



# NEWSLETTER

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**Deadline: 15 April 2015**

We urge everyone to share their work and submit an abstract for the conference.

### EWMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND COUNCIL ELECTION

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the European Wound Management Association will be held on Friday 15 May at 12.45 in room Platinum 6, at the ExCeL London, during the EWMA 2015 Conference.

We hope to see many EWMA members at this meeting!

#### Call for nomination for EWMA Council

This year, there are five vacancies on the Council available to be filled by individual members of EWMA. If you have been a 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 a minimum of two existing members of EWMA.

You can read more about the election process, the nomination requirements, and Council member obligations [here](#).

### EWMA CONFERENCE IN LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

May is getting closer and the preparations are being finalized for the 25th EWMA Conference, which is to be held **13th-15th May in London, UK**, at the ExCeL London, UK. The conference is organised in cooperation with the Tissue Viability Society (TVS).

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's conference, which includes more than 800 submitted abstracts, a very extensive programme, and the largest exhibition in the history of EWMA.

Click here to register for the conference:

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#### The scientific programme

Building upon the success of previous EWMA conferences, the 2015 conference programme has been extended and offers an exciting mix of scientific key sessions, workshops, guest sessions, lectures, full-day streams, and satellite symposia. The full-day symposia included in the EWMA 2015 Conference

Please submit your abstract [here](#)

### GET YOUR WOUND COURSES ENDORSED BY EWMA!



As part of EWMA's aim to identify high standard education programmes for health care professionals, we offer the possibility to have [wound management courses endorsed by EWMA](#).

For more information, you can go to the [EWMA website](#) or contact the [EWMA Secretariat](#)

### EWMA JOURNAL APRIL 2015 ISSUE

The April 2015 issue of the *EWMA Journal* will soon be published. Until this issue is ready, you can read and download previous issues of the *EWMA Journal* [here](#)

The next issue will be published in October 2015. If you wish to contribute an article or advertise in this issue, please contact the EWMA Secretariat at [ewma@ewma.org](mailto:ewma@ewma.org).

The deadline for contributions to the October issue of the *EWMA Journal* is 14th July 2015.

programme are:

### British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC) - EWMA Joint Symposium

BSAC and EWMA will host a joint session on antimicrobial wound management. The objectives of the symposium are to:

- Enlighten the audience about the innovation and best practices in prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of wound infections
- Educate the audience about the challenges of antimicrobial resistance in wound care
- Inspire and prepare the audience to work with and implement antimicrobial stewardship programmes

Read more about the symposium [here](#)

*The BSAC-EWMA Symposium will take place Thursday 14th May, 14.15-17.55*

### Challenge Your Practice: Nursing in the Community 2015

This nursing-in-the-community study day at EWMA 2015 will provide:

- Accessible, practical guidance on understanding, assessing, and managing wounds
- Clear working knowledge of what needs to be done in community care to achieve better outcomes

The programme is aimed at all nurses working in the community and in primary care settings.

Read more about the symposium [here](#)

*The Nursing Community symposium will take place Thursday 14th May, 10.30-17.30*

### eHealth Symposium

For the third year, a symposium on the use of eHealth solutions will be held during the EWMA conference. This year, the symposium will explore:

- eHealth solutions currently used in wound care, and their readiness for large scale deployment
- The role of wound care clinicians in ensuring adaptations of the organisation of care
- Different concepts of borderless healthcare

The symposium will be kicked off with the presentation of a new EWMA document on eHealth in wound care, and will conclude with a wrap-up session to discuss and define next steps needed to successfully implement eHealth solutions that provide better care for wound patients. Read more about the symposium [here](#)

*The eHealth Symposium will take place Thursday 14th May, 16.55-*

17.55 and Friday 15th May, 08.00-15.45

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### TVS Symposium

The Tissue Viability Society symposium topics include politics, leadership, clinical practice, multidisciplinary work, and much more. Read more about TVS [here](#)  
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*The TVS Symposium will take place Thursday 14th May 2015, 8:00-17:30*

### International Conference on Veterinary Wound Management

This symposium will provide:

- A unique platform where scientists and other experts within the veterinary and human wound management, as well as the public health arena, can meet
- The unique opportunity to share new knowledge, to identify interfaces between veterinary and human wound research and management, and to create a basis for achieving synergies

Read more about the conference [here](#)

*The International Conference on Veterinary Wound Management will take place Thursday 14th May, 10.30-17.55 and Friday 15th May, 8.00-15.45*

For further information about the different sessions and workshops, please visit: [www.ewma2015.org](http://www.ewma2015.org)



### EWMA CONFERENCE 2016 IN BREMEN, GERMANY

It is a great pleasure to announce that the 26th conference of the EWMA will take place **11th-13th May 2016** at Messe Bremen in Bremen, Germany.

The conference is organised in cooperation with the "Initiative Chronische Wunden e.V." (ICW) and the collaboration of German-speaking wound associations "WundD-A-CH".

The conference will focus on the political and clinical responsibility for access to wound care, thus exploring wound care from a human rights perspective.

Read more and keep updated on the conference [website](#)

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## CURRENT & FUTURE EWMA PROJECTS

EWMA is currently working on the following projects:

### Guidance Document on eHealth in Wound Care

*eHealth in Wound Care - Overview and Key Issues to Consider Before Implementation* is a new EWMA document to support the wound care professionals' interest and engagement in the development of eHealth solutions to benefit patients, health care professionals, and health care systems.

The document includes an introduction to terminology, a method for evaluation of eHealth solutions, an overview of available evidence, a discussion about the barriers and facilitators for the use of eHealth in wound care, and a road map for implementation in clinical practice.

The document will be published in April 2015 as an online supplement in the *Journal of Wound Care*.

### Leg Ulcer Guidance Project

EWMA has initiated the *Leg Ulcer Guidance Project* to address challenges related to the diagnosis and treatment of leg ulcers in Europe.

The project will include the publication of updated recommendations for leg ulcer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment, taking into consideration the varying traditions for the organisation of leg ulcer treatment within Europe.

The document will be developed in collaboration with the Australian Wound Management Association (AWMA), and is planned for launch at the EWMA 2016 Conference in Bremen, Germany. Read more about the project [here](#)

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### Document on Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT)

The first meeting of the author group was held in February 2015, where the content of the Document on Negative Pressure Therapy was discussed and established. The document will provide guidance, and assemble evidence and best practices for the use of NPWT. In addition, the document will explore the organisational aspects, patient perspectives, cross-sectorial use, and health economics.

Read more about the project [here](#)

### Antimicrobial Stewardship in Wound Care Programme

EWMA has decided to raise the ambition regarding the antimicrobial agenda by launching a full *Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme* targeting European wound care professionals. The program is building on three key objectives and program deliverables:

- Development of treatment recommendations
- A practical guide for implementation of antimicrobial stewardship
- Execution of educational events

The overall aim of the stewardship programme is to reduce inappropriate and overuse of antimicrobials in wound care by promoting, facilitating, and teaching good antimicrobial use

practices.  
Read more about the initiative [here](#)

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## **In March 2015 the EWMA Council has approved the following new projects:**

### **Health-Related Quality of Life – the Patient’s Perspective**

The EWMA Council has recently decided to initiate a project to highlight the importance of evaluating the patient’s HRQoL in relation to wound management. The objective is to develop an overview and recommendations for use of the available HRQoL assessment tools for wound care patients. This document is planned to include:

- An overview of available instruments and their documentation
- Recommendations for evaluating specific wound-related QoL issues

The project will be initiated ultimo 2015/primo 2016.  
Read more about the project [here](#)

### **Oxygen Therapies Guidance Document**

The EWMA Oxygen Therapies Guidance document concerns practice-oriented guidance on the current use of various forms of oxygen therapies for wound treatment. This document will provide an overview on treatment options available, as well as an assessment of the best available evidence for use based upon respective results. In addition, the document will detail specific aspects and current discussions connected with the use of oxygen in wound healing. Furthermore, the document will explore the main reasons behind the comparatively very large difference in the use of oxygen therapies for wound healing between the U.S.A. and Europe, and the potential for increasing the use of oxygen therapies in Europe.

Please contact the EWMA Secretariat ([ewma@ewma.org](mailto:ewma@ewma.org)) if you are interested in learning more about, or supporting, these projects.

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## **EWMA PARTNER ACTIVITIES**

### **International Partners**

EWMA has entered into a partnership with the International Wound Infection Institute (IWII). IWII will also host a guest session at the EWMA 2015 conference.  
Read more about IWII [here](#)

### **Cooperating Organisations**

Two new organisations have been approved as Cooperating Organisations of EWMA after a 2-year’s observation period:

- [The Spanish Association of Vascular Nursing and Wounds \(AEEVH\)](#)
- [Asociația pentru Managementul Plăgilor- România \(AMP Romania\)](#)

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## **EWMA ADVOCACY**

CHRODIS-JA, the Joint Action on Chronic Disease programme of the European Commission, in which EWMA is a collaborating partner, addresses the challenges resulting from the burden that diabetes places on the health care system and individuals.

One of the tasks of the programme will be to map the data and good practices on preventing the complications of type 2 diabetes such as diabetic foot ulcers.

The programme is currently collecting data on national diabetes plans, which will be followed by an analysis of the processes for the prevention of diabetes and complications across Europe.

EWMA engages in selected CHRODIS-JA meetings and work group activities, such as the February Annual Meeting of the programme.

For further information about the CHRODIS-JA, please contact [rbl@ewma.org](mailto:rbl@ewma.org).

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## **NEWS FROM THE INDUSTRY**

### **Smith and Nephew**

[NPWT System demonstrates fewer healing complications associated with breast surgery](#)

### **Flenpharma**

[New evidence by Flen Pharma: All T.I.M.E. requirements in 1 single product](#)

### **Lohmann & Rauscher**

[L&R is creating a new marketing experience with virtual booth at the EWMA Conference](#)

### **Mölnlycke**

Mölnlycke Health Care launches new, advanced wound care solutions, [Exufiber](#) and [Mepilex](#)

### **Aspen Medical**

[Interactive Learning Module: Skin Care in Radiotherapy](#)

### **Urgo Medical**

[For 15 years, TLC healing matrix has been changing lives through better wound healing.](#)

**HAPPY EASTER**

On behalf of the EWMA Council, I wish you all a Happy Easter!

Kind regards,  
Salla Seppänen  
EWMA President

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