



## CWA Croatian Wound Association

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The Croatian Wound Association was established on January 24th, 2007 as an independent, non-profit civil organisation, supporting long-term work in modern wound treatment as well as education in and promotion of up to date knowledge and a multidisciplinary approach in the field of wound care.

This year we focused on establishing contact and cooperation with the Ministry of Health to improve the treatment of patients with chronic wounds, and the development of guidelines for treatment of chronic wounds and plans for the organisation of courses such as compression therapy, proper bandaging etc...

Our primary goal is education, and therefore CWA organises an annual topical Symposium. We have had three Symposiums on the topics of decubitus, leg ulcer and diabetic foot so far. This year we hosted our fourth Symposium in Primošten, October 26th to 28th, on the theme "Chronic wounds – local treatment – a challenge for clinicians". Lectures covered the diagnosis and guidelines for the treatment of chronic wounds, helping participants to become more familiar with the issue of chronic wounds in order to improve the approach to treatment and quality of work. The lectures included "The pathophysiology of wound healing", "The division of chronic wounds and the algorithm of the differential diagnostic procedures of wound healing", "Prevention of chronic wounds", and "Guidelines for the treatment of chronic wounds". We also had seven workshops covering topics such as "Compression therapy", "NPWT", and "Debridement".

The Symposium was attended by over 200 participants from Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as representatives of manufacturers who are active in this field and this year largely sponsored the Symposium.

Alongside speakers from Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, we had the exceptional honor to welcome speakers from EWMA – Prof.dr. sc. Judith Daroczy from Hungary, Zena Moore, PhD, MSc, PG Dip, FFNMRCIS, Dip Management, and Julie Jordan O'Brien, MSc, H.dip, PGDip, RGN from Ireland. All lectures were published as a supplement to the indexed journal Acta Medica Croatica.

During the symposium we also held the annual assembly of CWA and the election for new board members of the association. President Nastja Kučičec Tepeš, MD, PhD and vice president Dubravko Huljev MD, PhD were re-elected for a term of four years.

The Symposium was evaluated as excellent and very good by 95% of feedback respondents and 5% rated it as good.

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