

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF PERIODONTOLOGY MINUTES OF THE EFP GENERAL ASSEMBLY held on-line March 20th, 2021

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Dr. Xavier Struillou opened the General Assembly (President for this period 1st April 2020-20th March 2021) and welcomed the participants to this on-line meeting. Due to the COVID-19 travel restrictions the GA had to be hosted virtually again. He expressed his sadness for not hosting this gathering in Nantes.

The Secretary General extended a warm welcome to each individual member. Dr. West presented the instructions on how to participate in the on-line discussions through the GoToWebinar platform. The General Assembly was recorded.

The President presented briefly the agenda. Several Q&A slots have been included after the report presentations to give time for discussions. Dr. Struillou encouraged the attendees to participate actively in this GA.

1.- REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

1.1.- President

Dr. Xavier Struillou presented a brief summary of the activities undertaken and achievements fulfilled during his Presidency.

In March 2021 as President Elect he represented Dr. Filippo Graziani at the EU Perio Master Clinic held in Dublin. Due to the pandemic, the President could not attend physically any meeting.

During the first part of his presidency, he focused on listening to the NS needs in related with the pandemic and supporting them with materials produced by the Projects Committee as the Covid-19 survey, the infographics for practitioners on the campaign "Back to Common Sense" addressed to patients. The pandemic created a new and unexpected situation. The EFP had to adapt its strategy. An EFP virtual educational platform was launched in April with monthly Perio sessions (webinars) and Perio Talks (Instagram sessions) addressed to the dental community.

The President has followed the management model implemented by Dr. Graziani with monthly Core EC meetings to take collegial decisions on the main issues of the Federation. He also had regular meetings with the Secretary General and Treasurer. In October a virtual Executive meeting and a virtual General Assembly were held. It was a big technical challenge.

Dr. Struillou reported briefly on major decisions taken due to the pandemic: the postponement of EuroPerio10 to June 2022, the reschedule of the XVII European Workshop in Periodontology on "Evidence-based guidelines for periodontal therapy: Treatment of stage IV Periodontitis" to July 2021. He thanked Prof. Sanz for the work done as chairman of the EWP committee and welcomed his successor Prof. Herrera.

The President worked closely with Prof. Nairn Wilson in the recognition of the specialty. The process is blocked at the moment. He will report in a later point of the agenda.



Due to the pandemic travel restrictions Dr. Struillou could not attend any NS presential meetings. He expressed his disappointment for this lack of contact. He joined some of the NS virtual annual meetings.

The President worked closely with the communication team and prepared interviews and papers for some of the NS journals and magazines.

In the second part of his Presidency, Dr. Struillou held, with the support of Monica Guinea, on-line meetings with the Presidents and Board members of the NS in order to improve the communication and to get a global overview of the EFP members and their wishes. It was a very nice initiative and the outcome was very positive. 24 meetings were held. A list of actions came out of these meetings. He will report about it in a later point of the agenda.

The President thanked the Executive committee, the JCP Editor in Chief, Prof. Wilson, the chairmen of the committees, the EFP staff and the NS for their support during this challenging year.

Due to technical problems the full report could not be shown on-line. Dr. Struillou invited the attendees to download it from the Committee Forum.

1.2.- Secretary General

Dr. Nicola West thanked the President for leading the EFP in such a difficult year. The EFP demonstrated great structure, expertise and resources to meet the challenging circumstances. She congratulated the whole EC and all of the NS for their diligence and resolve.

The SG presented briefly the new implementation plan following the 4 focus areas of the new strategic plan 2021-2025.

Dr. West summarized the main achievements and decisions undertaken between April 2020 and March 2021: the free webinars launched in April, the 2020 GHD on-line campaign, the Covid-19 infographics, the Perio & Caries animations, The Perio & Cardio campaign, the World Heart Day video, the launch of the EFP Virtual platform, the postponement of EuroPerio10 to June 2022, the launch of EuroPerio Series scheduled in June 2021, the kick-off meeting of the Economist project on "Assessing the societal and economic cost of periodontitis in selected European countries", the one to one industry partner meetings, the signature of an agreement with Osteology Foundation to hold a Virtual meeting in June 2021, the preparation of 2021 GHD campaign, the launch of a new strategy based on Social Media, the smooth transition between JCP Editors and Wiley, the survey addressed to NS and the one to one NS meetings and the Sustainability project

The SG invited NS to read the Sustainability manifesto and to take action.

Dr. West thanked the Executive Committee and the EFP staff for their support during this challenging year.

1.3- Treasurer

Dr. Monique Danser thanked also the Executive Committee, the NS, the partners, the EFP staff and her secretary, Simone Binnema, for their support in this difficult year.

She pointed out that that her report has been posted in the Committee Forum one month before the GA to allow NS to discuss it within their board.

The Treasurer presented an overview of the financial situation including the 2021 partners, the assets and the 2020 incomes and expenses per categories.



Dr Danser informed that Geistlich will not renew the partnership contract in 2021. The main reason is the financial impact of the pandemic. The company also mentioned that they didn't get good enough value for money during the three years agreement. They didn't do a partner project with the EFP. Geistlich may join again the EFP partnership program in the future.

The Treasurer is working to attract new partners. Several companies have contacted the EFP in the last months. Their products didn't fulfil the criteria, no scientific evidence behind them. Their applications were declined.

Dr. Danser informed that the Investment strategy has been revisited since 2020. The funds at KBL Luxembourg were sold and the money transferred to BNP Paribas. Together with the BNP a strategy was followed to have a more sustainable and of course a balanced conservative investment. She presented a brief overview of the investment results of 2020, indicating a positive result of \pm 10%.

The number of payments done per year was significantly reduced in 2020. Due to the pandemic the EFP could not hold presential meetings: the GA in October was a virtual meeting and the next European Workshop in Periodontology postponed to July 2021. The operational loss of 2020 was lower than expected.

The EC decided to support financially the translations of the Clinical Practice Guidelines done by the NS with the benefits of EU Perio Master Clinic Dublin.

The Treasurer presented the 2021 budget compared with the year 2020. The figures are quite similar. The difference in incomes is mainly due to the new projects: The Economist supported by Oral B grant and the EFP webinars. Regarding the costs the EFP expects to handle the live EWP in July and the EC meeting in October.

She also presented the forecast of the EFP financial situation for the next 4 years compared with the previous ones since 2015. In 2021 EFP would have expected the incomes from EuroPerio10. Due to the postponement of the conference the surplus will be received in 2022. The delay of EuroPerio10 has significant financial implications in the calendar year.

The final audited accounts of the EFP AISBL for the year ended 31st December 2020 were approved in February 2021 by the auditor Mikael Debue from CDP Partners.

Dr. Danser pointed out that thanks to the reserve funds established by the previous EFP Treasurers and the support of the EFP partners, the Federation stays financially healthy despite the impact the pandemic.

1.4.- Questions & Answers

The Secretary General apologized for the technical issues faced today. The Core EC decided again to use GoToWebinar as a platform for the on-line GA. For future on-line meetings the EFP will explore other platforms that could fit better with the GA format and with the EFP activities in general. Dr. West informed that all the presentations will be posted on-line at the Committee Forum after the GA.

In response to Dr. Eickholz, EFP Delegate of the German S Perio, Dr. Struillou confirmed that the Head of Communication is Cândice Gasperin. Since she is on board, the EFP communication has improved enormously.

2.- PROXY VOTES RESULTS

The SG informed that due to pandemic travel restrictions the voting was conducted again through proxy-votes following the advice of the lawyers. The proxy forms were sent to the full member NS on February 22nd, 2021 as well as the invitation to the Committee Forum to download the information related with the voting issues. The proxy forms were completed and



signed by the EFP Delegates and received in due time. The twenty-six full member NS submitted their votes. A valid quorum for each of the voting issues was reached in the first round of votes. The votes were checked by staff and the SG for accuracy and correct tallies.

The following results were announced at the GA:

- The approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary GA held virtually in October 2020.
- The approval of 2020 audited account and the 2021 budget.
- Moritz Kebschull (Germany) was elected as new EFP officer.
- The approval of Society of Periodontology Singapore as EFP international associate member.

Questions & Answers

Dr. Corinna Bruckmann, President of the Austrian S Perio, asked about the figures of the 2020 annual payments done by the NS. The Treasurer clarified that there are two invoices paid annually by the NS: a fixed annual membership fee and the annual web contribution fees related with the number of JCP on-line subscribers. The increase of the JCP subscription fees was approved at the GA held in Bern in 2019.

Dr Iain Chapple congratulated the EC for the tremendous work done in 2020. It is important to emphasize what the Treasurer has said about securing reserve funds to face difficult financial situations as the pandemic year. Regarding the JCP subscription fees Dr. Chapple pointed out that the fees the EFP pays to Wiley have remained the same for 25 years. The extra fees are used to support the Editor in Chief to make innovations.

3.- EUROPEAN PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Filippo Graziani presented briefly his committee and pointed out that they work very closely with the Workshop and the Scientific Affairs committee and the communication team.

The chairman presented an overview of the projects undertaken last year:

- 1º.- the NS projects: "Gum Health self-test" app created by DGParo has been translated and flagged by the EFP.
- 2°.- The Partners projects: "Oral Health & Pregnancy", "Perio & Caries", "Perio & Diabetes" and "Perio & Cardio" have been completed, posted in the EFP website and shared through Social Media. The structure and design of infographics and animations are consistent and reinforce the EFP brand. The committee has developed a sort of expertise on animations. Each project has its own videos to spread the message in a friendly way. The animations have been translated to several languages. The main topics of the projects are oral hygiene or periodontal health or periodontal medicine and are addressed to the public. This is due that the partners supporting the projects are mainly oral health companies.

The projects committee has been very active and has launched several projects in response to the pandemic: "Let's stop the virus" campaign, Covid19 survey, infographics and "Back to common sense" campaign in response to WHO statement about the insecurity of dental practices. A paper on the results of the Covid19 survey will be published in the next weeks.

The committee is working at the moment on the infographics of the recommendations of the clinical practical guidelines. Once the infographics approved the committee will do the animations.

Dr. Graziani thanked his team and the NS for supporting the activities of the committee.

He encouraged the NS to share with the committee any project they would like to develop with the support of the EFP.



4.- REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

The reports from the committees, posted in advance on the Committee Forum, were presented briefly.

4.1.- Education: Postgraduate (PEC) and Undergraduate (UEC)

Dr Moshe Goldstein, PEC chairman, reported briefly on the main activities carried by his committee during this year: Five new programs are in different stages of evaluation at the moment. The site visits cannot be performed due to the travel restrictions of the pandemic. The programs of Paris and Leuven have been re-accredited in 2020.

The Postgraduate Symposium has been postponed from September 2021 to September 2022. It will take place in Belgium at Corsendonk Duinse Polders. An updated budget will be prepared and presented to the EC for approval. The number of participants is expected to increase with the new accredited programs.

An on-line symposium on the EFP Clinical Guideline of the treatment of periodontitis stage I-III was held in September for all the students of the accredited programs. 15 of the 16 accredited participated, presenting and explaining some chapters of the guidelines. The seminar was recorded and available to all EFP members. It was very successful. The committee plans to organize similar virtual events in the future.

In the last year 44 graduates were EFP certified in 13 Exams. All the evaluations were performed on-line. Currently there are 564 certified periodontists from 61 countries.

The Chairman presented the following proposals:

- 1º.- To encourage the chairs of the periodontal departments of the NS to contact the PEC or directly the directors of the accredited programs for cooperation in order to promote their postgraduate training programs. The EFP accreditation is an excellent process for improving the professional status and recognition of the faculty members and program graduates within the professional communities.
- 2°.- To encourage postgraduate training centers from International NS to apply for EFP accreditation. The chairman invites the presidents of these societies or any interested program director or periodontal department chair to contact directly PEC for more information about the EFP accredited program.
- Dr. Goldstein thanked the members of his committee for the hard work and time devoted to the PEC.

The PEC chairman reported briefly on behalf of Dr. Preshaw on the UEC activities. Due to the pandemic, the UEC has not been able to make significant progress this year. The composition of the committee will be reviewed and new additional members added if required.

A document was prepared to develop a follow-on project from the survey of periodontal education and assessment that the UEC undertook several years previously. The committee will continue to work on the project with the aim to develop a set of core competencies for periodontal education and assessment in Europe. The plan is to utilise a Delphi methodology, involving periodontal educators from the schools across Europe to map what they consider to be the important minimum competencies. An attempt will be made to engage the national societies to promote participation. The proposed outcome would be to develop a set of core competencies for periodontal undergraduate education. Due to the pandemic periodontal education may significantly change. The survey and methodology may need to be revisited and reassessed.



4.2.- European Workshop on Periodontology

Dr. David Herrera, new chairman of the European Workshop in Periodontology, presented an overview of the activities undertaken by the committee in 2020 & 2021 and introduced briefly the ones scheduled for 2021 & 2022.

The XVI EWP on "Evidence-based guideline for periodontal therapy: Treatment of stages I to III Periodontitis. The EFP S3 Level Clinical Practice Guideline" chaired by Dr. Mariano Sanz and co-chaired by Dr. David Herrera and held in November 2019 in La Granja (Spain). The JCP published the Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) and the associated systematic reviews in 2020. Recently some corrections in the CPG were undertaken. An agreement has been signed between the EFP and Wiley for the copyright of the CPG and its translations and adaptations. The process of commentary, adoption or adaptation of the CPG has been designed by the Projects committee and the Workshop committee and follows the recommendations of the grade "Adolopment" process. The NS have started to implement the CPG on different levels. Many of them have translated the guidelines. The Spanish version has been adapted by commentary by the South American Federation of Periodontology (FIPP). Following this, many South American countries may do their own process of commentary. The EWP is working with the European Projects committee in producing infographics of the CPG addressed to general practitioners.

The XVII EWP on "Evidence-based guideline for periodontal therapy: Treatment of stage IV Periodontitis. The EFP S3- Level Clinical Practice Guideline" has been postponed to July 2021 due to the pandemic. All the systematic reviews have been submitted and are under review. The process of publication has been defined with Wiley and the JCP Editors. The papers will be published in an early on-line version. In a later stage, once the search has been updated, they will move to accepted article version. These articles will be published in a special issue once the CPG has been finalized. It is expected that the NS will start with the process of adoption/adaptation of the CPG in September.

The XVIII EWP on "Evidence- based guidelines for peri-implant therapy. The management of Peri-Implant conditions. The EFP S3 Level Clinical Practice Guideline" has been postponed from November 2021 to November 2022. The committee is working on the topics and on the working groups of the workshop.

The chairman presented a proposal to hold a mini workshop on periodontology and family doctors in February 2022 in Madrid. It will focus on the association between periodontal and systemic diseases: implications for dentists and family doctors. Initial contacts have been established with WONCA Europe.

The EWP has identified a topic for a future mini-workshop the association between neurogenerative and neuropsychiatric conditions and periodontal diseases and for a future workshop in 2023 Periodontal education at different levels: undergraduate, graduate and continuing education.

Dr. Herrera acknowledged the hard work of the Workshop committee, especially Dr. Sanz, co-chair of the committee, and the support of the Executive Committee during this year.

4.3.- Internal & External Affairs committee

Dr. Tiernan O´Brien, the Chairman of the Internal & External Affairs Committee, reported about the activities undertaken by his committee in the last year. The committee has grown over the years and combines periodontists and a professional team on communications. Dr. O´Brien thanked them for their support.

The website was rebuilt in 2020. A new website section for the EFP Alumni has been built. The CMS is working under the EFP control. Steve Disleris-Beck is acting as EFP advisor in this transition period. The EFP will provide machine translation



of the contents with google translator. The committee will explore another translator system called DeepL suggested by Dr. Corinna Bruckmann.

According to the data, Social Media is the main channel of interaction of the EFP with its members. An analytic procedure run by Liquid Light has been established. The data have been cleaned to reflect sa more accurate profile of the website. It is no longer enough to disseminate and broadcast. The EFP needs to be reactive and engaged with its social followers. A plan on Search engine optimization (SEO) has been agreed and put in place by Liquid Light. A website SEO strategy has been set up for 2021.

New achievements in the Press office: 9 press releases were sent out to European lay and dental media press in 2020. The publication of the Covid-19 stories has been an opportunity to attract the lay press and to establish relationships with journalists and editors. Two interviews in very important outlets have been held. 214 EFP stories were spread among major newspapers, new agencies, dental magazines and medical and science publications. A standard operation procedure (SOP) for press releases and the press policy have been established by the EFP.

The chairman presented briefly the list of publications produced annually by the EFP. Perio Review, the annual report of the EFP, is about to be launched. Perio Life, the new EFP Alumni magazine is available on-line in the Alumni section of the website. The plan is to produce 2 EFP Alumni newsletter per year.

The EFP Educational Virtual platform was launched in 2020 during lock-down. Several Perio sessions (webinars) and Perio talks (Instagram sessions) have been held in a monthly base. EuroPerio Series will be launched in the summer.

Dr. O'Brien informed that GHD 2020 led by Dr. Andreas Stavropoulos was very successful. A report will be presented later on in the agenda. Dr. Henrik Dommisch has been appointed coordinator for the 2021 campaign. He will present the videos produced for this year.

The committee continues to work on the dissemination of the new classification and the EFP campaigns linked to the partners projects.

In relation with the EFP 30 Years Anniversary, Dr. Joanna Kamma, EFP Content Editor, is working with Liquid Light on updating the EFP History booklet. It will be an on-line and dynamic version. The main objective is to highlight the work of all the people that have played a major role in the EFP's success over the years. The committee is also working on a logo for the Anniversary and planning to do several videos. Dr. Lior Shapira will work Dr. Kamma and the communication team on the 30 Years project.

Dr. O'Brien informed that he will finish his mandate as Internal & External Affairs chairman in March 2022 as well as Dr. Darko Bozic as EFP Webmaster. A successor plan will be established in the next months.

4.5.- EFP Alumni

Dr. Filippo Graziani, Chairman of the EFP Alumni committee, presented an update of the activities.

A section for the Alumni has been built in the new EFP website. Dr. Graziani invites the NS to check it and to send their feedback.

Perio Life, the EFP Alumni journal, will be launched in the next days. This new magazine will focus on relevant issues for the Alumni: practices, problems in the practice, management, communication... It has a specific and different graphic style than the rest of EFP publications. It will be published twice a year.

The chairman informed that at EuroPerio10 there will be the election of the new EFP Alumni committee and a gathering of the Alumni.



4.6.- Questions & Answers

Dr. Christoph Ramseier, President of the Swiss S Perio asked about the possibility for the EFP to share with NS the EFP Social Media plan and the SEO strategy. Dr. O'Brien informed that Liquid Light has just put in place a roadmap for 2021 to optimize the search engine. Most probably the actions undertaken by the EFP in this regard can be duplicated by the NS. Dr. O'Brien will ask Liquid Light about it. At this stage the EFP could share its google analytic data to help NS to identify what is relevant for google when building the contents of the website.

Dr. Xavier Struillou informed that the surplus of the EU Perio Master Clinic held in Dublin was used to support financially the translation of the CPG by the NS. Dr. Herrera thanked the EC for taking the decision to encourage the translation, first step in the process of adoption or adaption of the CPG by the NS.

Dr. Tiernan O´Brien pointed out how strong the EFP is in Postgraduate Education. The EFP may need to invest more time and money at Undergraduate level: a swot analysis to improve the package, to set up a strategy to reach the undergraduates. Dr. Goldstein welcomed the remark. The main problem is to influence the policy makers within the Universities. There are internal policies for educational aspects managed by ministries of health and education in each country. Dr. Philip Preshaw informed that the aim of the Delphi approach will be to identify a set of core competencies for periodontal undergraduate education across Europe. Once established the EFP will use it to try to influence what happens in the individual schools. Due to the pandemic, the project has been delayed. The whole periodontal education will significantly change in the next years. The UEC survey and methodology may need to be revisited and reassessed. Dr. Preshaw stressed that the EFP really needs to engage with the Undergraduates. Dr. Goldstein pointed out that by reinforcing the Postgraduate programs the EFP will influence the Undergraduate education in the dental schools. The PEC chairman encouraged NS to try to promote EFP accreditation among the postgraduate programs in their countries. Dr. O´Brien recommended to set up a strategy to become relevant to Undergraduate through different actions as the EuroPerio essay competition. Dr. Nicola West proposed appointing an undergraduate representative at each dental school and from this group a NS UG representative for each country with a virtual platform for the Undergraduates.

4.7.- Scientific Affairs committee

Dr. Phoebus Madianos, Chairman of the SAC, reported briefly on the main activities undertaken by the committee.

- * the JCP Digest: the publication lag-time of 3 months has been maintained. The Digest is translated to 7 languages. The chairman thanked Dr. Andreas Stavropoulos for coordinating the JCP Digest, the EFP accredited programs that produce the papers, the translators, Paul Davies and Santi Quinones.
- * Perio Insight: 3 issues published this year. The main article of the last issue published in October deals with Halitosis. The chairman thanked Dr. Joanna Kamma for her work running this publication and Paul Davies and Santi Quinones for the coordination.

* EFP Graduate Research Prizes 2020:

Dr. Phoebus Madianos, Chairman of the Jury, reported about the EFP Graduate Research Prize. 11 manuscripts were submitted: 3 papers on Basic science and 8 on Clinical Research. The papers were high quality, covering a wide range of research fields. The Jury was formed by Dr. Goldstein, Dr. Stavropoulos, Dr. Kuru and chaired by Dr. Madianos. There was a good agreement among the evaluators. The chairman encouraged all the accredited programs to participate in the next edition of the Prize.

The Jury has agreed that the EFP-Graduate Research Prize should be awarded to:



1st prize Preclinical/ Basic Research: "Antimicrobial effect of nanostructured membranes for guided tissue regeneration: an in vitro study" by J. Bueno, M.C. Sánchez, M. Toledano Osorio, E. Figuero, M. Toledano, AL. Medina Castillo, R. Osorio, D. Herrera and M. Sanz from ETEP (Etiology and Therapy of Periodontal Diseases) Research Group, University Complutense, Madrid, Spain and published in Dental Materials 36 (2020) 1566-1577.

<u>2nd prize Preclinical/Basic Research:</u> "Niche Specific Microbiota-Dependent and Independent Bone Loss around Dental Implants and Teeth" by O. Heyman, Y. Horev, N. Koren, O. Barel, I. Aizenbud, Y. Aizenbud, M. Brandwein, L. Shapira, A.H. Hovav and A. Wilensky from Department of Periodontology, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Hebrew University, Hadassah Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel and published in Journal of Dental Research 2020, Vol 99 (9), 1092-1101.

1st prize Clinical Research: "Clinical and radiographic assessment of circular versus triangular cross-section neck Implants in the posterior maxilla: A 1-year randomized controlled trial" from Lou Li Manni, Geoffrey Lecloux, Eric Rompen, Walid Aouini, Lior Shapira and France Lambert from Department of Periodontology and Oral Surgery, University of Liège, Liège, Belgium and published in Clinical Oral Implant Research 2020; 31:814-824.

<u>2nd prize Clinical Research:</u> "Alveolar bone level at deciduous molars in Flemish children: a retrospective, radiographic study" by Astrid Wylleman, Dominique Van der Veken, Wim Teughels, Marc Quirynen, and Isabelle Laleman from Section of Periodontology, Department of Oral Health Sciences, KU Leuven, Belgium and published in Journal of Clinical Periodontology 2020; 47: 660-667.

Dr. Madianos announced that the call for the EFP Research Prize in Periodontology (Jaccard Prize) will be done in September 2021 since EuroPerio has been postponed to 2022. Deadline for submissions: November 2022.

Dr. Nicola West thanked Dr. Madianos for the work done as Chairman of the SAC. His term ends in March 2022. A call for expressions of interest will be sent in the next coming months.

4.8.- Congress Committee report

Dr. Francis Hughes presented a summary of the main activities undertaken by the committee: proposing schedules for future EuroPerios, EU and International PMC; advising the EC on congress and conference contracts and playing an advisory role on EP10 and EP11 committees.

For PMC, it was approved by the GA that next European conference will take place in Antwerp in 2023. The International PMC is provisionally scheduled for Leon, Mexico for early Spring 2022. By summer 2021 the dates will be confirmed depending on the pandemic situation. The EC has agreed to reappoint MONDIAL to act as Core PCO for PMCs 2026 and 2027. The congress committee proposed a slight alteration scheduling the next PMCs: the European in 2026 and the International in 2027 since the scientific program of the International edition is a duplication of the European one.

The chairman informed that the committee has managed to secure the dates for EuroPerio10: 15th to 18th June 2022 at Bella Center in Copenhagen. These are ideal dates to hold the conference.

After discussions and consulting the NS, there has been a broad agreement to postpone EuroPerio11 to 2025. Unfortunately Munich, the preferred venue, has no availability on suitable dates. From the list of potential venues that can hold the conference, Vienna has dates: 14-17 May 2025. The committee is currently proceeding with contract with Vienna congress center.



The committee is also working on the venue for EuroPerio12 scheduled in 2028. Unfortunately Munich is not available in 2028. The committee is exploring an alternative suitable venue in Germany, in case this is not possible, the GA will be asked to select a venue from the EFP approved venue list following the regular bidding process in March 2022

Dr. Hughes presented on behalf of the congress committee a summary of endorsements requested at the GA:

- * To endorse the decision to take EuroPerio11 to Vienna in 2025
- * To give the mandate to the congress committee to investigate possible suitable German venues to hold EuroPerio12 in 2028
- * To otherwise bring forward proposals to select a venue for EuroPerio12 at the 2022 GA

After the EC meeting held on Friday, the congress committee has agreed to open the EP12 bidding process to all the suitable venues including any potential German venue that could fulfil the selection criteria.

The chairman thanked the EC members and MONDIAL for supporting the committee during this difficult year.

4.9.- EuroPerio10 Copenhagen 2022

Dr. Phoebus Madianos, chairman of EuroPerio10, presented a brief update of actions and decisions undertaken so far by the committee.

Due to the pandemic the committee took the wise decision to postpone the conference to 2022. The final dates 15th to 18th June 2022 have been set. These are ideal dates to hold EuroPerio.

The chairman reported on the status of the scientific program. It has been slightly amended. The faculty has been informed of the postponement. Their feed-back has been positive. Only one cancellation. There is a proposal of a Danish keynote speaker Prof. Katherine Richardson Christensen to give a lecture on Sustainability for the Opening Ceremony.

Dr. Madianos presented the abstract submission timeline. It will open on September 13th, 2021, same day than EuroPerio Serie.

The EuroPerio Virtual series will be launched in the Spring as a pre congress platform with highlights of EuroPerio past and future. It is expected that this initiative will attract a new audience and maintain the interest and visibility high for the participants and the industry during this one year gap. These virtual sessions will be linked to preregistrations for EuroPerio10. The programme is ready, pending to send the formal invitation to the speakers. The kick-off event is scheduled in Copenhagen in June 5th, 2021. The chairman thanked Dr. Herrera, Scientific chairman for designing the program of the EP Virtual series.

Dr Madianos presented an update of the sponsorship and the commercial exhibition. Most of companies have already reconfirmed the sponsorship for the new dates. The feedback of the sponsors has been positive. They have endorsed the decision of postponing EuroPerio. At this stage 24 sponsors and 30 exhibitors have confirmed their participation.

The Chairman presented briefly the marketing and promotion plan. The EuroPerio series promotion will be launched very soon. The registration to EuroPerio10 will open in September.

The EFP President asked the NS to encourage their members to register in June to EuroPerio10 to get the EP Series scheduled from September to March for free. It will help EFP to secure early registrations and to have an early vision of the number of attendees to the conference.



Dr Madianos thanked the whole EuroPerio10 committee for their support and hard work during this year.

4.10.- International Perio Master Clinic Mexico 2022

Dr. Alejandro Garcia, President of the Mexican Association of Perio and chairman of the II International Perio Master Clinic presented an update of the conference scheduled in Mexico in 2022.

In Mexico an epidemiological risk traffic light has been established to monitor the situation related with the pandemic. Leon is medium risk at the moment. It is expected that by December 2021 most of the Mexican population will be vaccinated.

The municipal government of Leon City has provided support to the publication of PMC in Forbes magazine in December. It is a very good initiative to promote the congress.

The government of Guanajuato will provide financial support to PMC. Poliforum Leon has agreed to hold the booking and wait to sign the contract in a later stage when the final decision has been taken.

Dr. Struillou clarified that the scientific program of PMC Mexico is a replication of PMC Dublin. The topic will be "Hard and soft tissue aesthetic reconstructions around teeth and dental implants" and the scientific chairman Dr. Anton Sculean. Some local speakers will be appointed. Dr. Sculean will discuss the final program, chairs and speakers with Dr Garcia.

4.11.-EU Perio Master Clinic Antwerp 2023

Dr. Peter Garmyn, chairman of the conference, presented briefly the topic "Perio Ortho synergy", the venue, Dr. Virginie Monnet-Corti as the scientific chair and the local organizing committee. The 4 Belgian Universities are represented in the committee.

The chairman presented a first draft program with a list of topics and the conference concept. New formats as Duo Master Clinicians/Expert lecture, My case pitch or the Lunch & Learn sessions will be introduced. Hands-on Workshops multidisciplinary focused will be organised by the sponsors prior to the conference. An exhibition will be set in the main entrance of the venue connected to the conference hall. The city of Antwerp will give support to the conference.

Dr Garmyn presented the goals and milestones: the speakers will be invited in Spring 2021, Call for videos for My Case speech in Summer 2021, preliminary program ready by Winter 2022, speaker selection for My Case speech in Spring 2022. Final program ready for EuroPerio, June 2022.

Dr Virginie Monnet-Corti thanked all the NS that have proposed potential speakers for the conference. The committee will consider the proposals when building the final program.

5.- GUM HEALTH DAY

5.1.- 2020 GHD report

Dr. Andreas Stavropoulos, chairman of the 2020 GHD reported briefly on the outcomes of the campaign.

He thanked Santi Quiñones, EFP communications coordinator for his support. Despite the pandemic, the campaign was very successful. It kept its global reach: 39 perio societies from 5 continents have participated actively. The assessment from the NS has been very positive. 94% of the NS have used the materials provided by the EFP. The tool kit provided by the EFP was very well received, especially the videos, the infographics and the posters. 88% of the participating countries have



used the slogan of the campaign. The promotion was done mainly through social media (Facebook and Instagram) and self-videos. Due to pandemic no press conferences or presential events were allowed.

The chairman thanked the NS for their support and active involvement on the campaign.

5.2.- 2021 GHD proposals

Dr. Henrik Dommisch, chairman of the 2021 GHD, presented briefly the campaign planned for May. It focuses on positive emotions combined with clear statements. The claim is that periodontitis is preventable and to invite people to visit the dentist. Four short movies in a cartoon format were produced to highlight various oral-health problems and encourage people to visit their dentist. The videos will be posted in the website available to NS and also distributed through Social Media.

The chairman thanked the EC and the communication team for their support building the campaign.

The President pointed out that GHD has become over the years the most important annual activity shared and promoted by the NS. He thanked the NS for their implication in the project.

Questions & Answers

The President asked the GA if there was any question related with the previous reports. No questions from the floor.

6.- JOURNAL OF CLINICAL PERIODONTOLOGY REPORT

Dr. Maurizio Tonetti presented an extended report of the 15 years running the JCP as Editor in Chief (2005 to 2021). The presentation is available in the Committee Forum in the EFP website.

The Editor thanked the EFP and the publisher for having given him the opportunity to lead the JCP and all the associate editors for their volunteer work and support over the years.

Dr. Tonetti introduced briefly his successor Prof. Panos Papapanou. He will do a fabulous job as new JCP Editor in Chief.

The SG and the President thanked Dr. Tonetti on behalf the EFP for his huge contribution and commitment during all these years as Editor and for his support to the Executive Committee.

7.- WELCOME NEW JCP EDITOR IN CHIEF

Dr. Nicola West welcomed the new Editor in Chief on behalf the EFP. He will take over after this GA.

Prof. Panos Papapanou thanked the EFP and the Publisher for the trust and support and for giving him the opportunity to serve the EFP as JCP Editor in Chief for the next five years.

Prof. Papapanou will establish a new editorial board that will include part of the current associate editors and new talents prolific researchers expert on the field in order to increase the diversity.

The new Editor thanked the NS for their financial support to the Journal that allows to implement new features.

8.- NS MEETINGS SUMMARY

The President reported briefly on the project undertaken to strengthen the communication with the NS and get a global overview of their needs. A questionnaire was sent to all the NS in October. 25 out of the 37 NS completed the form and sent back the questionnaire. 24 on-line one to one meetings with EFP President & NS President and Board members were



held between December and February. The feedback was very positive. The NS appreciated the initiative. Dr. Struillou discovered the diversity of the NS in membership, structure, activities...

A report was produced with a list of actions to undertake in order to fulfil the wishes and needs of the NS. EFP will offer them support on SM and communication. The speaker list will be refreshed and reactivated in the EFP website. In order to facilitate the horizontal communication between the NS the EFP will build a "live" section or a platform in the website to communicate between them. The President recommended to hold a mid-term virtual meeting between the EC and NS President in the fall after the EC meeting.

Dr. Struillou thanked the EFP European Co-ordinator for assisting him in this project and the EFP Head of Communications for the SM training sessions held with the NS. He pointed that that during this difficult year due to the pandemic these meetings with NS leadership were very positive and special experiences. He thanked the NS for their participation.

The President informed that the press training sessions for the NS will be probably scheduled in September.

9- SPECIALTY OF PERIODONTOLOGY IN EUROPE

Dr. Xavier Struillou, reported briefly on the current situation of the specialty recognition process. The Swedish authorities have rejected an automatic recognition of a European specialty in Periodontology. 11 countries that recognize and regulate the Specialty in Perio is the minimum required to propose EU wide recognition. The EFP leadership has approached the Swedish government through the Swedish Society of Periodontology without success. The EFP has asked the EU Group of Coordinators about the possibility of local adaptation. It is not possible. The recognition has to be automatic. The situation is blocked at the moment. The EFP has decided to stop the collaboration with H&K lobbying group for the moment.

The EFP & the Swedish Society of Perio will continue to work with the Swedish authorities to try to make them to change their decision and to be at least neutral.

The other option will be to wait for the regulation and recognition of Perio in another EU country. The EFP needs one or two countries recognizing the Specialty in Perio. Ideally a large country like France, Spain, Germany or Italy.

The President pointed out that the EFP has learned through all these years how to access the EU Commission for the future.

Dr. Struillou thanked Prof. Nairn Wilson for the excellent work done all over the years. Dr. Wilson has decided to retire. The President will continue to lead the process in 2021.

Dr. Struillou asked the NS to send him information about the current situation on their own country through Monica Guinea.

10- EFP AWARDS 2020

Dr. Nicola West announced the Awards for 2020:

• EFP Eminence Award: Dr. Mariano Sanz

EFP Distinguished Scientist Award: Dr. Tord Berglundh

• EFP Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Gernot Wimmer

The SG informed that the Award session has been postponed to the next EC meeting scheduled in Malaga in October.



11.- UKRAINIAN SOCIETY OF PERIODONTOLOGY: MEMBERSHIP STATUS

The Secretary General informed about the difficult decision made by the USP to voluntary terminate their membership of the EFP. The Executive has accepted their decision and wished them well.

12.-DATE AND VENUE GA 2022:

Next General Assembly will take place in Tel Aviv (Israel) on Saturday March 26th, 2022 hosted by the Israeli Society of Perio and chaired by Dr. Lior Shapira as EFP President.

13.- RATIFICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The GA formally ratified the updated composition of the Executive Committee:

Dr Lior Shapira, EFP President,

Dr. Nicola West, EFP Secretary General

Dr. Monique Danser, EFP Treasurer

Dr. Xavier Struillou, EFP Past President

Dr. Andreas Stavropoulos, EFP President Elect

Dr. Darko Bozic, EFP officer

Dr. Moritz Kebschull, EFP officer

Questions & Answers

The President asked the GA if there was any question related with the previous reports. No questions from the floor.

14.- ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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No other business to report

The President closed the virtual GA and thanked again the NS, the Core EC, the chairmen of the committees and of the working groups and the EFP staff for their support during his presidency.

Dr. Nicola West

EFP Secretary General

Dr. Xavier Struillou

EFP President