



# Perspectives From the World

WORLD UNION OF WOUND HEALING SOCIETIES

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## Congress 2008 Update

*WUWHS Conference 2008: One Problem–One Voice* was from all accounts very successful. Over 5 days, 10 concurrent streams and 6 themes covered all aspects of wound care in a curriculum format and included issues faced by all healthcare disciplines involved in this specialty. The sessions were highly interactive and lively discussions took place. Our key note speakers, Stephen Lewis, Marla Shapiro and John O’Leary provided inspirational talks each day and numerous social programs allowed participants to relax, network and meet colleagues and make new friends from around the world. Over 170 of the international key opinion leaders discussed both tried and tested theories as well as clinical research and new products, treatments and services.

Some other highlights of the 5 days included:

- 26 individuals who were honoured for their contributions to the development of wound care\*
- 35 Scholarship recipients who were enabled to attend through support from WUWHS and KCI\*
- Over 800 posters\*
- 100+ exhibits

\* Complete lists and information are available at [www.WoundPedia.com](http://www.WoundPedia.com)

The success of the congress was thanks to the support of a number of partners:

- The WUWHS executive
- The Scientific Executive Committee
- The Organizing Committee
- 6 Hosting Societies
- 25 Supporting Societies
- 8 Publishing Partners
- 7 Platinum Sponsors

The final highlights of the Congress were the selection of Yokohama, Japan as the site of the 2012 WUWHS Congress and the launch of WoundPedia.



# WUWHS 2012 – 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies

BETTER CARE – BETTER LIFE

Yokohama, Japan

September 7–12, 2012

Honorary President: Takehiko Ohura

Congress President: Kiyonori Harii

Secretary General: Sadanori Akita

Vice-President and WUWHS Co-Secretary: Hiromi Sanada



Planning for this exciting meeting is already well underway. The main theme and goals for the meeting include:

1. To promote truly-advanced wound care in daily practice by gaining greater understanding of novel wound healing theories
2. To evaluate the cost-effectiveness of wound care through understanding reimbursement systems
3. To enhance friendship among international representatives from various nations, embracing both modern technology as well as traditional regional medical practices
4. To advocate the importance of wound care for lay persons in terms of safety, cost effectiveness and long-term outcomes
5. To take “Expertise, Experience and Evidence” from the research laboratory to the bedside
6. To promote modern wound care throughout Asian countries
7. To support developing countries worldwide

## Scientific Main Topics

1. Treatments and care of acute and chronic wounds
2. Development of new treatment modalities for wounds
3. Development of surgical procedures for wound care
4. Limb salvage and treatment/care for PAD, Diabetic foot, etc.
5. Innovation of regenerative medicine in wound treatment
6. Development of skin and wound care materials
7. Nursing and care for pressure ulcers and ostomy sites and incontinence
8. Advancement and promotion of wound care in Asian countries and developing countries
9. New research into wound healing

More information on this Congress can be found at [www.wuwhs2012.com](http://www.wuwhs2012.com).

## WoundPedia

WoundPedia was launched in June, 2008 at the WUWHS Toronto Congress. It is a web-based evidence supported tool that collects and evaluates clinical research in the prevention, diagnosis and management of wounds. WoundPedia is a compendium of free information that has been developed by key opinion leaders from a number of societies around the world.

WoundPedia is written collaboratively by experts world wide. Over 50 contributors are actively working on summaries including a number of etiologies or wound care themes.

WoundPedia is a dynamic process that is continually updated based on new research and input from visitors. All statements and recommendations are based on the best available evidence, expert knowledge and in some cases, patient preferences.

WoundPedia is a WUWHS not for profit initiative.

Please visit WoundPedia at [www.woundpedia.com](http://www.woundpedia.com).



## WUWHS Reorganization 2009–2012

The WUWHS was established in 2000 in Melbourne, Australia. Terms of Reference were developed at that time, reviewed and revised in 2003. In 2006, preliminary statutes were written in Belgium. We now plan to revisit those statutes and have them revised to meet the current needs of the association and to ensure that we have the most efficient operational structure. This was discussed at a meeting of WUWHS in January, 2009. The following chart explains the structure discussed and adopted:

### WUWHS Structure

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Previous meeting chair</li></ul>
Secretary(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Previous meeting co-chair(s)</li><li>• And conference liaison for future meeting</li></ul>
Treasurer(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TBD</li></ul>
President Elect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future meeting chair or designate</li></ul>
Commission Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education (research, publications, WoundPedia)</li><li>• Organizations</li><li>• Reimbursement</li><li>• Developing Countries</li></ul>
International Advisory Committee Co-chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nominations from Yokohama to assist Scientific Committee and 2012 promotion</li></ul>

The four commissions would represent the key WUWHS projects and include at least 6 members with a Chair and Co-Chair. Members of the commissions would be nominated by the Board and General Assembly and appointed by the WUWHS Board.

The International Advisory Committee would provide support to Congress 2012 through representing the 2012 Committee in numerous geographical regions but would also provide regional insights on wound care developments and current issues. This group would liaise closely with the 2012 organizing committee.

### **Next Steps**

A request for proposal has been sent to 2 lawyers, one in Belgium who developed the 2006 Statutes and one in Canada. Proposals are expected by May 15th, and will include a budget and timeline. The Board will consider both documents and select the most suitable. Once completed, the document will be posted on the WUWHS web site.

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