Every year for the past 14 years the Conference Nationale des Plaies et Cicatrisations has taken place in Paris. This is the annual meeting of the SFFPC (the French wound healing society) and is widely attended by both French and English speakers. In 2010, the 2nd International Workshop on Wound Technology, the associated English language programme, was shared by the ETRS (the European Tissue Repair Society). This unique blend of wound related societies created an approach to wound healing and wound care that was both practical and research oriented. It therefore appealed to the assembled international audience on a number of levels. In 2010, this combined meeting welcomed over 4100 participants during the 2.5 days.

THE CPC

Mission: To bring together all medical personnel involved in the care and treatment of wounds for the purposes of expanding knowledge, raising awareness and highlighting the multidisciplinary approach to wounds.

Programme: This year, as every year, the programme addressed all aspects of wound care and management. In particular, the plenary sessions addressed the topics of NPWT in 2010 as well as the latest news and research in wounds and healing, from a multidisciplinary perspective. There was a special focus on new developments in scar management, wound epidemiology, maggot therapy, stem cell therapy and the continued training of podiatrists in wound healing.

THE ETRS / IWWT JOINT MEETING

Mission: The main objective of this conference was to reduce the learning curve of new technologies by facilitating the exchange of ideas, knowledge and experiences. Wound care practitioners and experts were invited to give an international perspective on wound healing and its technologies and to participate in this transfer of information and expertise.

Programme: The programme featured an impressive array of scientists, researchers and practitioners, and presentations functioned on both a scientific and practical level. Topics covered included wound microbiology, tissue homeostasis and aging, new bioengineered alternative technologies, the healing of burn injuries and compression bandages.

THE JOURNÉE DE LA PLAIE

The Journée de la Plaie is a Fun Run designed to raise awareness in the community about chronic wounds. At this year’s event the weather was kind (sunny although still cold) and the numbers of participants was encouraging. The objective of this event is to show that the treatment of wounds exists as a medical discipline and is a necessity for many patients. Welcomed by the local government of Neuilly, Paris, fun runners and supporters were addressed by celebrities from the worlds of politics, sport, and entertainment.