



**SWHS**  
Svensk  
Sårhäkningsällskap  
Swedish Wound  
Healing Society



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## A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION IN PROGRES

**Swedish Wound Healing Society** (Svenskt Sårhäkningsällskap) is Sweden's national organisation in the subject area of wound and wound management/treatment. SWSH is a non-profit association that aims to widen knowledge on the subject area, and to contribute to enhanced competence, to actively support research and to ensure scientific development in the area of wound healing. Furthermore, one of SWHS's objectives is to arrange for a standardisation and consensus in the treatment and evaluation of patients with different types of wounds.

### History

In 1994 Swedish Wound Healing Society was founded by five specialists with different research and occupation areas, namely:  
*Dermatology/venerology*  
Docent Carita Hansson, Göteborg  
Docent Harry Beitner, Stockholm  
*Diabetology /endocrinology*  
Prof. Kerstin Brismar, Stockholm  
Docent Jan Apelqvist, Lund  
*Geriatric/gerontology*  
Docent Vivianne Shubert, Stockholm.  
Nurse Barbro Hemgren and Prof. Finn Gottrup attended the first meeting.

### Additional development

#### – a part of the association's activities

Based on science and profound experience, SWHS has since 1995 been actively focusing on developments. Each year since 1995, the association has arranged a symposium, which took place in November/December. International researchers have been invited as speakers.

### Themes for the symposia arranged by the association

- 1995 Venous leg ulcers
- 1996 Chronic wounds– pressure ulcers
- 1997 Diabetic foot ulcers
- 1998 Differential diagnosis at leg and foot ulcers
- 1999 Alternative wound management
- 2000 Chronic wounds – nutrition and infection
- 2001 Circulation and pain



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## 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM

**The Danish Wound Healing Society** was founded in 1992 and in April 2002 paying member no. 1000 was passed. The Society therefore felt that a 10 year anniversary symposium should be organised. Participants from all of Scandinavia were invited to the beautiful surroundings of the north Zealand coast in Denmark.

The three-day meeting was filled to capacity by more than 300 attending and 25 exhibitions, which confirmed the development that DWHS has experienced the last decade.

The main topics in the official programme were:

- Education
- Venous Leg Ulcers
- Diabetic Wounds
- Research methods
- Surgical Wounds
- New Treatment Techniques
- Microbiology
- Pressure Ulcers

The meeting was a manifestation of the importance of this area in Denmark. From the response of the participants the meeting was a great success in relation to scientific content as well as social programme.

DWHS hopes that this meeting will help the joint effort to increase the focus on Wound Healing and Treatment in the future.

*Professor Finn Gottrup,  
Chairman DWHS*