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Science and Skincare Industry Meet at 4th DermoCosmetics Forum at Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany

- **Opportunity to meet renowned scientists and industry experts**
- **Comprehensive program with laboratory tour, poster sessions and market place with interactive VR skin simulation**

Darmstadt, Germany, February 27, 2019 – Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, a leading science and technology company, announced today that their successful DermoCosmetics Forum goes into the next round. From March 19 to 20, over 150 participants have the rare opportunity to meet some of the top scientists and industry experts in the dermcosmetics field. Heading into its fourth edition, the DermoCosmetics Forum has evolved into an important platform both for the scientific community and the skincare industry.

In focus of this year's event are innovative approaches to treat irritations of the skin due to exposure or changes in its microbiome. Keynotes from experts both from academia and industry will give valuable insights on the latest research in this area as well as other topics. The speaker lineup includes authorities like skincare consultant and facial massage therapist Dr. Katerina Steventon, Dr. Karl Lintner, CEO at KAL'IDEES Consulting, Dr. Cornelia Keck, pharmacist and professor at the Philipps-University in Marburg, and Prof. Stefania Motta, Owner and Principal of Unionderma and President of Italian Society of Cosmetic Chemists - just to highlight some presenters.



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"I am very happy that the DermoCosmetics Forum has evolved into the top-class international platform it is today," says Dorothea Wenzel, Head of Surface Solutions at Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany. "Our unique combination of expertise in cosmetics, fueled by the scientific work and know-how of our healthcare and life science sectors at Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, provides the perfect framework for an event like this. I very much look forward to this exchange of opinions, insights and ideas."

"More and more consumers are realizing that the secret of true beauty is healthy skin," says Beate Anniés, Head of Cosmetics at Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany. "This is a good reason to take a closer look at the science behind to develop outstanding products that will continue to meet the increasingly high expectations". In addition to the keynotes, in-depth poster sessions, a tour through the company's research labs, and a market place with a variety of exhibits will provide plenty of room for exchange and new insights. One highlight is a uniquely designed interactive virtual reality experience of the human skin.

The Surface Solutions business unit is part of Performance Materials at Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany. This business sector comprises the specialty chemicals business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany. Performance Materials has a strong focus on the electronics industry and serves attractive growth markets in the automotive and cosmetics industries. Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, offers a wide range of high-quality effect pigments and active ingredients to cosmetics brand owners and personal care manufacturers. The DermoCosmetics Forum will take place at the global headquarters of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, in Darmstadt, Germany.

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The company holds the global rights to the name and trademark "Merck" internationally. The only exceptions are the United States and Canada, where the business sectors of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt,

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Germany operate as EMD Serono in healthcare, MilliporeSigma in life science, and EMD Performance Materials. Since its founding 1668, scientific exploration and responsible entrepreneurship have been key to the company's technological and scientific advances. To this day, the founding family remains the majority owner of the publicly listed company.