2ND ANNOUNCEMENT · CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

HELP in HELSINKI
HEALING
EDUCATING
LEARNING and
PREVENTING in wound care

EWMA2009 · 20-22 May
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Organised by the European Wound Management Association
in cooperation with the Finnish Wound Care Society FWCS
Invitation

In cooperation with the Finnish Wound Care Society (FWCS), EWMA is pleased to announce the 19th Conference of the European Wound Management Association on the theme:

HEALING, EDUCATING, LEARNING and PREVENTING in wound care

The conference gives the participants an opportunity to benefit from high level scientific presentations, network with each other, exchange data and evaluate clinical practice.

The conference will be held in Helsinki, Finland at Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Centre, which is located in Itä-Pasila, a modern urban complex within easy reach of the city centre. The participants will therefore not only benefit from the scientific aspect of the conference but also from the beautiful location of the conference.

We look forward to welcoming you to Helsinki.

Sue Bale, EWMA Recorder
Marco Romanelli, EWMA President
Salla Seppänen, FWCS President
Preliminary Programme

The programme will consist of plenary sessions, key sessions, workshops and satellite symposia. The sessions will deal with advancement of education and research in relation to epidemiology, pathology, diagnosis, prevention and management of wounds.

KEY SESSIONS

- Plenary session: HELP - Healing, Educating, Learning, and Preventing in Wound Care
- Biofilms
- Systemic Pharmacology & Wound Healing
- Patient Education and Self Care
- The Potentials for Technology in Wound Management – Documentation, Wound Monitoring & Telemedicine
- Hot topics: What is new within vascular surgery, diabetes, pressure ulcers and dressing/infection?
- Principles of Prevention
- Guidelines/Position Documents on Compression, Diabetic Foot, Infectious Diseases
- Ulcers Caused by Infection

There will also be a number of free paper sessions, workshops and satellite symposia.

FREE PAPER AND POSTER TOPICS

Free papers and posters can be submitted for any topic in wound healing and wound management.

Primary categories are (in alphabetical order):
- Acute wounds (burns and surgical)
- Devices and intervention
- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Dressings
- Education
- Health economics and outcomes
- Health organisation
- Infection
- Leg ulcers
- Pressure ulcers
- Quality of life
- Science
- Wound assessment

ADVANCED COURSE IN WOUND CARE (Finnish only)

for those who want to deepen their knowledge in wound healing or learn more about modern treatments of different wounds.

Advanced course in Wound Care will take place on Friday 22 May 2009. The course is held by FWCS and is part of an educational programme.

The course will be in Finnish only.
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Abstract Submission

Abstract submission deadline 15 January 2009.

SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT
To submit an abstract for EWMA 2009 please visit www.ewma2009.org. Guidelines on how to submit the abstract will be provided when you have entered the abstract submission system.

A. PRACTICAL INFORMATION
1. Abstracts are required for all oral presentations and posters. Please note that max 2 oral presentations and max 2 poster presentations by the same presenting author will be accepted for presentation at the conference.
2. Max. 6 abstracts with the same presenting author can be submitted.
3. Abstracts must be submitted either in English or Finnish.
   If you are able to submit in both languages, please upload one version in the system and forward the other version by email to the Business Office, with reference to the number and title of the version uploaded in the system.
5. Please use the abstract submission form found at the conference web site.

B. CONTENTS OF YOUR ABSTRACT
1. The title should be as brief as possible but long enough to clearly indicate the nature of the study. Write the abstract title in CAPITAL LETTERS. No full stop at the end.
2. No identifying features such as names of authors, hospitals, medical schools, clinics or cities may be listed in the title or abstract text, as a “blind” selection process will be used. You will be asked to enter the name(s) of author(s) and their institution(s), when you submit your abstract online.
3. The abstract should include the following:
   - Aim: Clearly state the purpose of the abstract.
   - Methods: Describe your selection of observations or experimental subjects clearly.
   - Results: Present your results in a logical sequence in text, table and illustrations. Please note that photos will not be included in the abstract book.
   - Conclusions: Emphasize new and important aspects of the study (perhaps as a discussion section) and the conclusions that are drawn from them.
4. All abbreviations must be defined in first use.
5. Statements such as “results will be discussed” or “data will be presented” cannot be accepted.
6. Use Generic Names Only
   For all references to products or companies, generic names must be used. The brand name can be inserted as a reference at the bottom of the abstract page. Papers containing brand names/company names may be rejected for this reason only.
7. Abstract word limit is max. 250 words per abstract
8. Papers will not be accepted if previously presented at a EWMA conference unless there is a substantial increase in data.

REVIEWING
1. The scientific committee will review the abstract.
2. Notification can be expected two months prior to the conference.
3. It is the responsibility of all investigators that all studies are performed with respect to both national and international legislations and ethical guidelines both with regards to humans and animals. The EWMA 2009 Scientific Committee reserves the right to reject any submitted abstract that is believed to violate these principles.

CONDITIONS
1. The presenting author must register as an active participant at the conference. EWMA reserves the right to not publish any abstracts that are not followed by a participant registration minimum one month prior to the conference.
2. Abstracts will be published on the conference web site and in the final programme for the conference. By submitting an abstract you consent to giving EWMA permission to publish your abstract.
3. If you wish to withdraw an abstract, please contact the EWMA Business Office in writing, and await confirmation of your withdrawal.
   For all enquiries regarding abstracts and speakers, please contact the EWMA Business Office at ewma@ewma.org
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Awards

POSTER PRIZES
These awards are designed to reward the considerable work that goes into preparing a poster for presentation at the conference. To be eligible for consideration you must have a paper accepted for poster presentation at the EWMA 2009 conference. Posters that have been submitted/presented elsewhere are not eligible for a poster prize. A panel of judges will attend the poster sessions, and authors are strongly encouraged to be present at these sessions in order to answer questions concerning their work. The panel will award 3-5 poster prizes.

The value of each poster prize is EUR 200.

Your accepted poster will automatically be considered for this award, provided that it has not previously been submitted elsewhere.

EWMA FIRST TIME PRESENTER PRIZE
This award is designed to encourage people who have not previously presented their work at an international conference. To be eligible for this prize you must have submitted your abstract to EWMA and you must be a “novice presenter”. That is, you should not have presented previously at an international conference.

The value of the First Time Presenter prize is EUR 450.

Please confirm that you are applying for this award when submitting your abstract online. Furthermore, you should send a letter to the EWMA Business Office stating that this is your first presentation at an international conference, and you should enclose a letter from your employer/supervisor/manager confirming that you have not previously presented at an international conference.

The Conference

CONFERENCE VENUE
The conference will be held at:
Helsinki Exhibition and Convention Centre
Suomen Mesut
Helsingin Messukeskus
Messuaukio 1
PL 21, 00521 Helsinki
www.finnexpo.fi

All contact with the conference centre must go through the EWMA Business Office.

IMPORTANT DATES
Online registration opens: November 2008
Abstract submission opens: November 2008
Deadline for submission of abstracts: 15 January 2009
Early registration deadline: 1 March 2009
Conference dates: 20-22 May 2009

CONFERENCE DATES
Tuesday 19 May
17.00-20.00 Registration Event

Wednesday 20 May
07.00-20.00 Registration
11.00-18.00 Commercial exhibition
09.30-10.00 Opening ceremony
10.00-19.15 Scientific sessions

Thursday 21 May
08.00-19.00 Registration
09.00-16.30 Commercial exhibition
08.00-17.30 Scientific sessions
19.00 - Conference evening
(not included in the registration fee)

Friday 22 May
08.00-14.30 Registration
09.30-15.00 Commercial exhibition
09.00-16.15 Scientific sessions
16.30-17.00 Closing ceremony
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General Information

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE
EWMA 2009 is a bilingual conference and the conference languages are English and Finnish. All presentations and all conference material will be in both English and Finnish, except for a few workshops and symposia.

CME
Credits for Continuing Medical Education (CME) will be awarded by the European Union of Medical Specialists. The number of credits available for participation in the EWMA 2009 conference will be announced on the conference web site: www.ewma2009.org

REGISTRATION
Participants are kindly requested to register at www.ewma2009.org. Registration is only valid upon receipt of payment. If you are unable to register online, please contact the EWMA Business Office.

REGISTRATION RATES

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* Members of EWMA or one of EWMA’s cooperating organisations.
** Only for members of EWMA or one of EWMA’s cooperating organisations.
*** Only for members of the FWCS.
Course held on Friday 22 May 2009.
Please note that full participant registration gives free access for the FWCS members to the Finnish course.

ENTITLEMENTS
Participants: Final programme and abstract book, admission to all scientific sessions, registration event, coffee breaks and lunch. Free access to the Finnish course for members of the FWCS. Tickets to the conference evening can be purchased at EUR 100 per person.

1 day registration: Admission to scientific sessions, coffee breaks and lunch for one day. Tickets to the conference evening can be purchased at EUR 100 per person.

Accompanying persons: Admission to the conference evening and the registration event. Accompanying persons do not have access to the scientific sessions and symposia.

PAYMENT
All payments should be made in EUR. Please use one of the following payment methods:
• By credit card:
  Euro Card, JBC, Master Card, VISA
• By international cheque in EUR
  made out to EWMA and forwarded to the EWMA Business Office.
• By bank transfer:
  All payments should be made out to EWMA Business Office
  Danske Bank, Erhvervsafdeling København,
  Frederiksberggade 1,
  DK-1459 Copenhagen, Denmark
  SWIFT DABADKKK (Danske Bank),
  IBAN DK2130004777382209
  All expenses in relation to cheques and transfers should be covered by the issuer.

Please mark payments with the participant(s) name(s) and/or registration number(s).

Please note that your registration for the conference cannot be confirmed until payment has been received. If you pay by cheque or bank transfer, we will hold your reservation while we await payment.
CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION
Cancellation of registration must be notified in writing to the EWMA Business Office. Cancellations postmarked before 1 April 2009 will be refunded deducting a handling fee of 70 EUR per participant. After 1 April 2009, registration fees are non-refundable.

If, for reasons beyond the control of the organisers, the conference is cancelled, the registration fee will be refunded after deduction of expenses incurred by the conference.

ACCOMMODATION
Please visit www.ewma2009.org for online hotel reservation and more information.

The EWMA Business Office has reserved a number of rooms for the conference participants; if you wish to book one of these rooms please contact:

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SOCIAL EVENTS
Registration Event at the venue
Tuesday 19 May, 17.00-20.00
An opportunity to register and meet other participants while enjoying a light snack and drinks.

The Conference Evening
Thursday 21 May, 19:00
The event will be held at Finlandia Hall a classic building designed by world-renowned Finnish architect, Alvar Aalto. It will be a seated dinner and it will be possible for large groups to reserve tables.

The price of the conference evening is 100€ per person.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION
All major suppliers in the wound healing and management field will be exhibiting at the EWMA 2009 conference. The exhibition is open in the breaks between sessions. Enjoy coffee and snacks served in conjunction with the exhibition and see the latest developments in modern wound management products. For information regarding exhibition conditions, please see www.ewma2009.org or contact the EWMA Business Office.

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About Helsinki

The city of Helsinki was founded 1550 and it has been the capital of Finland since 1812. The total population is nearly 600 000 and 85% are Finnish speaking. Helsinki is the centre of government and the home of the ministries and state administration. The President of the Republic of Finland is Mrs. Tarja Halonen since the year 2000. Our former President, Mr. Martti Ahtisaari received the Nobel peace prize in 2008 for his efforts in solving international conflicts.

Situated on the northern shore of the Gulf of Finland, Helsinki is in the temperate climate zone and is, thanks to the Gulf Stream, warmer than other regions on the same latitude, for example, in North America.

Helsinki’s attractive and unique character comes from its proximity to the sea, which offers an endless number of exciting opportunities in summer and winter alike. Helsinki’s shoreline is adorned by around 100 kilometres of coast and over 300 islands. It is said that the sea gave birth to Helsinki and the harbour raised her.

Many of the nearby islands are in recreational use and can be reached within minutes by ferry or private boat. Helsinki’s South Harbour (Eteläsatama) is a hub for ferry services and one of Europe’s most beautiful harbours right in the heart of the city.

Not only does Helsinki symbolize the many islands, but it also has many hectares park. The parks vary from classical formal ones in the city centre to the big Central Park covering 10 square kilometres.

Among Helsinki’s most visited sights are the Market Square and the neo-classical centre, the Linnanmäki Amusement Park (a million visitors a year), the Suomenlinna sea fortress, the island zoo at Korkeasaaari and Temppeliaukio Church (the ‘church in the rock’).

Helsinki has an Empire-style centre where the most conspicuous building is the Cathedral, completed in 1852. Bordering on the Senate Square are the Council of State building, the main building of the University of Helsinki, and former merchants’ houses on Aleksanterinkatu that nowadays houses restaurants, shops and City offices. The blue Sederholm house dating from 1757 is the oldest stone building in the city.

Helsinki’s late 19th century architecture reflects the rise of industrialism, growing affluence and European trends, the most imposing examples being the neo-Renaissance buildings along the Esplanadi, Aleksanterinkatu, Mannerheimintie and Erottaja.

A masterpiece of modern Finnish architecture is the centrally located Finlandia Hall, designed by world-renowned architect Alvar Aalto. The conference dinner will be held at this unique venue.