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Our association is composed of nurses with a great interest in stoma and wound care. We are located in the French-speaking part of Belgium. We are now more than 60 full-time nurses working in our hospital network and a great number of specialized nurse in wound-care are recently involved in our association which was before only dedicated to stomacare. We have developed different projects on a national level, which are described in the herewith added list.

Belgian federation of wound (care?):

We develop collaboration with the dutch-speaking part of the country. The first task is the organization of an annual national congress with simultaneous translation in the 2 national languages. In 2011, we will receive the EWMA European congress.

Regional Congress

in stoma and wound care:

More than 400 nurses coming from the French part of Belgium are now invited each year to share their experience during a very interesting meeting.

Our next congress will be held in Charleroi on March 30 th.

You are of course welcome to participate (Congress is only in French).

Nurse education in stoma and wound care:

We have developed, according to the new Belgian rules in education, a great nurse education project: 900 hours of education. The program is divided in three parts: Stomacare, Woundcare (with university degree) as well as an education and research section. At the end of this program, the nurse obtains the "clinician stoma, wound and healing care" certification.

Member of the "Belgian National Nurse Federation":

As a small association, we participate actively in the work of the federation. Together with all the nursing's qualifications, we try to protect and develop the role of the nurse in our country. With the federation, we also work with our Dutch friends.

Website:

Our website tries to inform the stoma and wound care-givers world about our activities and our goals and realizations. We invite you to visit www.afiscep.be (in French)

Health policy and insurance:

With patients and pharmacologists, we try to give some advices on the reimbursement of the stoma material.

Continuous formation:

Every two years, we invite all the stoma nurse for an actualization program during a week end. It's for us the opportunity to share experience and expertise in wound and stoma care.

We also provide help to the nursing school to teach basic information about stoma and wound care.

A French stomacare periodical is available twice a year; a means for us to maintain contact with all the people interested in our action field.

As you can read on this page, we have a lot of activities. We are sure that we can give advice, share experience and knowledge with all the people interested by our goals. Clinicians get help during their work but the utmost important goal is to provide best care needed by the patients for their individual medical situation.



AIUC Italian Association for the study of Cutaneous Ulcers

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AIUC

The association was established in 1999 in Rome and during its ten years of activity it has totalled well over 2000 members in Italy. It operates at national and regional level and it is a supporting society of WUWHS and Member of EWMA.

The association is a not for profit organization and it sets out primarily to engage in social solidarity activities.

It plays an active role in the healthcare sector and in socially oriented scientific research activities focused on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of ulcerative cutaneous lesions and tissue repairing treatments.

The association's chief goal is to promote scientific seminars aimed at disseminating, updating and enhancing knowledge on physiopathology, clinic, diagnosis and on treatment of ulcerative cutaneous lesions as well as improving prevention strategies.

The association sets out amongst other things to achieve the following objectives:

- a) provide its supporters with news and developments both in terms of healthcare options and legislative regulations.
- b) Raise awareness amongst the general public, the administrations and the media at large on all the issues related to ulcerative cutaneous lesions.
- c) Provide support, advice and guidance as to prevention, diagnosis and treatment of ulcerative cutaneous pathologies;
- d) Highlight social issues with a particular focus on recognition of the rights of patients with cutaneous ulcers through activities aimed at uniforming treatment options in other European countries.

ACTIVITIES

■ **Annual National Conference**, a forum where sector's professionals and key players can compare notes and exchange experiences. In 2009 the National Congress in Florence reached more than 1400 participants.

■ **Inter-regional Congresses and Courses**, organized by the Regional Divisions.

■ Study groups

Set up on initiative of the Management Committee of the study groups and aimed at drawing up guidelines and undertaking research and analysis activities on recommendation of its enrolled members. In 2009 has been published a Position Document titled: *Compression therapy in the treatment of leg ulcers*. Moreover we finished the discussion about the Pain Treatment and another position document is ready to be printed.

■ Ulcer Day

In 2009 the project UlcerDays® has been organized for the second year consecutive. This is a National day on Cutaneous Lesions and it is actively supported by more than 100 specialized centres. The main purpose of this initiative is to inform the public opinion, mass media and the Government Class about problems of the patients affected by ulcers, and to strengthen the relationship between the specialized centers and the Associations.

AIUC INFORMES

- The website www.aiuc.it is a useful source of information and news relating to the activities and initiatives undertaken by the Association.
- The journal *Acta Vulnologica* is amongst the first eight sector specific publications at European level, the journal can publish the works of any of its Members.
- From 2009 a press office supports AIUC to improve the public informations about patients problems through the media.

*Il Presidente AIUC
Alessandro Farris*



CWA
Croatian
Wound Association

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In brief about the symposium “Ulcus Cruris” organized by CWA

The Croatian Wound association (CWA or HUR) organized its second Symposium since it becomes a member of EWMA in 2007. It was a symposium with international participation called “Ulcus cruris”. It took place in the beautiful city, Primošten, on the Adriatic coast from 11-14 th November. The proceedings of the symposium were published as a supplement of the indexed journal, *Acta Medica Croatica*.

The symposium attended about 200 physicians of various specialities, nurses, medical technicians from Croatia, Bosnia and Hercegovina and Slovenia, and representatives of medical product producers which also particularly sponsored the whole event. The target lectures were given by invited twenty-five guest speakers – the experts for wound of various specialities from Croatia, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Slovenia and Sweden. We have to single out our special guest and lectors, EWMA representative Mrs. *Cristina Lindholm*, Rn PhD from Stockholm, and Mr. *Ciril Triler*, MD, vice president of the Slovenian Wound Management Association (WMAS) from Ljubljana. So we had the opportunity to listen a lot of good, interesting and useful lectures directly from experts.

The aim of all those lectures and finally of this Symposium was to consolidate all the knowledge we have about lower leg ulcer, its etiology, development of the pathophysiological process, disorders of healing, complex treatment, necessary modern wound care and finally preventive procedures which demand a holistic- teamwork approach to the patient. The Symposium began with the opening word from the President of CWA, *Nastja Kučičec-Tepes*, MD, PhD. The opening ended with cocktail and refreshments accompanied by beautiful Dalmatian music.

Next two days mornings were reserved for lectures which elaborated all aspect of leg ulcers, and afternoons were reserved for workshops which were especially interesting and useful because of their practical part in which all the attenders could participate. During the workshops participants got acquainted with theoretical and practical knowledge about debridement, compressive therapy, supportive dressings, atypical wounds, vein plethysmography and problems and organization wound care in primary medical care. ▶



Jasna Lipozenčić, MD PhD



Participants



Debridement workshop

In the end of Symposium *Dubravko Huljev*, MD, vice president of CWA, talked about holistic approach to patients with leg ulcers problems, and gave a sectional view of problems in Croatia and some of possible solutions and needed. The Symposium was closed with conclusion that the outcome of treatment of chronic wound, including lower leg ulcers, depends on the teamwork of physician and nurses of various specialitis and of alteration of their knowledge and experience. Subsequently the referrals for treatment of chronic leg ulcers will be given to all participants.

After all lectors and workshop we had a little questionnaire about Symposium and results of opinions were that all participants thought that all aspects and problems of leg ulcers were analyzed, 90% of participants assumed that Symposium attained an objective, and 86% of them graduated Symposium as excellent respectively very good.

So we hope that our cooperation will proceed and we invite you to come to Croatia next year on our third Symposium which will be about diabetic foot.

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**All information about CWA
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About AISLeC

WHO WE ARE

Founded in Italy in 1993, AISLeC (*Associazione Infermieristica per lo Studio delle Lesioni Cutanee* – Nursing Association for the Study of Cutaneous Wounds) is a multidisciplinary, non-profit association.

The AISLeC Executive Committee is responsible for establishing the Association's policies, directing its activities and approving all actions in relation to the management of the Association. The election for members of the Executive Committee take place every three years.

Membership of the Association is open to all disciplines of health professionals interested in the management of wounds. Actually there are approximately 500 members including nurses, physician, podiatrists, pharmacists, physical therapists, nutritionist, etc.

AISLeC and its members are committed to improve the quality of care provided to people with wounds, either acute or chronic through education, clinical practice, public policy and research.

WHAT WE DO (OR TRY TO DO)

As the Italian population ages (11 million over 65 years of age and near 3 million over 85. ISTAT 2006), the incidence of chronic wounds is expected to rise significantly, as well as the frequency of the so-called "complex wounds". Providing care to a patient with chronic and/or complex wound pose a significant challenge given that this kind of wound require "... skills, knowledge and attitudes of healthcare professionals ... to initiate effective therapeutic strategies in a timely and cost-effective way" (EWMA, 2008)

In Italy, we identified two main issues to be addressed. Firstly, there is a knowledge deficit amongst medical, nursing and allied health personnel, in regard to the current concepts in wound healing and wound management. Consequently, there is the need to incorporate "best practice" care in wound prevention and treatment in all health care sectors for more efficient and effective wound management.

Secondly, the fragmented way in which wound care is delivered to patients within our health care system (in terms of health care organization, services, reimbursement, etc) is a major obstacle to a more homogenous wound care practice: consequently there is the need to support access to timely and appropriate resources necessary for the prevention and treatment of wounds.

In order to overcome these barriers, we realise that appropriate strategies and action plans hat to be developed. The association's efforts are focused on following key areas:

■ Organizational activities

- encouraging a multi disciplinary approach – although it was a group of nurses who formed AISLeC, there was a strong recognition among these nurses that a number of other professionals play an active role in the care or prevention of wounds
- facilitating networking amongst practitioners with knowledge and expertise in wound management in order to promote the sharing of ideas and positive contributions
- creating a unified national approach to wound prevention and management
- liaising and co-operating with other national/international associations interested in wound management and Evidence Based Practice
- being recognised as an authoritative body that consults with, and advises government, governing bodies, and health care providers in regard to wound care management strategies based on current validated research

■ Educational activities

- providing a range of educational resources:
- to conform knowledge of the health care professionals on the modalities of assessment, prevention, and treatment of acute & chronic wounds, AISLeC develops regular basic courses
- since 2000 have been running a postgraduate wound healing course under the auspices of the Università degli Studi "Bicocca" (University "Bicocca") in Monza (Milan) and the Università degli Studi "La Sapienza" (University "La Sapienza") in Rome. AISLeC also cooperates with other postgraduate wound healing courses such as the ones in Naples, Modena, Florence, and Genoa

- each year the Association hold its own national wound care conference. At the last event which took place in 2009, "CLINICAL PATHWAY IN WOUND CARE", we had 500 participants including doctors, nurses, podologists, etc.
- one-day workshop covering specific topics in-depth: e.g., nurse responsibility in wound care, wound infection, etc.
- translating original documents (such as clinical guidelines etc) into Italian in order to facilitate dissemination of information/ knowledge and to promote evidence based practice
- in 2006 the AISLeC website was completely renewed; it can be accessed via www.aislec.it The website is a very active site with information, resources, and links. It allows members and non-members to keep in touch with the activities of the association and to update on wound management issues through AISLeC Library, visited by over 15.000 hits per month

■ Research activities

- identifying research funding sources
- facilitating and developing researches that will enhance the quality of wound management strategies (these have been recognized as authoritative sources of evidences; in one case, they were selected within a review by the Cochrane Collaboration)

WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO IN THE 2010

- In collaboration with AIUC (Associazione Italiana Ulcere Cutanee – Italian Association for Skin Ulcers), we're completing the Panel Recommendations for Pain Management in Patient with Skin Ulcer
- We'll release the Recommendations on Silver-Based Dressing for Infected or Critically Colonized Wounds through GRADE method
- In collaboration with CO.DI.CI - Citizen Rights Center, we'll organize our sixth national study of pressure ulcer prevalence
- We begin the translation of the new EPUAP / NPUAP guidelines "Pressure Ulcers Prevention & Treatment"
- With a new look and new content, we propose New AISLeC UpDate, published bi-monthly and distributed by mail to registered users of our website www.aislec.it



GAIF is one of the two Portuguese wound care groups. It was founded in 2002 and is based in Pampilhosa da Serra. At present we have more than 1000 associates. The main activities are research and dissemination of knowledge through conferences and workshops, as well as organization of thematic courses for specific health care groups.

GAIF has an established protocol with a nursing journal for a release every 3 months of a wound care supplement with the publication of original articles from researchers from either GAIF or its partners. Additionally, GAIF has its own site, www.gaif.net, where all the articles are published as well as all the validated tools are available for download. In the 7 years of its existence, GAIF has been able to validate, in partnership with CEIS-UC (Center for Research in Healthcare of the University of Coimbra), the PUSH-Portuguese version, PSST-Portuguese version, CWIS-Portuguese version, Implementation of Braden Scale on a National Level (in a partnership with the Portuguese Institute for Health Quality), along with other ongoing projects or those awaiting publication.

These studies include the characterization of diabetic foot ulcer in the Portuguese diabetic population, in partnership with the CEIS-UC. This prevalence study included more than 300 patients from all over Portugal, with data collected by volunteers. Another study, with the same partnership, focused on reimbursement of wound care materials. A self administered questionnaire was distributed to healthcare professionals with a return from more than 2000 respondents. In phase two, now under way, we hope to obtain the opinion from 5000 patients or relatives of patients with a wound, on the subject of reimbursement.

We are currently validating the SNAQ and MUST tools for the Portuguese population and in January we will start the validation of the Vancouver scar scale.

Every year, we hold two major events: the Annual Congress and the Wound Management Summer School.

The Congress is usually held in May and attended by 1200-1300 healthcare professionals. National and international reference speakers are invited and we believe that our congress is becoming a reference in the European context.

The Summer Wound School, has a participation limited to 30 healthcare professionals, selected on the basis of their curricula. It is held for 4 days in a hotel in full time attendance with theory and practice classes during the daytime and extra curricular activities in the evenings. This has been the source of solid links between participants that have been useful in their wound care activities in day to day practice.

The wound management system in Portugal is disorganized, the centralized purchasing system of the National Health Service is not evidence-based. There is no information on best practice and outcomes. Patients frequently have to purchase products they need without reimbursement. The same applies to products for prevention.

The Directorate of Health has established as priorities for 2008 pressure ulcers, leg ulcers in 2009 and diabetic foot ulcers in 2010. However, until now, not much progress has been achieved.

GAIF is always willing to work to establish meaningful partnerships, with all those who wish to take forward the quality of care in wound management.

GAIF has the will and the expertise to lead research and education activities in Portugal and is always willing to work to establish meaningful partnerships, with all those who wish to take forward the quality of care in wound management.



GNEAUPP

National Advisory
Group for the Study of
Pressure Ulcers and
Chronic Wounds

www.gneaupp.org

GNEAUPP

Grupo Nacional para el Estudio y Asesoramiento en Úlceras por Presión y Heridas Crónicas

The Spanish Pressure Ulcer and Chronic Wounds Advisory Board **GNEAUPP** is an interdisciplinary group, founded in 1994, so we are 15th years old. Its main objectives are:

- To assess the problem of pressure ulcers and other chronic wounds in our environment and to make society more aware of these important health problems in order to reduce their incidence and prevalence
- To collaborate in the genesis, discussion and dissemination of scientific knowledge to enable different professionals involved in managing pressure ulcers and other chronic wounds to develop a comprehensive care practice, based on the latest scientific evidence.

GNEAUPP is an independent institution that brings together different professionals involved in pressure ulcer and chronic wound management, but mainly nurses. It currently has around 3100 members.

Since it was formed, GNEAUPP has held a biannual Symposium. The last Symposium took place, between 12-14 November 2008, in Tarragona. The theme was "Wounds and globalization". At the same time the meeting was the first Ibero-Latin American Congress on Ulcers and Wounds. More than 1500 representatives attended the meeting from Spain, Portugal and other spanish-portuguese speaking countries.

Our next Symposium will be held, from 10 to 12 November 2010, in Santiago de Compostela. For our new symposium the theme elected is "Quality of life and Wounds". National and International speakers will be there presenting and updating our knowledge. Parallel to our symposium we will organize our second Pressure Ulcers Course (basic and advanced level).

GNEAUPP also organizes a national meeting with pressure ulcer committees and a summer school, both of which take place biannually. It also participates in academic and research activities in collaboration with various organizations (profit and non-profit).

To maintain contact with members and disseminate information within the group, GNEAUPP has set up an electronic newsletter (BIE-GNEAUPP) and a website (www.gneaupp.org). It also publishes a scientific journal, *Gerokomos*, which is one of the top three most read journals among Spanish and Portuguese speaking professionals, and among specific journals in the field. In the last issue of electronic supplement of EWMA Journal was published a range of selected papers from our journal.

In order to implement and disseminate its activities, GNEAUPP, like other scientific societies, has been invited to collaborate with all pharmaceutical companies in the Spanish market marketing products related to the management of pressure ulcers and chronic wounds.

In regard to research activities, GNEAUPP have one research prize "Premio Sergio Juan Jordán" linked to our Symposium and different projects:

- We are analyzing our third National prevalence survey. Preliminary results shows a 7,22% prevalence on hospitals, a 6,39% prevalence on socio-sanitary facilities and a 5,84% prevalence on home care settings. It seems that we have a down tendency over the years. The first national Prevalence Study was performed on 2001.
- Recently, we published on our website, the 11th technical document on Risk Assessment Scales based on a systematic review of the topic. We are finishing two more papers: nutrition and wounds, pressure relieving surfaces and pressure ulcers.
- We help people who approach us and want to start some research project focused on Wounds.

Also we have a photographic prize and you could see the last finalist on our website. ►

And finally we are performing some activities to influence politics and whole Society as:

- "El Manifiesto de Tarragona" (Tarragona's Manifest) to advice on the Pressure Ulcer problem as a public health problem. Highlight the avoidability of pressure ulcers and to reflect the need for more education and changes on the health care system related to wound care (specific units, reference professionals and prescription issues).
- "La Declaración de Arnedillo" (Arnedillo's Declaration) about the need to create a new figure, a "Reference consultant Nurse on Wound Management".
- STOP A LAS UPP (Stop to pressure ulcers). It's a poster focused on evidenced-based interventions to prevent pressure ulcers and remarks on avoidability of pressure ulcers. It' intended that Ministry of Health trough "National Quality Plan of National Health System" signed the Poster with us.

Javier Soldevilla
Director of GNEAUPP

José Verdú Soriano
GNEAUPP and EWMA Council





SSOOR Slovak Association for Wound Care

News from SSOOR

November 20th, 2009 the SSSOR Assembly meeting took place in Bratislava. The meeting was realized 2 years after establishment of our association. SSOOR will continue in its work – first of all it wants to fulfil its resolution to heal wounds in beginning stage, what would precede many limbs amputations and decubitus.

SSOOR hold meeting with Slovak Health University in Bratislava – the meeting was successful and promising.

SSOOR had a meeting with director of High Medical School (SZS) in Skalica (Mrs.Potuckova). This school was chosen for cooperation on creation of learning subject – dealing with complex wound care. In September 2010, SZS in Skalica will celebrate its 50 th jubilee – this occasion would be great to announce that this school is the first one in Slovakia with this new learning subject.

SSOOR hold also successful meeting with Zepter Slovakia. The Zepter promised to cooperate at wound healing by using and application of polarized light of Biopton lamp. On the base of positive results from healing we will offer our experience to public.

SSOOR is planning to work on project: Review of chronical wounds in Slovakia. Objective of the project is to find out following:

- How many inhabitants suffer from chronical wounds
- How is the care about wounds in hospitals, social health institutions and at home
- Costs for healing and care
- Results of healing
- Number of amputations per year
- Numbers of deaths from wounds

Blessing of bishop Mons. Frantisek Tondra (head of Bishop Conference of Slovakia). He agreed to dedicate Saint Elizabeth day – which is on 19th November – for “Day of help to people suffering from wounds”.



NIFS Norwegian Wound Healing Association

www.nifs-saar.no

The Norwegian Wound Healing Society

The Norwegian Wound Healing Society (NIFS) is a voluntary, interdisciplinary organization that strives to promote knowledge of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures of chronic wounds in primary and secondary health care. It is the only organization of its kind in Norway. The membership is approximately 700, from all parts of the country.

NIFS was established in 1998 by enthusiastic dermatologists, nurses and foot therapists. It is a non-profit organization, and all work is done by the board on a non-paid, voluntary basis. The board consists of ten members from all over the country who are elected for two years. The board meets 4-5 times a year, in addition to having considerable e-mail and telephone contacts. We have organized committees for education, public relations, scholarships, pressure ulcers and telemedicine which meet separately.

We try to serve and inform our members through three different channels:

1. NIFS' web site (www.nifs.saar.no)
2. The Scandinavian magazine SÅR
3. Annual comprehensive seminars

The web-site: This is available free of charge for everybody, and is currently under major revision, which will be completed January 2010. It is updated with current diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, with links to relevant literature and organizations.

SÅR: This publication is distributed to our members and sponsors, and NIFS has a news-column in the magazine.

The annual seminars: These are the mainstay of the organization, and are the main work load for the ten person board. We change each year between different main topics, and have managed to attract national and international capacities from the different fields. The two-day seminars draw 250-400 participants from all parts of Norway – doctors, nurses, podiatrists and orthopedists. Educational credits are obtained for nurses, but due to the rigid regulations in the Norwegian medical association concerning collaboration with the industry, credits are not obtained for physicians. The seminars exhibit all relevant products available for wound care and prevention. The location is different each year, in the four Norwegian health regions.

At the seminars, joint fellowships from NIFS and its sponsors are awarded. From 2010 a special fellowship from NIFS which covers two days practice and teaching in Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, has been instituted. We are lucky to have a good cooperation with the Danish wound care unit, and offer this fellowship for two NIFS members annually.

Our next seminar will be held in Tonsberg February 4. and 5. 2010 and the heading is: Difficult wounds or difficult wound treatment? It will cover normal wound healing, pathophysiology, rare diagnoses, malignancy in wounds, local circulation, cutaneous manifestations of infectious diseases, advanced methods in wound treatment, self mutilation and psychic aspects of chronic wounds. **The 2011 seminar will be held in Trondheim** with the main topic: "Wounds which need compression therapy".

The wound treatment system in Norway is based upon the Scandinavian social security system of primary health care, with partial coverage of bandage materials for long-lasting wounds. There is a need for better economical coverage of the expenses, and NIFS is lobbying this cause. NIFS has assisted in translating the new guidelines for treatment of the diabetic foot, and we have a close cooperation with the Norwegian Diabetes Federation.

Research:

NIFS has no particular research programme, but encourages members to initiate projects through scholarships.

Education:

Members of the board organize courses for physicians in wound diagnostics and treatment in different parts of the country, and NIFS has encouraged postgraduate nurse education in chronic wounds at two different postgraduate nurses colleges in Norway giving one years' study credit. Much of the teaching staff comes from NIFS.

NIFS is also pursuing means for implementing the use of telemedicine in our country, and a sub committee visited Denmark which also in this respect is a horse length ahead of us. We also to influence the education of doctors and nurses to improve the training in chronic wounds.

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Tissue Viability Society

The Tissue Viability Society was formed as a national UK organisation in 1981 and became a registered charity in 1994. The original aim of the Society was to act as a multi-professional society bringing together all those with interests in wound prevention and treatment, this goal remains our aim today almost thirty years later. The TVS is a membership organisation with about 1000 members who pay either £30 (EU members) or £40 (non EU members) each year. The TVS is managed by a group of 15 Trustees each serving three years as a Trustee with a part-time consultant acting as the Professional Adviser.

Since 1981 the TVS has published a scientific journal – from 1981 to 1990 this was called *Care – Science and Practice*. From 1990 the title changed to the *Journal of Tissue Viability*. This was the first wound related journal to be listed on MEDLINE and is today published quarterly by Elsevier. The Journal is readily available through library and individual subscriptions and all members receive a copy of each issue. The Journal of Tissue Viability has an international editorial board bringing expertise from Europe, America and Japan to the development of the title. A special issue in spring 2010 will focus upon the latest initiatives in bioengineering related to wound healing reflecting the multi-professional nature of the Journal and the TVS.

Each year the TVS organises a national conference dedicated to wound prevention and treatment. In 2010 this meeting will take place in Telford, UK over the 13th and 14th of April with speakers drawn from across Europe. The title and theme of the conference will be 'Looking at things differently: Collaboration, evidence and innovation for practice'.

EWMA members can keep abreast of the TVS and its actions through our website at www.tvs.org.uk. This site was relaunched in May 2009 to provide our members with an enhanced library of resources including wound images and past issues of the *Journal of Tissue Viability*.

Michael Clark
Professional Adviser, Tissue Viability Society



WMAT 2009 activities

4th National Congress of WMAT (Wound Management Association of Turkey) was held in Bursa in 4-7th November 2009. Bursa is the first capital city of Ottoman Empire. 225 participants attended 20 free papers, 30 posters, 5 panels, 5 clinical studies in Burn and Plastic Surgery Departments. We had 2 lecturers from EWMA. An exhibition in "Wound care in miniaturearts" was held during the congress.

In March 2010, WMAT will organize a wound management course during the national congress of family physicians in Antalya, Turkey. This course will be the first course for general practitioners in Turkey. WMAT continues close relations with Balkan wound care associations.

5th national congress will be held in Gaziantep in 2010.

Prof.Dr. Ali Barutçu , Vice president of WMAT

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