EDITORIAL



World Union of Wound Healing Societies Meeting, 2020

As you read this edition of the *International Wound Journal (IWJ)*, the first World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) meeting of this new decade will just have happened or be taking place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. This is the 6th WUWHS meeting, which is essentially the Olympics of Wound Healing, taking place every 4 years. It seems like a lifetime since the Toronto meeting in which I played a significant part. Ironically, at that time (2008), the world was dealing with SARS, and here we are again, dealing with the coronavirus. Understanding how it impacted our conference, I wish the organisers for a successful conference. Unfortunately, because of some minor health issues, our Editor will be unable to attend, but look out for our Editor-in-Chief.

The objective of WUWHS 2020 is to promote greater collaboration and cooperation of all the Scientific Wound Care Societies around the world who have passion for caring for wounds as their main mission. WUWHS 2020 will offer an extensive scientific programme, including numerous symposia, training sessions, workshops, and focus sessions, with leading international experts in the field of wound management. WUWHS 2020 will be an important moment of cultural unity, an essential scientific round-table and

professional exchange for wound care specialists from around the world.

With over 50 commercial sponsors, WUWHS 2020 will be one of the biggest wound-related congresses to take place in the United Arab Emirates. With presentations from a significant number of global wound care organisations, this will truly be a world event.

The *IWJ* is proud to be a media partner, and we welcome manuscripts from delegates, presenters, and faculty of the WUWHS 2020 congress if you feel the need to broadcast your research in an international journal with a high impact factor.

Founded in 2000, the WUWHS is a global wound care professional association and represents more than 90% of all practicing wound care specialists in the world. Its members are the wound care-related associations from every part of the world, with more than 25 000 emailing contacts. The Association's top priority is to raise and maintain the standard of the medical practice of wound care and improve its practice.

Good luck and congratulations on WUWHS 2020 happing this month.

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