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The association was established in 1999 in Rome and during its ten years of activity it has totalled well over 2000 members in Italy. It operates at national and regional level and it is a supporting society of WUWHS and Member of EWMA.

The association is a not for profit organization and it sets out primarily to engage in social solidarity activities.

It plays an active role in the healthcare sector and in socially oriented scientific research activities focused on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of ulcerative cutaneous lesions and tissue repairing treatments.

The association's chief goal is to promote scientific seminars aimed at disseminating, updating and enhancing knowledge on physiopathology, clinic, diagnosis and on treatment of ulcerative cutaneous lesions as well as improving prevention strategies.

The association sets out amongst other things to achieve the following objectives:

- a) provide its supporters with news and developments both in terms of healthcare options and legislative regulations.
- b) Raise awareness amongst the general public, the administrations and the media at large on all the issues related to ulcerative cutaneous lesions.
- c) Provide support, advice and guidance as to prevention, diagnosis and treatment of ulcerative cutaneous pathologies;
- d) Highlight social issues with a particular focus on recognition of the rights of patients with cutaneous ulcers through activities aimed at uniforming treatment options in other European countries.

ACTIVITIES

■ **Annual National Conference**, a forum where sector's professionals and key players can compare notes and exchange experiences. In 2009 the National Congress in Florence reached more than 1400 participants.

■ **Inter-regional Congresses and Courses**, organized by the Regional Divisions.

■ Study groups

Set up on initiative of the Management Committee of the study groups and aimed at drawing up guidelines and undertaking research and analysis activities on recommendation of its enrolled members. In 2009 has been published a Position Document titled: *Compression therapy in the treatment of leg ulcers*. Moreover we finished the discussion about the Pain Treatment and another position document is ready to be printed.

■ Ulcer Day

In 2009 the project UlcerDays® has been organized for the second year consecutive. This is a National day on Cutaneous Lesions and it is actively supported by more than 100 specialized centres. The main purpose of this initiative is to inform the public opinion, mass media and the Government Class about problems of the patients affected by ulcers, and to strengthen the relationship between the specialized centers and the Associations.

AIUC INFORMES

- The website www.aiuc.it is a useful source of information and news relating to the activities and initiatives undertaken by the Association.
- The journal *Acta Vulnologica* is amongst the first eight sector specific publications at European level, the journal can publish the works of any of its Members.
- From 2009 a press office supports AIUC to improve the public informations about patients problems through the media.

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