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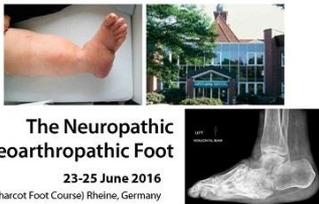
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Join the
**3rd International course on the
Neuropathic Osteoarthropathic
Foot**

Rheine, Germany, on 23-25
June 2016.



The Neuropathic
Osteoarthropathic Foot

23-25 June 2016
(Charcot Foot Course) Rheine, Germany



EWMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND COUNCIL ELECTION

The Annual General Meeting of EWMA will be held on Friday 13 May at 13.00 during the EWMA 2016 Conference. We hope to see many members of EWMA at this meeting!

Call for nominations for EWMA Council

This year, there are two vacancies in the Council for individual members of EWMA. If you have been an individual member of EWMA for at least 6 months, you are entitled to stand for Council election. If you wish to stand for election, you must be nominated by two current members of EWMA. Nomination deadline is 13 April.

For the election that takes place during the annual meeting of the EWMA Cooperating Organisations, there are also two vacancies in 2016. Candidates for this election must be nominated by the President of their association. You can read more about the election, the nomination requirements, and the obligations of EWMA Council members [here](#)

EWMA 2016 CONFERENCE IN BREMEN



About

In less than two months, EWMA 2016 and the German "Wund Kongress" will join forces for the largest European Conference on wound care, which takes place from 11-13 May in Bremen, Germany.

Programme

EWMA 2016 will feature more than 1,000 scientific presentations in high-level key sessions, free paper sessions, theoretical and interactive workshops, symposia with in-depth discussions based on the most recent research,

and e-posters within a variety of wound-related categories. See the conference programme [here](#).

The number of participants from Germany is significant, but the international community is also well represented. The number of registered participants is expected to be 5000-7000. As the conference offers the largest exhibition in the history of EWMA, participants will also have a good opportunity to learn about the latest developments and technologies in wound management.



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EWMA 25th ANNIVERSARY



This year, EWMA is celebrating its 25th anniversary. On this occasion a new EWMA website will be launched and several events and activities will take place to highlight important milestones in the history of EWMA and modern wound management. Many of these events and activities will take place during the EWMA 2016 conference. [Read more here](#)

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EWMA JOURNAL SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

The special anniversary issue of the EWMA Journal will be published in April 2016.

The following issue will be published in October 2016. If you wish to submit an article or advertise in this issue, please contact the EWMA Secretariat at ewma@ewma.org. The deadline for sending in materials is 15 August 2016.

[Previous issues of the EWMA Journal are available for free download here](#)

EWMA 2017 CONFERENCE IN AMSTERDAM, THE

NETHERLANDS

It is our great pleasure to announce the 27th conference of the European Wound Management Association. This conference is organised in cooperation with the WCS (Dutch Knowledge Centre for Wound Care) and will take place 3-5 May 2017 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The conference theme will be:

"CHANGE, OPPORTUNITIES, AND CHALLENGES - WOUND MANAGEMENT IN CHANGING HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS"

National healthcare systems in Europe are continuously changing and reorganising in response to changing demographics and budget restrictions, meaning that wound carers and wound healing practices must adapt to provide the best possible treatment for individual patients. At the same time, technology is rapidly developing, providing new methods and means of treatment and organisation. EWMA 2017 will focus on the opportunities and challenges resulting from these changing processes for wound management across Europe and beyond.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstract submission opens in October 2016
- Abstract submission deadline is 1 December 2016
- Registration opens in November 2016

The 2017 conference website will be launched concurrently with the new EWMA website in April 2016.

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UPDATE ON EWMA DOCUMENTS AND PROJECTS

EWMA document: Negative pressure wound therapy – Overview, challenges, and perspectives

This new EWMA document will be published online by the *Journal of Wound Care* in May/June 2016. Read more [here](#)

Management of patients with venous leg ulcer: Challenges and current best practice

This new joint document by EWMA and Wounds Australia will be published online by the *Journal of Wound Care* In April 2016. Read more [here](#)

EWMA wound centre endorsements

In autumn of 2015, EWMA carried out two pilot endorsements of wounds centres – one in China and one in Brazil. Based on these experiences, EWMA will work toward developing an international wound centre endorsement programme in collaboration with its partner organisations. To

learn more about the EWMA endorsement programme, join the EWMA 2016 workshop on Thursday 12 May, 10.00-11.00.

Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme

During the winter of 2015-16, we have been very busy with the EWMA Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme. In October 2015, EWMA received an invitation from the European Commission to contribute to the **Evaluation of the European Union Action Plan Against the Rising Threats from Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)**. Since then, EWMA has contributed to two AMR stakeholder workshops and participated in the European Commission's public consultation on AMR. We are very pleased with this opportunity to influence the European antimicrobial agenda and advocating prudent antimicrobial use in wound care.

BSAC/EWMA position document: Antimicrobial stewardship in wound management

This manuscript has been submitted to the *Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy*. Its expected publication date is summer of 2016. Please join us when the authors present the project at the **Joint BSAC/EWMA Symposium on antimicrobial Stewardship in Wound Care** held on 11 May at the EWMA 2016 conference. Read more [here](#)

EWMA document on the use of oxygen therapies in wound care

The work on this document started in March 2016 and the expert working committee responsible for the document is chaired by Prof. Finn Gottrup. The document is expected to be published in May 2017.

EWMA document on surgical site infection

Surgical site infection will be a focus topic for EWMA in 2017-18 and we are currently planning to publish a document on the topic, focusing on hospital and community care settings. The document is expected to be published in May 2018.

EWMA outlook document: Advanced therapies in wound management

This document will discuss the opportunities and barriers related to the use of cellular therapies, engineered tissues and substitutes, and physical therapies in wound management. Prof. Dr Alberto Piaggese, EWMA Council will chair the project, which will also involve EWMA President Dr. Severin Läubli. The document is expected to be published in May 2018.

SWAN-iCare project

The European Union-funded SWAN-iCare project aiming to develop a smart device for wound monitoring and therapy is now entering its fourth and final year. EWMA's role will continue to centre on dissemination and exploitation opportunities and will include focus panels and pilot testing taking place later in the year. Read more [here](#)

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EWMA PARTNER ACTIVITIES

2016 EWMA Cooperating Organisations board meeting

The Cooperating Organisation's board meeting is scheduled to take place during the EWMA 2016 conference on Thursday 12 May, 15.30-18.00. The appointed board representatives of the 53 Cooperating Organisations have been invited to Bremen to participate and share experiences in wound management across Europe.

HAPPY EASTER

I wish you a happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you all in Bremen.

Kind regards,

Severin Läuchli
EWMA President

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NEWS FROM THE INDUSTRY

Lohmann & Rauscher

In Germany, 8 million people live with diabetes, and this number continues to grow. One late complication of diabetes is foot ulcers, which often ultimately require amputation. Together with medical experts and journalists, Lohmann & Rauscher outlined structural solutions focused on the needs of users and patients. Read more [here](#)

Sastomed

The study "Photoacoustic imaging of real-time oxygen changes in chronic leg ulcers after topical application of a hemoglobin spray: a pilot study" was published in the *Journal of Wound Care* in February 2016.

Learn more about the product [here](#)

Abigo

A new study shows that Sorbact surgical dressing is a cost-effective way to prevent surgical site infection.

Read more [here](#)

Mölnlycke

The review article "The role of foam dressings with Safetac in

the prevention of pressure ulcers: a review of the clinical and scientific data" was published in the *Journal of Wound Care* in January 2016. Read more [here](#).

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