



Common Voice – Common Rights

EWMA 21st Conference, 25-27th of May 2011, Brussels, Belgium

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This year, the EWMA conference with the theme "Common Voice – Common Rights", is held in Brussels, Belgium, which by many is considered the capital of European politics.

The conference theme relates to the concept that all patients should have equal voice and equal rights in terms of their access to wound management, a point which is also reflected in this year's opening session "Patient Focus". EWMA 2011 wishes to clearly place the focus on the patient, by addressing important issues such as patient empowerment and understanding the patient experience.

EWMA believes that by working together - creating one voice in wound care - and furthering our dialogue with decision-makers, we will create a real potential for changing the experiences and outcomes for those suffering from wounds. At the opening session Nicola Bedlington, CEO of the European Patients Forum, will speak on what is needed to make a difference for patients with wounds in Europe.

Bringing the clinical knowledge and patient experience together is EWMA's primary objective in securing a sustainable development in wound care.

EWMA's current activities and accomplishments

- Annual European wound conference with 2,500+ participants
- Publication in 2010 in collaboration with the Journal of Wound Care of "Outcomes in controlled and comparative studies on non-healing wounds: Recommendations to improve the quality of evidence in wound management"
- Implementation of the EWMA Central & Eastern European Leg Ulcer Project in the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovenia.
- Training courses on Health Economics and Generating Evidence (April 2011 and October 2011)

EWMA 2011 Programme

With more than 600 scientific presentations, combined with a large number of project meetings, the conference is considered a cornerstone in the development of European Wound Management. Furthermore, EWMA is proud to present this year's Honorary Lecturer Prof. Terence Ryan.

Prof. Terence Ryan has dedicated his entire life to the care of patients with chronic wounds and lymphedema. He is the founder and former director of the Wound Healing Unit at Oxford and Chairman of the Dept. of Dermatology at Oxford University.

Since his "retirement" he has increased his work in developing countries also with diseases such as leprosy and is the leading force behind the advocacy campaign: "Community Dermatology" aiming at providing basic skin protection for all.

The honorary session will be held Friday 27 May 10:00.

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Kind Regards,

Dr. Zena Moore

President of the European Wound Management Association

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The European Wound Management Association (EWMA) is a charity established in 2001. The members of the association are clinicians (nurses and physicians) of various specialities working with different aspects of wound management. EWMA works according to a multidisciplinary approach, recognising that a combination of different medical specialities and professional backgrounds provide the best environment for achieving best practice in prevention and treatment of most wounds.

The 21st EWMA conference is organised in collaboration between the Belgian wound management associations CNC, Afiscep.be and BEFEWO and EWMA.