

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the International Workshop on Contact Dermatitis, held in Berlin, 27/28 October 2008 and hosted by the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR).

The organizing committee has invited outstanding scientists and clinical researchers in the field of contact dermatitis from academia, industry and the regulatory community. By focusing on epidemiology, molecular mechanisms, in vitro methods and regulation, this workshop will provide insights into new discoveries and developments in allergic type IV reactions and skin immunology. We are convinced that our selected topics and invited speakers will make for an exciting and stimulating workshop.

In addition to participation in the workshop sessions you will have the opportunity to enjoy the "Berliner Luft" (famous phrase for the special air in the German capital) by visiting the eastern and western parts of this city which display both a historical atmosphere and a modern life style.

We are confident that you will enjoy your time in Berlin and the opportunity for a lively discussion with other experts in the field.

See you soon in Berlin.

Organizing Committee