Dear friends and colleagues,

I wish you all a peaceful and prosperous 2016. At this time every year we reflect on what we achieved in the past year and what we aspire to do in the coming one. In 2015 we had one of the most successful congresses both scientifically and financially. European accreditation was completed in 3 burns centres following the Hannover Burns Centre site visit in October 2015. The requirements for self-assessment and the site visit are fully detailed on the EBA website. Sadly, we will remember 2015 for the major burn disaster in Bucharest that has taken the lives of many young people. This disaster has shown the importance of early cross border transfers.

As the European Burns community, we are starting 2016 with a determination to move closer towards achieving agreed organisational standards that improve care across Europe. In this newsletter there is a summary of panel discussions on certification standards for burns centre accreditation (page 4) that was held at the EBA congress in Hannover. The discussion highlighted the need for a realistic set of guidelines that are applicable across Europe and also a limited data set to support the accreditation system and help benchmarking. This is better achieved by working together with other organisations such as the ISBI and the WHO.

Dr Nadia Depetris, of Turin, Italy is inviting all burns centre to participate in an online survey (page 2) to assess the organisational standards across Europe. I would urge all burns centres to participate in this survey to help mapping out burn care and be able to set realistic required standards.

I wish you a wonderful and productive year.

Naiem Moiemen
President

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News from the PAM/Prevention Committee

The PAM and the Prevention Committees had their first meeting after the congress in Hannover. It was held in Vienna on the 20th of November.

The PAM Committee is happy to present its two new members:
Romana Vratna, from the Czech Republic and Guila Fidel Kinori from Spain (co-opted member)

The Prevention Committee also welcomes their new members:
Jacques Latarjet from France and Eva van Zoonen from the Netherlands.

We are very much looking forward to a productive time working together and invite all of you to follow our updates on http://euroburn.org/commitees/pam-committee

Online survey on organizational burn care standards

Dear Colleague,

You can contribute to the next European Burn Care Organizational Standards.

Answering to the following questionnaire, you will participate in mapping out the actual standards of Burn Care in Europe.

The anonymous analysis of the data will be the basis of a Verification Programme that will be both aspirational and achievable across all European countries.

Link to the survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wQLF7XNKhpRZfrUtHEOhfQsHHEQZ_smzKuLZP9jip8/viewform

We would like to thank you in advance for your help and support.

Dr. Nadia Depetris
Registration Burn Centres

The EBA is offering the opportunity to European Burn Centres to register their centre on the EBA website, where contact information will be available for fellow physicians and for patients and any organization willing to contact you.

Having your correct Burn Centre details will help to identify other Burn Centres in the various European countries, which may be helpful in case of mass burn disasters or when transferring patients to their home country.

And we hope that it will enable you to obtain easier contacts between the various Burn Centres. An exchange of information between the various burn centres in Europe will also help us to promote the goal of the European Burns Association.

More information can be found at: www.euroburn.org/about-the-eba/burn-centres/

Verification Burn Centres

Verification of burn centres is a program of the European Burn Association (EBA). It is an evaluation program designed to verify a burn centre’s resources that are required for the provision of optimal care to burn patients from the time of injury through rehabilitation. Elements of this voluntary program include an application, self-assessment questionnaire, an on-site evaluation by members of the EBA Certification Committee.

Certified burn centres:
University Hospital CHUV, Lausanne (Switzerland)
Universitätsspital Zürich (Switzerland)
Hannover Medical School (Germany)

For more information about verification Burn Centres go to: www.euroburn.org/about-the-eba/burn-centres/verification-burn-centre/
Summary session: Certification Standards for Burns Centre Accreditation - Panel Discussion

Saturday 19/09/2015

Chair: N Moiemen and B. Reichert

Panel: M Berger Lausanne, Switzerland
N Depetris, Turin, Italy
P M Vogt, Hannover, Germany (EBA President)
S Wolf, Parkland Dallas, US (Editor of Burns)

Panel Members gave short presentations on the topics and then an open discussion with the attendees followed. The discussion included care standards, minimal dataset (outcome reporting) and accreditation.

1. Care Standards
European, German, US, Italian and UK care standards were presented. There was variation from each country in infrastructure, staffing, service specifications and outcomes.

Discussion Points
- Care standards could range from being aspirational to achievable and both the panel members and the floor have agreed that the European care standards should be to some extent, aspirational, but this should be achievable by most of the member countries. Europe has both high and medium income countries and some European countries have limited resources.
- Burn care has different funding streams in different countries and whilst this is totally government funded in the UK, Spain and Italy, insurance is a major player in France and Germany. Care standards may need to accommodate these funding streams and insure that high quality care provided should not be compromised by profit minded health care systems.
- Both the panel and the attendees agreed that Dr Depetris would circulate, via the EBA secretariat a survey to map out the existing standards in different parts of Europe. The outcome of this survey will allow the EBA standards committee to define a European Care Standard that is both aspiration and achievable across all European countries.

2. Minimal Dataset
Well-established databases in Germany, UK, Spain, Netherlands and the US were discussed as well as the minimal dataset of the ISBI and the WHO. The above datasets vary from 50 to > 500 fields. Defining the dataset and software design will have an initial cost, however the main costs relate to the manpower of the data entry.

Discussion Points
- There was a consensus that the European minimal dataset should include, epidemiological and outcome reporting fields.
- The minimal should be approximately 50 fields.
- Minimal dataset of the ISBI and the WHO, who are very similar, could be used as the European minimal dataset.
- Ownership of the data; the data should be owned by the EBA (the server of the database should probably be based in Europe). Individual units should have the right to access the data for benchmarking and research.
- Privacy policy; All data must be entered anonymously, however this is challenging in burn injury as it is a rare disease and therefore a balance should be struck between anonymously and using the data for benchmarking or as an audit tool.

3. Accreditation
Self-assessment forms and peer review visits have already started in 2015. Burns centres in Zurich and Lausanne were successfully verified. There are plans for a peer review visit in Hannover, Germany in October 2015 for issuing an accreditation certificate.

Conclusion
There was a consensus at the end of the session that a European survey should be performed and also discussion with the ISBI and WHO regarding the utilisation of the minimal dataset.

Nadia Depetris and Naiem Moiemen
Hannover 19 September 2015
1st EBA Educational Course

The course is aimed at all members of the multidisciplinary team, surgeons in training and gives an opportunity to share experience between clinicians across Europe and beyond.

26 - 27 September 2016
Birmingham • United Kingdom
www.eba2016.org

REGISTRATION FOR THE COURSE IS NOW OPEN!
SUBMISSION for poster abstract is NOW OPEN!

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

19th MBC Meeting, April 26-28, 2016
Beirut • Lebanon

15th bi-annual Nordic Burn Meeting, June 15-18 2016
Uppsala • Sweden
Website: www.trippus.net/scaplas_NBM2016

17th ISBI Congress, 29 August-1 September 2016
Miami • US

5th WUWHS Congress, 25-29 September 2016 5th
Florence • Italy
Website: www.wuwhs2016.com
WELCOME TO UPPSALA JUNE 15-18, 2016!

The 36th Congress of the Scandinavian Association of Plastic Surgeons
The 15th Nordic Burn Meeting
The 8th Nordic Congress of Nurses in Plastic Surgery

www.trippus.net/scaplas_NBM2016

Invited speakers

Michael Longaker, MD, MBA, FACS
Deane P. and Louise Mitchell Professor
Vice Chair, Department of Surgery
The Torch Skoog lecture

Oskar Aszmann, MD, PhD
Professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Bengt Gerdin, MD, PhD
Professor emeritus in Intensive and Burn Care

Per Hedén, MD, PhD
Associate Professor in Plastic Surgery

Irene Mathijssen, MD, PhD
Professor Plastic and Reconstructive surgery

Venkat V Ramakrishnan, MS, FRCS, FRACS
Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Essex, UK

Susanne Wiklund, Infection Control Nurse,
Department of Infection Control and Hospital Hygiene

Thomas Fogdö lecture on mental training, how to keep the focus on the target, and the art to meet resistance.

Stefan Hofer, MD, PhD, FRCS
Professor Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
EMSB: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF SEVERE BURN COURSE

Course Dates for 2016:

12\textsuperscript{th} March 2016  Birmingham
19\textsuperscript{th} March 2016  East Grinstead, London
21\textsuperscript{st} April 2016  Manchester
20\textsuperscript{th} May 2016  Swansea
14\textsuperscript{th} June 2016  Chelsea & Westminster, London
24\textsuperscript{th} June 2016  Nottingham
24\textsuperscript{th} September 2016  Bristol
8\textsuperscript{th} October 2016  Chelmsford, London
10\textsuperscript{th} October 2016  Newcastle
11\textsuperscript{th} November 2016  Liverpool

The Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) course provides burn specific trauma management guidelines, which are additive and complimentary to those taught on other trauma courses eg ATLS. EMSB is a “stand alone” one-day course that covers the principles of the emergency management of severe burns in the British Isles including practical exercises in burn size assessment, fluid resuscitation, airway and wound management, paediatric burn care, electrical and chemical injuries and simulated cases.

The course is appropriate for medical and nursing practitioners who may be required to provide initial management to patients with severe burn injuries e.g. those working anywhere in the field of burn care, anaesthesia, trauma, pre-hospital and emergency medicine.

The EMSB course has been awarded 8 consultant CPD credits
Course fee: £295 to include lunch and refreshments
To book online: [www.britishburnassociation.org/emsb](http://www.britishburnassociation.org/emsb)
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