



WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues and Friends

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the 20th Annual SCOPE meeting in Bochum, Germany from 11-13 November 2021, originally scheduled for 12-14 November 2020, but which had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The annual *SCOPE* meetings have become a well-established and stimulating event in the field of Transplant Dermatology. So far, online activities have kept us together in this pandemic. We are thrilled to be able to meet in person now; obviously in keeping with all required **regulations***.

The **SCOPE network** (*Skin Care in Organ Transplant Patients Europe*) was founded in Berlin over 20 years ago to meet the need for proper dermatological aftercare in the growing group of patients. Over the next few years, *SCOPE* grew into a pan-European organisation, an interdisciplinary network of dermatologists, transplant physicians, patient support groups, and basic researchers. *SCOPE* is the kind of network that leads to new discoveries and helps to advance medicine (also see: www.scopenetwork.org).

The annual *SCOPE* meetings offer a major forum for scientific exchange among clinicians and basic scientists working in these challenging fields. The *SCOPE* conferences cover all aspects of skin problems in OTP and explore new ways of intervention and treatment. Aftercare in OTP focuses on diagnosis, treatment and prevention of infections and, most importantly, skin cancers. We select keynote lectures and abstracts discussing new developments. The emphasis is on workshops which offer ample opportunity to discuss and to network with other professionals – leading to new ideas on how to best treat our patients. Our fruitful cooperation is reflected in several multicentre studies, and in a number of ground-breaking publications and books.

Please join us for this event. Do submit your own study results, case presentations as free communications or posters.

We look forward to welcoming you all at the 20th Annual *SCOPE* meeting in Bochum, Germany this November 2021.

Best regards!,

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alexandra Geusau
Department of Dermatology, Medical University of Vienna, Austria,
Current President of SCOPE

***Rules for holding an event according to the German government**

- According to current regulations to protect against SarsCoV-2 in North Rhine Westphalia (NRW, the German federate state where Bochum is

located), there is no more minimum spacing required between participants of events like conferences, **if they are vaccinated, recovered from infection, or were tested negative**. Thus, the full capacity (60 persons) of the conference venue (Exzenterhaus, Bochum) may be used. Although wearing a mask is also not mandatory when all participants are vaccinated, tested negative or recovered from infection. The hygiene specialist from the Bochum University Klinik recommends to wear a medical mask at least in the lecture room. A document that proves vaccination, recovery from infection or a negative test result is required for the access of both the G-Hotel and the conference venue.

How to get to Bochum: Airport: Düsseldorf. It takes 30 minutes by ICE train from Düsseldorf to Bochum (take the sky train from the airport terminal to the airport train station in Düsseldorf, get on the train to Bochum), via taxi from Bochum main station to the G-Hotel (just a few minutes); all together it is approximately 1 hour from the airport terminal in Düsseldorf to the G-Hotel in Bochum.