



# Newsletter

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## European Burns Association

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## From the President



Dear friends and colleagues,

I hope you had a great summer holiday. The past few months were very productive and fruitful for the EBA. The EBA Education Course was held in Birmingham on 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> September 2106. The course, which covered aspects of post burns reconstructive surgery, was very successful and well attended, with 235 participants from 28 different countries. The winner for the best poster presentation with the title: Identification of patient traits to stratify those at risk of recurrent non-suicidal self-burn injuries by Daniel Gearon (Queen Victoria Hospital, UK), congratulations. Experts shared their thoughts and practices for better care of our patients. Dr. Einar Eriksen, past director of Bergen Burn Centre, who worked for a great part of his career in Addis Abba and with very limited resources has established an impressive centre for reconstructive surgery that provides an excellent model of care and training to neighbouring resource limited countries, presented an impressive series of face and neck reconstructions with fantastic results. I would like to thank Congress Care, the exhibitors and sponsors for making this course a success. We couldn't have achieved this without their support. I'd like also to thank Victoria Garcia our EBA administrative director for the hard work preparing and coordinating this course. This is the first of a series of education courses that will be run by the EBA in future.

Earlier this summer, the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), organised a workshop on "Dealing with mass burn causality disasters, MBCD", in Brussels on 25-26 May 2016. That was followed by a teleconference on 14 September with representatives from 16 European countries and the EBA. It was suggested that the Union Civil Protect Mechanism (UCPM) can contribute the disaster management platform while the EBA coordinate the expert work that is needed. The EBA executives at their meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016 have agreed to take this role to help the European Commission in achieving a coordinated European MBCD response plan across Europe. In the first instance, the EBA will developing standard templates for major incidence and draft the term of reference of the Multinational Burn Assessment Teams (B-Teams) term of reference.

Hope to see you all in Barcelona were the next congress will be held.

*Naiem Moiemem*

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**Save the date**

**EMSB provider course**  
5 September 2017

**17<sup>th</sup> EBA Congress**  
6-9 September 2017  
Barcelona • Spain  
[www.eba2017.org](http://www.eba2017.org)

**18<sup>th</sup> EBA Congress**  
4-7 September 2019  
Helsinki • Finland

**19<sup>th</sup> EBA Congress**  
8-11 September 2021  
Birmingham • UK



## 17<sup>th</sup> EBA Congress, Barcelona

Dear friends and colleagues,

In 1991, the 4th congress of the European Burns Association was held in Barcelona, Spain. Twenty-six years later the EBA returns to Barcelona, a cosmopolitan city with Mediterranean culture open to every visitor. It is my honour to invite all colleagues from Europe and the World to come to my home city to participate and celebrate the 17th congress of the European Burns Association from

**Wednesday 6th of September to Saturday 9th of September 2017.**

During this part of the year the city flourishes with culture, sports, concerts and active day and night life. The temperate climate of this month permits strolling in the gothic quarter, visiting art nouveau buildings, a good bath at the beach and tracking in the nearby natural parks.

We intend to organize a challenging and exciting programme, both scientifically and socially, that will inspire all multidisciplinary workers in burn centres throughout Europe.

Our aim is to provide a true interactive forum where new ideas, current outcomes and future perspective can be exchanged and explored. A 360° vision of burn care provision, from the patient journey to the interaction of all team members will be the main theme and focus of the congress, with an emphasis of current evidence based delivery of care, quality of care, and outcome measurement. All aspects of burn care will find room in the scientific program although the following aspects will be highlighted:

- Patient journey and team approach
- Psychological and functional outcomes, rehabilitation, reintegration and quality of life
- Golden standards, protocolization, accreditation, and quality improvement
- Infection control
- Nutrition and metabolic support
- New developments in surgical treatment and wound care
- Regenerative medicine in burns



We hope to welcome you all in Barcelona, September 2017!

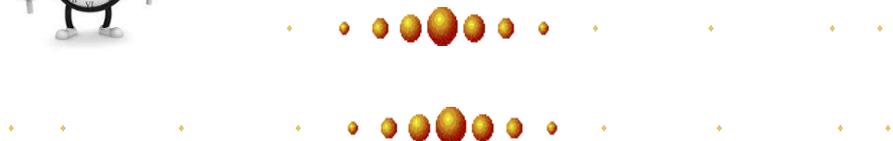
*Juan P. Barret*

Congress president EBA 2017



[www.eba2017.org](http://www.eba2017.org)

**Abstract deadline 15 March 2017**



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**BOARD MEETING**  
**11<sup>st</sup> March, 2017**

## EMSB provider course prior to the EBA congress

Prior to the EBA Congress, a provider EMSB course will be organised by the EBA and the Dutch Burns Foundation. This one day course will be held on Tuesday, **5 September 2017**.

This course is appropriate for medical and nursing practitioners working anywhere in the field of burn care, from members of the burns unit, to healthcare workers who treat severely burned patients in emergency care. And is based on the principle that timely emergency assessment, resuscitation and stabilisation of patients with severe burns is of the utmost importance for the final outcome of treatment.

The Emergency Management of Severe Burns course provides instruction on the assessment, stabilisation and transfer of severely burned patients

Outline of the course:

- A reference manual outlining all aspects of the emergency management of burns is distributed to the candidates prior to the course
- There is a series of brief lectures highlighting important aspects of the etiology, pathophysiology, emergency examination and treatment of the patient
- Relevant clinical skills are demonstrated and important topics are explained in more detail in group discussions
- Life-like case simulations are used to consolidate and integrate the course material.
- The course concludes with an assessment.

The international EMSB staff presents the course to the specialists from other European countries and hopes this will have a catalysing effect on disseminating the concept of the EMSB and to improve care for severely burned patients in Europe.

More information concerning the EMSB course will be mentioned in the second announcement of the 17th congress.

## Verification burn centres in 2016

The following burn centres had a successful review:

April	Martini Hospital – Groningen – the Netherlands
June	Nürnberg General Hospital – Nürnberg – Germany
July	Maasstad Hospital – Rotterdam – the Netherlands
September	Haukeland Hospital – Bergen – Norway

Upcoming verifications:

November	Universitäts Kinderspital – Zürich – Switzerland
December	Red Cross Hospital – Beverwijk – the Netherlands

Interested in verification of your burn centre? Go to [www.euroburn.org/burn-centres-2/verification-burn-centre](http://www.euroburn.org/burn-centres-2/verification-burn-centre) for more information.



**Site visit Haukeland Hospital  
Norway**



## News from the PAM Committee

### The PAM/Prevention/Burn Camp meeting in Beverwijk

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of May the PAM committee met in Beverwijk in the Netherlands. The venue for the meeting was the Dutch Burns Foundation.

It was a very productive meeting with work continuing on the guidelines for children (wound dressing procedures, pain, itching etc) and rehabilitation as well as upcoming surveys (also about burns care and after-care for children). And of course we worked intensively on the planning of the Barcelona conference in 2017. We finished our meeting with a long `to do` list which will keep us busy until we meet again in Vienna on the 3rd December at the General Hospital.

Please follow our updates on [www.euroburn.org/commitees/pam-committee](http://www.euroburn.org/commitees/pam-committee) and as always I would like to invite you to get in contact with us if you have any questions, comments or want to contribute to the work of the PAM committee

*Anna Pittermann*

Chairperson of the PAM Committee

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION  
EBA 2017 congress is  
OPEN!**

**The abstract deadline is  
15 March 2017**



Please check the congress site [www.eba2017.org](http://www.eba2017.org) for abstract submission guidelines and categories.

If you have difficulties in submitting your abstracts or in case you need any further information, please feel free to contact the EBA secretariat at: [eba@congresscare.com](mailto:eba@congresscare.com)



Members of the PAM and the Prevention Committee



## **SCARCON2016 – Towards a scar'less' world || 3-4 June Antwerp, Belgium**

After having organized scar courses in different countries, OSCARE, an organisation for burns, scar aftercare & research, organized its first international scar conference SCARCON 2016 on 3 and 4 June in the vibrant city of Antwerp (Belgium). This Scar Academy event comprised a two-day conference, held in the wonderful 16th-century venue 'Hof van Liere' from the University of Antwerp.

This conference was well attended with more than 280 participants coming from 12 different countries. In the academic part several well-known speakers, including EBA president Naiem Moiemem, gave interesting keynote lectures and free presentations. During coffee breaks participants could visit sponsor booths while sharing experiences with colleagues from abroad or meet new colleagues. Topic of SCARCON2016 was sharing the science of scar care to advance one step closer *towards a scar'less' world*. Researcher Mariëlle Jaspers from the Red Cross Hospital Beverwijk (The Netherlands) won the best free presentation award.

Together with the conference OSCARE celebrated its 15th anniversary. In those 15 years Oscare evolved from an aftercare centre for burns and scars to an organisation where the aftercare is supported by research, education and prevention.

*Koen Maertens*

Managing Director Oscare



## **Dutch Digital “Handbook Burn Care”**

In November 2016, during the annual meeting of the Dutch Burn Care Association (NVBZ), the first digital “Handbook Burn Care” was introduced to the Dutch and Belgian multidisciplinary care professionals. In 2000 a hardcopy was launched that helped many care professionals in the field of burns. However, this book was outdated and plans were made to write a new book. In close collaboration with the Dutch Burns Foundation and several multidisciplinary writing teams of the burn centres in the Netherlands this ambitious project was ready last November.

Burn care is highly complex and the nature of our population is changing. More elderly and patients with chronic diseases, multi morbidity, delirium, communication problems come to our burn centres. Further-more due to research different techniques and treatment of pain, pruritis and scars needed to be high-lighted in this book.

How these care problems can be dealt with can be read in this FREE digital handbook (in Dutch). The aim is to monitor, prevent and treat these problems in burn patients with the result to reduce the consequences of the burn trauma in daily life and functioning of the burn patient.

This book can be visited on the site of the Dutch Burn foundation:

<https://www.brandwondenstichting.nl/professionals/handboek-brandwondenzorg>

*Helma Hofland*

co-chair PAM



## Prevention Committee



New research to mark National Burn Awareness Day in UK reveals that nearly 1 in 10 parents of under-fives admit their child has suffered a serious burn from hair straighteners or tongs.

The findings, from Electrical Safety First and the Children's Burns Trust, also show that serious burns from hair straighteners are to blame for 1 in 20 of all admissions to specialist paediatric burns units.

What's the problem?

Hair straighteners can get as hot as an iron. So hot, you can cook bacon and eggs on. And they can stay hot enough to burn up to 15 minutes after they've been turned off.

Many straightener injuries occur when crawling babies and toddlers grab at them, step on them, sit on them or pull them down.

Surprisingly, young children don't have a reflex to automatically pull away from or drop something that's burning them – it's something that we learn. Which is why hair straighteners cause deep burns that can scar for life.

Many parents simply don't realise how dangerous straighteners can be. Encourage parents to store their straighteners safely. Over a third of parents told us they leave their straighteners to cool down on the floor, on furniture or over a door handle.

A child who suffers a serious straightener burn may need years of repeated surgery, as the scarred skin won't grow with them.

Can you help us spread the word and stop these painful injuries?

Source: Eurosafe and CAPT (Child Accident Prevention Trust)



Hair straighteners can reach temperatures of 235°C – that's as hot as an iron. In fact, they get so hot you could cook breakfast on them. If they can fry bacon, imagine what they can do to a child's skin!

## Other meetings

### European club for Paediatric Burns

8<sup>th</sup> World congress

21-23 June 2017

[www.birminghamburncongress.co.uk](http://www.birminghamburncongress.co.uk)

### French Wound Healing Society (SFFPC)

Symposium Updates in Wound Technology

15-17 January 2017

Paris – France

[www.cicatrisations2017.org/en](http://www.cicatrisations2017.org/en)

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## WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER?

If you have a 'hot topic' to address or developments in your centre which you would like to share with colleagues via the EBA Newsletter, please email Victoria Garcia Cebrones at [eba@congresscare.com](mailto:eba@congresscare.com)



## Letters to the editor Symposium 2017 Updates in Wound Technology

The «2017 Updates in Wound Technology» meeting will gather wound healing specialists from all over the world, under the auspices of the French Wound Healing Society (SFFPC). This annual meeting will be held in Paris from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 and will represent a unique opportunity to exchange up-to-date information concerning recently developed and brand new medical devices and concepts in wound management.

Europe being the place where many innovations are tested before being expanded to the rest of the world, Paris annual meeting will surely get the benefit of this increasing interest since more than a decade. Outstanding communications given by prestigious speakers will show new clinical results and recently published new technologies applied to wound healing.

Themes selected this year by the Scientific Committee will focus on 6 main topics :

- ❖ Oxygen Therapy
- ❖ Stem Cells
- ❖ Luminotherapy and Photobiomodulation
- ❖ New Technology for VLU and DFU
- ❖ Controversies in NPWT
- ❖ Update on dressings, Skin substitutes...

The International Symposium to be held on Sunday 15 January will cover News in wound healing all over the world and "What's new" session will focus on more European specificities. Discussions born from these exchanges are since years a source of up-to-date information applicable on patients to enhance the quality of wound management in each stage of healing.

More information at: [www.cicatrisations2017.org/en](http://www.cicatrisations2017.org/en)



## 2017 UPDATES IN WOUND TECHNOLOGIES



## Children's Burn & Wound Care Foundation (CBWCF)

is a Norwegian registered charity working in Ethiopia with the following main objectives:

"The main objective is to focus on the tremendous need to provide basic and modern clinical care for children with burns and other wounds as well as to run burn prevention activities."



Undersigned has worked in Ethiopia for about 18 years. Working as a young general surgeon in the early 90s, I was challenged with the magnitude and complexity of burns in Ethiopia and realised this large group of patients generally had very limited access to modern burn care. This very fact diverted my interest from General Surgery to Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. Since 2000 - for about 15 years - I have basically worked with burn patients in Ethiopia.

During the past 8 years, - from November 2008, I have been working through the Norwegian based charity where the main focus has been treating burns and other wounds among children. The clinical activities have been carried out at various hospitals in Addis Ababa, (Myungsung Christian Medical Center, Yekatit 12 Hospital Burn Unit and CURE Paediatric Orthopedic Hospital).

Each year, about 120 patients are receiving surgical treatment, most of them receiving the treatment free of charge supported by the charity.

CBWCF is currently developing a burn program at a public hospital in the southern part of Ethiopia, renovating the operating theatre and equipping the theatre with new modern surgical instruments in order to perform burn treatment. A similar program is under development in one hospital located in the northern part of Ethiopia. In both hospitals, teaching local health professionals is one of the main objectives of the CBWCF's outreach work.

Besides rendering clinical activities, the charity is also focusing on how best to raise awareness about how to protect children from getting thermal injuries.

*Einar Eriksen*



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