Standards for reporting chronic periodontitis prevalence and severity in epidemiologic studies

Until now, variations in protocols and definitions of periodontal disease across the world have hindered the efficient international exchange of scientific literature.

A group of experts - the Joint EU/USA Periodontal Epidemiology Working Group - is now proposing a solution to this problem: a set of guidelines which will allow periodontal scientists to compare the prevalence of periodontal disease across different studies, population groups, and countries. These guidelines, once accepted by the international periodontal community, will help deliver consistent reporting of future epidemiological studies concerning periodontitis.

Click here for the EFP Publications page where you'll find a link to the paper published in the JCP and also a link to a SciVee Pubcast.

Gum health matters, the EFP tells European policymakers and top officers

EFP president Sören Jepsen led a federation delegation in a pioneering visit to the European Parliament in Brussels on June 17. A successful networking day included meetings with MEPs, policy advisors, experts and senior officers. The visit represents the beginning of an exciting engagement with relevant actors in European decision-making.

JCP Digest 12 – genome-wide study finds increased risk of severe periodontitis in men

Read an abridged version of the original JCP article by Moreno, Tsarouchi, Kousounis, Nibali, and Donos, which shows how an associated intergenic region of 140-kb, situated upstream of the gene NPY, conferred an increased risk for aggressive periodontitis in men but a decreased risk in women. The JCP Digest is available in six different languages.

Prime-time BBC programme highlights periodontal disease
A two-part BBC One documentary investigating poor dental hygiene gave a boost to public awareness of periodontal disease in the UK. The prime-time programme 'The Truth about Your Teeth' was screened on June 4 and June 11, and the second instalment explored periodontal disease and its treatment, featuring EFP secretary general-elect Iain Chapple.

EFP's Facebook page passes 2,000-subscriber milestone

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