
Interdisciplinary cooperation in chronic wound management

In November the 4th annual meeting of CSLR was held in Pardubice, in the Czech Republic. In total 596 people from six countries attended. The great location at Pardubice University, excellent attendance and high level scientific content all contributed to make the conference very successful.

The industrial exhibition featured exhibits from our general sponsor Johnson & Johnson, sponsors Aura and Convatec and more than 20 other exhibitors. During the two-day congress, the delegates were invited to attend 55 lectures and 11 workshops all complemented by this year’s very rich and varied Posters Section.

Scientific Programme

The congress committee succeeded in presenting a broad spectrum of topics concerning wound healing and the situation in the Czech Republic today. After the greetings from Rector of Pardubice University, the scientific programme opened with a lecture from Prof. Peter Franks, MD, President of EWMA, GB, on the implementation of leg ulcer services.

Dr Stryja and E. Kvasnicova chaired the plenary session where Prof. Sobotka from the University Hospital in Hradec Kralove spoke about metabolic parameters in wound healing; Dr Sand Luft, M.D. from Slovenia discussed the treatment of leg ulcers and M.J. Hoekstra from the Netherlands talked about Matrix Metalloproteinases in chronic wound healing.

The most frequent topics in Pardubice were infection in chronic wounds, Ag and VAC systems and the diabetic foot. The question most often raised was the cost effectiveness and reimbursement of treatments in the Czech Republic. In addition, Dr. Broz from Prague presented new developments in skin substitutes and the current situation in the Czech Republic.

As in previous conferences, the conference dinner took place in the impressive Pardubice Castle.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of the organisers’ committee with Dr. Bures we can look back on a meeting that enjoyed excellent scientific quality and a good atmosphere. We are already looking forward to Pardubice in January 2007.