About the World Union of Wound Healing Societies

Mission
• To enhance the lives of persons with wounds worldwide.

Vision
• To improve wound care standards and to facilitate universal access.
• To educate all health care professionals in interdisciplinary approaches that deliver best practice for improved patient outcomes.
• To disseminate educational and training toolkits in practical and adaptable formats to meet local needs in developed, developing and emerging health care systems.
• To appraise and organize the evidence base to facilitate best practices for optimized patient care.
• To co-ordinate a world-wide exchange of information between wound societies and other relevant stakeholders, including international and global agencies.

Congress Venue
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
North Building
255 Front Street West
Toronto, ON, Canada
One Problem – One Voice

Third Congress of the
World Union of Wound Healing Societies
June 4 – 8, 2008 · Toronto, Canada

Welcome

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to the Third Congress of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) being held in Toronto, June 4 – 8, 2008.

The title of the program “One Problem – One Voice” reflects the primary theme of the entire congress and speaks to the very nature of the WUWHS. Every four years the WUWHS brings the world together—different disciplines, different cultures and nationalities, working toward a universal solution to improving patient outcomes.

Wound care professionals from around the world will attend this congress, hear information on the latest developments in wound care, network with and meet colleagues, and share their experiences. This congress is the most important meeting in wound care in 2008 and should be attended by health care professionals from all disciplines who have an interest in wound care.

The World Union of Wound Healing Societies is a consortium of associations with a single mission: to enhance the lives of persons with wounds world-wide.

The WUWHS executive includes opinion leaders in wound care from Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Denmark, the United Kingdom and the U.S.

Our objective for the congress is to provide evidence-based information that will facilitate best practice and allow all participants to provide optimal patient care.

The host city is Toronto, Canada, one of the most multicultural cities in the world. Toronto is a popular tourist destination for travellers from around the world. It is a safe, clean city with many interesting attractions.

We will also be offering the world’s largest wound care exhibition. This is your opportunity to see what’s new in products, services and technology.

Mark your calendar now. This is an event that should not be missed. The world is coming to Toronto in 2008. Plan to be there.

Look for regular updates and announcements on the WUWHS website at www.wuwhs2008.com. And while you are there you can sign up for the regular WUWHS2008 e-newsletter.

For complete information and updates, visit the website at www.worldunion2008.com or e-mail info@worldunion2008.com.
About the Congress

How Is this Congress Different?

The WUWHS 2008 congress in Toronto will take a unique approach for an International wound care meeting by being evidence-driven. Evidence will be the key to both the congress and also the ongoing activities of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies for 2008 and beyond.

The evidence focus of the congress will begin with the collection and review of the evidence for wound care. This evidence will be internationally critiqued and evaluated both during and after the congress to pull together the single most comprehensive wound care evidence database. The congress will provide the opportunity for your participation in this activity should you desire to be actively involved.

The WUWHS 2008 congress embraces the multicultural, multidisciplinary nature of our audience and provides an opportunity not only to network but also to work together for the benefit of all wound healers on a global basis. Information and participation will embrace all levels of experience. Don’t be shy—we all have much to contribute. Your experience is our experience!

Come, share and participate! Toronto, being one of the world’s most multicultural cities, offers the perfect location for our diverse wound care family to work together!

Congress Theme, Objectives and Overview

Our overall theme is – ONE PROBLEM – ONE VOICE
Our primary objectives are – EVIDENCE, PARTICIPATION AND TEAMWORK!

The congress objectives encompass:

• Review of the many levels of wound care evidence available today.
• Participation of a number of national associations to ensure a breadth of experience at all levels and from all geographies. One problem – one voice!
• Presentation of wound care information in a co-ordinated, logical, easy-to-follow, streamlined program, maximizing your exposure to the evidence whatever your comfort level.
• The single largest global networking opportunity for wound care in 2008.

Next Steps

Like what you see? Interested in attending? Then visit our congress website for the most up-to-date information – www.worldunion2008.com. Here you can also sign up for our regular e-newsletter to keep you informed of both the congress and also the important deadlines, ensuring that you do not miss out on this important opportunity.

Why Attend?

This congress will provide:

• opportunities to hear and meet international opinion leaders.
• the world’s largest wound care exhibition.
• comprehensive therapeutic strategies and how they can be translated into better wound care practice.
• networking through a wide range of social activities.

This will be the largest and most comprehensive interprofessional wound care congress ever held.

One Problem – One Voice
Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submission Instructions

1. To submit an abstract for the WUWHS 2008 congress please go to www.worldunion2008.com. Detailed information on how to submit the abstract will be provided online.
2. If you wish to discuss submission of an abstract, please contact:
   - Conference Secretariat
   - Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development, Faculty of Medicine
   - University of Toronto
   - 500 University Avenue, Suite 650
   - Toronto, ON, Canada M5G 1V7
   - Phone: 416-978-2719
   - Fax: 416-946-7028
   - Toll-Free: 1-888-512-8173 (North America only)
   - E-mail: info@worldunion2008.com

Complete abstract submission information is posted on the WUWHS website. Online information supersedes any information contained in this document.

Practical Information

1. Abstracts are required for all oral presentations and posters.
2. Abstracts must be submitted in English.
3. Abstracts must be submitted online through the electronic Abstract Management System.
4. Abstracts must be submitted according to the deadlines printed below.
5. Abstracts must not exceed 300 words.

Contents of Your Abstract

1. The title should be as brief as possible but long enough to clearly indicate the nature of the study.
2. A “blind” selection process will be used. Therefore no identifying features such as names of authors and hospitals, medical schools, clinics or cities may be listed in the title or abstract text. You will be asked to enter the names of authors and their institutions when you submit your abstract online.
3. Abstracts should briefly and clearly state the goals and objectives, purpose, method, results, and discussion/conclusion of the work.
4. All abbreviations must be defined in first use.
5. Use generic drug and product names.
6. Statements such as “results will be discussed” or “data will be presented” cannot be accepted.
7. Abstracts will appear in the congress syllabus as received.

Review Process

1. The scientific committee will review the abstract using a blind review process.
2. Only submitting authors will be notified of abstract acceptance. Acceptance will be sent by e-mail. Notification can be expected as detailed below.
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 regard to humans and animals. The WUWHS Scientific Committee reserves the right to reject any submitted abstract that is believed to violate these principles.

Conditions

1. The presenting author of an accepted abstract must register and pay the required congress registration fee no later than January 15, 2008, in order to have the abstract included in the congress proceedings.
2. Abstracts will be published on the website and in the final program for the congress. By submitting an abstract you consent to giving WUWHS 2008 permission to publish your abstract.
3. If you wish to withdraw an abstract, please contact the Conference Secretariat in writing, and await confirmation of your withdrawal.

Submission Deadlines

Due to the global scope of WUWHS 2008 there will be two abstract submission deadlines. The early deadline is for those who require more time to make travel and funding arrangements. The regular submission date is for everyone else. All submissions will be treated equally. Abstracts that miss the early submission deadline will be reviewed with the abstracts submitted for the regular deadline. There will be no exceptions to the deadlines.

Early Abstract Submission Deadlines
1. Submit your abstract by: June 15, 2007
2. Receive notification by: September 15, 2007
3. Confirm your attendance by: October 15, 2007

Regular Abstract Submission Deadlines
1. Submit your abstract by: September 15, 2007
2. Receive notification by: December 15, 2007
3. Confirm your attendance by: January 15, 2008
The concurrent sessions agenda of the WUWHS 2008 congress covers topics formatted in a unique fashion, providing delegates with the opportunity to pursue a curriculum through ten comprehensive streams or to pursue a theme-based curriculum that crosses all streams.

In the table below, the **ten streams** are numbered 1 through 10 and run vertically. There are **six themes** within the streams that are represented by different colours as per the key below. The concurrent sessions are shown in **bold** in the table on page 5.

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#### Themes

- **Infection**
- **Evidence Education**
- **Quality of Life**
- **Health Care Systems**
- **Local Wound Care**
- **Research**

### The Faculty

The faculty for the congress will be chosen from leading opinion leaders in wound care from around the world. All disciplines will be included and all levels of experience will be addressed. We are working with our partners, the hosting and sponsoring societies and industry, to put together an impressive group of speakers, stream leaders, facilitators and panel members. Faculty will include all members of the congress Executive Committee (see p. 8). A complete agenda and faculty list will be published by June 2007.
Program at a Glance

The agenda has been laid out to allow participants to obtain optimal exposure to all aspects of the congress: scientific sessions, posters and exhibits. Social events have been planned throughout to encourage networking, and enough free time has been left to allow participants time to enjoy everything that Toronto has to offer.

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Congress Facility Overview
The WUWHS 2008 congress will take place at Canada’s number one convention and trade show facility, the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This state-of-the-art congress centre is located in the heart of downtown Toronto, a vibrant cultural mosaic and Canada’s largest city. It is close to hotels, great dining and shopping, and near many of the city’s key attractions. The centre is within walking distance of the waterfront and minutes from Toronto’s financial, fashion and cultural districts. It is located at 255 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Its website address is www.mtccc.com.

Hotel Accommodation
All hotel accommodation is being managed by Tourism Toronto. A total of over 15,000 room nights have been reserved for the congress in a broad selection of hotels that will effectively serve every taste and budget. You will be able to make your hotel reservations online at www.worldunion2008.com commencing June 1, 2007.

Networking
It is often said: “It’s not what you know, it’s who you know that matters.” The WUWHS 2008 congress will be the premier global wound care networking opportunity of the year. Opportunities like this congress help to make the world smaller while enhancing global communication. Over 5000 delegates from many countries will be onsite for five great days, providing opportunities to meet with colleagues from around the world. Be sure to attend networking sessions and meet the world in Toronto.

Don’t Forget Your Passport
2007 will see new regulations that require all people entering Canada to have a valid passport. Whether you are from the United States or overseas, please ensure that your travel documents are complete and up-to-date.

It’s All Online
The best way to obtain more information, submit an abstract, register, reserve hotel rooms or contact us is to visit us online at www.worldunion2008.com or e-mail us at info@worldunion2008.com.

Accreditation Statement
The Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto is an accredited provider for The College of Family Physicians of Canada, The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, The American Medical Association, and the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

Commercial Funding and Financial Support
This congress is being partially funded by unrestricted educational grants from commercial organizations. A complete list will be published in the congress syllabus. In addition, relevant companies will display their products and services in the exhibit hall.

Disclosure
All participating faculty are expected to disclose any significant financial interest, related off-label use of products or other relationship with the manufacturers of any commercial products and/or providers of commercial services discussed in an educational presentation.

Congress Language
The congress and all educational sessions and materials will be in English.

Dress
The dress for the congress is business casual. Be comfortable. We strongly urge all attendees to dress in layers to account for personal preferences and variations in room temperature.
Registration Information cont’d.

Sponsorship Opportunities
Benefit from the opportunities to see and be seen at this unique congress—and even to get exposure prior to and following the congress. For complete information and to reserve an exhibit space in the world’s largest wound care exhibition, please contact David Stein at davidstein@rogers.com.

Smoking Policy
Toronto is a non-smoking city. Smoking is only allowed outdoors at least eight metres from building entrances.

Registration Information

Registration
Registration will open on June 1, 2007. Registration for the WUWHS 2008 congress can be completed online or by downloading and printing a registration form from www.worldunion2008.com and submitting it by fax or regular mail as described below.

Payment
Payment by credit card or cheque will be accepted; payment by credit card is preferred and cheques from outside North America will not be accepted. Only credit cards or cash will accepted for onsite registration.

1. To register and pay by VISA, MasterCard or AMEX:
   a. Online: Please visit www.worldunion2008.com and click on “Register.” Online registration will close at midnight EST, May 24, 2008, after which all registrations must be submitted onsite.
   b. By fax: To register by fax and pay by VISA, MasterCard or AMEX, please download and print a registration form from www.worldunion2008.com. Complete the form, including credit card information, and fax it to 416-946-7028 by midnight EST, May 24, 2008, after which all registrations must be submitted onsite.

2. To register and pay by cheque: Please download and print a registration form from www.worldunion2008.com. Complete the form, enclose your cheque and mail it to Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, 500 University Avenue, Suite 650, Toronto, ON, Canada M5G 1V7 to arrive by midnight EST, May 24, 2008, after which all registrations must be submitted onsite. Post-dated cheques and cheques from outside of North America will not be accepted.

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* All fees are in Canadian dollars.
** Students must have a signed certificate from an institution in which they have full-time status. This fee does not apply to part-time students.

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You may already know that Toronto is home to the world’s tallest building (CN Tower at 553.33 m) and that the world’s longest street starts at the city’s lakeshore (Yonge Street, at 1896 km), but did you know that Toronto is as far south as the French Riviera and Northern California or that more people live in Toronto than in Canada’s four Atlantic provinces combined? There are over three million trees on Toronto public land and over 20,000 acres of parklands, including green space, beaches, conservation areas and islands.

Toronto’s summer climate is surprisingly moderate, with average daytime temperatures in June of 26° C (79° F) and nightly lows of 18° C (64° F).

Toronto is a great city to live and work in, or just to visit. We have a high quality of life and reliable services, in one of the safest urban environments in the world. Nearly all of the world’s cultural groups are represented in Toronto, more than 100 languages and dialects are spoken and over one-third of Toronto residents speak a language other than English at home.

Toronto has a population of 2.48 million people (five million in the GTA – Greater Toronto Area) and is heralded as one of the most multicultural cities in the world. Diversity of race, religion and lifestyle help define and set Toronto apart from other world cities. It is ranked as the safest large metropolitan area in North America by Places Rated Almanac.

Toronto is a major centre for theatre and other performing arts, with more than 50 ballet and dance companies, six opera companies, and two symphony orchestras. The city is home to the National Ballet of Canada, the Canadian Opera Company, and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. For those with enquiring minds, Toronto’s 125 museums can satisfy anyone’s curiosity. From the Royal Ontario Museum and the Art Gallery of Ontario to the Bata Shoe Museum and the Redpath Sugar Museum, there is something for every interest.

Many of the city’s theatres and sports venues are located within walking distance of the convention centre as are many major shopping districts. From the latest in designer fashions to obscure antiques, the city’s shops, boutiques and superstores have something for everyone.

From paper napkins to white linen, Toronto’s dining options are unlimited. Those seeking comfort cuisines will savour food that not only soothes but also inspires.

So please join us for the world’s largest wound care congress in one of the world’s friendliest, most beautiful, interesting, diverse, and safest cities.
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