



# **Atopic Dermatitis Versus Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma: Challenges & Novel Insights**

**Saturday, September, 2025 • 14:15-17:30 CEST  
Paris Convention Centre • Room N03 • Paris, France**

***An International Eczema Council Symposium at the  
2025 European Academy of Dermatology & Venereology  
(EADV) Congress***

## AGENDA

**14:15–14:25**

### **Welcome from the IEC**

Alan Irvine, MD DSc; IEC President; Trinity College Dublin, Children's Health; Dublin, Ireland

**14:25–14:30**

### **Program Overview**

Yael Anne Leshem, MD MCR; IEC Board Member and Councilor; Rabin Medical Center; Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences; Tel Aviv, Israel  
Patrick Brunner, MD MSc; IEC Councilor; Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; New York, NY, USA

**14:30–14:50**

### **CTCL—The Great Eczema Mimicker in Adults**

Pietro Quaglini, MD; University of Turin; Turin, Italy

**14:50–15:10**

### **CTCL—The Great Eczema Mimicker in Children**

Emmilia Hodak, MD; IEC Councilor; Rabin Medical Center; Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences; Tel Aviv, Israel

**15:10–15:30**

### **AD/CTCL: How to Tell the Two Apart?**

Patrick Brunner, MD MSc; IEC Councilor; Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; New York, NY, USA

**15:30–15:45**

### **Q&A with all Speakers**

**15:45–16:00**

### **Break**

**16:00–16:25**

### **Lymphomas & Eczema Therapeutics: Conventional Systemics, JAK Inhibitors**

Emmanuella Guenova, MD PhD; Johannes Kepler University; Linz, Austria

**4:25–4:50**

### **Lymphomas & Eczema Therapeutics: Biologics**

Shamir Geller, MD; Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; New York, NY, USA

**16:50 – 16:10**

### **A Pragmatic Approach to Complex Cases**

Yael Leshem, MD MCR; IEC Board Member and Councilor; Rabin Medical Center; Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences; Tel Aviv, Israel

**16:10–16:25**

### **Q&A with all Speakers**

**16:25–16:30**

### **Program Summary & Concluding Remarks**

Yael Anne Leshem, MD MCR; IEC Board Member and Councilor; Rabin Medical Center; Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences; Tel Aviv, Israel  
Patrick Brunner, MD MSc; IEC Councilor; Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; New York, NY, USA

## IEC PRESIDENT



### **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 CO-CHAIRS



### Patrick Brunner, MD MSc; IEC Councilor

Patrick Brunner is the associate professor of dermatology and director of the Cutaneous Lymphoma Clinic in the Kimberly and Eric J. Waldman Department of Dermatology at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, NY, USA.

As a clinician scientist with a strong interest in skin immunology, Dr. Brunner sees patients suffering from primary cutaneous immune cell malignancies and also has an interest in chronic inflammatory skin diseases such as vitiligo, atopic dermatitis, alopecia areata, and scarring alopecias.

Dr. Brunner obtained his MD from the Medical University of Vienna, Austria. He completed his residency in Dermatology at the Department of Dermatology at the Medical University of Vienna (General Hospital Vienna), under the mentorship of Dr. Georg Stingl. Afterwards, Dr. Brunner joined the Laboratory for Investigative Dermatology at The Rockefeller University in New York, obtaining a master's degree in clinical and translational sciences, and performed research on atopic dermatitis under the mentorship of Drs. Emma Guttman and James G. Krueger. In 2018, he returned to Vienna to build a research group focusing on cutaneous immunobiology of chronic inflammatory skin diseases and primary cutaneous lymphomas, to better understand how individual immune cells orchestrate skin inflammation in benign and malignant conditions. He assumed his current role in 2021.



### Yael Anne Leshem, MD MCR; IEC Director and Councilor

Yael Leshem is a dermatologist and clinician-scientist specializing in chronic inflammatory skin diseases. She is the director of the Atopic Dermatitis Clinic at the Division of Dermatology in Rabin Medical Center and a Clinical Associate Professor of Dermatology at Tel Aviv University in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Dr. Leshem is dedicated to high-quality patient care, innovative treatments, and advancing education and research in dermatology. Her research focuses on the epidemiology and outcome measurement of atopic dermatitis. She is a principal investigator in clinical trials and investigator-initiated studies and has authored many publications in peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Leshem is a member of the board of directors of the International Eczema Council (IEC) and serves on the executive committee of the Harmonizing Outcome Measures for Eczema (HOME) initiative, both global organizations dedicated to improving research quality and patient care in atopic dermatitis.

## PROGRAM FACULTY



### Shamir Geller, MD

Shamir Geller, MD, is an associate attending physician, dermatology service, in the Department of Medicine at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) and associate professor of clinical dermatology in the Department of Dermatology, at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York, NY, USA.

Dr. Geller is a dermatologist interested mainly in cutaneous lymphoma. His research projects have been published in leading dermatology, hematology, and oncology journals and he has been invited to present his studies in numerous regional, national and international conferences. He dedicates a large portion of his time and effort to teaching and mentoring students, residents, fellows, and visiting physicians, and he is involved in patient education initiatives, too.

During Dr. Geller's cutaneous oncology fellowship at MSKCC (2016-2019), he became a cutaneous lymphoma enthusiast, working at the multidisciplinary cutaneous lymphoma clinic. He mastered the art of integrating clinical findings, histopathologic features, clinical laboratory data, and molecular characteristics to reach the diagnosis and decide on the most suitable treatment. After his fellowship, he was appointed as an attending physician in the cutaneous lymphoma clinic at Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center in Israel where he served as the head of the outpatient clinics. In early 2023, Dr. Geller returned to New York as an associate attending clinician and researcher at MSKCC cutaneous lymphoma clinic.



### Emmanuella Guenova, MD PhD

Emmanuella Guenova is professor of dermatology and chair of the Clinical Department of Immunodermatology at Johannes Kepler University in Linz, Austria.

A clinician-scientist, she investigates the immune mechanisms that drive skin cancer and inflammation, with a particular focus on the interplay between innate and adaptive immunity. Her clinical and research interests include cutaneous lymphomas and type 2-mediated skin conditions. Dr. Guenova is committed to translating scientific insights into innovative therapies that improve patient care.

She earned her MD from Eberhard Karl University in Tübingen, Germany, and her PhD in biochemistry at the Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria.

## PROGRAM FACULTY (CONTINUED)



### **Emilia Hodak, MD; IEC Councilor**

Emilia Hodak is the professor of dermatology and the director of the Cutaneous Lymphoma Service at the Davidoff Cancer Center at Tel Aviv University in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Professor Hodak is actively involved in many international professional activities. She is the immediate past president of the International Society for Cutaneous Lymphomas, and a board member of the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) Cutaneous Lymphoma Tumor Group.

Professor Hodak and her multidisciplinary team are intensively engaged in clinical and translational research on cutaneous lymphomas. They have made major contributions, including defining various clinicopathological variants of mycosis fungoides (MF), characterizing pediatric MF, investigating familial MF, shedding light on the immunological and molecular mechanisms underlying the development and progression of MF, exploring new biomarkers, and investigating new drugs and therapeutic approaches.

Dr. Hodak earned her MD from Tel Aviv University and completed specialization training at the Department of Dermatology of Rabin Medical Center, affiliated with the Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University. After earning board certification in dermatology, she was granted a 1-year fellowship in dermatopathology from New York University in New York, NY, USA, and served as a guest investigator for a year in the Laboratories for Investigative Dermatology at The Rockefeller University in New York, NY, USA. Upon returning to Israel, Dr. Hodak assumed a full-time position as a senior dermatologist in Rabin Medical Center.



### **Pietro Quaglino, MD**

Pietro Quaglino is chair of the Dermatologic Clinic and professor of dermatology at the University of Turin in Turin, Italy.

His main fields of research are cutaneous melanoma, immune-mediated skin diseases, immunopathology, immunobiology of melanoma, and cutaneous lymphoma.

He has published more than 600 articles in respected journals. He has been a member of the Board Italian Melanoma Integroup since 2013, coordinator of the Italian National group of Dermato-Oncology, and a member of the International Society for Cutaneous Lymphoma (ISCL) Board of Directors since 2011. He was the chair of the Cutaneous Lymphoma Task Force (CLTF) of the European Organization for the Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) from 2015-2018.

Born in Turin, he became a professor in dermatology at the University of Turin in 2016 and was the director of the resident program in dermatology from 2017 to 2023. He became the department chair in 2022.



# 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 [174 Councilors and Associates in 34 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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Date	In Conjunction With	Location	Symposium Title
Nov. 12, 2025	Inflammatory Skin Disease Summit (ISDS)	New York, NY, USA	Atopic Dermatitis and Alopecia Areata: Nuances of Clinical Trial Design and Recruitment
March 27, 2026	American Academy of Dermatology (AAD)	Denver, CO, USA	TBA; a joint program of the IEC and International Psoriasis Council (IPC).
May 2026	Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID)	Chicago, IL, USA	TBA
May 2026	Reunión Anual de Dermatólogos Latinoamericanos (RADLA)	Buenos Aires, Argentina	TBA
September 2026	European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR)	TBD	TBA
TBA	European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV)	Vienna, Austria	TBA

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