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Director's Letter

Greetings ,

The next **BioTherapy Live!** broadcast is coming up on Tuesday, September 21 at 2:00 pm EDT (11:00 am Pacific Time). The program will feature Dr. Mustapha Ahmed Yusuf, and is titled: "Maggot Debridement Therapy: First Experience from Nigeria, West Africa."

Dr. Yusuf was awarded his PhD in Medical Entomology and Vector Control in 2020, and now practices maggot therapy as a member of the Department of Microbiology at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital in Kano, Nigeria. Additional details about Dr. Yusuf's background can be found in his interview, further on in this newsletter.



Catch his presentation live on Zoom or Facebook if you can (Zoom link below). Even if you can not participate in the live program, you will be able to find the recording posted on [Facebook](#) page and [YouTube](#) channel afterwards.

Advancing healthcare through education and research in biotherapy,



Biotherapy Live! (and recorded)

The next broadcast of Biotherapy Live! will be on September 21 at 11:00 am PDT (2:00 pm Eastern Time). Future webinars are tentatively scheduled to air live on the third Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted). Programs will be posted on our [Facebook](#) page and [YouTube](#) channel shortly thereafter.

- September 21, 2021: BioTherapy Live! with Dr. Mustapha Yusuf

- October 19, 2021: To Be Announced

To join the meeting on Zoom, go to:

<https://uci.zoom.us/j/93862239768?pwd=cXl0K3FtMnJKT1htZ1Q4ZDZEa295dz09>

Meeting ID: 938 6223 9768

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To join by phone, find your local number at:

<https://uci.zoom.us/u/amFtlUUF>

Want to suggest a topic or speaker? [let us know!](#)

An Interview with Dr. Mustapha Yusuf

Dr. Mustapha Ahmed Yusuf earned his PhD in Medical Entomology and Vector Control from Tehran University of Medical Sciences in Tehran, Iran from 2016-2020. He practices Maggot Debridement Therapy (MDT) and believes that the public should embrace maggot debridement therapy as a viable treatment option for wound care because it is affordable, easy to administer, effective, and safe. Dr. Yusuf practices MDT alongside microbiologists and nurses in the Department of Microbiology at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, a tertiary medical center in Kano, Nigeria. He also occasionally works with orthopedic and plastic surgeons. Dr. Yusuf usually connects with patients either through referrals from other physicians or through patients with previous MDT experiences. The maggots that he utilizes in his treatment are currently supplied by a local institution. He notes that the maggots will be bred and supplied from within Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital in the near future. Dr. Yusuf believes that patient education and thorough training of therapists are beneficial in helping patients make well-informed decisions about their treatment options. When asked how the BTER foundation can help him in his mission, he responded, The research, training and education on biotherapy by the foundation is most commendable.

Virtual Wound Care Workshop Invitation

Dear Reader:

The following is an UNPAID announcement on behalf of WoundCon.

If you are a wound care clinician, then you are invited to attend a complimentary online event, Biofilm-Based Wound Care: A Virtual Skills Workshop, on Friday, September 24, 2021(available for 2-weeks on-demand), hosted by WoundCon.

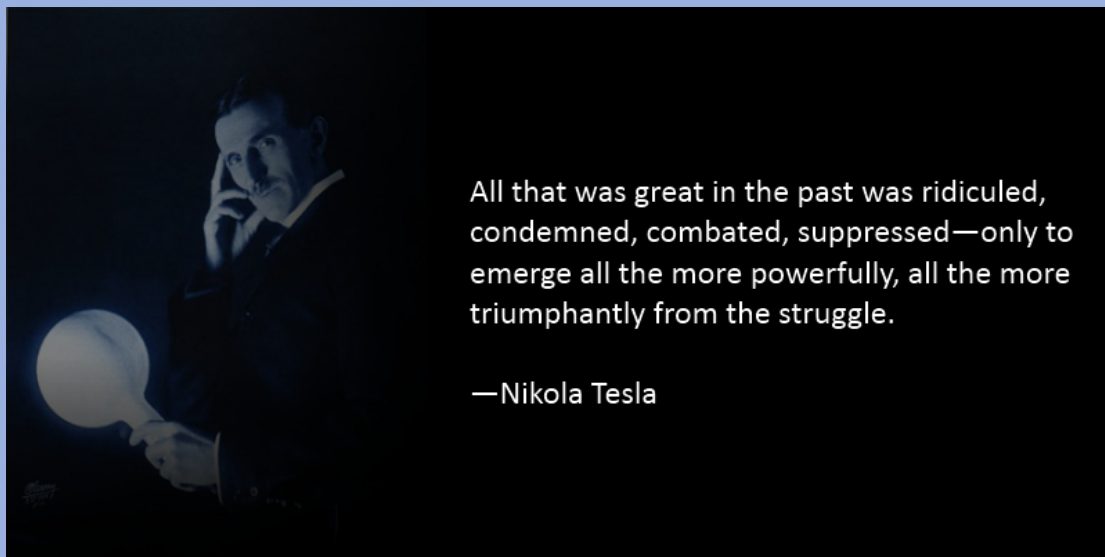
Biofilm is present in most chronic and hard-to-heal wounds, creating a barrier to wound healing. Implementing a biofilm-based wound care approach will support the effective management of those wounds, save costs, cut antibiotic usage and put patients on a healing trajectory. As many of our members and subscribers know, maggots have been demonstrated to dissolve and inhibit the growth of biofilm. This program is likely not to cover the use of maggot therapy for biofilm, but it will discuss other methods, and facilitate practicing those skills in your own home or office.

The instructors for the workshop, Catherine Milne, APRN, MSN, ANP/ACNS-BC, CWOCN-AP and Jayesh Shah, MD, MHA, will provide didactic lectures and live cadaveric demonstrations from the anatomy lab. The workshop will be available in 8 different languages including Chinese, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, French, Polish, German and English. You will be eligible to receive a certificate of participation for up to 5.25 CME/CE credits (AMA PRA Category 1 Credits).

To learn more and to register for free, go to: woundcon.com/workshop-wound-hygiene/.

We've joined Instagram!

The BTER Foundation is now on Instagram. We will be posting exclusive photos from our lab and general updates regarding live webinars and events on the page. Please feel free to follow us [@BTERFoundation](https://www.instagram.com/BTERFoundation).



All that was great in the past was ridiculed, condemned, combated, suppressed—only to emerge all the more powerfully, all the more triumphantly from the struggle.

—Nikola Tesla

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