



SUMS

Iceland Wound Healing Society

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One of EWMA's co-operating organisations the Iceland Wound Healing Society, SUMS organised their 5 Years Anniversary in Reykjavik in September 2009.

Iceland has been hit hard by the economical crises in the World and the currency has been devaluated to 25% of its original value. This has resulted in very high costs for all types of expenses, for instance is the prize of a normal MacDonald burger for an Icelandic inhabitant comparable to almost € 15. This may be the reason for that MacDonald is leaving Iceland at the moment!

Based on these circumstances the expectation to the meeting was that some of the members might not be able to participate because of the high costs for travel and registration. For these reasons it was a pleasure for the organizers that 125 participants showed up, which is equal to earlier meetings. This number has to be compared to the fact, that the whole population in Iceland of only 400.000 inhabitants.

At the first SUMS meeting in 2004 invited speakers were *Christine Moffatt* from England and *Kirsten Müller, Henrik Nielsen and Finn Gottrup* from Denmark. At the 5 Years Anniversary the organizers have been so kind again to invite the author (as a represent of EWMA) together with *Bo Jørgensen* from Denmark.

SUMS have during the years been very active in regard to education and spreading out knowledge on wound management and care in Iceland. This resulted in a very lively discussion after each talk in the morning program and in the two afternoon workshops (1. Debridement and 2. Doppler and Compression). *Bo Jørgensen* and the author were both lecturing and participating in the workshop on debridement.

It was a very pleasant experience for both of us to participate in Reykjavik, and we are very grateful to the organiser from SUMS, especially *Gudbjorg Palsdottir*, for hospitality and friendship. Many congratulations on the 5 Years Anniversary of SUMS, with a hope of further development of the society in the next 5 years.



Keynote speakers *Bo Jørgensen* and *Finn Gottrup* together with *Gudbjorg Palsdottir* from SUMS.

Participants of the 5 Years Anniversary Meeting of SUMS

