Leg Ulcers & Compression Seminars 10, 11 and 13 October 2011

Bratislava, Vienna and Budapest

Conference Report

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The Leg Ulcer & Compression Seminars organized by the International Compression Club (ICC) and the European Wound Management Association (EWMA) in collaboration with local wound management associations were held on 10 Oct in Bratislava, 11 October in Vienna and on 13 October in Budapest.

The seminars attracted many local participants – both doctors and nurses – and several local companies decided to send participants and exhibit their products at the seminars. In total, 295 participants attended and 15 companies exhibited at the Leg Ulcer & Compression Seminars.

With a lunchtime satellite symposium about compression treatment and the latest products developed for this, 3M was the main sponsor of the three seminars. Hartmann supported the seminars with a general sponsorship.

Programme

The scientific programme consisted of two scientific sessions before the lunch break – one on Leg Ulcers and one on Compression, each consisting of 3 lectures held by local experts in the field. In the afternoon there was a workshop on clinical and instrumental diagnosis and two rotating company workshops, where the companies demonstrated their products. The Seminar ended with a Round table that summed up the topics of the day and discussed future prospects for the improvement of leg ulcer preventation and treatment in the respective countries. For more information about the programme, please visit the seminar web site www.ewma.org/icc-ewma-seminar

Political session – future leg ulcer & compression projects

The local wound management associations invited a number of decision makers and representatives from health authorities in order to move forward the agenda for leg ulcers and compression treatment. These invited participants participated in a closed political debate and in the following round table, which was open to all participants. As a result, a more informed debate concerning the issues of prevention and treatment of leg ulcers has been started in all three countries, and in addition, a working group has been formed in each country with the main objective to move forward the political agenda.

Future Leg Ulcer & Compression Seminars

EWMA and the ICC are currently planning more Leg Ulcer & Compression Seminars in other European countries. More information will follow at www.ewma.org

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