

Better Care, Better Life

Dear readers of International Journal of Lower Extremity Wounds:

WUWHS2012-Secretary General  
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As a secretary general of the 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS 2012), I am very much delighted to introduce WUWHS 2012 to the readers of International Journal of Lower Extremity Wounds.

This once-per-every 4 year event, started in Melbourne in 2000, followed by great success in Paris in 2004 and precedent Toronto in 2008, is the first time to be held in Asia.

I would like to emphasize this “first time in Asia” of WUWHS.

Asia is one of the fastest growing geographical regions in terms of population and economy and importantly in wound care facing all pre-existing problems in other regions including life style related disorders such as diabetic foot ulcers, ischemic limbs or aging problems of pressure ulcers.

During 5-day program from September 2 to 6, 2012, with a slogan of “Better Care, Better Life”, 16 different scientific streams will run.

Readers of IJLEW may draw more attention to Diabetic Foot/CLI/Foot Care, Complex Wounds, Infection Control & Biofilm, Current Status and Perspective of Wound Care in Asia and Developing countries, New Concepts for Wound Treatment, Development of Skin Substitutes and Wound Dressing, Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine in Wound Healing, Research, Leg Ulcers, Nutrition, Japanese Perspective and Lymphology.

Distinguished speakers will appear in the sessions of all the aspects of wounds and wound healing. Over 1,000 submitted abstracts are divided into each of 16 scientific streams.

The 4<sup>th</sup> WUWHS 2012, it will be held in a harbor city, Yokohama, which is conveniently located within a 90-minute bus ride from Narita International Airport and a 30-minute bus ride from Tokyo international Airport (Haneda).

Yokohama is foremost internationalized city within a 30 Km radius from the central Tokyo and boasts over 150 years' history as an international port.

Safe, clean and heart-warming reception are witnessed among both Japanese and foreign guests in Yokohama.

A tragedy happened in Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent turmoil in March of 2011 is now set normal and both Japan and the Japanese people are

heartily welcome those who come see us here from abroad.

Opposed and unopposed Symposia, seminar as well as concurrent each streams' oral presentations and posters are awaiting this exciting 5-day period but one aspect, this will be a great opportunity to visit Japan and find more excitement in food, culture and sights. Further details are listed in our website at <http://wuwhs2012.com>.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you in Yokohama in September 2 to 6.

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