



Press Release

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The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation symposium to be opened by the 2016 WUWHS Congress President Professor Marco Romanelli

The Leg Club Foundation (LLCF) is delighted to announce that WUWHS 2016 Congress President Professor Marco Romanelli will be opening and providing the welcoming address for its symposium at the Congress conference this September in Florence. Professor Romanelli, who is also President elect for the World Union of Wound Healing Societies, will introduce a number of programme sessions which will include panel contributors from the UK, USA, Canada and Australia.

The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation is part of the international 'Sister Societies' all of whom come together every four years during the World Congress of Wound Healing. Its symposium entitled "Patient Centred Care – A Call to Action for Wound Management" will form part of the Scientific Program of the 2016 WUWHS Congress and will conclude with a discussion and call to action from LLCF Lifetime President Ellie Lindsay OBE and LLCF Chair Roland Renyi.

The WUWHS Congress is the largest international meeting on advanced research into the treatment of wounds and is expected to be attended by approximately 6,000 delegates from all over the world. The 2016 Congress will be the fifth congress held by the WUHUS and the theme will be “One vision, one mission”.

The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation symposium: *Patient centred care – a call to action for wound management* will take place on Sunday 25th September 2016, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in Hall Garavaggi at the Fortessa da Basso Conference Centre

Ends

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.

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