

IWGDF Newsletter**October 2012**

Dear all we hope you are well.

Please find herewith an overview of some important IWGDF activities of 2012, some happy news items and upcoming meetings (please note that we don't pretend to be complete).

DFCon meeting LA, USA

At DFCon meeting 15-17 March 2012, Los Angeles, USA, 800 IWGDF Consensus Guideline DVD-s were distributed.

EWMA meeting Vienna

At the EWMA (European Wound Management Association) meeting, Vienna, Austria, May 24th, 2012 – 4 different symposia on DF were held.

Translations of the IWGDF Consensus Guidelines:

St Petersburg, Russia, May 26th, 2012 launch of the Russian translation of the Consensus Guidelines by Irina Gourieva

The French (Isabelle Dumont and Jean-Louis Richard) and the Portuguese (Rui Carvalho) translations have been completed

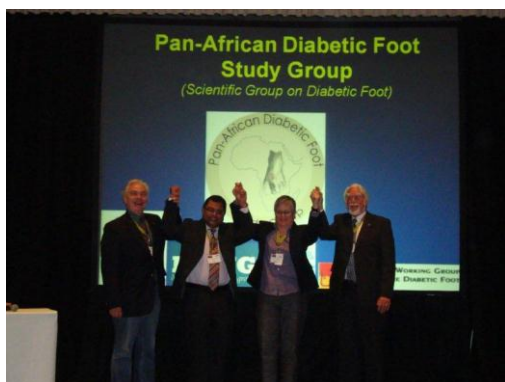
Other translations are pending (Romanian, Spanish, Dutch)



Launch of the Russian translation of the Consensus Guidelines by Irina Gourieva

Launch PanAfrican Diabetic Foot Study Group (PADFSG)

At Spier, Stellenbosch, South Africa, August 25th, 2012 – final day of the joint postgraduate course of EASD / ADA / IDF: the PanAfrican Diabetic Foot Study Group (for all 53 countries) established – by ZG Abbas. ZG Abbas reports that within one month already 300 participants from 23 countries have signed up.



Launch PanAfrican Diabetic Foot Study Group (PADFSG)

From left to right: Andrew Boulton, ZG Abbas, Lynne Tudhope, Karel Bakker

Launch in Spain of the GEPID

Javier Aragon Sanchez reported that at September 22, 2012 about the founding of the Spanish Diabetic Foot Study Group [GEPID] on behalf of SED [Spanish Diabetic Society]. One of the founding members is Didac Mauricio, our IWGDF representative.

Step by Step programmes Caribbean

Successful Step by Step advanced courses in Antigua / St Kitts (March 2012), and Dominica (September 2012); and a basic course in Grenada (September 2012) were held. The international faculty members: Kristien van Acker, Belgium, Vilma Urbančič, Slovenia, Simone McConnie, Barbados, Neil Baker, UK, Stephan Morbach, Germany, John Greedy, UK. They were supporting the local faculties.

These programmes are financially possible by the leading roll of the Rotary Club of Ledbury, UK, 36 other RC's from several countries and Rotary International's Matching Grant system.



Step by Step advanced course in Dominica

Post-graduate course Pisa, Italy

4th Postgraduate course was held in Pisa, Oct 8-11, 2012, chaired by Alberto Piaggese

Saudi Arabia

Khalid Edrees, IWGDF representative from Saudi Arabia reported that with colleagues and volunteers he has initiated a diabetic foot care programme for Pilgrims participating on the Haj in October.



IWGDF Website update

The IWGDF website will be fully updated and newly designed before the end of December 2012. Stephan Morbach will become one of the members of the editing team. We are looking for two more volunteers to provide regular global news items to keep the site updated.

Happy news

- Jan Apelqvist as chair presided his first EWMA meeting in Vienna in May 23-25, 2012.
- Andrew Boulton as chair presided his first EASD meeting in Berlin Oct 2-5, 2012.
- Vilma Urbancic-Rovan was appointed as the EASD Council member at the same meeting.
- At DFSG meeting in Potsdam, Germany, (one of the two Danish IWGDF representatives), Per Holstein, for 40 years active in the Diabetic Foot field, was awarded with the DFSG lifetime achievement award



Per Holstein was awarded with the DFSG lifetime achievement award in Potsdam
His fellow choir members from Denmark came over to celebrate this wonderful event

DF Study Groups, request for information

We are updating our knowledge on the existence of Regional and National (local) DF Study Groups. We are aware of the following regional DFSG's: the ADA Foot Council, DFSG Europe, GLEPED (South America), Pan African DFSG and the DFSG's in India, Pakistan, Israel, Greece, Egypt, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Portugal and Spain. However we think there are more. Please inform us per mail (name, contact details to: karel.bakker@hetnet.nl)

On behalf of the IWGDF/IDF DFP Board,
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