

EWMA 2016 CONFERENCE IN BREMEN, GERMANY

The 26th Conference of the European Wound Management Association (EWMA 2016) will take place 11-13 May 2016 in the city of Bremen, Germany.

EWMA 2016 is organised in cooperation with the German wound association "Initiative Chronische Wunden" (ICW) and the collaboration of German-speaking wound associations WundD·A·CH.

The conference is bilingual and offers sessions in English and German. In addition a large number of sessions will be simultaneously translated.



The EWMA 2016 Conference looks very promising and will most likely be the biggest in the history of EWMA.

A high number of abstracts have been submitted from all around the world and will contribute to an outstanding scientific programme.

The scientific programme has never been as big as this year's, offering more sessions and a larger variety of topics than ever before. The exhibition has already exceeded anything previously seen at a EWMA conference.

Never before have there been so many good reasons to actively participate in the conference.

The conference theme of EWMA 2016 is: **"Patients. Wounds. Rights."**, which will be the focus in many key sessions, day symposia, free paper and guest sessions:

The conference will emphasise the importance of adopting a holistic approach to the patient: The patient is more than a person with a wound. He/she is a human being with needs and requirements - and rights! According to the international declaration of human rights, everyone has the right to health, implying that prevention and treatment of non-healing wounds must be available to everyone. Thus, securing patients' Quality of Life is a political responsibility as well as a clinical one. Patients' access to wound care requires the collaboration of patients, professionals and policy makers. It is a corner stone of good practice in wound management and a fundamental objective of the interdisciplinary team approach.

Among the highlights will be a 1½ days symposium on the diabetic foot and registers, an afternoon joint symposium of EWMA and British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy on Antimicrobial Stewardship in Wound Management followed by a session on Phage Therapy. There will be key sessions on a large number of topics, such as Biofilm, Biologically active tissue regeneration - Tissue engineering in wound care , New Technologies in Wound Care, Adipositas and Wound Care, Migration, culture and ethnic skins as well as the latest updates on EWMA documents on Management of patients with venous leg ulcers: Current best practice, Negative Pressure Wound Therapy and Quality of Life.

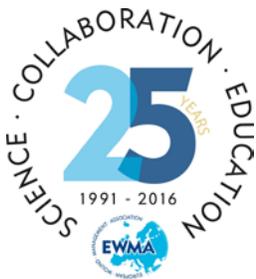


Don't miss out on this chance to exchange knowledge and experience with international colleagues and friends in this hanseatic and historic European city.

Registration is now open. [Register here.](#)

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Find more information about the conference and the programme at www.ewma2016.org



EWMA CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

During 2016, EWMA celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

A number of events and activities will highlight important milestones in the history of EWMA and modern wound management in general. Many of these events and activities will take place during the EWMA 2016 Conference in Bremen, Germany, 11-13 May 2016.

We hope that EWMA members, collaborating partners and other stakeholders will join us and use this opportunity to share their experiences and views on the past as well as the future of wound management.

We would be grateful for your tip-off if you are in possession of pictures, posters or other material from EWMA's early days. Please contact us at ewma@ewma.org.

NEW EWMA WEBSITE

In connection with the 25th anniversary, a new EWMA website will be launched in the beginning of 2016. We look forward to launching our new site with information about wound management for health care professionals as well as patients, at www.ewma.org.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EWMA COUNCIL ELECTION 2016

If you are considering standing for election for the EWMA Council in 2016, further information about your opportunities to do so is listed below:

The individual election

Individual members are entitled to stand for election to Council once they have been a member for six months or more.

In order to run for Council, you must be nominated by a minimum of two current members of EWMA. The nominations must be made in writing and must be received by the Secretary of the Council by Wednesday 12 April 2016 at the latest. Nominations can be made by email (ewma@ewma.org) or letter to the Secretariat.

This year there is one vacancy in Council available for individual members of EWMA.
The election is by ballot.

The Cooperating Organisation Board Election

The election for Cooperating Organisation representatives in the EWMA Council will take place at the Cooperating Organisations Board Meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday 12 May 2016, during the EWMA Conference (time tba).

In 2016, there are two vacancies for members of the Cooperating Organisations in the EWMA Council.

As a EWMA Cooperating Organisation you have the possibility to nominate a candidate for this election. Nominations must be received by the EWMA Secretariat by 12 April 2016 at the latest.

Please note that all candidates must be present at the Cooperating Organisations Board Meeting, which will take place during the EWMA 2016 Conference in Bremen.

EWMA JOURNAL

Have you read the latest version of the EWMA Journal?

The October 2015 issue offers a range of articles focusing on patients' safety and pressure ulcer prevention. You will also find information about current activities of EWMA and our national and international partner organisations. *[Forside af seneste udgave indsættes som link]*

Find the latest and previous issues of the EWMA journal here : <http://ewma.org/english/publications/ewma-journal/latest-issues.html>

Interested in submitting an article? Read more about the author guidelines here : <http://ewma.org/english/publications/ewma-journal/author-guidelines.html>

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Deadline for submissions to the October 2016 issue of EWMA Journal is 15 July 2016.

EWMA PROJECTS - NEWS

EWMA Post graduate nurse wound curriculum

EWMA is now working on a European curriculum for post graduate nurses, with the objective to support more standardised content in the post graduate nurse education on wound management. The group responsible for developing this curriculum aims to finalise the work in Spring 2016. This work is inspired by the development of a European wound care curriculum for physicians that was successfully approved by the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) in April 2015.

EWMA wound centre endorsements

In 2015, a EWMA working group including wound care experts with prior experience in developing wound care centres in different European countries, has defined a set of criteria as well as a procedure for wound centre endorsements.

These criteria cover the centre's physical facilities, procedures and equipment available for diagnosis and treatment, organisation and staff, referral routes as well as research and educational activities.

The criteria were adjusted to wound centres based inside a hospital and including an in-patient ward, as well as wound centres based outside of a hospital setting. Pilot endorsements have been conducted for both these types of centres:

- The Wound Healing Centre of the Peking University First Hospital (also called Beida Hospital), Beijing, China (In-hospital centre, including in-patient ward). Endorsed October 2015
- The Wound Healing Centre of SESC SAÚDE SÃO FRANCISCO (SSSF), São Francisco, Belo Horizonte, Brazil (based outside a hospital setting). Endorsed November 2015.

EWMA will continue developing this centre endorsement programme in 2016.

Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme

We are proud to announce that EWMA has been appointed by the European Commission to contribute to the evaluation of the EU's Action Plan against the rising threats from Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). We are very pleased with this recognition, which is a positive outcome of our dedicated efforts concerning the AMR agenda in wound care.

On October 25th Professor Rose Cooper represented EWMA in the first of two AMR stakeholder workshops in the EU Commission in Brussels, and the evaluation process is now continuing with an open public consultation.

In our opinion this is an exceptional opportunity for us as wound care stakeholders, to advocate non-antibiotic antimicrobial technologies in wound care and to put our fingerprint on future EU Policy in the area.

Health-Related Quality of Life – the Patient's Perspective

At the beginning of 2016, EWMA will start working on a new document aiming to provide an overview and recommendations for use of the available HRQoL assessment tools for wound care patients.

With this project, EWMA aims to highlight the importance of evaluating the patient's HRQoL in relation to wound management.

The document is planned for publication and launch in May 2017.

Are you interested in knowing more about this initiative? Please contact the EWMA Secretariat, Julie Bjerregaard, jb@ewma.org

Document on the use of oxygen therapies in wound care

EWMA has started work on a guidance document tentatively titled: "Use of Oxygen Therapies in Wound Care".

The document will provide an overview of oxygen treatment options available, as well as discussing the use of various kinds of oxygen therapies in wound healing. The document will explore the main reasons behind the comparatively very large difference in the use of oxygen therapies for wound healing between the U.S.A. and Europe, and the potential for increasing the use of oxygen therapies in Europe.

The document is planned for publication and launch at the EWMA conference in Amsterdam in May 2017.

Please contact the EWMA Secretariat, Jan N. Kristensen (jnk@ewma.org) for more information about the document and how to become involved.

EWMA CONFERENCE IN 2017

The 27th EWMA Conference will take place on 3 – 5 May in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The conference is organised in cooperation with WCS Knowledge Centre Wound Care and NOVW, the Dutch Organisation of Woundprofessionals. Other wound care organisations in the Netherlands will be invited to engage in the programme planning.

On behalf of the EWMA Council, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas holiday and a happy New Year!

Kind regards,

Severin Läubli,
EWMA President

NEWS FROM THE INDUSTRY

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EWMA ADVERTS

EWMA University Conference Model (UCM)

Bring your students to a whole new level!

The EWMA Conference offers a unique setting for learning, which international wound care specialists, studying post-graduate qualifications in wound management at universities all over Europe, use each year as part of the curriculum while engaging in a network of peers.

Read more about the EWMA UCM [here](#) or contact the EWMA Secretariat (ewma@ewma.org).

Wound courses endorsed by EWMA

As part of EWMA’s aim to identify high standard education programmes for health care professionals, we offer the possibility to have wound management courses endorsed by EWMA.

For more information go to the [EWMA website](#) or contact the EWMA Secretariat (ewma@ewma.org).