3rd EPUAP FOCUS MEETING

The Role of Skin and Tissue Maturation and Aging in Pressure Ulcer Research and Practice

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Organised by the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel

in partnership with

Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin
Leeds University
The "European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel" was created in London in December 1996 to lead and support all European countries in the efforts to prevent and treat pressure ulcers. At its inaugural meeting in London in December 1996, which included experts from many European countries, the group of over twenty agreed their mission statement and the initial Executive Board and Trustees.

**The mission statement reads:** "To provide the relief of persons suffering from or at risk of pressure ulcers, in particular through research and the education of the public and by influencing pressure ulcer policy in all European countries towards an adequate patient centred and cost effective pressure ulcer care."

A very important activity for the EPUAP is our annual conference. These meetings are aimed at bringing together clinical care practitioners, researchers and people from industry, to discuss the current status of the problem in Europe and the world and to discuss new developments in pressure ulcer prevention, treatment and care.
The Charité is one of the largest university hospitals in Europe. Outstanding doctors and scientists perform research, teaching, treatment and assistance in the heart of Berlin, with over half of Germany’s Nobel Prize winners for Medicine and Physiology having worked there, including Emil von Behring, Robert Koch and Paul Ehrlich.

Established in 1710 by King Friedrich I as a quarantine building for people beset by the plague, the university hospital today enjoys a high reputation worldwide as a training center of excellence.

The campus is spread over four locations, comprising over 100 clinics and institutes clustered into 17 CharitéCenters. With a staff of almost 13,000, the Charité generates an annual turnover of around 1.3 billion Euros, making it one of Berlin’s biggest employers.

The World Health Summit, held annually since 2009, is an expert conference initiated by the Charité. Under the patronage of the German and French Heads of State, leading international personalities from the fields of science, research and politics develop strategies to solve global health challenges.

In 2010, the Charité celebrated its 300-year anniversary.
ABOUT THE CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTER FOR HAIR AND SKIN SCIENCE (CRC)

The Clinical Research Center for Hair and Skin Science (CRC) at the Department of Dermatology and Allergy of the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin was founded by Prof. Dr. Ulrike Blume-Peytavi in 2002. The CRC consists of three units, the experimental and the clinical research unit and the outpatient unit.

The ISO 9001 certified clinical research unit is specialized in planning and conducting phase I to III drug and cosmetic studies as well as observational, instrument- and model development studies according to ICH-Good Clinical Practice (GCP) guidelines.

The experimental research unit conducts experimental and translational studies on hair and skin biology, hair growth and skin immunology. The multiprofessional team possesses special research competences in the field of nanoparticle-based penetration through the skin and new transcutaneous vaccination strategies.

In the outpatient unit the CRC runs special clinics for hair disorders and pediatric dermatology.

The combination of clinical research, experimental and patient centred approaches lead to synergies enabling to position translational research side by side with clinically applied research knowledge and to combine them in research practice on skin and hair science in a unique manner.
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Rachel Watson (University Manchester, UK)
ABOUT THE FOCUS MEETING

The EPUAP Focus Meeting is a relatively new initiative aimed at exchanging knowledge among scientists, clinicians, R&D and industry in regard to the latest developments in special areas of pressure ulcer research and practice. The focus meeting is intended to give room for in-depths discussion about special topics, to identify knowledge and technological gaps, as well as clinical needs in the pressure ulcer field and establish a platform of discussion for academia and industry.

Why attend the Focus Meeting?

- Receive an overview of current research and development trends in academia in regard to a spectrum of knowledge and technologies in the pressure ulcer field.
- Receive an overview of current trends in commercialized technology in the pressure ulcer field as well as of needs and technological gaps identified by the industry.
- Opportunities for commercialization of inventions and technologies which are still at the research lab phase.
- Obtain an overview of the state-of-the-art in pressure ulcer prevention and treatment technology which is currently being developed at research labs internationally in the academia.
- Scientists and companies have opportunities for to work together towards commercialization of technologies – starting at an early stage of development of the technology – and in particular, to jointly shape the course of R&D so that it meets true clinical needs and bridges actual gaps which have been identified by the industry.
- It is an appropriate environment for informal discussions that encourages follow-up contacts between scientists and companies such as for development of technologies, consultation projects for companies etc.

The 3rd Focus Meeting will focus on The Role of Skin and Tissue Maturation and Aging in Pressure Ulcer Research and Practice.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Berlin!
### PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

**Monday April 4th**

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**Session 1: Introduction to skin, skin function, and skin research**

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<td>13:20 to 14:00</td>
<td>Function, injury and repair mechanisms of the human skin</td>
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<td>14:00 to 14:45</td>
<td>Measuring skin in clinical research</td>
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**Session 2: Pressure ulcers in infancy**

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<td>15:30 to 16:00</td>
<td>Skin maturation and growth</td>
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<td>16:00 to 16:30</td>
<td>Evidence based skin care in babies and small children</td>
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<td>Device-related pressure ulcers from a biomechanical perspective</td>
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<td>17:00 to 17:30</td>
<td>Pressure ulcers in maturing skin from a clinical perspective</td>
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Optional: 17:45 to 19:00 Guided tour through the Clinical Research Center for Hair and Skin Science (max. 20 persons after preregistration)

Optional: Guided tour Berlin Museum of Medical History at the Charité including specimen collection of Rudolf Virchow (very near to venue and very exciting)

Evening for free disposal
Dinner for invited speakers and EPUAP trustees
## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

**Tuesday April 5th**

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<td>9:00 to 9:30</td>
<td>Introduction to skin aging</td>
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<td>Skin aging from a molecular perspective</td>
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<td>Skin aging from a biomechanical perspective</td>
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<td>The load, clinical relevance and economic impact of aging-associated skin diseases</td>
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<td><strong>Session 4: Pressure ulcers in ageing skin</strong></td>
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<td>Is advanced age an (independent) risk factor for pressure ulcer development?</td>
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<td>Pressure ulcer risk and management in the aged: the geriatric perspective</td>
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<td>Pressure ulcer case studies</td>
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<td><strong>Session 5: “Superficial skin changes” in the aged</strong></td>
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<td>14:00 to 14:30</td>
<td>Is “skin status” a risk factor for pressure ulcer development?</td>
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<td>14:30 to 15:00</td>
<td>Skin under pressure: microvascular adjustment capacities</td>
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<td>Incontinence-associated dermatitis</td>
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<td>Dermatoporosis: extremely fragile skin</td>
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## Preliminary Programme

**Wednesday April 6th**

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<td><strong>Session 6: Industrial perspective on skin aging</strong></td>
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<td>9:00 to 10:30</td>
<td>Industrial perspective on skin aging (abstract submission)</td>
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<td>10:30 to 11:00</td>
<td>Coffee, tea, exhibition viewing</td>
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<td><strong>Session 7: Dry skin</strong></td>
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<td>11:00 to 11:30</td>
<td>An introduction to skin care products</td>
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<td>11:30 to 12:30</td>
<td>Clinical assessment and interventions for maintaining a healthy skin barrier in dry skin in the aged</td>
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<td>Closing remarks</td>
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<td>Lunch and farewell</td>
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue
Kaiserin Friedrich-Haus
Robert-Koch-Platz 7
10115 Berlin
Germany

Registration fees
- Academics: € 300
- Industry: € 450
- Students: € 150

Other informations:
Entitlements: Conference attendance
Lunch and coffee breaks, printed programme
Abstract submission will only possible for Session 6: Industrial perspective on skin ageing
The deadline for submitting abstract is 30 November 2015
Language: English
Conference website: www.focusmeeting2016.org
CME Credits: EPUAP will apply for CME accreditation by the UEMS-EACCME® of this event. More information and number of credits awarded will be communicated on the meeting website.

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Accommodation
A selection of hotels will be available for the participants. Please check the meeting website for more details.
Other events

4 April 2016 17:45 to 19:00 Guided tour through the Clinical Research Center for Hair and Skin Science (max. 20 persons after preregistration)

4 April 2016 Guided tour Berlin Museum of Medical History at the Charité including specimen collection of Rudolf Virchow (optional)

5 April 2016 Conference dinner (more information will be available on the meeting website)

5 April 2016 16:15 to 17:15 Guided tour through the Clinical Research Center for Hair and Skin Science (max. 20 persons after preregistration)

Sponsorship and exhibition

Gold Sponsor

- € 3,000 (EPUAP Gold Sponsors receive a 10% discount on this fee)
- 2 complimentary delegates (conference attendance only)
- Logo on the conference bags
- Stand space 2 × 2m

Silver Sponsor

- € 1,500
- 1 complimentary delegates (conference attendance only)
- Stand space 1 × 1.5m

Other sponsorships

- Notepads & pens € 1000
- Lanyards € 1000