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Leg Club founder nominated for prestigious post at international medical congress

Lindsay Leg Club Foundation President Ellie Lindsay has been announced as chair of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) Task Force for Patients Associations for the 2016 WUWHS Congress held in Florence, Italy.

Ellie Lindsay's nomination was announced by Prof. Marco Romanelli, the president-elect of the WUWHS, during the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation annual gala dinner which took place in September 2013. As chair of the Task Force for Patients Associations, Ellie will have an important role in the organisation of the Congress and will be responsible for chairing a scientific session on patient experience as well as promoting the foundation of several different branches of Patients Associations from around the world.

The WUWHS 2016 congress, the largest international meeting on advanced research into and the treatment of wounds, will be held at the Firenze Fiera Conference Centre, and is expected to be attended by approximately 6,000 delegates from all over the world. It will be the fifth congress held by the WUWHS and the theme will be "One vision, one mission".

Ellie Lindsay said: "I am delighted to have been invited by Prof. Marco Romanelli to join his team in organising the WUWHS Congress, especially chairing the Task Force for Patient Associations which is an aspect of wound care very close to my heart."

Notes to editors:

1) Leg ulcers (and other chronic leg problems like lymphoedema) can affect people at any age, but are particularly common in people over 60. At present, over 80 per cent of all leg ulcers are treated in patients' own homes by district nurses or by practice nurses in GP surgeries. However, patients often find it difficult to adhere to treatment plans, or to maintain the preventive measures needed to avert recurrence of the ulcer. Many leg ulcers consequently reoccur, or remain unhealed for many months or even years.

2) The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation exists to promote the national development of Leg Clubs. The Foundation also provides the necessary support and training for nurses to establish Leg Clubs and follow the Foundation's guidelines, as well as on-going training in new developments in leg care.

3) The Leg Club is an innovative model of care that has been shown to improve the health and wellbeing of people with chronic leg conditions. By healing chronic leg wounds and keeping them healed, Leg Clubs also have the potential to save commissioners up to 80 per cent of their wound care budget in comparison with conventional leg ulcer treatment. A Leg Club is a local partnership between community nurses, patients and members of the community. Run by a committee of members and local people, each Leg Club operates according to strict guidelines of care, monitored by the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation. The Leg Club title, the wording and logo are protected by Registered Trade Mark in the UK and Australia.

For further information about the Leg Club Foundation and Leg Clubs visit:

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