



João Gouveia
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The annual meeting of GAIF; A STEP FORWARD

The annual conference of **Grupo Associativo de Investigação em Feridas (GAIF)** was held May 20th-21st, 2010, at the Conference Center, Pavilhão Atlântico, in Lisbon. A wide participation of mainly nurses, doctors and pharmacists brought the number of visitors to over 1,200 with 28 sponsors adding to the attendance.

The international guest speakers were all highly acclaimed people in their field: Professor Hugo Partsch, Dr. Michael Edmonds, Professor Phil Bowlers, Professor Patricia Grocott, Dr. Maarten Lubbers (EWMA), Alison Hopkins and Fran Worboys, and Dr. Othon Kriticos. Local speakers included opinion leaders such as Elaine Pina, Professor Vaz Carneiro, and Professor Pedro Ferreira, among other prestigious, speakers.

A range of healthcare related topics were presented in the conference including discussions on important tools for all healthcare professionals involved in wound treatment such as the validation of Martin-Payne Classification and the validation of SGA.

During the conference Michael Edmonds presented the concept of ILegx (Interdisciplinary Leg Initiative), which GAIF is now disseminating to all healthcare professionals. Also, Maarten Lubbers presented the methodology adopted for the development and dissemination of the new NPUAP/EPUAP guidelines as well as discussing the recommendations for prevention of pressure ulcers in ER.

In addition, Patricia Grocott addressed delegates on the several possible ways of management of malignant wounds allowing the audience to access the latest knowledge in this field.

The National Project for Prevalence of Pressure Ulcers and Leg Ulcers was presented. This project is a partnership between GAIF, CWISUC and UMP.

This event was highly positive and successful, underlining the important role of GAIF as a vital organization in wound care research in Portugal. ■

MEMORIAL



It is with great sadness that the EWMA Secretariat received the news of João Gouveia death in October.

João was a great collaborator for EWMA. His contribution to not only EWMA, but wound healing in general has been greatly appreciated.

João Carlos Gouveia Ferreira was the Chairman of the GAIF (Grupo Associativo de Investigação em Feridas, Associated Group of Research in Wounds, Portugal), and as a nurse at Health Center of Pampilhosa da Serra, he published numerous scientific articles and lectured at various events and conferences.

João Gouveia was as in his role as acting president of GAIF a great collaborator for EWMA – Especially, but not only, in the organisation of the EWMA 2008 Conference i Lisbon, Portugal.

He will be dearly missed.

EWMA send their thoughts to João's wife, Cristina Miguéns.