



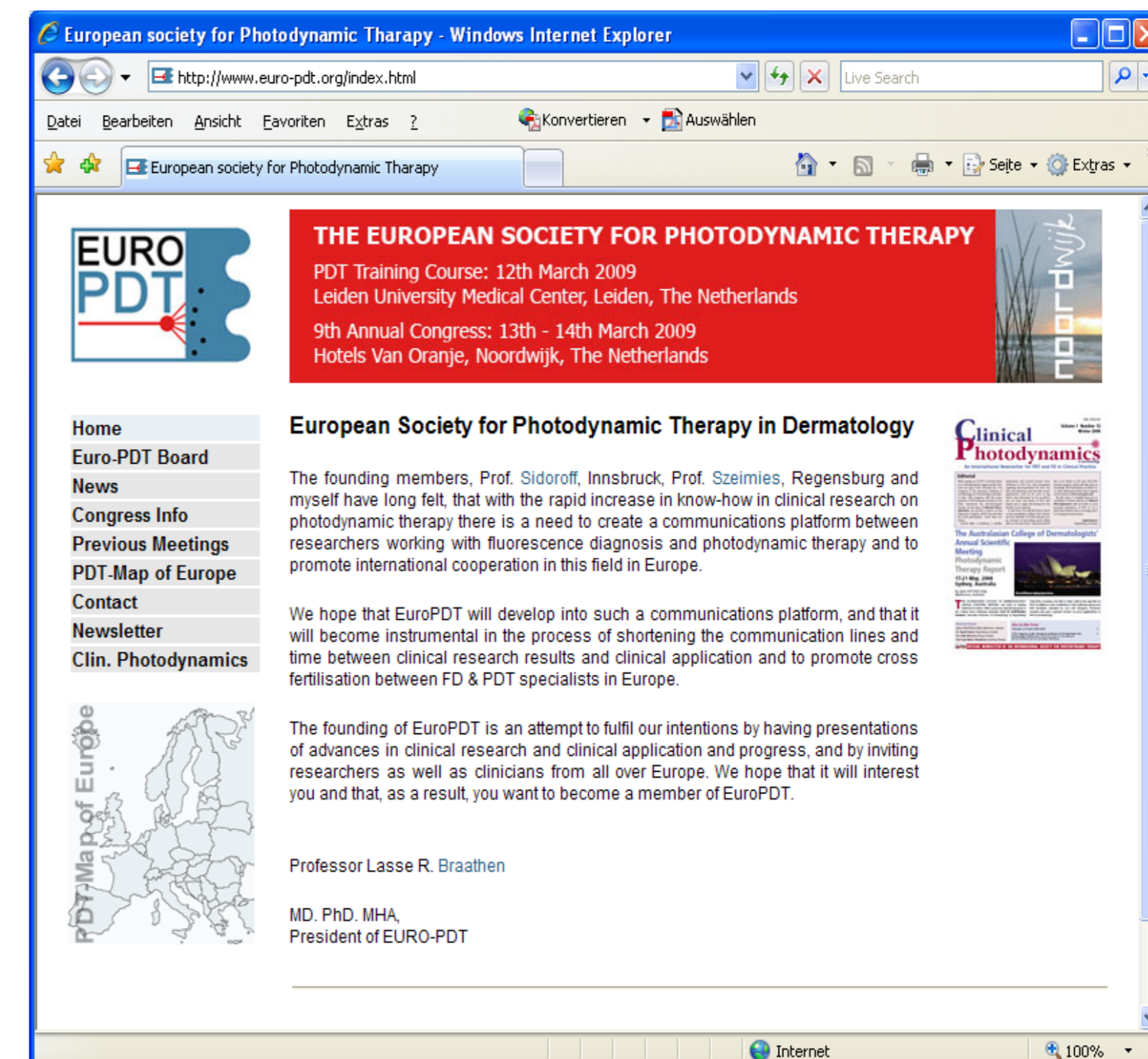
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Website of the European Society for  
Photodynamic Therapy in Dermatology  
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## Aims of the website

The website was launched only six months after the foundation of the European Society for Photodynamic Therapy in Dermatology in 2000. In 2008 alone, the Euro-PDT website got about 30,000 visits from all over the world.

The aim of the society is to offer a communication platform for scientists who either actively do research in the field of photodynamic therapy and fluorescence diagnosis or use PDT clinically or want to catch up on it. The Euro-PDT website is a free-of-charge, non-commercial service with the sole purpose of providing general information to individual professionals, researchers, and students in the field of health sciences.



## PDT-map of Europe

In 2003, Euro-PDT worked out a questionnaire in order to get an approximate overview about the situation of PDT in dermatology. Two countries were surveyed: Germany and Austria. In Germany, we contacted 57 German dermatology departments (38 at university hospitals) and received 29 replies (21 from university hospitals). PDT represents a standard procedure at 83% of these 29 departments. At 18 of the 21 university hospitals, PDT is a standard procedure; the remaining 3 are planning to use PDT in the future. 14 departments of dermatology are presently conducting or have conducted studies in the field of PDT, 9 do or did research in the same field.

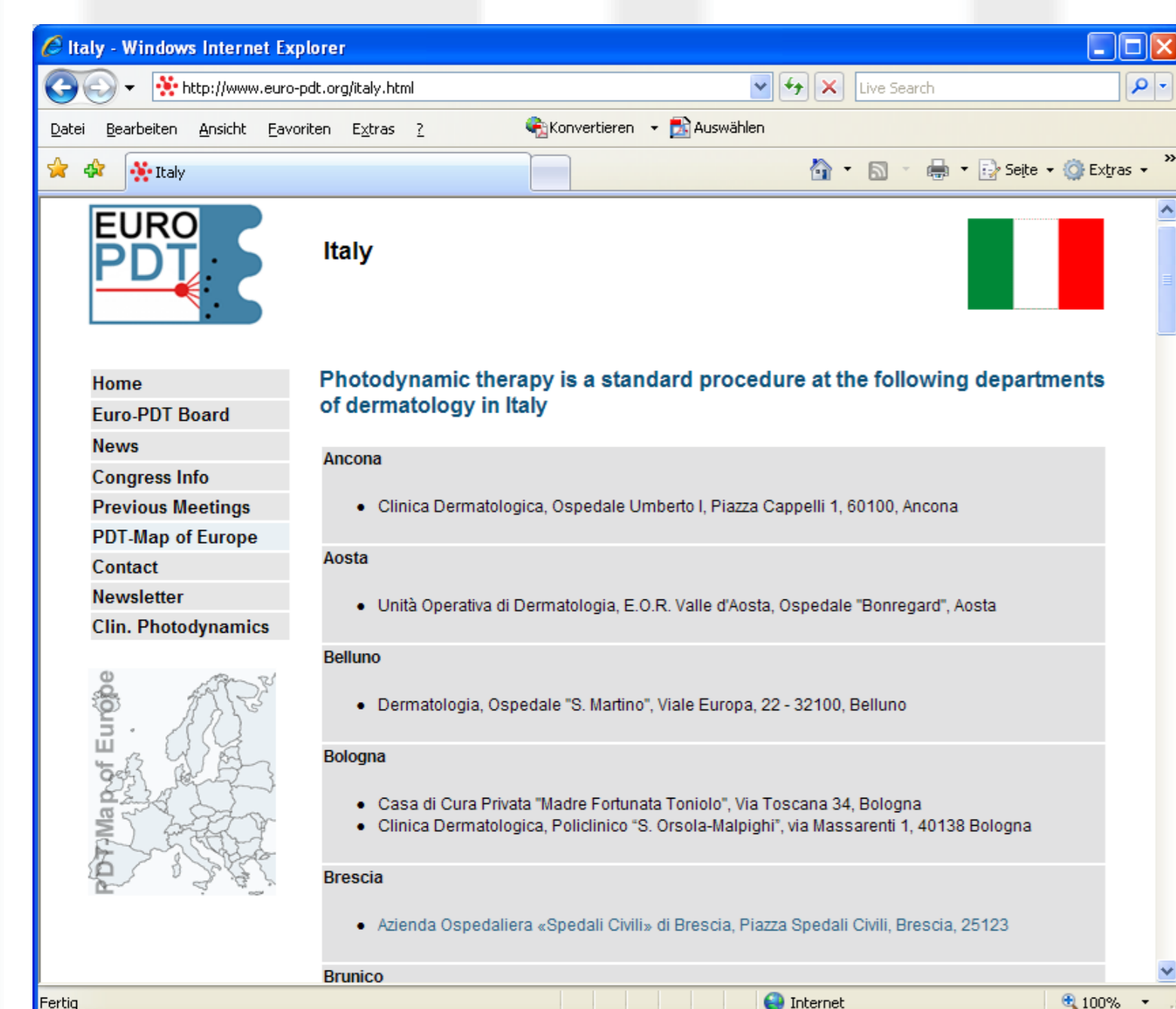
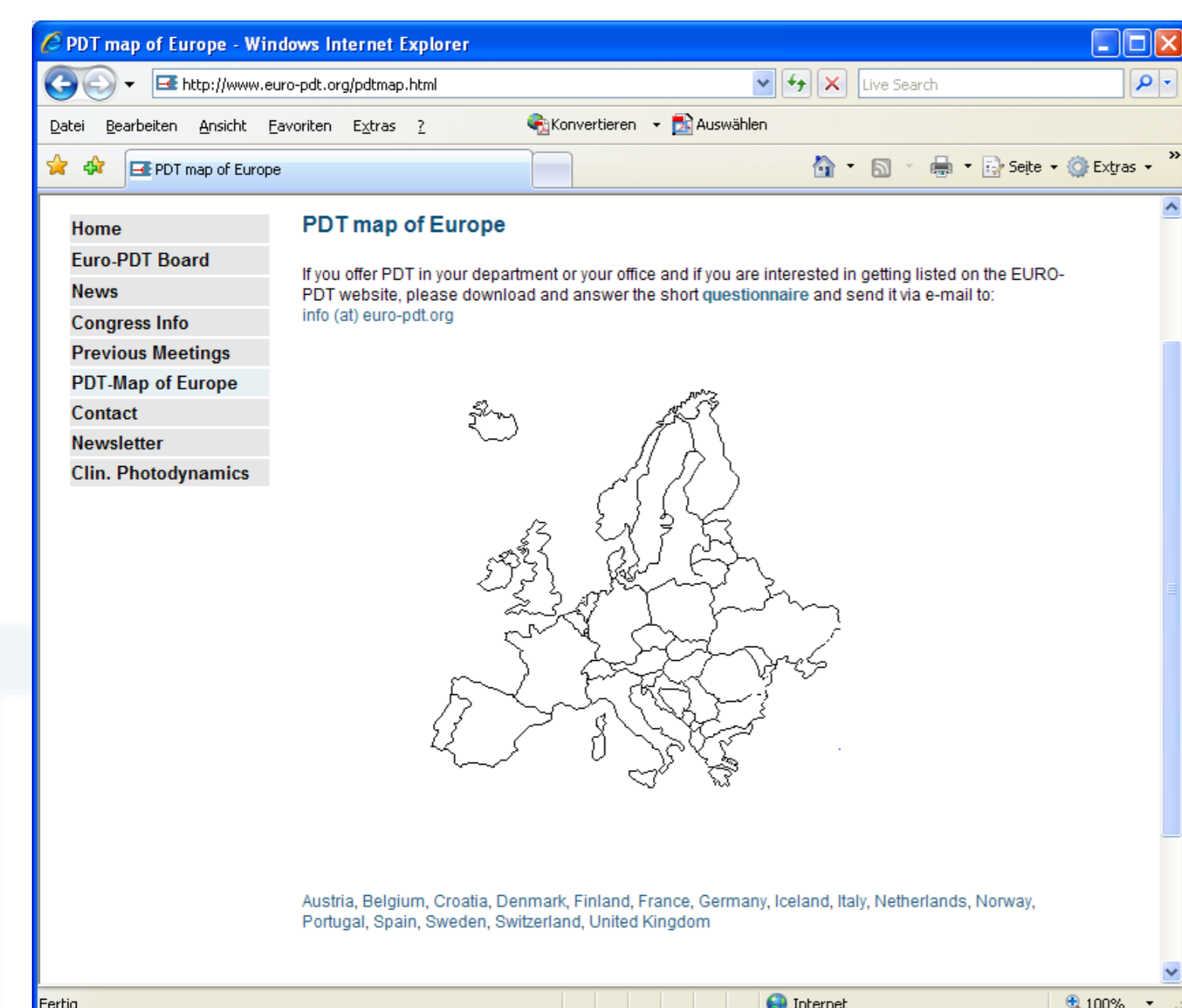
In Austria, we contacted 25 departments of dermatology (7 at university hospitals) and received replies from 10 departments (4 at university hospitals). PDT represents a standard procedure at 60% of these 10 departments and at 3 of the 7 university hospitals. 4 departments conduct or have conducted studies on PDT, 3 do or did research in the same field.

Even if we assume that the departments which did not reply do not apply photodynamic therapy, it is obvious that PDT was already then a standard procedure at approximately 50% of the German and 25% of the Austrian departments of dermatology.

The result of this survey was a database of departments and private practices in which PDT is used as a standard procedure. These addresses were posted on the Euro-PDT website, so that, by February 2009, we have already listed 316 departments and offices in 16 European countries.

If you offer PDT in your department or in your practice and if you are interested in getting listed on the Euro-PDT website, please log on to the website, download and answer the short questionnaire, and send it via e-mail to:

[info@euro-pdt.org](mailto:info@euro-pdt.org)



## The top 25 of the 67 locations of visitors to the Euro-PDT website in February 2009 are:

Italy, Germany, Netherlands, China, Denmark, Switzerland, France, Norway, United States, Sweden, Russian Federation, Brazil, Korea (South), Belgium, Romania, Greece, Finland, Portugal, Japan, Turkey, Poland, United Kingdom, Austria, Canada, India

These hits probably best reflect the interest in PDT and particularly in Euro-PDT.