

## **News from the Italian Association for the Study of Cutaneous Ulcers (AIUC)**

The AIUC, Italian association for skin ulcers, founded ten years ago in Rome, has, at the end of 2008, reached a membership total of over 2,000.

The AIUC comprises all the people concerned with the problem of chronic skin ulcers: doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, podiatrists, social service operators, pharmacists and those who represent the sick. Based on a criterion of regional organisation with, from this year, all the Italian regions represented, AIUC organises an Annual Congress, which usually takes place in September, and a series of Interregional Congresses held during the first few months of the year. It belongs to the Italian federation of Medical Societies and cooperates actively with EWMA and WUWHS.

AIUC contains several study groups which carry out Consensus conferences and draw up Guidelines to Pain Management, Dressings, Hyperbaric Therapy, Micro-circulation, Telemedicine, Posture and the Prevention of Bed Sores. In the future it will also focus on nutrition.

Besides research, the Association's aims and purposes also include training and, above all, relations with Central Government, for the recognition, understanding and acknowledgement of advanced medications and Reimbursement. It has a website ([www.aiuc.it](http://www.aiuc.it)) which is due to undergo extensive restyling to "streamline" it and add more links.



In 2008 AIUC organised two National "information-training" days dedicated to patients affected by ulcers; 110 Centres were involved and over a thousand patients were contacted. The days were called Ulcer Days® and the annexed logo is registered.