



## NIFS

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## NEWS BULLETIN FROM NIFS

NIFS's annual Wound Healing Seminar will be held in Stavanger (Norway) on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003 – with the title:

### *Ischemic Wounds* – *A Challenge In The Health Care*

This seminar is aimed at physicians, nurses, foot therapists or others working with wound care with an interest in learning more about wound healing. Most lectures will be held in Norwegian.

The program is packed with fascinating and interesting facts and will address the following topics:

- Etiologies, diagnostic procedures and treatment of chronic foot and leg ulcers caused by diseases affecting the arteries as well as the microcirculation
- The effects of physical exercise, smoking and medical treatment, including thrombolysis as well as surgical treatment on vascular disease
- practical issues concerning compression therapy for combined arterial and venous

ulcers

- pain treatment and treatment for necrotic ulcers and amputation
- Microcirculatory disturbances in vasculitic disease and diabetes
- practical treatment of arterial ulcers (will be considered in a panel discussion)

In addition to the professional agenda we promise a pleasant social program and the latest from "the Industry". NIFS will also be holding its general annual assembly.

For a detailed program, information or seminar registration, please log in to:

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## REPORT FROM WMAS

Last year was very difficult for the **Wound Management Association of Slovenia**. During the formation process, it became clear that there were some differences of opinion, goals and objectives between members and the representatives of different health professions. These differences, regarding what teamwork means, what the association is really about, and who should lead the association, led to another association being established by medical doctors. Many WMAS members were discouraged and many joined the other association. In addition, many of the WMAS members are also active in other, well-established, associations. For example, the *Association of Nurses of Slovenia* has many divisions, including *Enterostomal Therapists and Surgical Nurses* – both of which had seminars and workshops on wound care in the past year. Some other divisions also included wound care in their seminars, e.g. the *Division of Community Nurses*. These facts weakened our association.

However, the WMAS successfully participated in the meeting of different wound care associations in May in Granada, where the

EWMA congress took place. It was encouraging to find that many countries have faced very similar problems to ours and we received a lot of support to overcome our problems and to continue our work. We appreciated EWMA's support and the support from other countries' associations very much.

Recently there has been some interest in uniting WMAS and the alternative association, formed by the medical doctors. It must be said that the association of medical doctors has been very active in the past year and has achieved some great results – one of the most important being that we will soon see some positive changes in our reimbursement system for wound care. WMAS and the medical doctors' association are planning a meeting together later this month. Hopefully, we will be able to achieve a compromise that will enable us to join forces and start working together as equal team members and partners with a common goal: to improve and standardise wound care for better results and a higher quality of life for our patients.

*Greetings from Slovenia!*