Scientific Goals

1. **TO UPDATE** advanced research and clinical skill in wound healing.

2. **TO COMPARE** cost-effectiveness of wound care among different countries and to optimize a global concept of reimbursement.

3. **TO STRENGTHEN** collaboration among international representatives and identify cultural differences in wound care.

4. **TO DESIGN** an appropriate long-term plan for wound care societies collaboration in order to exchange effective prevention and treatment goals.

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Objectives

The objective envisaged by the Italian candidature is not limited to the actualisation of the congress in 2016. The work that the Italian candidature intends to carry out will have its starting point in the prestigious entrusting of the role of organising the fifth Congress and will develop from there, in collaboration with and fully coordinated by the Administration of the WUWHS, into the design and realisation of plans aimed at the consolidation of the role of the WUWHS as a strategic element of orientation and scientific reference of worldwide importance, offering support and coordination to research on a planetary level, and creating synergistic connections for the activities of the societies, both nationally and internationally, that make up the WUWHS. The fifth Congress will therefore be just an intermediate stage in a large-scale process of universal reinforcing and consolidation of the WUWHS role. The necessary financial support for the consolidation activities of the WUWHS is guaranteed by the economic results of the Congress.

Focus Dates

5th WUWHS Congress: September 25-29, 2016

Delegate registration opens: JUNI 2014

Hotel reservation center: JUNI 2013

Early registration deadline: DECEMBER 31, 2015

Online abstract submission deadline: JUNI 15, 2015

Abstract submission deadline: DECEMBER 23, 2015

Registration cancellation deadline: JUNI 25, 2016

On-site registration open: SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Five Reasons to be in Florence for the 5th WUWHS Congress 2016

1. **A GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF WOUND MANAGEMENT**
   - The largest international gathering for wound healing takes place only once every four years, and represents over 80 national and subspecialty societies from around the world.

2. **A WORLD-CLASS SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**
   - Where else can you share experiences and knowledge with colleagues and friends from around the world? This will be the worldwide wound care event in 2016 that features the best speakers and leaders from every continent.

3. **ACCOMMODATION FOR EVERYONE**
   - 14,000 hotel rooms are within safe direct walking distance from the convention centre. There’s something to meet all needs - from the budget-conscious to those seeking a full-service experience.

4. **YOUR GATEWAY TO A SPECIAL HOLIDAY**
   - Spend extra time before or after the 2016 WUWHS to explore a special part of the world. Chianti hills, Rome, Venice and the beautiful Lucca, Pisa and Siena. Florence will be the jumping-off point for you and your family.

5. **COME AND EXPERIENCE ITALIAN HOSPITALITY. AN OPEN SKY MUSEUM!**
   - A unique city, famous worldwide for its beauty, culture and history: this is Florence, the cradle of the Italian language and civilization. There are a lot of destinations that can offer very efficient and modern structures in a historic center with a quarter of worldwide UNESCO artistic heritage. A city that is also science, on the rut of Galilean and Leonardian tradition.
Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we announce that recently in Yokohama, Japan, the beautiful country of Italy won the candidacy for the organization of the FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE WUWHS.

The theme of the congress is: One Vision, One Mission.

This is the principle behind the candidacy of Italy and we would like to be an element that promotes greater aggregation and integration within the World Union of Wound Healing Societies. The main aim of our candidacy is to promote a shared project developed right from the moment of assignment of the Congress, in order to foster, in conjunction with the actions of our Japanese colleagues, a long-term process of increased participation within the WUWHS, following the ideal of a great shared project.

The two major wound healing Italian societies (AIUC and AISLEC) have strongly supported the Italian bidding for the fifth WUWHS conference to be held in Florence in 2016 and they also have agreed to abandon the possibility in 2016 of holding their own national conference. The Italian societies have also committed themselves not to organizing joint events up to the end of autumn, training activities on a national level. This joint commitment will be able to maximize the presence of participants and to concentrate the maximum attention of the sponsors on the world congress.

The objective envisaged by the Italian candidature is not limited to the actualisation of the congress in 2016. The work that the Italian candidature intends to carry out will have as starting point the prestigious entrusting of the role of organizing the fifth Congress and will develop from there, in collaboration with and fully coordinated by the Administration of the WUWHS, into the design and realisation of plans aimed at the consolidation of the role of the WUWHS as a strategic element of orientation and scientific reference of worldwide importance, offering support and coordination to research on a planetary level, and creating synergistic connections for the activities of the societies, both nationally and internationally, that make up the WUWHS. The fifth Congress will therefore be an incisive stage in a long and wide process of national strengthening and consolidation of the WUWHS role. The necessary financial support for the consolidation activities of the WUWHS is guaranteed by the economic results of the Congress.

The strength of the Italian and European candidature lies in a great movement of scientific culture, which affirms the desire to stimulate aggregation and collaboration among scholars of the entire planet. It is in this sense that we envisage the collaboration between Italy and worldwide societies and in this sense also we do see the emergence of a vision connecting a network made up of the cooperating organizations: this is the pronomation engine of the One Vision, One Mission theme and is the major element in spreading the scientific debate on topics that will be presented and discussed at the 2016 congress.

The interest displayed by the Italian Government will allow the Congress to avail of maximum possible visibility throughout the entire Italian scientific and academic community.

The local public administrations will guarantee their full support to the operational and logistical development of the event, facilitating it in every way possible, whether in terms of the range of services offered to participants or in terms of the availability of prestigious historical buildings within which parts of the congress may take place.

The associations within the pharmaceutical and electro-medical equipment industries will be a key element of connection with local sponsors and will allow a capillary diffusion of information regarding the actual strategic value of a commercial communication in the context of the Congress.

The various tourism promotion bodies, both national and local, will be at our side in creating an extraordinary experience during their stay in Florence for all the patients from all around the globe.

At the end of this initial letter I like to send you a promise of collaboration in order to make the WUWHS a great project for everybody and every wound healing society to be developed with the Japanese friends in the next four years and for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Marco Romanelli
President Elect WUWHS