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## Dear members and friends of ECET,

In June 2019, we met at the ECET Conference in Rome to share our knowledge and experiences with each other. We are pleased that we were able to meet colleagues from different countries throughout Europe, and even from other parts of the world.

The ECET Board were engaged in different projects and conferences in European countries in the autumn and winter months of 2019. Since the beginning of 2020, we have all faced the COVID-19 pandemic and are doing our best for our patients to manage and prevent the spread of the virus.

The board of the European Council of Enterostomal Therapy wishes to express its appreciation for all that you are doing to deliver nursing care during these really demanding and difficult times.

Finally, we are now pleased to announce that the ECET 2021 Conference will be held jointly with the European Wound Management Association (EWMA) Annual conference, EWMA-Journées Cicatristations 2021. The conference will be held 14–16 April in Paris, France.

We hope to see many of you there!

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## ECET 2021 Conference

ECET is proud to announce that the ECET 2021 conference will be held jointly with the European Wound Management Association (EWMA) Annual conference, EWMA-Journées Cicatristations 2021.

The conference will be held 14–16 April in Paris, France.

By joining forces with EWMA, ECET 2021 participants will have the unique opportunity to benefit from a great number of high-quality scientific sessions, excellent networking opportunities and the possibility of meeting representatives from more than 160 wound healing and stoma care companies. You can look forward to:

- A specific ECET 2021 program with the latest knowledge on ostomy, wounds and continence – just as you know it
- Possibility of attending all EWMA-Journées Cicatristations 2021 sessions (additional fee applies)
- Bridge-building sessions on mutual interests of ECET and EWMA
- Bi-lingual English & French

ECET 2021 will be held in collaboration with the French Association of Enterostoma - Therapists, Association Française d'Entérostoma - Thérapeutes (A.F.E.T.)

For more information, please visit [www.ecet2021.org](http://www.ecet2021.org).



## ECET 2019 Conference

The 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Council of Enterostomal Therapists (ECET) was held in Rome, Italy, 23–26 June 2019. With the theme ‘Research meets Practice – Practice meets Research’, the conference successfully connected people through knowledge, research and experience with ostomy, wounds and continence care.

One of the most interesting sessions was the ‘Health care political roundtable discussion’, on the health care of ostomy patients. Participants represented Austria, Germany, Slovenia, France and Italy. Discussions were held on the quantity of and the right to stoma devices for ostomy patients, as well as on the organisation of ostomy patients’ nursing care in Europe. Patient situations vary a lot among the countries in Europe; in some countries, patients with stoma have significant problems getting the needed support from enterostomal therapists after being discharged from hospital. Further, patients in many countries have problems getting the appropriate amount of stoma devices on prescription. The conclusion from this roundtable was a recognition that there is a need for more research on this topic in Europe and for the preparation of European guidelines for ostomy care.

The ECET Conference was successful, with more than 700 participants from the different countries of Europe and other parts of the world, including Canada, Israel, China and India. An abstract book including all presentations is available at [https://ecet2019.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/ECET\\_2019/Abstract\\_book\\_1.pdf](https://ecet2019.org/fileadmin/user_upload/ECET_2019/Abstract_book_1.pdf).

Special news for participants was the launch of the European Wound, Ostomy and Continence Supplement - EWOCS. The ECET executive board has entered a media partnership with MA Healthcare and worked with the team behind Gastrointestinal Nursing to develop this specialist care supplement. The supplement’s editors are Benjamin Wakefield (MA Healthcare) and Renata Batas (ECET Board). The supplement will include practical, educational and evidence-based articles.

## New issue of The European Wound, Ostomy and Continence Supplement – EWOCS

We are pleased to announce that a new version of the EWOCS is now available. It can be downloaded from <https://ecet-stomacare.eu/scientific-publications/ecet-supplement-gastrointestinal-nursing/>.

In this issue, you can read the following articles:

- The year of the nurse, midwife and coronavirus pandemic (R Batas)
- Be apart and stay together (R Batas)
- Clinical Digest, Part 1 & 2 (R. Batas, S Kelly O'Flynn)
- Diagnosis and treatment of peristomal pyoderma gangrenosum:  
A case report (M A Wieczorek)
- Nutritional supplementation for vitamin B12 and vitamin K2 deficiency following  
ileostomy for colostomy formation (D Mantle)
- Development of an adolescent biofeedback service to manage bowel dysfunction  
in younger patients (R Knox)
- Reactive oxygen species in an oleic matrix for healing deep and narrow wounds:  
a case series (G Vidotto, T Gaiani, U Cazzarò, A M Lupi, O L Carmela, D A Gaetano,  
O Forma)
- Factors influencing the incidence of peristomal skin complications: evidence from  
a multinational survey on living with a stoma (D Voegeli, T Karlsmark, E H Eddes,  
H Doré Hansen, R Zeeberg, J Håkan-Bloch, C Juul Hedegaard)

## Submit your article to EWOCS

The ECET Board would like to encourage everyone working in wound, ostomy and continence care to submit articles. This is also a unique opportunity to submit bilingual manuscripts.

Articles will be published in bilingual versions, when possible (in their original language and English). The editorial board will offer support for the English version of each article. By doing this, the ECET Board would like to provide a new forum for sharing specialist nursing practice across international and linguistic boundaries.

Previous issues of EWOCS can be found via the ECET website, (<https://ecet-stomacare.eu/scientific-publications/ecet-supplement-gastrointestinal-nursing/> )





From June 2019, an ECET online publication, the European Wound, Ostomy and Continence Supplement, will be published as part of the journal Gastrointestinal Nursing (selected issues), published by MA Healthcare.

ECET invites all our stakeholders to submit scientific papers focusing on ECET's key areas of interest: stoma, incontinence and wound care.



## ECET supporting stoma patients

ECET helps stoma patients by providing advice on living with stoma, among other things, by publishing articles for patients. As a recent example, Renata Batas wrote an article about nutrition and ostomy for the Stoma Tips magazine. The article is available here: [https://www.stomatips.com/features/article/healthy-eating-with-a-stoma-a-guide-to-food-diet-and-nutrition?fbclid=IwAR1XHePwDd8e34LhzDxe-Bplw-AP6aWhUrvn7YlqL\\_QK104-839se3n-eqs](https://www.stomatips.com/features/article/healthy-eating-with-a-stoma-a-guide-to-food-diet-and-nutrition?fbclid=IwAR1XHePwDd8e34LhzDxe-Bplw-AP6aWhUrvn7YlqL_QK104-839se3n-eqs)



## News from Poland: ECET Participation in the conference of the Polish Society of Ostomy Caregivers - Polskie Towarzystwo Pielęgniarek Stomijnych

On 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Gabriele Kroboth, ECET President, and Renata Batas, ECET PR & Publications Officer, attended the national conference of the Polish Society of Ostomy Caregivers - Polskie Towarzystwo Pielęgniarek Stomijnych. Małgorzata Bocheńska, President and ostomy nurse (second from the right in the picture below) and Magdalena Leyk-Kolańczak, Vice President and ostomy nurse (second from the left in the picture), welcomed us to the conference. They invited us to give a lecture on enterostomal therapy and to introduce them to ECET. At the end of the conference, we discussed the status of enterostomal therapy in Poland and other European countries. Many experiences were exchanged.



*The first meeting about Smart Ostomy Support was held in Poliambulanza, where Danila Maculotti also attended as an ECET board member.*

## News from Italy: S.O.S. Smart Ostomy Support project

On 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020, ECET Board member Danila Maculotti was in Rome to present the S.O.S. Smart Ostomy Support project. It was an important moment for technology and digital solutions in healthcare. This application has the potential to really change things in stoma care.



## News from Slovenia: Traditional scientific meeting of Slovenian enterostomal therapists

In early November 2019, a professional group of nurses in Slovenia who work in enterostomal therapy met at their traditional annual scientific meeting. The global theme was 'Enterostomal therapy in practice'. They discussed the use of convexity in stoma care, difficult stomas, competencies in enterostomal therapy, wound care and incontinence. They are now working on new guidelines for choosing and prescribing medical supplies for ostomy patients. Renata Batas, ECET PR & Publications Officer and President of the Professional Group of Nurses in Enterostomal Therapy Slovenia, gave a report on the ECET Conference, which was held in Rome in June 2019. EWOCS – European Wound Ostomy and Continence Supplement was also presented, and all enterostomal therapist colleagues were invited to submit their articles.



## ECET Board

In December 2019, the ECET Board met in Copenhagen to plan activities and projects for 2020.

## 2020 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE NURSE AND MIDWIFE

The World Health Organisation has designated 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.

