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#### EFP launches new season of Perio Sessions webinars and reinforces its online strategy

#### Professors Mariano Sanz, Ian Needleman, and Iain Chapple will give the first three webinars in a new series of EFP Perio Sessions, an initiative of the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP) to disseminate the latest scientific research to dental professionals around the world.

#### EFP Perio Sessions is the cornerstone of the new EFP Virtual, an online strategy for sharing expert analysis and opinion on key issues in periodontology and implant dentistry.

**Brussels, 5 November 2020**. Interactive webinars about important scientific issues in global periodontology and implant dentistry, given by leading experts and open to anyone interested at an affordable cost – this is what is offered by EFP Perio Sessions, a series of webinars created by the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP).

The second series of EFP Perio Sessions, which begins on 19 November, will provide oral-healthcare professionals around the world with the latest research and evidence to help them expand their knowledge base and improve their professional performance. The monthly webinars will be of interest to general dentists, periodontists, researchers, hygienists, students, teachers, and other members of the dental team.

Following a successful first series of EFP Perio Sessions, which ran from April to June, the new series features a programme of top periodontal scientists discussing a wide range of topics relevant to dental practitioners. Half of the sessions will be devoted to explaining in detail the EFP’s S3-level Clinical Practice Guideline for the treatment of periodontitis, stages I, II, and III, which provides evidence-based recommendations on therapeutic interventions.

Mariano Sanz, professor of periodontology at the Complutense University of Madrid in Spain, will give the first EFP Perio Sessions webinar of the new series on 19 November, discussing ‘Guideline introduction: treatment of periodontitis stage I, II and III from diagnosis to treatment planning.’

On 10 December, Ian Needleman, professor of periodontology and evidence-informed healthcare at UCL Eastman Dental Institute in London, UK, will discuss ‘Oral health, elite sport, and performance’, explaining research into the relationship between all three of them. On 28 January, 2021, the EFP returns to the clinical-practice guideline, with Iain Chapple, professor of periodontology at the University of Birmingham in the UK, discussing behavioural change and risk-factor control.

Other leading periodontal scientists will deliver presentations over the following months, with one new EFP Perio Sessions webinar every month. Access to each webinar will require prior registration and the payment of a €35 fee (+ VAT). Full details about registration and the calendar of webinars are available at [www.efp.org/efp-virtual](http://www.efp.org/efp-virtual)

**EFP Virtual**

The EFP Perio Sessions form a core component of the newly launched EFP Virtual, an online strategy for providing high-value scientific knowledge about periodontology and implant dentistry to the dental community around the world. EFP Virtual takes advantage of video streaming and online interaction to disseminate this knowledge to a global audience.

As well as EFP Perio Sessions, EFP Virtual comprises EFP Perio Talks, conversations between leading periodontal clinicians that take place as Instagram Live sessions on the federation’s [Instagram page](https://www.instagram.com/perioeurope/). More video-streaming initiatives will follow soon.

“Last spring, during the pandemic lockdown, the EFP continued to offer to its members perio training with a high scientific level by starting to explore the possibilities of live, interactive video presentations with the new EFP Perio Sessions and Perio Talks,” explains Xavier Struillou, EFP president. “Both formats proved successful and were very appreciated by practitioners, so the EFP decided to develop them further and this has led to the creation of EFP Virtual.”

“Our EFP Perio Sessions webinar series features an outstanding programme of our most influential and inspiring speakers to keep you up to date in perio and wanting to learn more,” explains Nicola West, secretary general of the EFP.

**EFP, global benchmark in periodontology**

The European Federation of Periodontology (EFP, [www.efp.org](http://www.efp.org)) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting awareness of periodontal science and the importance of gum health. Its guiding vision is “periodontal health for a better life.”

Founded in 1991, the EFP is a federation of 37 national periodontal societies that represents more than 16,000 periodontists, dentists, researchers and oral-health professionals from Europe and around the world. It supports evidence-based science in periodontal and oral health, and it promotes events and campaigns aimed at both professionals and the public.

The EFP organises EuroPerio, the world’s leading congress in periodontology and implant dentistry, as well as other important professional and expert events such as Perio Master Clinic and Perio Workshop. The annual Gum Health Day on May 12, organised by the EFP and its member societies, brings key messages on gum health to millions of people across the world.

The EFP also organises workshops and outreach campaigns with its partners: projects to date have covered the relationship between periodontal disease and diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and caries, as well as women’s oral health during pregnancy.

The EFP’s *Journal of Clinical Periodontology* is the most authoritative scientific publication in this field. The federation also publishes *JCP Digest*, a monthly digest of research, and the quarterly *Perio Insight* magazine, which features experts' views and debates. The EFP’s work in education is also highly significant, notably its accreditation programme for postgraduate education in periodontology and implant dentistry.

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