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Wednesday | 24 September 2025

























Conference language: English

Key sessions will be simultaneously translated in Finnish

	Plenary Hall / Hall A	Hall B	Restaurant Hall 3	Restaurant Hall 1
08:00–09:00	REGISTRATION + MORNING COFFEE			
09:00–09:25	<b>CONFERENCE OPENING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ANDREA POKORNÁ, EPUAP PRESIDENT</li><li>MAARIT AHTIALA, EPUAP 2025 CONFERENCE CHAIR</li><li>PÄIVI SILLANAUKEE, SPECIAL ENVOY FOR HEALTH &amp; WELL-BEING OF THE MINISTRY FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH, FINLAND</li></ul>			
09:25–10:40	<b>PLENARY KEY SESSION 1: THE NEW INTERNATIONAL EPUAP/NPIAP/PPPIA 2025 PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT GUIDELINE: ROAD MAP FOR THE FUTURE;</b>   <i>Chairs: Jan Kottner, Chair: Katrin Balzer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES TO IMPROVE PRESSURE ULCER/INJURY CARE: A SUCCESS STORY; <i>J. Kottner, DE</i></li><li>DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PRESSURE INJURIES CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE; <i>E. Haesler, AU</i></li><li>2025 INTERNATIONAL PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS/INJURIES CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES: FOCUSING ON PREVENTION - WHAT IS NEW?; <i>Z. Moore, IE</i></li></ul>			
10:40–10:50	SHORT BREAK			
10:50–12:00	<b>KEY SESSION 2: INTERNATIONAL CLIENT AND PATIENT SAFETY STRATEGIES: EFFECT ON NATIONAL ACTIONS IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION;</b>   <i>Chairs: Tom O'Connor, Emily Haesler</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ADVANCING PATIENT SAFETY AT THE HEALTH SYSTEM LEVEL IN THE WHO EUROPEAN REGION; <i>V.R. Fonseca, WHO</i></li><li>STRATEGIC COMPETENCES OF CLIENT AND PATIENT SAFETY - FINNISH STRATEGY TO BECOME A MODEL COUNTRY; <i>T. Ikonen, FI</i></li><li>EXPERIENCES AND RESULTS OF NATIONWIDE ANNUAL PRESSURE ULCER SURVEYS IN SWEDEN FROM 2011 TO 2020 – AND WHAT HAPPENS THEREAFTER?; <i>U. Kallman, SE</i></li></ul>	<b>KEY SESSION 3: INTERACTIVE SESSION FOR CLINICIANS WITH ENGINEERS: DIGITAL TWINS AND AI IN HEALTHCARE;</b>  <i>Chairs: Pierre-Yves ROHAN; Daphne Weihs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ENGAGING THE AUDIENCE (10 MIN) USING WOOLCLAP TO ASSESS FAMILIARITY WITH AI AND DIGITAL TWINS AND SET THE CONTEXT.</li><li>DAPHNE WEIHS (15 MIN): CORE AI CONCEPTS AND APPLICATIONS IN WOUND MANAGEMENT WITH REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES.</li><li>PIERRE-YVES ROHAN (5 MIN): WHAT ARE DIGITAL TWINS AND THEIR VALUE FOR THE EPUAP COMMUNITY.</li><li>ANTOINE PERRIER (10 MIN): CLINICAL INSIGHTS – WHY MANY AI/DIGITAL TWIN PROJECTS FAIL TO REACH ROUTINE CARE AND KEY TAKEAWAYS.</li><li>STEVEN SMET (10 MIN): USING AI TO SUPPORT CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING IN WOUND CARE, WITH A FOCUS ON SENSOR INTEGRATION CHALLENGES.</li><li>COLLECTIVE DISCUSSION (15 MIN): USING WOOLCLAP TO GATHER EXPERT INSIGHTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON DATA NEEDS AND PRIORITIES.</li><li>WRAP-UP &amp; Q&amp;A (10 MIN): TAKE-HOME MESSAGE ON DEFINING DATA, OUTCOMES, AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY.</li></ul>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 1: HOME CARE SETTINGS;</b>  <i>Chairs: Kirsti Ahmajarvi, Camilla Leerskov Soerensen</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EVALUATING POST-DISCHARGE RECOVERY OF PATIENTS WITH HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED PRESSURE ULCER (HAPU): PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY; <i>A. Budri, BR</i></li><li>A REALIST EVALUATION OF PATIENTS LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY AT HIGH RISK OF DEVELOPING PRESSURE ULCERS USING 'CPM'; <i>N. Aylward-Wotton, UK</i></li><li>PRESSURE INJURIES IN LONG-TERM AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES AS INDICATORS OF PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY; <i>J. Kalliokoski, FI</i></li><li>NURSES' KNOWLEDGE OF PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN OLDER PEOPLE CARE SETTINGS – A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY; <i>M. Stolt, FI</i></li></ul>	<b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 1: DEVELOPING PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION;</b>   <i>S. Seppanen, FI</i>  <i>The aim of the workshop is to get familiarized with students ´ practice oriented learning process of pressure ulcer prevention.</i>
12:05–13:15	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITION VIEWING, <b>POSTER PRESENTATIONS A</b> (12:45–13:15), MEET THE EXPERT LUNCH DISCUSSION, 12:15-13:15, RESTAURANT HALL 2			
	<b>Helsinki Hall</b>	<b>Hall B</b>	<b>Restaurant Hall 3</b>	<b>Restaurant Hall 1</b>
13:15–14:45	<b>KEY SESSION 4: THE IMPACT OF PRESSURE ULCERS ON BODY IMAGE AND SOCIAL INTERACTION + DISCUSSION ON PATIENT EXPERIENCES;</b>   <i>Chairs: Knaerke Soegaard, Maarit Helena Ahtiala</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>BODYIMAGE, SEXUALITY AND PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>B.S. Laursen, DK</i></li><li>BEYOND THE BODY: NEEDS AND CHALLENGES IN PRESSURE ULCERS' MANAGEMENT FOR ADOLESCENTS; <i>V. Vanzi, IT</i></li><li>THE POWER OF PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOME MEASURES IN ASSESSING BODY IMAGE: INSIGHTS FROM BARIATRIC AND BODY CONTOURING PATIENTS; <i>F. Dalaei, DK</i></li></ul>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 2: SPECIALIST CARE SETTINGS - ICU;</b>  <i>Chairs: Helen Strapp, Ingebjorg Irgens</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF FIVE PRESSURE INJURY RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS IN ADULT ICU PATIENTS: A PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY; <i>A. Budri, BR</i></li><li>A NEW PRESSURE ULCER RISK SCALE FOR INTENSIVE CARE; <i>E. Soppi, FI</i></li><li>DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION OPERATING MODEL IN ADULT INTENSIVE CARE; <i>M. Juoperi, FI</i></li><li>PRESSURE ULCER RISK ASSESSMENT IN EMERGENCY ROOM: THE FIRST STEP FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION; <i>P. Sardo, PT</i></li><li>PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION IN NEONATES: MAXIMISING OUTCOMES WHILE MITIGATING RISKS; <i>A. A. Abdi, UK</i></li><li>SAFETY IN NUMBERS: REDUCING PRESSURE ULCERS IN A THORACIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT; <i>U. Grenholm, SE</i></li><li>INCIDENCE AND PREDICTORS OF INTENSIVE CARE UNIT ACQUIRED SKIN INJURY IN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT PATIENTS' OF A GREEK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL; <i>B. Panagiotis, GR</i></li></ul>	<b>INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM: PRESSURE ULCER BUSTERS. BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS AND MYTHS. (SMITH + NEPHEW);</b>  <i>Chairs: Zena Elizabeth Moore, Leena Berg, Lee Ruotsi</i> <i>Speakers: Zena Moore, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Nursing &amp; Midwifery, Ireland; Lee Ruotsi, Medical Director of The Center for Wound Healing and Ostomy Care at Holland Hospital in Holland, Michigan, USA; Leena Berg, Kuopio University Hospital, Finland</i>	<b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 2: PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN CLINICAL PRACTICE;</b>  <i>B. Hansen, DK; S. Smet, BE</i>  <i>Interactive workshop on pressure ulcer prevention! Learn how to use care bundles in pressure ulcer prevention at the right time using the best materials.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discover practical examples</li><li>Work in small groups on real-life cases</li><li>Engage in a group discussion to share insights</li></ul>
14:45–14:55	SHORT BREAK			
14:55–16:10	<b>KEY SESSION 5: EARLY PRESSURE ULCER DETECTION, IDENTIFICATION AND DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS;</b>   <i>Chairs: Dominique Sigaudou-Roussel, Susanne Coleman</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF PRESSURE INJURIES IN PEOPLE WITH DARKER SKIN TONES; <i>Z. Jones, SE</i></li><li>MECHANISMS LEADING TO FRAGILE SKIN MORE LIKELY TO DEVELOP PU; <i>B. Fromy, FR</i></li><li>A TRANSLATIONAL BIOMECHANICAL APPROACH IN CLINICAL PRACTICE FOR EARLY DETECTION AND PREVENTION; <i>A. Perrier, FR</i></li></ul>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 3: PRESSURE ULCERS: PATIENT SAFETY, QUALITY OF CARE AND POLICY;</b>  <i>Chairs: Carina Baath, Lucie Charbonneau</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HEAD NURSES' VIEWS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION; <i>M. H. Ahtiala, FI</i></li><li>BRIDGING THE GAP: ICU NURSES' EXPERIENCES IN DETECTING PRESSURE INJURIES ACROSS DIVERSE SKIN TONES; <i>H. I. Lo, IE</i></li><li>A METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH TO ESTABLISHING A PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PANEL FOR PRESSURE ULCER RESEARCH; <i>H. J. Wilson, IE</i></li><li>A STRUCTURED PU DIAGNOSTIC &amp; DISCOVERY PROGRAMME, UNDERPINNED BY QUALITY IMPROVEMENT METHODOLOGY, USING A CO-DESIGN AND APPRECIATIVE ENQUIRY APPROACH; <i>J. F., UK</i></li><li>DELIVERING MULTIDISCIPLINARY WOUND CARE: THE SPECIALIZED OUTPATIENT WOUND CLINIC AT ODENSE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL; <i>J. N. E. S. Benckendorff, DK</i></li><li>REAPER ORAL MUCOSA PRESSURE INJURY SCALE (ROMPIS): TURKISH VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY STUDY; <i>E. Ozdemir, TR</i></li></ul>	<b>INDUSTRY WORKSHOP: PREVENTING PRESSURE INJURIES – WHY SHEAR DESERVES MORE ATTENTION (CARE OF SWEDEN)</b>  (15:10–16:10) <i>Speaker: Fares Al- Khaliliy, Clinical Manager</i>	<b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 3: PLAIN LANGUAGE</b>  RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE PRODUCTION OF PLAIN LANGUAGE EDUCATIONAL LEAFLETS FOR PATIENTS; <i>A. Pokorná, N. Behárková, CZ</i>  <i>Attendees will explore the principles of plain language, focusing on clarity, brevity, and appropriateness of content for diverse patient populations. Participants will learn how to identify their audience's health literacy levels and craft messages that resonate with them.</i>
16:10–16:50	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING			
16:50–17:55	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION: ETHICAL STRESS AND MISSED CARE</b>  <i>Panelists: Andrea Pokorná, Professor of Nursing Science at the Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic; Leena Berg, Plastic surgeon, University of Oulu, Finland; Britt Hansen, Registered Nurse at University Centre for Wound healing at the Odense University, Denmark; Steven Smet, Registered Nurse at the Wound Care Centre at the Ghent University Hospital, Belgium</i>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 4: BASIC SCIENCE, TECHONOLIGES, EXPERIMENTAL;</b>  <i>Chairs: Dominique Sigaudou-Roussel, Daphne Weihs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>INFLUENCE OF TEMPERAUTRE ON VASCULAR DENSITY AT THE SACRUM AND HEEL; <i>R. Gordon, UK</i></li><li>MICROVASCULAR OVER-DILATION AND HYPOXIA: A POTENTIAL MECHANISM FOR PRESSURE ULCER PATHOGENESIS; <i>P. Korpisalo, FI</i></li><li>EXPERIMENTAL AND NUMERICAL EVALUATION OF INTERFACE PRESSURE IN A TRANSTIBIAL AMPUTEE SOCKET DURING WALK; <i>P.-Y. Rohan, FR</i></li><li>DOES APPLICATION OF SKIN CARE PRODUCTS STRENGTHEN THE DERMOEPIDERMAL ADHESION? RESULTS OF TWO EXPLORATORY RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIALS; <i>J. Kottner, DE</i></li><li>IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESSURE MONITORING AND A RISK ALGORITHM TO EVALUATE PRE- AND POST- INTERVENTIONS IN THE COMUNITY; <i>Silvia Caggiari, UK</i></li><li>STRAIN-RATE DEPENDENT BEHAVIOR IN SKELETAL MUSCLE: INSIGHTS ON DAMAGE MECHANISMS; <i>P.-Y. Rohan, FR</i></li></ul>		
18:15	<b>STOP PU WALK</b> (FROM THE FINLANDIA HALL TO THE HELSINKI CITY HALL)			
19:00	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b> HOSTED BY THE HELSINKI CITY HALL (POHJOISESPLANADI 11-13, HELSINKI)			

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08:30–09:45	<div><b>KEY SESSION 6: HEALTH ECONOMICS IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT;</b> <i>Chairs: Tom O'Connor, Peter Worsley</i> </div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>BUILDING A STRONG HEALTH ECONOMIC CASE FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION: DATA RELEVANCE, RELIABILITY, AND CONTEXT AS KEY INGREDIENTS; <i>D. Beeckman, BE</i></li><li>TOWARDS STANDARDIZED PERFORMANCE TESTING OF PROPHYLACTIC DRESSINGS: ENABLING BETTER CLINICAL AND COST-EFFECTIVE DECISION-MAKING; <i>D. Brienza, US and A. Gefen, IL</i></li><li>HEALTH ECONOMICS AND VALUE-BASED HEALTHCARE APPROACHES TO PREVENTING A 'NEVER EVENT'; <i>Juha Laine, FI</i></li></ul></div>	<div><b>FREE PAPER SESSION 5: EDUCATION 1 + EPUAP EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD</b> </div> <div><i>Chairs: Steven Smet, Beáta Grešš Halász</i></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UNLOCKING EXCELLENCE: IMPROVING NURSING STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION THROUGH AN ESCAPE ROOM EXPERIENCE; <i>T. Sengul, TR (Excellence in Education Award 2025)</i></li><li>THE IMPACT OF FORMAL AND LIFELONG EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ON THE KNOWLEDGE OF CROATIAN NURSES ABOUT PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>A. Ž. Puzić, HR</i></li><li>TIME(RS) TO PLAY IN PAEDIATRICS: EDUCATIONAL COURSE; <i>J. Guedes, PT</i></li><li>IMPLEMENTING SUBEPIDERMAL MOISTURE SCANNING TECHNOLOGY IN NURSING HOMES: A QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS OF ADOPTION FACTORS AND HEALTH EQUITY IMPLICATIONS FOR PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION; <i>T. L. Yap, US</i></li><li>TABLETOP EXERCISES FOR TEACHING PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT; <i>E. Tetik, AU</i></li><li>THE EFFECT OF USING CLINICAL DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM IN PRESSURE INJURY RISK MANAGEMENT TEACHING TO NURSING STUDENTS: A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED STUDY; <i>O. Ariburnu, TR</i></li></ul></div>	<div><b>FREE PAPER SESSION 6: SPECIALIST CARE SETTINGS - SURGERY AND RECONSTRUCTION</b> </div> <div><i>Chairs: Guido Ciprandi, Knaerke Soegaard</i></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>INCIDENCE OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN SURGICAL PATIENTS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW; <i>S. Kurian, IE</i></li><li>PREOPERATIVE HEMATOCRIT LEVELS AND THE RISK OF PRESSURE INJURIES IN CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY: A RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY; <i>X. Gou, CN</i></li><li>THE HAMSTRING MUSCULOCUTANEOUS FLAP TO RECONSTRUCT A PRESSURE ULCER - A CASE REPORT; <i>M. L. Madsen, DK</i></li><li>NEW METHOD OF LABELING PATIENTS FOR POSTOPERATIVE PRESSURE INJURIES PREVENTION; <i>C. C. Weitman, IL</i></li><li>COMPLEX MANAGEMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN A PATIENT WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY AFTER POLYTRAUMA: A CASE STUDY; <i>V. Váňa, CZ</i></li><li>TIMING MATTERS: INTERNAL GUIDELINES FOR PREOPERATIVE OPTIMISATION BEFORE PRESSURE ULCER RECONSTRUCTION; <i>P. Šin, CZ</i></li></ul></div>	<div><b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 4: SKIN AND TISSUE ASSESSMENT – HOW TO IDENTIFY PRESSURE ULCERS, INCONTINENCE-ASSOCIATED DERMATITIS AND SKIN TEARS?</b> </div> <div><i>J. Kottner, DE; J. Niemi, FI</i></div> <div><i>The workshop focuses on the essential skills for accurately assessing different common skin conditions encountered in clinical settings.</i></div>
09:45–10:30	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING			
10:30–11:45	<div><b>KEY SESSION 7: EPUAP-EWMA SESSION;</b> <i>Chairs: Andrea Pokorná, Dimitri Beeckman</i> </div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF A PATIENT WITH A WOUND/ULCER; <i>K. Isoherranen, FI</i></li><li>A TOOLBOX FOR PRESSURE INJURY RECURRENCE IN SPINAL CORD INJURED PERSONS – OUTCOMES OF AN INTERDISCIPLINARY, PERSON-CENTERED EWMA PROJECT; <i>D. Beeckman, BE</i></li><li>THE PROBLEM OF THE PUS RECURRENCE – PREVALENCE OF PUS IN SPINAL CORD INJURED PERSON; <i>A. Pokorná, CZ</i></li></ul></div>	<div><b>KEY SESSION 8: PRESSURE ULCER CARE AND PREVENTION IN POPULATIONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS;</b> <i>Chairs: Rosemarie Derwin, Ulrika Kallmann</i> </div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PRESSURE ULCER CARE AND PREVENTION FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE; <i>S. Latimer, AU</i></li><li>PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN PEOPLE WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY; <i>K. Soegaard, DK</i></li><li>PRESSURE ULCER CARE AND PREVENTION FROM BIRTH TO CHILDHOOD; <i>V. Vanzi, IT</i></li></ul></div>	<div><b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 5: THE IMPACT ON TISSUE ASSOCIATED WITH POSITIONING AND REPOSITIONING. HOW TO REDUCE THE RISK OF TISSUE DAMAGE?</b> </div> <div><i>C.L. Sørensen, P. Beck, DK</i></div> <div><i>We will explore, both theoretically and through practical exercises, how we impact the tissue during repositioning. You will have the opportunity to test this on your own body to gain a better understanding of the tissue damage.</i></div>	<div><b>STUDENT FREE PAPER SESSION 7: BASIC SCIENCE;</b> <i>Chair: Camilla Leerskov Soerensen</i> </div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PARAMETERS CONTRIBUTING TO TRANSCUTANEOUS GAS TENSIONS AS A SURROGATE MEASURE OF PRESSURE-ULCER RISK; <i>M. Spiteri, UK</i></li><li>SMART PREVENTION: TOWARD A PERSONALIZED PRESSURE INJURY RISK DETECTION SYSTEM USING SOFT SENSORS AND NIRS; <i>J. K. M. Wyss, CA</i></li><li>RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SEATING PRESSURE AND ISCHEMIA AT ISCHIUM: PRELIMINARY STUDY USING LASER DOPPLER FLOWMETRY; <i>L. Sadat, FR</i></li><li>THE EFFECT OF LATERAL PRESSURE ON THE TRANSCUTANEOUS GAS TENSIONS AT THE ISCHIAL TUBEROSITY; <i>M. Spiteri, UK</i></li><li>TISSUE VULNERABILITY TO MECHANICAL STRESS: COMPUTATIONAL MODELING DEMONSTRATES GENDER EFFECTS; <i>A. Simonova, IL</i></li><li>ROLE OF SUBCUTANEOUS ADIPOSE TISSUE IN PRESSURE ULCER RISK : VISCOELASTIC PROPERTIES UNDER UNIAXIAL COMPRESSION; <i>M. Lamant, FR</i></li></ul></div>
11:45–13:00	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITION VIEWING, POSTERS; <b>POSTER PRESENTATIONS B</b> (12:30–13:00)			
13:00–14:30	<div><b>INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM: PERSONALISING PREVENTION – PUTTING THE INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES INTO ACTION (MÖLNLYCKE);</b> <i>Chair: Dimitri Beeckman</i> </div> <div><i>Chair: Dimitri Beeckman; Ghent University (Belgium) and Örebro University (Sweden)</i></div> <div><i>Speakers: Amit Gefen, Tel Aviv University, Biomedical Engineering, Israel; Jan Kottner, Charité Berlin, Germany; Michelle Barakat-Johnson, Sydney Local Health District, Australia; Paulo Alves, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, CIIS; Portugal</i></div>	12:15–12:45 <b>EPUAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	<div><b>INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM: ADDRESSING MOISTURE, ENABLING PREVENTION, DELIVERING TREATMENT: SOLVING THE PRESSURE ULCER PUZZLE WITH EASY TO USE SOLUTIONS. (SOLVENTUM)</b> </div> <div><i>Speakers: Maarit Ahtiala; Turku University Hospital, Department of Plastic and General Surgery, Finland; Ayush Kapila; Plastic Surgery, Belgium; Bart Maene; Solventum</i></div>	
14:30–14:40	SHORT BREAK			
14:40–15:55	<div><b>KEY SESSION 9: HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND PRACTICE;</b> <i>Chairs: Andrea Pokorná, Salla Seppanen</i> </div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>IMPLEMENTING VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) IN WOUND MANAGEMENT ENHANCES COMMUNICATION AND DECREASES MORAL DISTRESS; <i>A. Pokorná, CZ</i></li><li>PRESSURE ULCERS IN NURSING EDUCATION: LEARNING GOALS, CONTENT AND TEACHING METHODS; <i>E. Kielo-Viljamaa, FI</i></li><li>DEVELOPMENT OF EPUAP PU E-LEARNING IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE IN PRESSURE ULCER MANAGEMENT; <i>B.G. Halasz, SK</i></li></ul></div>	<div><b>KEY SESSION 10: MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN THE COMMUNITY;</b> <i>Chairs: Kirsti Ahmajarvi, Sharon Latimer</i> </div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>THE IMPACT OF A PRESSURE ULCER EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR HCAS IN LONG TERM CARE SETTINGS; <i>T. O'Connor, IE</i></li><li>PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUS AMONG FRAILTY ELDERLY PEOPLE; <i>K. Ahmajarvi, FI</i></li><li>OPTIMIZING WOUND CARE: A CROSS-SECTORAL APPROACH BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND HOSPITAL-BASED WOUND SPECIALIST NURSE; <i>B. Hansen, DK</i></li></ul></div>	<div><b>INDUSTRY WORKSHOP: CONTINUOUS DEBRIDEMENT FOR BETTER HEALING : DISCOVER THE MAGNET FIBERS TECHNOLOGY (URGO MEDICAL)</b> </div> <div><i>Chair: Kirsti Isoherranen, Adjunct Professor, Head Physician of Helsinki Wound Healing Centre, Helsinki University Hospital, Finland</i></div> <div><i>Speakers: Dominique Sigaudou-Roussel, CNRS Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, France; Emilio Galea, Medical Education manager, Urgo Medical, France; Marion Delannoye, Hospital Pitié Salpêtrière, France</i></div>	<div><b>FREE PAPER SESSION 8: ADVANCES IN CLINICAL PRACTICE;</b> <i>Chairs: Ingebjorg Irgens, Silvia Caggiari</i> </div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>REDUCING PRESSURE INJURY INCIDENCE RATES THROUGH STRATEGIC FOCUS ON DEVICE-RELATED PRESSURE INJURIES; <i>M. Kim, KR</i></li><li>NAVIGATING SKIN DIVERSITY AND REAL-WORLD FACTORS IN THERMAL IMAGING FOR EARLY PRESSURE INJURY DETECTION; <i>S. E. Sonenblum, US</i></li><li>THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUB EPIDERMAL MOISTURE AND PAIN MEASUREMENTS IN PREDICTING PRESSURE ULCER DEVELOPMENT IN AT-RISK ADULTS; <i>S. Rocha, IE</i></li><li>A NEW ABSORBENCY CONCEPT TO MANAGE EXUDATE AND CELLULAR AND BACTERIAL DEBRIS: PRELIMINARY DATA; <i>R. Cassino, IT</i></li><li>EVALUATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SMART TECHNOLOGIES INTO CLINICAL PRACTICE; <i>S.Noman, UK</i></li><li>INNOVATIVE AI-BASED APPROACHES TO PRESSURE ULCER RISK ASSESSMENT; <i>L.Yang, CN</i></li></ul></div>
15:55–16:30	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING			
16:30–17:55	<div><b>KEY SESSION 11: PRESSURE ULCER RISKS AND PREVENTION IN CRITICAL CARE PATIENTS;</b> <i>Chairs: Maarit Helena Ahtiala, Pedro Sardo</i> </div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PRESSURE ULCER RISKS AND RISK ASSESSMENT IN ADULT INTENSIVE CARE UNITS; <i>M. Ahtiala, FI</i></li><li>HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED-PRESSURE-INJURIES (HAPIS) AND ACUTE SKIN FAILURE IN PEDIATRIC CRITICAL SETTINGS: "UNAVOIDABLE" AND "PREVENTABLE"; TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN; <i>G. Ciprandi, IT</i></li><li>MEDICAL DEVICE- RELATED PRESSURE ULCERS IN CRITICAL CARE; <i>L. Krupová, CZ</i></li></ul></div>	<div><b>EPUAP EXPERIENCED AND EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD PRESENTATION</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>BUILDING A RESEARCH CAREER GROUNDED IN INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND CLINICAL RELEVANCE: REFLECTIONS ON 20 YEARS IN THE PRESSURE ULCER COMMUNITY;</b> <i>D. Beeckman, EPUAP Experienced Investigator 2025</i></li><li><b>EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD,</b> <i>C. Greenwood</i></li></ul></div> <div>EPUAP FUNDED PROJECTS PRESENTATIONS:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EFFECTS OF PATIENT-CENTRED SKIN CARE ON BARRIER FUNCTIONS OF SKIN IN INTENSIVE CARE; <i>T. Yeni, TR</i></li><li>A NETWORK OF RESEARCHERS AND PRACTITIONERS TO PREVENT AND MANAGE PRESSURE ULCERS IN PRE-FRAIL OLDER ADULTS; <i>D. Sezgin, IE</i></li></ul></div>	<div><b>FREE PAPER SESSION 9: ADVANCED AGE &amp; CROSS SECTIONAL STUDIES;</b> </div> <div><i>Chairs: Kirsti Ahmajarvi, Ulrika Kallmann</i></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PATIENT PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION EDUCATION ON HOSPITALISATION: A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY AGED OVER 65YRS; <i>J. L. Deakin, AU</i></li><li>A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF CARE BUNDLES ON THE INCIDENCE OF PRESSURE ULCER AMONG AT RISK OLDER ADULTS; <i>Q. Edede, IE</i></li><li>"I FEEL LIKE A BABY WEARING A NAPPY. IT'S EMBARRASSING": A QUALITATIVE STUDY OF PATIENTS' EXPERIENCE OF INCONTINENCE AND INCONTINENCE-ASSOCIATED DERMATITIS; <i>M. Barakat-Johnson, AU</i></li><li>TERMINAL ULCERS IN END-OF-LIFE CARE: A SCOPING REVIEW; <i>I. Saguatti, IT</i></li><li>RELIABILITY, ACCEPTABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF AN END-OF-LIFE WOUND ASSESSMENT TOOL: A STUDY PROTOCOL; <i>S. Latimer, AU</i></li><li>OLDER PATIENTS' PERCEPTIONS 'OF PARTICIPATION IN PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION: A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY; <i>J. L. Deakin, AU</i></li><li>NATIONAL MULTICENTER STUDY ON PRESSURE ULCERS IN SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE IN FINLAND; <i>L. Puikko, FI</i></li></ul></div>	<div><b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 6: COOPERATION BETWEEN MEDICAL DOCTOR AND REGISTERED NURSE IN THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS – PATIENT CASES;</b> </div> <div><i>L. Berg; V. Koljonen, FI</i></div> <div><i>The goal is to bring together varied clinical perspectives—nurses, physicians, wound care specialists, physical therapists, and others—to explore the complexities of real-world pressure ulcer cases.</i></div>
19:30	<b>CONFERENCE DINNER</b> , SIPULI RESTAURANT (KANAVARANTA 7, 00170 HELSINKI)			

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Conference language: English

Key sessions will be simultaneously translated in Finnish

Friday   26 September 2025				
	Helsinki Hall	Hall B	Restaurant Hall 3	Restaurant Hall 1
09:00–10:15	<div><b>KEY SESSION 12: PATIENT JOURNEYS BEFORE AND AFTER RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY FOR PRESSURE ULCERS;</b> <i>Chair: Zena Elizabeth Moore</i></div> <div><div><div></div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FROM HOME TO HOME VIA OR-A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH; <i>L. Berg, FI</i></li><li>MORE THAN JUST THE HEALING: PERSONAL STORIES OF CARE AND RECOVERY IN NORWAY; <i>I. Irgens, NO</i></li><li>PLASTIC SURGERY PATHWAY FOR PAEDIATRIC PRESSURE ULCERS: GUIDING PATIENT’S SELECTION, AVOIDING UNDUE OVERTREATMENT, COMPLICATIONS, RELAPSE; <i>G. Ciprandi, IT</i></li></ul></div></div>	<div><b>FINNISH STREAM;</b> <i>Anne Pauna, Arja Korhonen</i></div> <div><div><div></div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HAAVAHOIDON ASIAINTUNTIJÄ ERIKOISTUMISKOULUTUS; <i>S. Seppänen</i></li><li>UUSI KANSAINVÄLINEN EPUAP/NPIAP/PPPIA PAINEEHAAVOJEN EHKÄISYSUOSITUS; <i>M. Ahtiala</i></li><li>TAVOITTEENA EHJÄ IHO: IHONHOITO, PAINEEHAAVAN EHKÄISYSSÄ JA HOIDOSSA; <i>J. Niemi</i></li></ul></div></div>	<div><b>FREE PAPER SESSION 10:</b> PRESSURE ULCERS: IMPLEMENTATION OF SCIENCE AND EDUCATION; <i>Chairs: Helen Strapp; Emilia Kielo-Viljamaa</i></div> <div><div><div></div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF CARE BUNDLES ON THE PREVALENCE OR INCIDENCE OF PRESSURE ULCERS AMONG AT-RISK ADULTS IN THE ACUTE CARE SETTING? A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW; <i>Á. Curtis, IE</i></li><li>A STUDY ON THE USABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PITA QUICK GUIDE FOR MANAGING PRESSURE INJURIES ACROSS AUSTRALIAN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS; <i>M. Barakat-Johnson, AU</i></li><li>SYSTEMATIC REVIEW; <i>K.-A. O’Callaghan, IE</i></li><li>NURSES’ KNOWLEDGE ON PRESSURE ULCERS AND THEIR PREVENTION - A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY AT A UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL; <i>H. M. Valgarðsdóttir, IS</i></li><li>PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION AT THE CLEVELAND CLINIC IN ABU DHABI: KEEPING AHEAD OF THE CURVE; <i>J. Lowell, UK</i></li><li>THE IMPACT OF EDUCATION ON PREVENTING HOSPITAL ACQUIRED PRESSURE INJURIES; <i>A. Alibrahim, SA</i></li></ul></div></div>	<div><b>FREE PAPER SESSION 11:</b> INNOVATIVE APPROACHES IN CLINICAL RESEARCH, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT + EPUAP INNOVATION IN CARE AWARD; <i>Chairs: Rosemarie Derwin, Dominique Sigaud-Roussel</i></div> <div><div><div></div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EARLY MOBILISATION AFTER SURGERY: DECREASE OF PRESSURE ULCERS AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 30-30-3 RULE; <i>A. de Graaf, BG (EPUAP Innovation in Care Award 2025)</i></li><li>MULTIMODAL SPECTRAL ANALYSIS OF SLOUGH IN CHRONIC WOUNDS; <i>A. Nurlybayeva, FR</i></li><li>COMPARISON OF NATIONAL SYSTEMATIC PRESSURE ULCER PREVALENCE DATA VERSUS RESEARCH DATA IN FINLAND; <i>T. A. Tervo-Heikkinen, FI</i></li><li>IMPACT OF A TISSUE VIABILITY WARD ROUND IN CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS; <i>I. Pukiova, UK</i></li><li>PRESSURE INJURIES IN INTER-HOSPITAL TRANSPORT - RISK ASSESSMENT AND INFORMATION TRANSFER BETWEEN HOSPITALS; <i>M. Vaara, FI</i></li><li>VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGIES IN PRESSURE ULCER/INJURY ASSESSMENT; <i>A. Binkanan, SA</i></li></ul></div></div>
10:15–10:50	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING			
10:50–12:05	<div><b>KEY SESSION 13: MEDICAL DEVICE REGULATION RELATED TO PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT;</b> <i>Chairs: Peter Worsley, Amit Gefen</i></div> <div><div><div></div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>WORKING WITH REGULATORS IN ACHIEVING MEDICAL DEVICE RESEARCH IN WOUND CARE; <i>D. Patton, IE</i></li><li>INNOVATING DEVICE DESIGN AND APPLICATION TO PREVENT PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>P. Worsley, UK</i></li><li>PRESSURE ULCERS IN THE DIGITAL ERA – HOW TO ACT AGILE IN A HIGHLY REGULATED INDUSTRY?; <i>P. Trykkillä, FI</i></li></ul></div></div>	<div><b>FINNISH STREAM</b> (10:50-12:15); <i>Kirsti Ahmajärvi</i></div> <div><div><div></div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PAINEEHAAVA VAI EI – HAAVOJEN EROTUSDIAGNOSTIIKKAA INTERAKTIIVISESTI; <i>K. Isoherranen</i></li><li>PAINEEHAAVAN REVISIOPÄÄTÖS: KOSKA TEHDÄÄN, MISSÄ TEHDÄÄN JA KUKA TEKEE?; <i>T. Niemi</i></li><li>LÄÄKÄREIDEN HAAVAHOIDON ERITYISPÄTEVYYT; <i>J. Viljamaa</i></li></ul></div></div>	<div><b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 7:</b> DIVERSITY OF DEBRIDEMENT; <i>L. Charbonneau, CH; A. Korhonen, FI</i></div> <div><div><div></div></div><div><p><i>This interactive workshop explores the diverse methods of debridement, highlighting the importance of tailoring approaches to individual patient needs and wound types.</i></p></div></div>	<div><b>STUDENT FREE PAPER SESSION 12:</b> CLINICAL SCIENCE; <i>Chairs: Beáta Grešš Halász, Carina Baath</i></div> <div><div><div></div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AN INTERVENTION TO PREVENT PRESSURE ULCERS IN SUSCEPTIBLE PATIENTS: REVIEW OF THE EVIDENCE AND A PROOF OF CONCEPT; <i>S. D. Uche, UK</i></li><li>FROM DATA TO DIAGNOSIS: FEASIBILITY OF FORECASTING PRESSURE INJURY RISK; <i>L. Stern, CA</i></li><li>GLOBAL PREVALENCE AND INCIDENCE OF INCONTINENCE-ASSOCIATED DERMATITIS (IAD) IN ADULTS WITH INCONTINENCE; <i>N. Ohde, DE</i></li><li>PATIENTS’ EXPERIENCES WITH THE APPLICATION OF MEDICAL ADHESIVES TO THE SKIN: A QUALITATIVE SYSTEMATIC REVIEW; <i>H. Hofman, BG</i></li></ul></div></div>
12:15–12:45	<b>CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE + CONFERENCE AWARDS;</b> <i>Tom O’Connor and Maarit Ahtiala</i> EPUAP 2026 IE PRESENTATION; <i>Tom O’Connor</i>			
12:45–13:00	QUICK LUNCH			