Dear friends and colleagues,

shortly before the end of my term I am contacting you again and hope that my small contribution during the time of my presidency will help to further develop Periodontology in Europe.

I thank everybody who supported me in these activities especially Monica Guinea and Pierre Baehni as well as Miss Riembauer from the German Society of Perio, who through their constant input and valuable advice made this commitment possible. I also thank the different national societies for their invitations which reflect their interest in the European Federation.

We are now in the state of implementing our new strategy, which will be a milestone in the development of the EFP and will change many aspects and hopefully help us to achieve what we were planning.

Again please keep us updated on the developments in your countries, so that we can circulate the information and help each other.

I also take the opportunity to invite all delegates to our next General Assembly which will take place in Munich in February.

We just finished another "Ittingen Workshop" which, under the umbrella of the EFP, was organized by Klaus Lang. I am pleased and very thankful, that Klaus has taken the burden of the organization again - for the last time -.

The EFP is deeply indebted to Klaus for his engagement over all the years where these gatherings provided valuable new information to the dental community. Also this time: the results and conclusions, which will be published in the Journal of Clinical Periodontology will lead to new and inspiring research projects, but also tell the public that still in many areas evidence is sparse.

During the next General Assembly Richard Palmer (United Kingdom) will take over the lead and become our next president. Already today I wish him the very best for a successful and inspiring period of presidency.

Joerg Meyle >>> President of the European Federation of Periodontology
Dear EFP members,

Now that the strategic planning process has been finalized and the implementation period is about to begin, the EFP is already flourishing and swiftly moving forward to support achievement of the strategic objectives.

One of our greatest assets for the advancement of the Federation is the concerted actions of all our committees. Another important aspect is communication, which is vital to ensure that all members are aware of the news and developments within the federation. EFP wants to be close to its individual members. The EFP news is an active tool, which brings you up to date on the actions and activities of the EFP. This bulletin has evolved within the EFP and seeks to provide for the needs of its members. We are continuously trying to find better ways of communicating with you, to make it more attractive and informative, and to make it the tool that delivers more and more information about our Federation.

The EFP news not only aims at informing all the members but also the institutions and key personalities in the field of periodontology, advising about the Federation and its active role in our field. This can also serve as an advertising tool to approach sister organizations and commercial partners, publicizing the EFP’s important role in the specialty, research and education in Periodontology, as well as clinical practice and prevention.

This newsletter also tries to inform you all about the cornerstone meetings of the national societies, the EuroPerio meetings, and all other important related meetings.

While we do our utmost to keep you informed of the latest happenings, we are also relying on you - our members - to advise us of any events you feel should be included in the EPS News Calendar. This is a great way to make sure that as many interested parties as possible know in advance about interesting events, so they can plan to attend. While many of these events are a chance for us to meet personally and exchange our views, between events, don’t forget to send in your suggestions and views about various subjects, which we’ll publish on the Fellow Member’s Note Post.

The EFP News is your newsletter, and we’ll keep on trying to make it better and more interesting for you, but we do need your feedback.

Joanna Kamma >>>Editor of the EFP News

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The advent of implants as an element of periodontal therapy is surely to be welcomed, as must be the improvements, current and future, to be expected in this aspect of our specialty. At the same time, is it not customary that so many of our periodontal conferences continue to be given over in large measure to this one treatment? After all, as dentists and particularly as periodontists, our main “raison d’être” is the preservation and maintenance of the natural dentition. In this context it is, perhaps, pertinent to remind ourselves that we use the title “doctor”. It is not just a title. It implies that we are physicians as well as surgeons, and that our patients as well as ourselves need sometimes to be reminded of this fact. Then they may learn to appreciate us as much if not more for our skills in diagnosis and non-surgical treatment as for our surgical ones, including implants. Of course, tooth loss may often result from other than periodontal reasons, but there is surely a major case for a greater balance in our meetings contents, given our primary periodontal aims, of preserving the natural dentition. And we may expect a gathering momentum of questions based on a patient’s expectation to keep the teeth for life, whenever possible.

Perhaps the lack of balance may derive from the use of the term “periodontal disease” as if there were only one. This cannot be acceptable, given the fact that the periodontium is subject to as wide a range of disease as any other body tissue, organ or system, and, not least, the renewed interest in the wide range of systemic diseases in which periodontal infection may be a factor.

We must not let our clinical practice lead us to imagine that we are a one disease specialty, or do we intend to leave all the “other” periodontal diseases to the care of our oral medicine colleagues? Perhaps our problems would ease if that main group which concerns us, the chronic inflammatory, as well as all the other periodontal diseases, were classified, as for most if not all pathologies, according to the rules of general aetiology and pathology (WHO 1978, Newman 1993). It is surely time to realise the breadth of our specialty, as did such as John Hunter (1778), W.D.Miller (1890), Orban (1942), Fish (1944), Merritt (1949), Beube (1956), Glickman (1958), Wade (1965) and others, as well as more recent classifiers, for example Pindborg (1989), Suzuki (1988), Carranza (1979) and Genco (1990). Clearly many have been aware of periodontal medicine, even if the term seems relatively recent (Newman 1994). But let us at last encourage our patients to welcome us as physicians. And to expect from us a far wider range of care, and not so much of it surgical, as that to which both they and we have become accustomed.

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References

6th European Workshop on Periodontology

Niklaus Lang, Chairman of the European Academy of Periodontology Committee organised the 6th European Workshop on Periodontology (EWP) the 2nd - 6th February 2008 in Ittingen (Switzerland). The main theme of the workshop was “Innovation and Periodontal practice”. This is considered to be the top scientific event in Periodontology in Europe. EFP gratefully acknowledges the work of this committee in accomplishing yet another successful workshop. The Scientific Advisory Board of the 6th EWP comprised Niklaus Lang, Jan Lindhe, Mariano Sanz, Maurizio Tonetti and Denis Kinane. A total of 73 Reviewers, Chairman, Secretaries and participants attended the 6th EWP.

The workshop, as usually, comprised 5 working group. Group A worked on “Innovation on non-surgical periodontal therapy”. Chairman was Sanz and Secretary Teughels. Review papers were presented by Lang and Krahenmann, Walmsley, Schwartz, Herrera and Heasman. Group B reviewed “Periodontal tissue engineering and regeneration”. The group was chaired by Palmer and the secretary was Cortellini. Reviewers were Sculean, Bosshardt, Trombelli and Cairo. Group C dealt with “Critical issues in bone regeneration and implant therapy” Chairman was Tonetti and Secretary Hammerle. Reviewers were Donos, Jung, Simion, and Pjetursson. Group D studied “Peri-implant infections”. Group E reviewed “Periodontal diseases and Health”. Chairman was Lindhe and Secretary Meyle. Reviews were presented by Zitzmann, Berglundh, Heitz-Mayfield, Renvert and Claffey. Finally Group E reviewed “Periodontal diseases and Health”. Chairman was Kinane and Secretary Bouchard. Reviewers were Houston, Rylev, Kilian, Persson, Wimmer and Salvi. The proceedings of the 6th EWP 2008 will be published by Blackwell Munksgaard as a Supplement to the Journal of Clinical Periodontology this year.

EFP wishes to bid a fond farewell to Niklaus Lang from his position as Chairman of the European Academy of Periodontology Committee. Niklaus Lang has substantially contributed in setting the stage of the academic tradition in Ittingen every three years, the European Workshop on Periodontology, which is the landmark event of Periodontology in Europe. Thank you Klaus for completing a highly successful term of 6 outstanding EWP at Charterhouse in Ittingen.

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A New, virtual Home!!

It was shortly after our meeting in Munchenwiller, when our fist "virtual" meeting point was set up on the Internet, with the kind hospitality of the Malmö University servers. As our young association moved on towards maturity, it became apparent that we needed to "expand" our presence on the web. Today, we can proudly present our new permanent Internet home, which opens its virtual doors at http://www.perioalumni.eu.

The domain perioalumni.eu belongs now to us and the site runs on a dedicated private server where we have the full control, thanks to the kind support of Professor Klaus Lang. The new web page is designed to be user-driven and allow all members to take initiative. A simple and quick registration is necessary to fully access all general functions such as our news updates and forums. Visit us!

Nikos Mattheos / EFP Alumni Web Editor

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MasterOnline in Periodontology - Competence for the future

The University of Freiburg has started a new master course beginning with the winter semester 2007/2008. Based on Prof. P. Rathka-Krueger’s initiative the University of Freiburg offers a nationally and internationally unique part-time and internet-based postgraduate training in Periodontology on a university level. The support by the Landesstiftung Baden-Württemberg made the implementation of this new course possible.

The internet-based program “MasterOnline in Periodontology” offers 16 students per year to acquire the academic degree Master of Science (M.Sc.) within three years mostly independent of time and place.

The clinical courses are conducted at the Department of Periodontology (Head: M. Matejka, MD, DDS, PhD). The two-year part-time course which will be peer reviewed and evaluated by a Scientific Board comprises a series of modules including lectures, seminars, tutorials, case presentations and transfer takes place in the internet. Study contents are created, updated and made available online by the lecturers. During the training sessions, the students practicise their manual-operative skills and apply their theoretical know how.

The course aims at licensed practising dentists with at least two years of professional experience and is chaired by Prof. Dr.med.dent. Petra Ratka-Krüger.

Postgraduate course in Periodontics starts in Austria

As of February 29th, 2008, 17 dentists started with a two-year part-time postgraduate course in periodontics at the Medical University of Vienna, Austria. This course was made possible by the joint cooperation of the Austrian Society for Periodontology (OEGP) with the Department of Periodontology (Head: M. Matejka, MD, DDS, PhD).

Corinna Bruckmann, MSc, Vice-President of the OEGP, having been trained in the EFP-accredited program in Nijmegen, NL, and Stefan Hienz, PhD, a graduate of the AAP accredited program at UCLA, set up the curriculum under the supervision of Prof. Matejka. Both are very well aware that this “beta-version” course does not yet fulfill EFP accreditation; however, a significant first step has been done and the course will be accredited by the Medical University of Vienna and the OEGP.

The clinical courses are conducted at the Department of Periodontology, Vienna and collaboration is planned with the Medical University of Graz (Gernot Wimmer, MD, PhD). The clinical courses are conducted at the Department of Periodontology, Vienna and collaboration is planned with the Medical University of Graz (Gernot Wimmer, MD, PhD).

Corinna Bruckmann, Vice President
Austrian Society of Periodontology

Autumn meeting of the Dutch Society of Periodontology

This meeting held on 15-16 November 2007 in the Jaarbeurs, Utrecht was one of the great NvP meetings. The title was “Periodontology and Implantology close connected”. On the Thursday evening Prof Dr. Bruno Loos chaired an interesting session held from research team of ACTA who presented their findings in this field. On Friday Prof Dr. Philippe Bouchard gave an excellent lecture on “Making a decision for the individual patient” while Prof Dr. Stefan Renvert gave a comprehensive presentation about infection-control and summarized new findings on peri-implantitis. Prof. Dr. Arie-Jan van Winckelhov presented microbiologic research as pre-implantologic diagnostic and diagnostic skills for peri-implantitis. Dr. Fridus van der Weiden and Dick Barendregt proposed the decisions and planning to make when starting with implantology. A parallel session for oral hygienists and prophylaxis assistants was held by Bernita Bush. The meeting was attended by more than 500 participants.

The new image of Peri-Implantology

The Dutch Society of Periodontology during the November 2007 General Assembly changed the name to “Dutch Society of Periodontology, scientific society of periodontology and implantology”.

Also the name of dentist-periodontist in “Parodontologen-NvP” was proposed and accepted. This means that 80 periodontists in the Netherlands have their official recognition as specialists in the field of Periodontology.

Maren de Wit / EFP Board Representative
Dutch Society of Periodontology

2nd Workshop of EFP graduate students

The 2nd Workshop of EFP graduate students was held in Ermelo (The Netherlands), 31 August to 1 September 2007. Ubele van der Velden took up the task of the local organization and the meeting was generously sponsored by Procter & Gamble. Seventy attendees from the EFP accredited graduate programs in Periodontology 23 teachers and 47 students participated in the workshop. At the end everybody agreed that the meeting was a resounding success.
A New Era of Relationship with European Periodontology

In 1996 Constitution of the EFP was amended in order to enable other interested periodontal societies, which did not qualify for full membership, to achieve the status of “Associate Member”. With the increasing number of member societies, it became necessary to establish separate meetings of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee. The latter consisted of the President, the President-elect, the Past-President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, two additionally elected members and, if necessary, other co-opted members.

The Executive Committee is responsible for discussing all actions that should be taken by the EFP and then prepare them for a decision by the General Assembly. This new procedure enabled the number of General Assembly meetings to be reduced to one per year.

The 2nd European Workshop on Periodontology which was organised by Niklaus Lang, Thorakin Karring and Jan Lindhe in conjunction with the EFP took place in Charterhouse at Ittingen, Canton of Thurgau, Switzerland, 3-6 February, 1996. The theme of this meeting was “Chemicals in Periodontics”. The proceedings of the meeting were published by Quintessence and a statement that it was held under the auspices of the European Federation of Periodontology was featured on the first page.

The Postgraduate Education Committee under the chairmanship of Ubele van der Velden has produced a document on the “Quality standards for graduate programmes in Periodontology” which provided the necessary harmonization of periodontal training. With this document the EFP set forth the standards and requirements to be used in the evaluation of Periodontology training programmes applying for accreditation by the EFP.

Booklets on “Curricular Guidelines in Undergraduate Education” and on “Graduate Programme in Periodontology” were produced by the Committee on Undergraduate Dental Education (Chairman Mariano Sanz) and Committee on Graduate Dental Education (Chairman Ubele van der Velden) respectively. These booklets have been distributed to all Deans of 225 dental schools and heads of Periodontal departments in Europe, national periodontal societies, the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE), the American Academy of Periodontology and the Fédération Dentaire Internationale (FDI).

Massimo DeSanctis reported that he had been approached by the AAP concerning possible future collaboration and that he had proposed a meeting of EFP with AAP delegates to be arranged during EuroPerio 2 in Florence.

Prizes & awards

The Dutch Society of Periodontology

The 2007 Research Prize was awarded to Bizarro S, van der Velden U, ten Heggeler JMAG, Leivadaros FJ, Gerdes VEA, Bakker SJL, Gans ROB, ten Cate H & Loos BG for their study “Periodontitis in characterized by elevated PAI-1 activity” which has been accepted for publication in Journal of Clinical Periodontology 2008.

Four research papers were submitted and judged by an international jury with Prof. Dr. Hugo De Brujin as Chairman. The Research prize for 2007 was sponsored by Procter & Gamble.

BSP Prizes 2007

The 2007 Research Prize has been awarded to Dr. Mark Lappin, from Queens University, Belfast, for his project “Host Parasite Interactions in Periodontal Disease - Inhibition of LPS-induced NFkappaB activation by SLPI”.

The Frank Ashley Undergraduate Prize 2007 was awarded to Arthif Danial from King’s College London Dental Institute for the project “Periodontal Disease and Diabetes: A Dental Elective Study Based In The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia”.

The 2007 Sir Wilfred Fish Research was awarded to Dr. Nagihan Bostanci, from Queen Mary’s School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, for her project “Novel regulators of bone resorption in periodontal disease: the molecular interplay of RANKL-OPG-TACE.”
Dear friends and colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that the organisation of EuroPerio 6 is running smoothly. I would like to stress the support from the dental industry. 3 Diamond (Nobel Biocare, Biomet 3i and Procter & Gamble), 6 Platinum (Straumann, Zimmer Dental, Mis, Philips, Friadent and Colgate) and 9 Gold (Biohorizons, Acteon, Geistlich Biomaterial, Dentaid, Sunstar, Bti Biotechnology Institute, Gaba International, Lifecore Dental and Neoss) sponsors have already signed the contract. 2 Publishing partners (Blackwell Munksgaard and Quintessence) will participate actively in the promotion of the congress.

The scientific program is almost ready and will be approved by the General Assembly in Munich the end of February. In March you will receive the first announcement with the highlights of the scientific program. EuroPerio 6 committee met twice in the last 6 months: in September in Stockholm and in December in Amsterdam. I want to thank the Dutch Society of Periodontology for all the arrangements and the invitation to a very nice boat trip and dinner in Amsterdam. In the next months, the registration on-line will be opened.

I invite you to visit www.europerio6.net.

Prof. Dr. Stefan Renvert
EuroPerio 6 Chairman

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EuroPerio 7

Vienna, 1-3 June 2012

The bids to host EuroPerio 7 were officially presented by Dr. Corinna Bruckmann for the Austrian Society of Periodontology, Prof. Antonis Konstantinidis for the Hellenic Society of Periodontology and Dr. Korkud Demirel for the Turkish Society of Periodontology during the EFP GA meeting in Munich on 23 February. The GA voted for the best candidature. The Austrian Society of Periodontology was elected to host EuroPerio 7 from 1-3 June 2012 in Vienna.
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