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The Association for Wound Management in Bosnia and Herzegovina (AWMinB&H) and the Faculty of Health Studies of the University in Sarajevo organised the First Euro-Asian Forum of Associations for Wound Management in Sarajevo, 25-28 July 2011. By organising the First Euro-Asian Forum we achieved collaboration with the **Wound Management Association of Turkey (WMAT)** in the accordance with the agreement which was signed by Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ministry of Health of Republic of Turkey.

The special guests at the Forum were Mr Bulent Erdogan MD, President of Wound Management Association Turkey (WMAT), Mrs Aida Ramic MD PhD Public Health, Mrs Dijana Avdic MD PhD Head of Faculty of Medical Sciences University of Sarajevo, Mr Semir Osmanagic PhD Acc Dr. Sci. biomed, and Mr Fahrudin Kulenovic MD Head of Doctors Chamber.

The First Euro-Asian Forum of Association for Wound Management was held in Sarajevo, a beautiful city which is an historical link between east and west and a city known for the hospitality of its inhabitants.

The forum began with opening words from the President of AWMinB&H, Jasmina Begic-Rahic, and Head of Faculty of Medical Sciences, Dijana Avdic, MD, PhD. Following which we had 26 hours of lectures in a number of sessions on a range of topics including ethics, education, communication, wound diagnostics, therapeutic possibilities, new therapeutic possibilities, and natural resources in the treatment of chronic wounds.

In addition there were six workshops and three sponsored lectures. During the workshops, participants became acquainted with theoretical and practical knowledge on lymphoedema, compressive therapy, dermatoscopy, atypical wounds, Biopton light, supportive and honey dressings, and diet for prevention and therapy.

The Forum closed with the conclusion that collaboration between physicians, patients and nurses is very important and holistic treatment including patients and members of family working with medical professionals is the way forward. After the Forum we issued a feedback questionnaire and all participants graded the Forum as excellent or very good.

After this success we hope that our cooperation and collaborations will develop further and we have pleasure in inviting you to the second Euro-Asian Forum of Associations for Wound Management, taking place June 23-29, 2012, again in Sarajevo.

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The aims of this event in the area of Health and Medical sciences, were to enhance and improve collaboration with other associations for wound management; to establish the cooperation of medical professionals; to improve collaboration between the faculties of health studies, and to enable young people to

master the knowledge and skills needed to take an active role in the society, all of which will ultimately have a positive outcome on the health of patients.

A special feature of the forum was the varied choice of topics, interesting lectures and distinguished foreign and domestic speakers, as well as round tables and workshops included within the First International Summer School for wound management in Sarajevo, 25-28 July.

The Forum was attended by around 150 physicians of various specialties, nurses, and medical technicians from across Bosnia and Herzegovina.