

Canada Shines at International Congress



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The Third Congress of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) held in Toronto, June 4-8, 2008, is now but a fond memory. On all counts it was a resounding success.

Thirty-five hundred attendees from 71 countries were afforded the opportunity to attend educational sessions that shared the most current, evidence-based information on wound care.

As one of the hosting societies, the Canadian Association of Wound Care (CAWC) demonstrated to the international community it is a world-leading multidisciplinary

association committed to promoting quality wound care in Canada and abroad. Many of the delegates expressed their gratitude for the warm hospitality and friendliness of the Canadian contingent. This was due to the diligent efforts of CAWC members, staff and the board of directors who prepared and delivered the sessions within the Canadian stream and who acted as ambassadors for Canada.

This issue of *Wound Care Canada* presents a synopsis of the key information relevant to everyday clinical practice from each of the streams presented at

the WUWHS meeting. CAWC reporting teams attended every session of the congress to glean this information. We would like to acknowledge the CAWC board, who led the reporting teams, and the many volunteers who gave their time to bring you this information. A very big "thank you" to everyone who made the WUWHS meeting a success. ☺

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Le Canada brille au congrès international

Nous gardons de bons souvenirs du troisième congrès du World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) qui a eu lieu à Toronto du 4 au 8 juin dernier. Tous sont d'avis que le congrès a connu un succès phénoménal. Trente-cinq mille personnes de 71 pays étaient présentes. Elles ont eu l'occasion de participer à des séances de formation contenant les informations les plus récentes et étant basées sur des données probantes au sujet du soin des plaies. En tant qu'une des sociétés hôtes, l'Association canadienne du soin des plaies (ACSP) a su démontré au monde entier qu'elle est un chef de file multidisciplinaire qui s'engage à

promouvoir le soin des plaies de qualité au Canada et à l'étranger. Plusieurs délégués ont exprimé leur gratitude au contingent canadien pour son chaleureux accueil et sa gentillesse. Ces éloges sont attribuables aux efforts des membres, du personnel et du conseil d'administration de l'ACSP. Ensemble, ils ont préparé et présenté les séances canadiennes et ont agité à titre d'ambassadeurs canadiens.

Ce numéro de *Wound Care Canada* fait un synopsis des renseignements clés pertinents de la pratique quotidienne en clinique pour chacun des angles présentés au congrès du WUWHS. L'équipe de journalistes de l'ACSP a assisté

à toutes les séances du congrès pour recueillir cette information. Nous souhaitons remercier les membres du conseil d'administration de l'ACSP pour avoir dirigé l'équipe de journalistes et les nombreux bénévoles qui ont donné de leur temps afin de vous présenter cette information. Un gros merci à tous pour avoir fait du congrès du WUWHS un franc succès. ☺

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The CAWC was formed in 1995, and its official meeting is the CAWC annual conference held in Canada each year. The association's efforts are focused on five key areas: public policy, clinical practice, education, research and connecting with the international wound-care community. The CAWC works to significantly improve patient care, clinical outcomes and the professional satisfaction of wound-care clinicians.

L'Association canadienne du soin des plaies est un organisme sans but lucratif regroupant des professionnels de la santé, des gens de l'industrie, des patients et des membres du personnel soignant fortement intéressés à l'avancement des connaissances pour le soin des plaies au Canada.

Fondée en 1995, l'ACSP organise, chaque année, au Canada, un congrès qui lui tient lieu de réunion officielle, le Congrès annuel de l'ACSP. L'association consacre ses efforts dans cinq domaines particuliers : les politiques gouvernementales, la pratique clinique, la formation, la recherche et la création de liens avec la communauté internationale directement impliquée dans le soin des plaies. L'Association canadienne du soin des plaies vise une amélioration significative du soin donné au patient, des résultats cliniques et de la satisfaction professionnelle des spécialistes en soin des plaies.

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