Finnish Wound Care Society celebrates 10 years of active functioning

The Finnish Wound Care Society was founded on November 17th 1995 in Helsinki. At the society’s formation meeting were 54 participants, who represented professionals from a range of different health sectors. Since that very first meeting FWCS has functioned actively, aiming to promote the holistic and high quality care of wound patients by offering education, producing learning material and publishing a journal, Haava.

Haava, published four times a year since 1998, is a very important channel of communication for the society. It is highly valued among the FWCS members, but also in the wider social and health care sectors. Haava is distributed to pharmacies, universities, polytechnics and hospitals.

In 1996 FWCS organised its First National Wound Management Conference, which focused on the local treatment of wounds and especially the management of leg ulcers. There were 100 participants. In February 2006 the 10th National Wound Management Conference was held on the theme of Acute Wounds. The programme presented aetiology and care of a wide variety of acute wounds, like burns, frostbite, animal bites and Tsunami wounds. The number of participants was 1100, a record in the history of FWCS.

At the moment FWCS has 2053 individual members representing medical, social and health care professionals throughout Finland, and 44 corporate members. FWCS is multi-professional and that is why it offers a very good discussion and development forum for professionals who are interested in promoting evidence-based and high quality wound care.

FWCS has had a successful history and we look forward to this success continuing in future years.