings

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Athens, Greece**  
**11<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Melanoma and 21<sup>st</sup> EADO Congress**

For the fourth time, the World Congress of Melanoma will be held in 2025 together with the EADO Congress. The two congresses were already held together in Vienna in 2009, in Hamburg in 2013 and as a virtual meeting in 2021. The combination of the two events was a great success in the past and will therefore be continued in 2025.

The World Congress of Melanoma has always been a unique forum of exchange between physicians, scientists, nurses and students. It a great opportunity for young colleagues to interact with distinguished faculty, discuss with industry partners and communicate with representatives of patient organizations, creating a formidable learning environment. Under the auspices of two renown authorities in the field of continuous medical education, the Melanoma World Society and the European Association of Dermato-Oncology, the 11<sup>th</sup> Congress and the 21<sup>st</sup> EADO Congress will honor the remarkable collective achievements in the field and, through its proceedings, will define the work ahead to the ultimate goal of melanoma cure.

The unique surroundings of the cultural city of Athens and the springtime environment will contribute to what we expect will be a landmark event.

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