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We are writing to invite you to attend and support the 2nd EPUAP Focus Meeting on *Skin Health and the Microclimate* on April 7th - 9th 2014, which we are organizing through the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Southampton in the UK

This Focus Meeting is aimed at exchanging knowledge between scientists, clinicians and both R&D and marketing personnel in healthcare industry, with specific reference to the latest technologies associated with skin health and microclimate management. This focus meeting is also intended to identify technological gaps and clinical needs, and we envisage it will further consolidate a long-lasting, EPUAP-supported academia-industry network in the pressure ulcer field.

Specific aims of the 2nd EPUAP focus meeting are to provide:

- An overview of the state-of-the-art in skin health and microclimate as evidenced in research laboratories internationally
- Opportunities for scientists and industrialists to translate their research into commercialization of inventions and technologies - starting at an early stage of their development - and in particular, to jointly shape the course of R&D, so that it meets needs as identified by healthcare and medical specialists and bridges translational gaps.
- A convivial atmosphere and ambience with sufficient time for informal discussions, and encourage follow-up contacts between scientists, healthcare and medical personnel, and industrialists.

Opinion leaders and senior clinicians in the UK medical community will attend as well. Some example topics to be covered on the program of the 2nd Focus Meeting are:

- Basic mechanisms associated with skin breakdown and repair
- Devices and barrier products for moisture at the skin interface
- Measurement of skin physiochemical & biomechanical properties
- Modelling of skin and subcutaneous tissues
- Support surfaces to control the microclimate
- Early detection systems and biomarkers of skin integrity

Some renowned international speakers who already confirmed their participation are:

- Amit Gefen (Israel)
- Cees Oomens (the Netherlands)

- Alan Cottenden (UK)

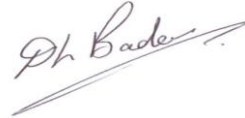
We are offering the possibility for an exhibition during the meeting. If you are interested to have a booth or would like to sponsor otherwise, please contact Prof. Dan Bader for more information.

We hope to see you in this exciting meeting in Southampton!

With best wishes,



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