



European Wound Management Association

Report and financial statements
Registered charity number 1042404
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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

Principal activities, Constitution and objectives

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were:

Alberto Piaggese	<i>President</i>
Sebastian Probst	<i>President elect</i>
Sue Bale	<i>Immediate Past President</i>
Luc Téot	<i>Scientific Recorder</i>
Kirsi Isoherranen	<i>Treasurer</i>
Alexandra Marques	<i>Honorary Secretary</i>
Dimitri Beeckman	
Luc Gryson	
Pedro L. Pancorbo Hidalgo	
Samantha Holloway	
Elisabeth Lindahl	
Elena Conde Montero	
Andrea Pokorná	
Paulo Ramos	
Tanja Planinsek Rucigaj	
Kerstin Protz	
José Verdu Soriano	
Evelien Touriany	
Hubert Vuagnat	
Nicoletta Frescos, Representative from Wounds Australia	
Ruth A. Bryant, Representative from AAWC	

Financial Review

The results for the year can be seen in the statement of financial activities on page 10. The primary source of income for the charity in 2020 was membership fees. The level of activities in the charity was low. The charity did not receive any applications for a travel grant.

Risk Management

The Trustees have actively reviewed any risk the charity faces and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Reserve Policy

The reserves of the charity are adequate for the present and the policy is therefore to ensure that all revenue expenditure is on an annual basis covered by income.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020

The year 2020 became very different from what we had expected and planned when we started off with a EWMA council, committees and sponsor meetings in Paris in January 2020. At that time, we were looking forward to a great conference in London in May 2020. One month later, the COVID-19 pandemic hit the world, and all our plans had to be changed. Instead of a year with regular face-to-face encounters and a big EWMA Conference in London, it became a year of disruption and re-organisation. There is no doubt that this has been extremely challenging and frustrating for the EWMA organisation as well as our close partners and collaborators. However, we have also used the opportunity to develop our activities and find ways to work around the many bumps on the road. A major achievement was the very successful virtual conference held in November 2020, in collaboration with TVS.

In this report, I will describe the changes, new activities and continued projects that the EWMA organisation has worked on or completed in the year 2020. I would like to stress that we would not have been able to continue our work on all these projects and events without the loyal and strong support of our industry supporters during this difficult year. I would therefore like to start this report by expressing my gratitude for this support on behalf of the entire organisation. The situation and constant changes have also tested the patience of our collaborating organisations, members and conference participants. We also owe you our gratitude for the continued engagement in and support of all the EWMA events and projects.

The EWMA 2020 Virtual Conference

The EWMA 2020 Conference became the first fully virtual conference of EWMA, as it was for many other societies in 2020. It was a great experience to see how the virtual format opened new opportunities for great professional exchanges and discussions across the world, although the physical meetings and discussions were certainly missed by many.

We would like to thank the Tissue Viability Society in the UK for great collaboration, both concerning the planning of the original meeting in London and concerning the challenging task of transferring the meeting to a virtual event. As mentioned above, the conference would not have been possible without the flexibility and loyal support of our industry sponsors. This is highly appreciated!

Last, but not least, I would like to repeat our thanks to the 9,758 registered participants from 113 countries who made the EWMA 2020 conference a truly global event. The conference included 471

scientific presentations which you can still view on-demand via the EWMA Knowledge Centre, <https://ewma.conference2web.com/>. Enjoy!

EWMA's European and International Collaboration

COVID-19 separated us from each other and left us with online meeting places. However, the online meeting format also brought us closer together by facilitating more regular meetings with European colleagues as well as colleagues based in other parts of the world. It was a real pleasure to experience the engagement of international colleagues in the EWMA 2020 Virtual conference, and to have the opportunity to share knowledge and discuss with those who are not able to travel far to join our physical meetings. We will carry this experience with us into the future, in the planning of future activities and events. At the same time, we really look forward to meeting face to face, and 2020 has also reminded us how important the physical meetings are with regards to ensuring mutual understanding and driving forward joint agendas with the objective to achieve high quality wound care across the world.

In 2020, the annual Cooperating Organisations Board meeting took place virtually in May. 54 national Cooperating Organisations from 35 European countries were invited, and many participated, among other things to elect two new EWMA Council members. As for all other activities, the collaboration with the national associations in Europe moved online in 2020. Primary activities included sharing of experiences and self-care guidance for patients who were unable to access their regular care givers due to COVID-19 lockdowns, discussions about the effect of COVID-19 restrictions on wound management associations and engagement of EWMA speakers in online conferences.

Finally, the 2020 virtual conference included joint sessions with international partners such as the International Skin Tear Advisory Panel (ISTAP) and the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP). The World Alliance for Wound & Lymphoedema Care (WAWLC), which EWMA has engaged in since many years, presented the updated book, *Wound and Lymphoedema Management, 2nd Edition: Focus on Resource-limited Settings* (downloadable at <https://wawlc.org/>) during the conference.

EWMA Committees and projects

EWMA Education Committee

As everything else, EWMA education increased the online activities in 2020. The committee will continue to do so and will focus on continuously developing and improving the existing education resources offered by EWMA. In addition, the collaboration with the EWMA Teacher Network showed its high value in 2020, as a new EWMA Curriculum for nurses (EQF level 7) was published and a working group was established to complete a new EWMA Curriculum targeting undergraduate nurse students. I have included a few more details about these activities below.

- **2020 – the year of the webinars**

As many other associations, EWMA turned to the webinar format when the world closed in spring 2020. Already in April we were ready with the first webinar with the title *How can health care professionals help chronic wound patients during COVID-19?* Una Adderley, Director of the National Wound Care Strategy Programme (NWCSP) in England, took us through different ways to provide good wound care during a pandemic and offered an overview of some concrete tools to consider. The second webinar also addressed specific challenges related to wound care during a pandemic, as Julie Jordan O’Brien (Ireland) and Elena Conde Montero (Spain) provided an overview of the prevention and management of skin injuries related to the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). Samantha Holloway hosted these and future webinars with great competence. Additional webinars focused on topics such as compression therapy, telemedicine, diabetic foot ulcers and atypical wounds. These were gracefully hosted by Sebastian Probst or Samantha Holloway.

- **EWMA curricula for nurses: New curriculum targeting EQF level 7 published – and new work on undergraduate curriculum started**

In July 2020 the EWMA curriculum for post registration qualification of nurses (EQF level 7) was published. This was the third curriculum in a series of three curricula intended for post registration qualification of nurses on levels 5–7 of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF). These curricula have received a very positive feedback from wound management educators. This highlights a common belief in the value and strength of working towards common standards in nursing education on wound management across Europe. Based on this, the Education Committee decided to establish a new initiative to address the challenges related to education of general nursing students in wound management. This led to the establishment of a working group representing the EWMA Education Committee as well as the EWMA Teacher Network. The working group will develop a pre-registration / undergraduate curriculum on skin integrity and wound care for general nursing students (EQF level 4). This will be based on a Delphi Process, to ensure that the curriculum meets the traditions and requirements across the European countries. This curriculum is expected to be finalised medio 2021.

- **The EWMA Podcasts**

In 2020 EWMA finalised the first season of EWMA Podcasts on various topics related to wound management. When COVID-19 hit us in spring, the podcast format also showed to be a valuable tool for disseminating information about key challenges and solutions related to the new challenges that COVID-19 represented in health care settings in general and in wound management. We hope you had the chance to listen to some of these. You can find all of them at <https://ewma.org/what-we-do/ewma-podcasts/all-episodes>

Compression Therapy Programme

In EWMA 2020, the EWMA Compression programme developed into a truly European collaboration, involving national cooperating organisations as well as international organisations with focus on compression, such as the ICC and the ILF. The programme aims to optimise the use of compression therapy (CT) in venous leg ulcers (VLU) across primary target countries: The United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy and Spain. We hope that we will be able to expand the focus even further as the programme progresses.

This programme is based on evidence and experience of wound care professionals supporting that CT is generally not used according to available evidence and best practice recommendations. This means that

CT is often not introduced, although it could be of great benefit to the patient, CT it is not used in the right way, or that CT is introduced too late. This leads to suboptimal healing outcomes for patients with VLU or diabetic foot ulcers and represents a potential patient safety issue. The working group responsible for the programme will initially design an awareness campaign including various types of information materials and an online event targeting non-specialists. We look forward to continuing the work on this in 2021, together with our industry sponsors.

Telemedicine Programme

In the light of the increased need to be able to manage patients on distance, caused by the COVID-19 lockdowns, EWMA decided to focus on supporting the implementation of telemedicine and telehealth services in wound management.

The EWMA Telemedicine Project includes several activities, aiming to provide guidance and support knowledge sharing about telemedicine in wound management in Europe and across the world. The first deliverable was to arrange a series of webinars on the implementation of telemedicine across Europe. You can watch the series on-demand here: <https://ewma.org/what-we-do/ehealth> .

We look forward to developing the programme further in 2021, as we strongly believe in the high potential of these solution with regards to making high quality wound management available to all patients.

Antimicrobial stewardship programme

In 2020 the e-learning course about Antimicrobial Stewardship in Wound Management, developed under the EWMA Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme (AMS) in collaboration with the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC), reached 9000+ participants. The course gives healthcare professionals involved in wound management and infection prevention insight into the challenges related to antimicrobial resistance. The high quality of this course was also recognised via the Antibiotic Guardian Award that defined the course as “highly commended”. The course was translated to Spanish in 2020, and we hope to be able to conduct additional translations in the future, to make the course available to an even wider group of health care professionals.

EWMA Research Grants

In 2020 EWMA partnered with Urgo to provide two grants available to healthcare professionals working in diabetic foot care worldwide. The goal of this initiative is to offer support to innovative projects to improve diabetic foot ulcer prevention and management. The deadline was 20 February 2021, and 44 applications were received from early career or senior career researchers or practitioners based across the world. The EWMA review committee is now in the process of evaluating these.

New EWMA Documents

Two new EWMA documents were finalised in 2020:

- **EWMA Document: *Birth-related wounds. Risk, prevention and management of complications after vaginal and caesarean section birth.*** This document provides the latest techniques for managing and preventing birth related wounds and post-CS infection, introducing dressing choices and discussing potential pathways to identify the most appropriate treatment. Special focus will be on the need to train midwives and other health care professionals (HCPs) involved with the care of maternal wounds in early diagnostics, wound care techniques and dressing selection. Read more and download: <https://ewma.org/what-we-do/projects/birth-related-wounds>
- **EWMA Document: *Evidence for person-centred care in chronic wound care: A systematic review and recommendations for practice.*** This document reviews the evidence on the use of person-centered care (PCC) in chronic wound care management. Based on this, it provides recommendations for practice and future research into PCC in wound management. Based on this document, an instructive video explainer was produced to support key messages of the document. Read more and download: <https://ewma.org/what-we-do/projects/person-centred-care>

In 2020 EWMA also initiated the work on two new documents on the following topics:

- New Technologies in Tissue Replacement (Planned publication spring 2022)
- The Impact of Lifestyle Factors on Wound Healing (Planned publication winter 2022)

EWMA charity and organisation

EWMA Council election

At the Annual General Meeting in June 2020, we had the pleasure of welcoming the following new or re-elected council members:

Individually elected members

- Samantha Holloway, UK (Re-election)
- Elena Conde Montero, Spain
- Pedro Pancorbo-Hidalgo, Spain (Re-election)
- Luc Téot, France (Re-election)
- Evelien Touriany, Belgium (Re-election)

Elected by the Co-operating Organisations' Board

- Paulo Ramos, Portugal
- Kerstin Protz, Germany

EWMA warmly thanks the following EWMA Council members, who left council in May 2020, for their contributions and engagement in the work of EWMA. The leaving members were:

- Georgina Gethin
- Edward Jude
- Jan Stryja

Election: EWMA Honorary Positions

- Sebastian Probst was elected President Elect
- Luc Téot was elected Scientific Recorder
- Alexandra Marques was elected Honorary Secretary
- Kirsi Isoherranen was elected Treasurer

In 2020 Jan Stryja left the position as EWMA Treasurer due to an end of term. Georgina Gethin maintained the position as Scientific Recorder for the EWMA 2020 Conference until the end of the year 2020, as the 2020 conference was postponed to November. The EWMA Council sincerely thanks all of them for their engagement and support during their time in the Executive Committee.

Finally, Sebastian Probst left the position as EWMA Secretary, as he was elected President Elect. He thus maintained his engagement in the EWMA Executive Committee.

Closing remarks

By the end of 2020, we are still in a position of great insecurity concerning the on-going pandemic and its influence on the activities in the year to come. I am, however, proud of the achievements and the adaptability that all those engaged in EWMA have contributed to in 2020. I would also like to thank the EWMA Secretariat for their efforts and ability to navigate through this difficult year. Many lessons have been learned, and I believe that we stand stronger and will be able to meet new challenges that may arise in 2021.

In 2021, I will hand over the president post to Sebastian Probst, and I am sure that he will take on these challenges with good spirit and backed by the entire EWMA organisation.

Together, we look forward to the continued collaboration with all our partners and stakeholders in 2021.

Alberto Piaggese,
EWMA President

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Under charity law, the trustees shall prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of expenditure over income. In preparing those financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

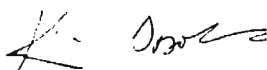
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting & Reporting by Charities (SORP 2000) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 42(1) of the Charities Act 1993, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They have general responsibility for taking steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees in June 2021 and signed on their behalf.

Kirsi Isoherranen
EWMA Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(for the year that ended 31st of December 2020)

No. of member	1,687*	1,924*
GBP	2020	2019
Profit and loss account		
Income		
Members fees	16,152	21,826
Interest	0	0
Grants	0	0
Sum – Income	16,152	21,826
Expenses		
Financial costs		
Other costs adm. org.	0	0
Bank Fees	315	685
Charges Credit card & Bank Org	109	116
Currency differences and interest	427	443
Audit fees Org.	686	686
Financial income and expenses	1,537	1,930
Administrative Costs Org.		
Grants & awards	87,084**	1,064
Administrative Costs Org.	87,084	1,064
Total expense Org.	88,621	2,994
Net result	-72,469	18,832

* Including ordinary members, members paid by the cooperating organisations (lower fee), and free members (council, board members etc.).

** This amount includes a fee paid to the EWMA Secretariat in 2020, due to a loss related to the cancellation of the physical EWMA conference due to COVID-19 in 2020.

Balance

GBP

	2020	2019
Assets		
Liquid Assets		
Sydbank GBP 29451	221,873	0
Danske Bank EWMA Charity EUR 06336	0	142,869
Total bank	221,873	142,869
Internal Settlement Accounts		
Members paid by credit card	1,144	73,243
Total Internal Settlement Accounts	1,144	73,243
Assets total	223,017	216,112
Liabilities		
Accounts payable		
Accounts payable accounting	80,445	1,071
Prepaid members 2020	0	0
Total accounts payable	80,445	1,071
Net capital		
Net capital association	215,041	196,209
Currency Adjustment of Equity start of year	0	0
Result period	-72,469	18,832
Net capital at the end of the year	142,572	215,041
Liabilities total	223,017	216,112
Assets – Liabilities	0	0

These financial statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

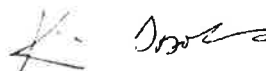
Date: 10 June 2021

Alberto Piaggese, President



Date: 10 June 2021

Kirsi Isoherranen, Treasurer



NOTES

(for the financial statements)

Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Association's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

Income and expenditure

Income represents subscriptions receivable in the year and other miscellaneous income. Income is recognised for the period covered by the financial statements as receivable in connection with the Association's activities.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis.

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost net of depreciation.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Computer equipment - 4 years

Accumulated funds

These are available to further the Association's aims and objectives in accordance with the terms of its constitution.

Taxation

No taxation has been provided for in the financial statements, as the Association is a registered charity.

Debtors and Prepayments

There are no prepayments.

There are no debtors.

Trustees remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to the trustees during the year. There were no travel expenses reimbursed to the trustees during the year.



AUDIT 2020

EWMA Charity's Accounts 2020 have been audited and approved. Please see the auditor's comments to the Charity Commission below.

The independent auditor's report on review of the annual accounts

To the charity commission of European Wound Management Association

We have reviewed the annual accounts of European Wound Management Association for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2020. Our review comprised accounting policies used, profit and loss account, balance sheet and notes.

The management's responsibility for the annual accounts

The management is responsible for the preparation of annual accounts that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act. Furthermore, the management is responsible for such internal control as the management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of annual accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the annual accounts. We conducted our review in accordance with the international standard on engagements to review historical annual accounts and additional requirements under Danish audit regulation. This standard requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the annual accounts, taken as a whole, are not in all material respects in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. The standard also requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of annual accounts performed in accordance with the international standard on engagements to review historical annual accounts is a limited assurance engagement. The review consists primarily of making inquiries of the management and, when appropriate, of others within the enterprise, applying analytical procedures, and evaluating the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with international standards on auditing. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the annual accounts.

Opinion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention which causes us to believe that the annual accounts do not provide a true and fair view of the company's assets, liabilities and financial position as of 31 December 2020 and of the results from its activities and for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2020 in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Copenhagen, June 10 2021

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