



**EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF PERIODONTOLOGY
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EFP GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Held on Saturday 22nd March 2014 in Brussels (Belgium)**

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EFP European Coordinator	Ms. Mónica Guinea		
EFP Media Consultant	Mr. Javier Garcia		
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EFP Award	Dr. Niklaus Lang		



The EFP President, Dr. Michèle Reners opened the Meeting of the EFP General Assembly. On behalf the Belgian Society of Periodontology she welcomed the EFP delegates in Brussels, especially those attending the GA for the first time.

1.- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The President presented briefly the agenda of the GA. The Minutes of last EFP General Assembly held in Jerusalem in March 2013 were approved without amendments.

2.- REPORTS

2.1.- President

Dr. Michèle Reners, EFP President, reported briefly on the activities undertaken during her year of Presidency: visiting EFP Societies (Belgian, French, Spanish and Ukrainian) and contacting Russian S Perio; her attendance to the EFP Postgraduate Symposium in Lommel (Belgium), to the AAP meeting in Philadelphia and ADF in Paris; her participation in the EFP Delphi Consensus Conference in Athens and in the 1st Master Clinic in Paris and her attendance to the Better Oral Health European Platform meeting in Brussels. She couldn't attend the Dutch and Swiss annual meetings due to previous commitments.

The EFP President pointed out the lack of guidelines for the President's role, for the functions of the Elect members and for the tasks of the EFP delegates as well as the need to integrate juniors in the EFP committees. Together with Dr. Phoebus Madianos and Dr. Sören Jepsen, the EFP President has been working in developing the following guidelines already approved by the EC.

The EFP officers or Board members (BM) should be informed about EFP activities and involved in the committees: BM1 in the External Affairs committee; BM2 in Education and EuroPerio committees and BM3 in European Workshop in Perio and EuroPerio committee. The Immediate Past President should chair the nominating committee and assist the president in the role of representation.

The President's role will focus on: representing the EFP in whichever forum is possible; participating in as many society congresses as possible; following up the strategic plan and making proposals for strategic decisions; chairing the GA and EC meetings and prepare them in close collaboration with the SG; being member of all the standing committees and chairing meetings with BM2 and BM3.

Dr. Reners presented the following guidelines to be fulfilled by the EFP delegates: be elected for a mandate of maximum 3 years renewed only once; should be an active member of the national society; should send a report to the GA that summarize their EFP activities within their national societies and send proposals of issues to be discussed at the GA; after the GA the EFP delegates should presented a summary of key issues discussed to their national board and national GA; have to inform Dr. Joanna Kamma and Dr. Tiernan O'Brien about the news and activities of their national societies to be spread through the main EFP communication channels (Newsletter and web). The EFP delegate should play an active role and bring home messages after the GA to his/her national society.

The EFP President presented the following proposal for the EFP Junior Officer profile: has to be proposed by national societies; selected by the BM and the chairman of each committee; presented at the GA, Graduated in Periodontology; having experience in his/her national society board and will be member of a committee for 2 years. A call will be sent in the next months to the national societies asking for potential candidates.

Dr. Reners thanked the EC, the standing committees, Strategic Executive officer, the EFP co-ordinator, the Belgian Society of Perio and her team for their support during her Presidency.



2.2.- General Secretary

Dr. Stefan Renvert, EFP Secretary General, summarised his activity during this year. He has been regularly in contact with Ms. Monica Guinea, EFP Co-ordinator, and with the members of the EC to stay updated with the activities in the different committees and the daily work of the Federation.

He attended internal EFP meetings with External Affair committee and EuroPerio8 committee. He was invited by the Turkish, Japanese, Ontario societies and AAP. During the AAP meeting in Philadelphia he participated in a meeting with the AAP officers together with the EFP President.

The EFP Secretary General has been involved in the specialty recognition process with N. Wilson and H&K Strategies. The key message for the national societies is to secure that government bodies won't vote against. Dr. Nairn Wilson, EFP Strategic Executive officer will report later on this issue.

2.3.- Treasurer (Report 2013, forecast budget 2014)

Dr. Joerg Meyle presented his report as new EFP Treasurer. In May he took over from Dr. Iain Chapple and established the Treasurer office in Giessen that works closely with Ms. Monica Guinea at EFP office and EFP/EC representatives. A new email address has been set up to be used for the transmission of payment orders and invoices. 2013 has been a transition year in the treasurer management.

The EFP Treasurer presented the EFP AISBL balance sheet 2013 and the Income & Expense account that reflects the financial situation at December 31, 2013.

Expenses for the accountant and auditor have increased which is due to the VAT registration of the EFP and the new fiscal obligations. The workload for the treasurer's office has also increased considerably.

Dr. Joerg Meyle informed that the cost for the JCP on-line subscription has not been modified. The on-line fee remains €31/subscriber. The €2 extra are retained by the EFP to implement innovative developments such as the JCP pubcast.

Regarding the annual contribution of the national societies he reported that the British Society of Perio has over paid € 300. The amount will be deducted from 2014 annual contribution invoice.

The 4 EFP partners have continued to support financially the EFP in 2013: Dentaïd, Procter & Gamble, Sunstar and Johnson & Johnson.

The compensation for promotional work related with EuroPerio7 has been distributed to the societies according to the calculations presented at the GA in Jerusalem. Financially the year 2013 and EuroPerio7 accounts have been closed, audited and reported to the tax authorities in Belgium. The EFP societies approved the final audited accounts of the EFP AISBL for the year ended 31st December 2013.

The Treasurer presented the Forecast 2014. He informed that the contract of Ms. Monica Guinea as EFP employee has been signed. Based on the current situation and the preliminary budget, he confirmed the sound financial situation of the EFP that allows developing a long- term business activity to deliver the strategic plan. The General Assembly approved unanimously the 2014 budget forecast.

Dr. Joerg Meyle expressed his will to set up an "on-line" bank transaction system in order to make administrative work easier and also to reduce the bank transaction costs. Such a system will facilitate the treasurer work. He is searching for an international bank that will allow it. By introducing a second bank account financial risks will be also better controlled. The EFP Treasurer has developed a classification system for the EFP projects that will allow identifying easily costs and incomes.

The EFP Treasurer also reported on the potential advantages to register the EFP as non profit association in Switzerland: no VAT registration, no VAT payments, reduce workload for accounting and auditing as well as the expenses, reduce fees



for bank transfer, easy investment in different currencies, unlimited assets as long as the purpose of the Federation is respected. He will get advice from the lawyers.

In terms of financial administration, the Treasurer summarised the key points of the strategy he would like to implement: restructuring of the business network; Electronic bank access and electronic payments for daily control of accounts; decision on future location of the EFP (tax, currency...), introduction of a second bank and saving account; evaluation of different investment strategies and partial involvement of savings.

3.- REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

The reports from the committees, posted in advance in the EFP web, were reviewed briefly

3.1.- Education committee: Undergraduate and Postgraduate

Dr. Ubele van der Velden, Chairman of the Postgraduate Education committee (PEC), reported briefly on the main activities carried by the committee: the evaluation of the PG program of Tel Aviv and Barcelona in process; the re-accreditation of Jerusalem program and the pending application of Gent. The University of Giessen will apply in the next months.

He informed about the Postgraduate symposium held in Lommel (Belgium) in September chaired by Dr. Marc Quiryne and Dr. Wim Teughels and sponsored by Procter & Gamble. During the symposium the Board of the PEC and the program directors met and discussed key issues as the structure of the presentations, the registration process and the requirements of the scientific report as part of the final examination. The EC agreed on the proposal from the Chairman to modify slightly the "Quality standards for Graduate programs in Periodontology" document in order to not overload students. The changes approved are the following. "Instead of having to present a report of the research project carried out by the student it will be replaced by a concise list of publications that are relevant for the area of the research project of the student. The report of the research project carried out by the student should be presented in a format demonstrating the potential to be published in an international peer reviewed English language journal instead of a hard core journal".

The chairman presented the list of students graduated from an EFP Accredited program in 2013. Actually 12 programs are accredited by the EFP and 38 certificates were issued in 2013.

The PEC has undertaken the task to evaluate the manuscripts for the EFP Graduate Research Prize. Dr. Korkud Demirel chairman of the Jury will report later on.

The chairman announced that the next Postgraduate symposium will take place in Madrid the 18th and 19th September 2015.

Dr. Moshe Goldstein will take over as Chairman of the Postgraduate Education committee. Dr. Ubele van der Velden will remain as past chairman in the PEC committee.

Dr. Korkud Demirel, Chairman of the Undergraduate Education committee (UEC), informed that he has continued to work on the survey questionnaire addressed to the undergraduate Perio program directors to evaluate in what extent schools meet the objectives and learning outcomes as defined in the consensus report and to evaluate the preclinical and clinical work done by the students throughout their undergraduate training. The response rate has increased and so the results of the survey have improved. The chairman has established a task force group to review the curriculum guidelines and evaluate the results of the survey. The group will meet in Amsterdam on the 5th May and produce a report on the level of undergraduate periodontal education and the clinical expertise redounded by this education.

3.2.- European Workshop on Periodontology

Dr. Mariano Sanz, Chairman of the European Workshop Committee (EWP), reported briefly on the X European Workshop in Periodontology on "Periodontal Plastic Surgery and Soft Tissue Regeneration" held in La Granja from the 10th to 13th



November 2013 co-organised by Osteology Foundation and sponsored by Geistlich. The proceedings of this Workshop have just published on-line by Wiley as a supplement of the JCP.

The Chairman presented the next Workshop that will focus on "Prevention of periodontal and peri-implant diseases" to enhance the importance of Perio in General Health. This XI meeting will be the 20th Anniversary of the EWP. It will be sponsored by Johnson & Johnson and Procter & Gamble, both EFP partners. Four working groups have already been established and the reviewers appointed. The committee is actually working on the list of participants.

The outcomes of this workshop will be used by EAC and EP8 for the EFP communication strategy.

Dr. Sanz invited the Presidents and EFP delegates of the national societies to propose topics for future workshops.

3.3. Congress

Dr. Jean Louis Giovannoli, Chairman of the 1st Master Clinic, presented a final report of the congress held in Paris in February: 520 participants from 45 countries; 68% members; feedback from participants very positive; small financial benefit. The format of the meeting has been very well received. The chairman thanked his committee and Grit Becker from MONDIAL and Paolo Bellocco from GDS 3D for their support. The outcomes of this pilot project have been very positive. A 2nd EFP Master Clinic will be scheduled in January/February 2017. The congress committee will develop operational guidelines and a bidding procedure and present them to next EC meeting in October. The call for applications will be sent out to the national societies before Christmas. The selection process and vote on applications should be taken at the next GA in March 2015. This winter meeting offers the possibility to small societies to organize an EFP meeting. It also helps to promote EuroPerio congress.

Dr. Jean Louis Giovannoli, Congress committee chairman, informed that the committee is updating the guidelines for EuroPerio selection process. Two new working documents will be produced: one for the venue & committee selection and one for the bidding procedure. The selection of the venues will be a living document updated annually. The venues have to be reevaluated. The new format of EuroPerio will also affect the benefit distribution among societies. The selection of the committee will be completely modified as well as the involvement of the host society. EuroPerio chairman could be from a different society than the one hosting the congress. A new position will be identified in the committee: the national chairman from the local society. These new guidelines will be presented at the next GA for approval. They will be sent in advance to the national societies.

At this stage the venue for EuroPerio9 has to be selected to secure 2018 booking. MONDIAL and the congress committee have identified two potential venues that fulfil the requirements to handle the congress: Bella Center in Copenhagen (Denmark) and RAI in Amsterdam (The Netherlands).

Dr. David Herrera stressed that the process should be more transparent. There could be other venues in Europe that fulfil the criteria. The national societies should have received the list of potential venues identified by the EFP in advance and be invited to propose other venues to be evaluated by MONDIAL and the congress committee. Dr. Maurizio Tonetti pointed out that when selecting the venue hotel prices, connection and attractiveness of the city are key issues to be evaluated.

The GA voted for EuroPerio9 venue. RAI (Amsterdam) was selected. The potential days: 16 to 18 June 2018. MONDIAL will contact the venue and try to find better dates in June not so closed to Midsummer.

Dr. Jean Louis Giovannoli will send to the national societies the new EuroPerio guidelines in the next months. At the next GA Athens 2015 EuroPerio9 committee will be established. The congress committee will also be restructured.

Dr. Francis Hughes, Chairman of EuroPerio8, reported briefly on main issues: scientific program; sponsorship; social program and marketing and promotion. He pointed out that the key issue today is to approve the registration fees. First announcement will be launched beginning April.



Dr. Mariano Sanz, EP8 Scientific chairman, presented the scientific program including titles and speakers. Most of the speakers have already confirmed. Few speakers have requested slight changes in the title of their lecture. The public involvement session organised by BSP is progressing. Dr. Steve Jones has confirmed his participation in the plenary lecture as well as Dr. Jan Lindhe, Dr. Paul Sharpe and Dr. Klaus Lang as key note lecturers. The Scientific chairman asked the GA to encourage colleagues to submit abstracts for the Research and Clinical innovations sessions.

Dr. Korkud Demirel, EP8 Treasurer, presented an update of the sponsorship and exhibitor applications: 7 Diamond, 3 Platinum and 9 Gold sponsors have committed and 488 m² exhibition sold so far. Industry incomes are in the same level than EuroPerio7. The committee is working on the agreements with Quintessence and Wiley, Publishing partners.

In terms of marketing & promotion plan, the Chairman reported briefly on the actions scheduled: the BSP road show, the Ambassador programme, the EP8 newsletters calendar, the promotion scheduled at national society meetings, the printed materials (1st and 2nd announcements), the website, the promo-slide, the video clip, the advertisements....

The Chairman presented the registration fees for EP8 (Vienna fees + 15%). It was discussed setting up different fees for EFP students and non EFP students. Not all EFP societies have student membership. Finally the GA agreed to maintain one category "students" as in previous EuroPerios. The GA approved the proposed registration fees.

For the Networking program, Dr. Hughes informed that the congress party will take place at Fox@Excel: a series of bars connected at Excel. This venue could handle up to 1.200 participants. The price for participants will be €22 and include one drink and light dinner. There will be a live band. This concept has no financial risk. BSP may like to brand it. They are very supportive on the concept. The information will be included in the 2nd announcement that will be launched in the beginning of September. The party will take place on Thursday evening in parallel to society dinners.

Dr. Hughes encouraged Presidents and EFP delegates to promote the congress particularly among general dentists and dental hygienists in their own countries.

3.4.- External Affairs & Communication campaign

Dr. Edwin Winkel, Chairman of the External Affairs Committee (EAC) presented "The EFP Brand and communication strategy" for 2014 to 2016 on line with the EFP Strategic plan that will be undertaken by Mr. Javier Garcia, Media consultant. To develop properly the project the involvement and support of national societies is crucial. Each society should nominate a communication manager.

Mr. Garcia and his team will coordinate the campaign. It will be structured in three phases: 2014 will focus on brand and communication strategy, 2015 on EuroPerio and European Perio Awareness day and 2016 will be devoted to celebrate the 25th Anniversary. Mr. Garcia will develop an annual plan and a budget for each year.

Dr. Tiernan O'Brien, EFP webmaster, summarised briefly the actions undertaken and the achievements in the last year. The website traffic remains high. The number of returning visitors, as an overall percentage of visitors is increasing. It could be a sign of appreciation of the improved and diverse content as well as the continuously change and update of contents. He pointed out a huge increase of UK visitors probably due to EuroPerio8 London. The figures are encouraging and reflect the dynamic nature of the website. EuroPerio plays a key role attracting people to the EFP.

The management of the web (posting news, events...) is mainly done by Canterbury Web, the administrators of the national societies and Ms. Monica Guinea, EFP Co-ordinator. Dr. O'Brien thanked the administrators for their active participation and encouraged them to post news and events as well as to keep the member database updated.

The redesign of the web doesn't seem necessary. The current design appears to be working well. Classified ads section will be removed. The EuroPerio website (managed by MONDIAL) and the European Workshop website (managed by J. Garcia team) work off www.efp.org site and are massive additions to the web circulation.



An EFP Forum has been built by Dr. Katrien Vermynen (Belgium) and it is ready to go on-line. The concept is to have a European wide forum online available for discussions, sharing of clinical experiences or any other project that will benefit from group discussions. EFP members will be allowed to post photos and RX. The EFP webmaster encouraged national societies to participate actively posting and discussing cases.

Dr. O'Brien informed that an interview to Dr. Niklaus Lang has been posted at the Perio Channel. The feedback has been very positive. The next interview will be addressed to Dr. Ubele van der Velden.

The EFP Webmaster introduced the JCP summaries that will be posted monthly in the EFP web and send by bulk email to EFP members. Reader friendly for general dentists of the most popular JCP articles. The project will be developed in the next months by the new Scientific Affairs committee (SAC).

The EAC is also studying the possibility to build an elearning platform and post high quality procedures videos in the EFP web member area. The EC is working on it and no decision has been taken yet.

Dr. Joanna Kamma, EFP Newsletter Editor, presented briefly the contents of the 2013 October issue (Vol 18, No 1) that includes the highlights of Jerusalem GA and Prizes & EFP Awards, reports of the standing committees; news from national societies; an advertisement from each EFP partner and one from AAP. The Newsletter has been posted in the EFP web and sent to national societies, EFP partners and sister organisations.

The periodicity will be changed in 2014 from 2 to 3 issues per year. The format will remain the same.

The Editor pointed out how difficult is to get contents. She invited national societies to submit their news and upcoming events either to her or to M. Guinea at the EFP office. She encouraged them to participate in the members note post and to send the profile of their national society.

4.- DELPHI STUDY PERIO EU

Dr. Phoebus Madianos, Chairman of the Delphi study reported on the project: two rounds of questionnaires were sent out to 120 experts representing EFP and EU countries and belonging to three different profiles: clinical setting, Universities and Public Health Sector. The analysis was performed at European as well as dental care model system level, considering 5 models: Nordic, Bismarkian, British, Southern and Eastern. A Consensus conference was held in Athens in January to validate and discuss methodological issues and non consensus items of the questionnaire. The project is now at its final stage. Dr. Juan Carlos Llodra has elaborated a final document with all these final inputs from the participants. Dr. Phoebus Madianos presented it to the GA. The document will be ready for publication in the next months. Two documents will be produced: an executive summary (7-10 pages) and a full document. They will be published on-line in the EFP web. The innovative and key aspects of the project will be highlighted.

5.- JOURNAL OF CLINICAL PERIODONTOLOGY

Dr. Maurizio Tonetti, JCP Editor, reported on the main activities carried out in 2013. He thanked the EFP societies, the European researchers and the strong team of editors for their involvement and support to the Journal. Wiley through its technology has been able to bring the JCP everywhere in the globe. Strong presence in emerging countries in South America and Asia. The Journal maintains a very high impact factor.

The JCP is a key tool in the EFP strategy and a fundamental component of the EFP communication plan. The Workshop proceedings are the publication of the consensus reached at the workshops on relevant Perio issues. Next challenge will be to translate JCP key articles into clinical practice through reader digest summaries. The new Scientific Affairs committee (SAC) chaired by Dr. Iain Chapple will implement it in the next months.

JCP is the most accessible dental journal around the World. 8.000 consortia academic institutions make it widely available.



The SciVee pubcast (video broadcast of authors discussing their manuscript while reader sees the full manuscript) implemented by Wiley has increased circulation and member readability. More than 40.000 hits in 2013.

6.- SPECIALTY OF PERIODONTOLOGY IN THE EU

Dr. Nairn Wilson, EFP Strategic Executive, presented an update of the process of the recognition of Periodontology as a Specialty in the EU. A substantial progress has been done in the last months.

The lobbying undertaken by EFP with the support of Hill & Knowlton has played an important role in the adoption of the new Professional Qualification Directive 2013/55/EU that includes provision for the possible addition of one of more dental specialties to the existing list of EU recognised specialties (Oral Surgery and Orthodontics). To achieve the goal of Perio being added to this list, Dr. Nairn Wilson stressed that it is necessary to encourage the European Commission Free Movement of Professionals Unit to introduce the necessary second legislation. They will support it if they are certain that secondary legislation proposing the addition of Perio to the existing list doesn't meet with any resistance from member states, including those member states where Perio is recognised as specialty.

At this stage the active role of national societies is crucial ensuring individually and collectively that the attitudes across Europe towards the inclusion of Periodontology in the list of recognised dental specialties is, and remains favourable. Lobby governments to be sure they are not against.

Dr. Wilson has contacted recently the national societies and asked them to approach the relevant person in their national government office to ensure a neutral attitude. He will be pleased to assist them in the process. He also asked the EFP societies to inform him in case of any resistance and negative views by the competent authority responsible for dental speciality in their countries.

Perio being recognised as a specialty at EU level doesn't force the countries to recognise it at national level.

Dr. Wilson will update the EFP position paper taking account of the feedback from national societies. He invites national societies to update him on any relevant developments and actions undertaken in the last months.

In the next months, the EFP Strategic Executive will work very closely with the national societies. Due to EU election, the process will be delayed 6 months. The EFP will benefit of more time to work on the process. He asked delegates of the national societies to make the contacts with their national government by July 1st. The collaboration from national societies is extremely important to succeed in the process. The support in 2013 from the national societies has been excellent.

N. Wilson reported briefly on the Platform for Better Oral Health in Europe. He encouraged EFP to support it.

7.- CONSTITUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Korkud Demirel reported on behalf Dr. Birgitta von Troil Chairman of the Nominating committee. The committee has received 5 proposals from EFP national societies and decided to recommend the 3 following candidates for the Executive Committee: Dr. Gareth Griffiths (United Kingdom), Dr. Xavier Struillou (France) and Dr. Gernot Wimmer (Austria). The candidates presented their C.V. briefly at the GA.

The GA voted on the position and Dr. Gernot Wimmer was elected by a majority.

The GA approved the following composition of the Executive Committee

PRESIDENT	Dr. Phoebus Madianos (2014) (voting member)
PRESIDENT ELECT	Dr. Sören Jepsen (2014) (voting member)
IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT	Dr. Michèle Reners (2014) (voting member)
GENERAL SECRETARY	Dr. Stefan Renvert (2014) (voting member)
TREASURER	Dr. Joerg Meyle (2014) (voting member)
EDITOR	Dr. Maurizio Tonetti (2014)
2 ELECT MEMBERS	Dr. Juan Blanco (2014) (voting member) Dr. Gernot Wimmer (2014) (voting member)



8.- APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: RUSSIAN S. PERIO

The EFP Secretary General informed about the membership application received from the Russian Society of Periodontology. The Executive Committee has reviewed the application and has decided to recommend the society as Associate member to the GA.

Dr. Alexander Grudyanov (RSP President) presented the profile and main activities of the society. The GA approved the Russian Society of Perio becoming new Associate member of the EFP.

9.- EFP GRADUATE RESEARCH PRIZE 2013

Dr. Korkud Demirel, Chairman of the Jury, reported that 6 excellent papers were submitted in 2013 for the EFP Graduate Research Prize. The Jury has followed the evaluation criteria set up by Dr. Ubele van der Velden, Chairman of the PEC committee.

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

1° Prize: Anti-infective therapy of peri-implantitis with adjunctive local drug delivery or photodynamic therapy: six month outcomes of a prospective randomized clinical trial by D. Schär, C.A. Ramseier, S. Eick, N.B. Arweiler, A. Sculean and G.E. Salvi and published at Clinical Oral Implants Research 2013 Jan;24(1):104-10.

2° Prize: A Systematic review on the effects of local antimicrobials as adjuncts to subgingival debridement, compared with subgingival debridement alone, in the treatment of chronic periodontitis by P. Matesanz Perez, M. Garcia Gargallo, E. Figuero, A. Bascones Martinez, M. Sanz and D. Herrera and published at Journal of Clinical Periodontology 2013; 40 Mar; 40 (3): 227-41.

3° Prize: Absorbable collagen membranes for periodontal regeneration: a systemic review by C. Stoecklin Wasmer, A.W.S. Rutjes, B.R. da Costa, G.E. Salvi, P. Jüni and A. Sculean and published at Journal of Dental Research 2013 Sep; 92 (9):773-81.

The EFP President thanked Dr. Korkud Demirel (Chairman), Dr. Noel Claffey, Dr. Sören Jepsen and Dr. Richard Palmer for evaluating the papers.

10.- EFP AWARDS

The EFP President gave the following 3 EFP Awards:

- Eminence in Perio to Dr. Ubele van der Velden
- Distinguished Scientist to Dr. Niklaus Lang
- Distinguished Service to Dr. Jean Louis Giovannoli

Dr. Michèle Reners received a pin and plaque from the EFP Secretary General for serving the EFP in the last years.

11.- REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

The chairmen of the 3 working groups summarised briefly the discussions.

As Annexes reports from the 3 working groups

1° group "Communication among national societies" chaired by Dr. Mariano Sanz

2° group "Communication EFP & national societies" chaired by Dr. Tiernan O'Brien

3° group "Continuing Education" chaired by Dr. Moshe Goldstein

12.- DATE AND VENUE GA 2015 & 2016

Saturday 28th March 2015 in Athens (Greece) hosted by Dr. Phoebus Madianos

Saturday 9th April 2016 in Germany hosted by Dr. Sören Jepsen. City to be confirmed



13-ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Bo Danielsen, President of the Danish Society of Perio invited Presidents and EFP Delegates of the national societies to attend the 50th Anniversary of the Society at Elsinore (Denmark) on the 3rd and 4th October 2014.

The President adjourned the meeting of the General Assembly.

Dr. Stefan Renvert
EFP Secretary General

Dr. Michèle Reners
EFP President



Annexe 1:

Working Group “Communication between national societies” chaired by Dr. Mariano Sanz

In this working group different methods for communication between national societies were reviewed. Representatives from the societies reported on projects or programs launched in their respective countries that may serve as an example for other societies.

As an example the Belgium Society of Periodontology reported on their project to register all cases bone necrosis secondary to bisphosphonate drug intake. Other big societies as the Italian, Spanish or German Society of Periodontology reported on large scale projects to improve the quality of clinical processes involving surgery (SIDP), to increase awareness of the importance of periodontal health in diabetes patients (DGP) or to develop a network of private clinics in periodontology to participate in research projects organized by the perio society (SEPA).

The communication of these activities among the societies was considered as very important and this horizontal way of communication should also be fostered and supported by the EFP. Through the EFP Web or other media, the EFP should develop a platform for communication among the societies. This platform should also serve as a mean to exchange materials, mostly as a way how the big societies could help the small ones



Annexe 2:

Working group “Communication EFP & National societies” chaired by Dr. Tiernan O’Brien

Following discussion on a variety of issues, the conclusions of the working group on EFP – National Society Communications were as follows:

1. National Societies need more lead-in time from the EFP when they are requested to take action e.g. implementation of a public health campaign etc. This lead-in time may need to be up to a year in advance to allow the National Societies to modify their own agenda.
2. National Societies need prior notice and more background information on any vote they need to take at the G.A. for example – they need to know in advance who the candidates are for the E.C. and be supplied with a brief c.v. for each candidate.
3. There needs to be much more time at the G.A. for National Societies to input into the workings of and the strategy for the EFP. The G.A. has become an exercise in listening to reports and rubber stamping decisions that have already been made by the E.C. It was suggested that the following approach may be beneficial
 - (a) National Societies can submit in advance to the EC any proposal or issue they would like addressed at the G.A.
 - (b) The EC have time to do some background research on this issue so they are informed in advance of the G.A.
 - (c) The other National Societies are advised in advance of the issues to be addressed at the G.A.
 - (d) The issue is then debated at the G.A. for a defined and pre-agreed period of time – similar to a National Parliament Debate
 - (e) A Vote is then taken
 - (f) Decisions taken in this way then form part of the minutes which are circulated to each National Society.

In this way, more sharing of thoughts, ideas and plans will be possible between National Societies.

4. The minutes of both EC meetings in the year should be available to National Societies.



Annexe 3:

Working Group "Continuing Education" chaired by Dr. M. Goldstein, Dr. U. van der Velden and Dr. K. Demirel

What CE system exists in each country?

There is a large diversity in different aspects between the countries:

1. Continuing education is mandatory only in very few places, in most countries not. Even when existing, mostly the requirements are at the GP level and not as specialists in periodontology (even in some countries that have perio recognized as a specialty)
2. When existent, CE "credits" are in some places required by the "authorities" (national dental chamber, ministry of health, etc.) and in other places by non-governmental bodies like the national dental association or the periodontal society. The implications regarding renewal of license are major or minor, accordingly.
3. The authorities that recognize CE courses / congresses are in many cases granting more CE credits to local "basic" meetings than to international events like the EuroPerio.
4. In all the countries are numerous (apparently too many) CE courses, many of them – in some places the majority, organized by the industry or private groups and institutions. The impression is that the quality is low and that there is only minor involvement of academic institutions or the perio societies in the amount, content, requirements and didactic / clinical outcomes of these courses. Apparently there is no organized control of any of the above mentioned aspects in regard to these CE courses.
5. All the societies are organizing some kind of congresses / courses / symposia. Some of the smaller societies have difficulties to organize syllabus "higher impact" congresses due to high financial expenses when inviting international speakers. Other societies have difficulties to bring doctors working in small, distant places due to the distance between their resident places to the major cities where the meetings take place.

What type of CE is needed?

1. Some countries like Finland, Switzerland, UK and other do not need anything.
2. Basically, all the other societies feel the necessity of some regulation system of CE courses. Need for evaluation of what is really needed either by GP's or specialists, some control of the content and the outcome of these courses. Definite need of a quality assurance system for CE courses.
3. A common feeling is that there are too many dental implants related CE opportunities compared to periodontal treatment ones. There is need of an effort to increase the CE events aimed at improving the will and knowledge to treat periodontal diseases.
4. A system of providing CE education to remote / distant locations. E-learning could be an option. "Migratory" courses intended for a limited audience based on a "scaffold" syllabus, another possibility (like they have in the UK). Costs to be evaluated.
5. Some of the smaller societies feel the need for more extensive exposure to international knowledge and speakers. Apparently, the knowledge provided in the literature is not enough, especially from the clinical applications point of view.
6. It seems that at least at the national level the "classical" large congresses with a multitude of speakers, participants and covered subjects may not be sufficient or even relevant anymore. More "subject focused", limited attendance courses / meetings have the potential to provide more efficient CE at least for specialists. There is a need for thinking "out of the box" and trying to find new methodology and systems for modern and applicative CE.

How may the EFP be involved in the CE education of member societies?

1. Several societies feel that there is no need for the EFP to help with local CE, everything necessary is already provided.
2. Continue with the Master Clinics congresses in, more or less, the same format. Several of the delegates regarded the MC in Paris as a very efficient tool for clinical CE.
3. Provide guidelines for CE courses / symposia. To evaluate the possibility to prepare after each EFP Workshop some kind of a concise summary that may serve as such a guideline directly relevant to the topic of the Workshop. It could be a task for Junior officer.
4. Somehow similar to the previous paragraph: to consider the possibility to prepare "position papers" on different aspects of periodontology that could be disseminated by the societies among their members and other dental professionals.
5. Continue in the future to upload on the web site the lectures from the EuroPerio congresses. Also, the presentations, including the videos, from the Master Clinic congresses.
6. Provide more detailed information about CE courses / classes organized by the societies, especially the "big" ones. Members of some societies want to participate in such courses that are organized in other countries. Therefore, to put on the EFP website a detailed list of CE opportunities including information about the syllabus, speakers, format (lecture, hands-on, live patients, etc.).
7. Aid small (but not only) societies to organize joint national meetings. Thus facilitating lower expenses regarding organization efforts and enable the organizers to invite "costly" international renowned speakers.
8. Have some form of "accreditation" of CE courses by the EFP. The organizers would send a form that includes the syllabus, content, information about the speakers, etc. for evaluation. The EFP will, if appropriate, a "stamp" of quality assurance to the event.

This is a summary of the GA delegate remarks in the working group. It is obvious that some of the above mentioned wishes / requests cannot be answered by the EFP. Nevertheless, it is apparent there are things that we can do after some thought, consideration and "brain storming".