

Wound Healing Society

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Dear Colleagues, Members and Friends:

We are proud to bring to you the 22nd annual Wound Healing Society conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, from April 19-22, 2012. This is a Joint meeting with the European Tissue Repair Society (ETRS) and for the sixth year it will be held in conjunction with the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC). Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the SAWC/WHS meeting is the largest interdisciplinary wound care conference where cutting edge science propels evidence based clinical care.

On behalf of the WHS, we invite you to participate in this year's annual conference. Current advances in tissue repair and regeneration will be presented by leaders in the field many of whom will be seen at a major wound conference for the first time. Coverage will span from traditional topics such as inflammation and clinical trials update to emergent fields such as induced pluripotent stem cells.

This year's program will also feature a joint WHS-VWMS (Veterinary Wound Management Society) joint Plenary Session. Please find the meeting syllabus on the WHS website in the 2012 meetings section under the Preliminary Program tab. Please check back for continuous updates.

Highlights of this year's program include:

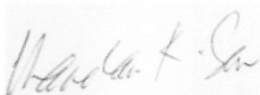
1. *Young Investigators Plenary Session* - recognizes young talented scientists submitting the most meritorious Abstracts as judged by a panel of 58 top experts in the field. Top four candidates will be awarded.
2. WHS Keynote Speaker: Geoffrey C. Gurtner, MD, a world acclaimed scientist in reparative and regenerative wound healing strategies, will discuss key principles in mammalian reparative biology, developments in stem cell biology and stem cell based therapies and address late breaking developments in the area of tissue vascularization in the context of human skin wound healing.

3. General Plenary Session - will cover Wound Inflammation. S. Joe Leibovich PhD will discuss molecular mechanisms. Sashwati Roy PhD will explain how inflammation is resolved. David Greenhalgh MD FACS will address clinical complications in the setting of diabetic ulcers and therapeutic strategies.
4. Plenary Sessions (five) – will present new innovative concepts in basic, translational and clinical science of wound healing. The International Session organized by ETRS will cover Tissue Repair: From Basic Science to Translational Medicine.
5. Pre-Clinical Models of Wound Healing – this free pre-conference session will be led by Andrew Baird PhD and Gayle Gordillo MD. The first part of the session will focus on review of the models. A panel discussion will follow to identify best approach based on current knowledge. This session is a “must attend” for experimentalists.
6. Meet the Mentors Session - this popular session returns and is designed to network, encourage and build relationships with young investigators in the field of wound healing.
7. Oral Abstract Sessions (seven) – will feature the top 56 competitively ranked Abstracts. These will be presented at peak times during the day for maximum audience exposure. Poster Discussion sessions will be scheduled at specified time slots. This year, WHS has its own Poster Session hall.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta. Early registration is encouraged. Please go to the Registration Tab in the 2012 Meetings section of our website. Submit your Abstract today! The site is open. WHS members, enjoy your discounts for registration. If you are not a member, sign up now and be part of a very special family that carries forward the torch of wound healing science.

We hope you enjoy the meeting as much as we have putting it together!

Cordially,



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