

MBC NEWS

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The Middle East Wounds and Scar Meeting was held at the Dubai World Trade Center on March 1-3, 2014 jointly with the 5th International, Scar-Club Meeting, the 7th International Workshop on Wound Technology and the academy of Wound Technology (AWT) in collaboration with the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS), the Journal of Wound Technology and the Euro-Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters (MBC). Topics discussed during the meeting included Burns, Scars, Chronic Wounds, New Technologies, Practice Guidelines, Telemedicine, and Wound Markers.

Several MBC members were invited speakers among which were Mohamed Kadry (Egypt), Ourania Catana (Greece), and Abdulaziz Nefzi (Tunisia), in addition to Mathangi Ramakrishnan (India), a well known burn specialist intimately associated with MBC.

MBC was officially represented by its President Bishara Atiyeh who co-chaired the 2 Burn sessions of the meeting and gave 4 major presentations.

- *Optimizing the treatment of burns in developing countries*
- *Brazilian Kiss Nightclub Disaster*
- *Physical Rehabilitation of Pediatric Burns*
- *The Euro-Mediterranean Council For Burns And Fire Disasters (MBC) Educational Programs*

The lecture about the MBC Educational Programs elicited a

great amount of admiration and interest in particular regarding the wide range of these programs in addition to the high level its official publication the Journal of Burns and Fire Disasters has achieved since it has been listed by Pubmed and Scopus.

Other presentations related to Burns were:

- *30 Years of Experience of Management of Burns in an Arabic Country by A.A. Nefzi (Tunis, Tunisia)*
- *Special Types of Burns: Chemical, Electrical, Radiological, Sunburns, Friction Burns, Frostbites by O. Castana (Athens, Greece)*
- *The Role of Fasciocutaneous Flaps in Solving the Problems of Postburn Severe Contractures by M. Kadry (Cairo, Egypt)*
- *Use of Collagen Based Biological Dressing in Pediatric Burns by M. Ramakrishnan (Chennai, India)*
- *Mortality Outcome in 1300 Patients Treated with Flammacerium and Sequential Excision and Grafting : No Need for Early Surgery by W. Boeckx (Brussels, Belgium)*
- *Early inflammatory Differences Between Normotrophic and Hypertrophic Scar Formation in by F.B. Niessen (Amsterdam, Netherlands)*

More than 250 participants attended this meeting that was very well organized by MF Congr s from Paris, France. The high note of the meeting was an open-air dinner in a desert Bedouin camp animated by a traditional belly dancer.