The EFP and Oral-B have launched an educational project on oral health during pregnancy. The Oral Health and Pregnancy web subsite (housed within the main EFP website) provides a wealth of material about the links between periodontal disease and adverse pregnancy outcomes. It also explains how teeth and gums should be cared for during pregnancy and the actions to be taken by women and health professionals. The subsite (oralhealthandpregnancy.efp.org) includes guidelines for oral-health professionals, other health professionals, and women, along with news, features, videos, infographics, and brochures. It also includes the four fully-referenced scientific reports on which the guidelines were based, which were written by experts including the EFP’s Mariano Sanz (chair, workshop committee), Phoebus Madianos (chair, scientific affairs committee), and Filippo Graziani (elected member, executive committee).

A toolkit is being created for the 30 EFP-affiliated national societies of periodontology to use in their own campaigns. The Oral Health and Pregnancy project is the first of several projects the EFP is launching with its partners.

The global mission of the EFP

Secretary general Iain Chapple outlines his vision

Half-way through his three-year mandate as secretary general, Iain Chapple reflects on the increasingly international nature of the EFP, which he sees as “the global opinion leader on all issues relating to periodontal health and dental implants.” He talks about plans to create a new form of international associate membership for countries beyond Europe and the new “branch” projects with partners. Full interview, page 3
The EFP postgraduate symposium in Ireland shows high quality of accredited programmes

The EFP's 7th Postgraduate Symposium took place on September 7 to 9, bringing together well over a hundred students and university lecturers for an intensive programme of clinical and research presentations.

The symposium took place at the Slieve Rus -

Call for global action on periodontal disease

Iain Chapple outlines his global vision

Iain Chapple talks to EFP News about the federation's plans for international expansion, its strategic plan, and its new projects with partners.

What is your vision of the EFP?

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A call for global action to reduce the impact of the burden of periodontal diseases on health and well-being has been issued in a health-policy paper published in May by the Journal of Clinical Periodontology (EFP), the EFP's scientific journal. The paper – "Impact of the global burden of periodontal diseases on health, nutrition and wellbeing of mankind: A call for global action" – was written by four international scientific leaders including EFP president Sven Jepsen.

The symposium provides a special opportunity to bring these students together to benefit from a high-level, EFP-developed scientific discourse. The event also enables the directors of the accredited courses to meet and agree on updates to the EFP programmes.

"These were two very intense and busy days. The research projects were diverse, covering numerous aspects of periodontal science, and the level of the studies and the quality of the reports were very high," said Moshe Goldstein, chair of the EFP's postgraduate education committee.

"The clinical cases covered all aspects of modern periodontology and implant dentistry and it was really impressive to see the level of knowledge and the clinical performance of the students."

The symposium featured 15 sessions, moderated by teachers of the accredited postgraduate programmes. Each session featured a clinical presentation and a research presentation given by postgraduate students from the programmes.

The symposium provided a special opportunity for the EFP to disseminate the paper among their members and partners.
Activities organised for European Gum Health Day 2017 by EFP-affiliated national societies of periodontology included:

Innovation, expertise, and an exciting city: Michèle Reners gives her vision of EuroPerio9

Michèle Reners, chair of the organising committee for EuroPerio9, says that the Amsterdam 2018 congress will be more interactive than previous EuroPerios, with a greater participation from women and younger periodontal professionals, and with many innovations in the schedule.

Giving more prominence to women and younger professionals has been a key aim of the EuroPerio9 organising committee. “EuroPerio is the ‘temple’ of periodontology and everybody must have a chance to express their views and to exchange their experience,” says Dr Reners. “For the young generations, it is a unique opportunity to create a network with peers coming from all over the world – and we want to stimulate this!”

There will also be more interactivity than in the past, as the organisers seek to take advantage of new technology. There will be a sophisticated EuroPerio9 mobile application to enable participants to provide feedback and take part in voting.

Other innovations include – for the first time at a EuroPerio congress – live surgery, with a team of top surgeons performing periodontal/palp-implant plastic surgery and then responding to questions. Another novelty is the debate session where the use of systemic antibiotics in periodontology will be debated by leading experts in light of the global threat of antibiotic resistance.

While EuroPerio9 will showcase the successes of the periodontal profession, there will also be a “Nightmare session”, featuring what Reners describes as “the worst cases that we are able to treat and those that we couldn’t treat the way we wanted to.”

Inspired by the “TED Talks” format, EuroPerio9 will offer “Perio Talks”, delivered during the 1st EFP Graduate-Alumni Symposium, organised jointly by the new EFP Alumni project and the Postgraduate Education Committee. The speakers – past and present graduate students at EFP-accredited programmes – will present short talks (10 to 12 minutes) about what has inspired their professional careers.

EuroPerio9, which took place in London in June 2015, is a tough act to follow: the biggest-ever EuroPerio with almost 115,000 attendees from 115 different countries.

The EuroPerio9 organising committee expects to exceed the numbers from London for the congress’s research sessions by up to 36 per cent.

The “early bird” registration rate – which applies for registrations made before March 14, 2018 – offers discounts of up to 22 per cent on late registration.

Since EuroPerio7 in Vienna (2012), a key role in attracting people to the EFP’s world-leading triennial EuroPerio congresses has been played by the EuroPerio9 Ambassadors. There is one ambassador for each EFP-affiliated national society of periodontology, and outside the organising committee and professional conference organiser Mondial Congress and Events, the ambassadors probably play the biggest role in encouraging people to attend the EuroPerio congresses.

Starting their work in December last year, the 30 ambassadors for EuroPerio9 (Amsterdam, June 2018) have 18 months of carefully co-ordinated work to spread the word about the congress to colleagues, why missing EuroPerio9 is simply not an option from a clinical or scientific point of view,” says Spyros Vassilopoulos, chair of the EuroPerio9 Ambassadors Committee.

In carrying out their role, the ambassadors act as liaison officers for EuroPerio9 promotional activities within their national societies. These activities include:

• Distributing promotional e-mails from the EuroPerio9 organising committee to members of the national societies and to other potential delegates.
• Identifying major national meetings in periodontology and dentistry in their own countries and organising promotional activities at these events.
• Establishing and cultivating contacts with opinion leaders, institutions (dental chambers, for instance), related societies, and other bodies that might help promote EuroPerio9.
• Sharing EuroPerio9 social-media posts.

By the end of May 2018, says Vassilopoulos, the ambassadors will have visited more than 80 congresses where more than 70,000 delegates will have seen promotional material about EuroPerio9.

EVENTS

Registration for EuroPerio9 is open and abstracts can now be submitted

The deadline for submitting abstracts of presentations of both scientific research and clinical reports is November 28, also the deadline for submissions of manuscripts to be considered for the EFP Clinical Research Prize in Periodontology, to be awarded at the EuroPerio congress.

Abstracts, which must be written in English, will be approved according to their scientific or clinical merit and should be based on previously unpublished data. Full guidelines on abstract submissions, a list of approved topics, and are available at the Abstracts section of the EuroPerio9 website.

Registration for EuroPerio9 opened on September 25 and abstracts of presentations for the congress’s research sessions may now be presented for consideration.

The RAI Amsterdam centre is a large venue and it is very well located, close to Schiphol Airport, one of the biggest hubs in Europe. Amsterdam is easy to reach by plane and train and, as Reners points out, “it is also a cheaper city compared to London.”

Summing it all up, Michèle Reners says: “I think that the combination of the location, the scientific programme, and our communications plans will create a very interesting meeting. Even if there are many people, everybody can have the benefit and experience EuroPerio in a good way.”

The EuroPerio9 organising committee has published full details of the scientific programme for the congress, with more than 70 different sessions featuring over 120 speakers who will bring the latest expertise in periodontal science and clinical practice.

Highlights include:

• Live surgery: in a session moderated by Massimo de Sanctis – live periodontal and peri-implant surgery will be carried out by Giovanni Zucchelli and Martina Stafane.

• Treatment Planning – Interactive Session: Complex treatment-planning scenarios will be presented by Christoph Hammerle and David Nisand and possible treatment decisions and solutions will then be discussed by an interdisciplinary team of experts.

• 3D session: in a cinema-style auditorium, top experts will display 3-D films about reconstructive surgery at teeth and implants.

• TED Talks – 1st EFP Graduate-Alumni Symposium: These talks – modelled on the “TED Talks” format – will be based on the topic: “Periodontal experience and discoveries worth spreading.”

• Nightmare session: Master clinicians will present some of their worst treatment scenarios, explaining how they could have been avoided, how they might have been rescued, and the lessons that they have learned from their mistakes.

Other highlights of the programme include a plenary lecture on technology and innovation by Dutch astronaut André Kuipers and a keynote lecture from Klaus Lang on “50 years in periodontology.”
EFP Manifesto now has 780 signatories...

A total of 780 individuals and institutions from 65 countries have now signed the EFP Manifesto “Perio and General Health” – an increase of more than 60% since the end of January.

The EFP Manifesto is a call to action in terms of prevention, early detection and treatment of periodontitis.

Based on the conclusions of the 9th European Workshop in Periodontology, it is the first formal declaration in international dentistry to condense years of research into the links between periodontal disease and systemic illnesses into an acknowledgement of periodontitis as a major public-health issue.

The EFP invites individuals together with companies and institutions involved in health care to sign the manifesto and join a growing community of professionals and experts who want a fundamental shift in the perception of dental professionals’ responsibilities.

As of October 18, the manifesto had attracted 780 signatories – 581 individuals and 199 companies and institutions. That represents a rise of 324 signatures since the end of January when the total stood at 456 – an increase of 71 per cent.

... as Twitter page gains more than 1,000 followers

The EFP’s page on the Twitter social-media platform now has well over a thousand followers and during the last year its tweets have been seen by more than 2.5 million people.

As of October 10, a total of 2,482 tweets had been published on the EFP’s Twitter page (@PerioEurope), 916 of these during the previous 12 months. The page received 8,195 “likes”, 41% more than during the same period of 2016. As well as Twitter, the EFP provides news and information about its activities via the social-media platforms of Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

Round-up of events held across Europe by EFP-affiliated national societies

Recent activities by the 30 national societies of periodontology affiliated to the EFP include:

The annual conference of the British Society of Periodontology (BSP), held in London on June 22 and 23, put the focus on optimising performance in periodontology and implant therapy.

The Czech Society of Periodontology held its biannual Perio Days on May 19 and 20 in the village of Smí by South Bohemia, at which the keynote lecture was given by Moshe Goldstein, chair of the EFP postgraduate education committee.

The French Society of Periodontology (SFPIO) held its annual meeting on June 8 to 10 devoted to the subject of soft tissues (“The Pink Matter”), with a strong line-up of speakers and more than 400 attendees.

A lively “Young Professionals” meeting was held by the German Society of Periodontology (DG PARO) in Düsseldorf on July 8 at which speakers addressed a range of topics under the heading “Periodontology versus implantology: duel of disciplines.”

The 51st annual congress of the Spanish Society of Periodontology and Osseointegration (SEPA), held in Malaga on May 25 to 27 brought together around 4,500 periodontists and other oral-health professionals in one of the biggest gatherings of its kind outside the EFP’s triennial EuroPerio congresses.

The Ukrainian Society of Periodontists held a conference in Kyiv on April 6 and 7 devoted to modern approaches to diagnostics and treatment of patients with both periodontal and systemic diseases.

EFP full member societies

Austria Österreichische Gesellschaft für Parodontologie
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Czech Republic Česká Parodontologická Společnost
Denmark Dansk Parodontologisk Selskab
Finland Suomen Hammaslääkäri Säätiö
France Société Française de Parodontologie et d’Implantologie Orale
Germany Deutsche Gesellschaft für Parodontologie
Greece Ελληνική Περιοδοντολογική Εταιρεία
Hungary Magyar Parodontológiai Társaság
Ireland Irish Society of Periodontology
Israel Israeli Society of Periodontology and Osseointegration
Italy Società Italiana di Parodontologia e Implantologia
Netherlands Nederlandse Vereniging voor Parodontologie
Norway Norsk periodontist forening
Poland Polskie Towarzystwo Periodontologiczne
Portugal Sociedade Portuguesa de Periodontologia e Implantologia
Romania Societatea de Parodontologie din Romania
Serbia Udruženje Parodontologa Srbije
Slovenia Združenje za ustne bolezn, parodontologijo in stomatološko implantologijo
Spain Sociedad Española de Periodoncia y Osteointegración
Sweden Svenska Parodontologföreningen
Switzerland Société Suisse de Parodontologie / Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Parodontologie / Società Svizzera di Parodontologia
Turkey Türk Periodontoloji Derneği
United Kingdom British Society of Periodontology

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Russia Российская Пародонтологическая Ассоциация
Ukraine Асоціація лікарів-пародонтологів України