



EADPH Newsletter

May 2019

The Organising Committee at the University of Ghent would like to invite you to the next **24th EADPH Congress**

Theme: Patient-centered care: multi-sectoral approach to improving oral health

Congress venue: Ghent, Belgium

Date: 12th-14th September 2019 with a pre-conference workshop on Wednesday 11th September 2019



Pre-Conference Workshop Wednesday, 11th September 2019

Best practices in dental curricula development- a follow-up to the 2018 pre-congress workshop in Mallorca.

The aims of this workshop are:

- To discuss reports of planned or actual changes in dental curricula, which have occurred since the last workshop in 2018
- To discuss innovative inter-professional activities, which address developing public and dental public health challenges.

Important dates for the 24th EADPH Conference

REGISTRATION

For conference registration, please follow the link below (or copy and paste the link into your browser):

<https://eadphcongress.com/>

Early registration ends on 1st of August 2019.

We look forward to welcoming you in Ghent.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

1st June 2019

For guidelines on abstract submission please follow the link below:

<https://eadphcongress.com/abstracts-submission.html>

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Dates for Your Diary - meetings in 2019

- ♦ 12th European Public Health Association (EUPHA) Conference (20th -23rd November 2019)

<https://ephconference.eu>

- ♦ 66th Congress of the European Organization for Caries Research (ORCA), (3rd - 6th July 2019)

<http://www.orca2018.org/>

- ♦ 45th Meeting of Association of Dental Education in Europe (ADEE)(21st-23rd August 2019)

<http://www.adee.org/meetings/>

EADPH activities in 2018

**23rd EADPH Conference in Palma de Mallorca, Spain:
18th-20th October 2018
Educating the Oral Healthcare Workforce to Provide Effective Prevention of Oral Diseases**

GSK/EADPH Research Prize

The GSK EADPH Research prize for 2018 was awarded to Dr Wright for his oral presentation on "Randomized clinical trial in a community setting aimed to explore cost-effectiveness of additional preventive fluoride varnish application ."



EADPH would like to thank our sponsors: the Borrow Foundation, GSK and Colgate for their continued support.

EADPH Pre-Conference Workshop

The Boundaries between Caries and Periodontal Diseases. What are the Implications for Education in Dental Public Health?

On Wednesday, the pre-conference explored the limits between caries and periodontal disease, in which work groups were formed to explore development of the dental curricula and conclusions were proposed.



The joint congress 23rd European Congress of the EADPH (European Association of Dental Public Health) and the 24th National Congress SESPO (Spanish Society Epidemiology and Oral Public Health) was held in Palma de Mallorca, at the Sa Nostra cultural center.

This is the second time that a joint conference has been held with EADPH, the first being in Santander more than 20 years ago.

The opening ceremony was lead by the Counselor of Health of the Balearic Islands, Ms. Patricia Gómez. This was followed by a guest speaker Dr. Benoit Varenne, Dental Officer in the Department of Disease Prevention NCD (non communicable diseases) at the WHO. He addressed the need for changes in education of future dental professionals to enable tackling the global burden of NCDs.



On Friday morning, Dr. Natasha Azzopardi, President of the European Public Health Association explored the role of the dental workforce in the prevention of NCDs in public health. This was followed by an interesting presentation from Prof. Nigel Pitts (ACFF), about educating the oral healthcare workforce to provide effective prevention of oral diseases (caries).



EADPH Collaborative Activities

Proposal for setting up a EUPHA section on Oral health



Background

In recognition that NCDs share common risk factors with oral health, Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, the current President of EUPHA was invited as a keynote speaker to the recent EADPH conference in Palma De Mallorca (2018). This builds on collaboration between EADPH and EUPHA. EADPH is already a partner organization in EUPHA. Members of the EADPH have attended EUPHA meetings in the past.

The mouth cannot be considered in isolation from the rest of the body; oral health is being increasingly linked with other general health and systemic diseases including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, respiratory diseases and cancers.

One example of potential multidisciplinary work is the impact of sugars on oral and general health. Evidence from systematic reviews have demonstrated associations between sugars consumption and a myriad of chronic diseases and conditions including dental caries, weight gain and obesity, type II diabetes and cardio-vascular diseases. The WHO's Global Action Plan on NCDs 2013-2020 clearly recommends the reduction in consumption of free sugars in food and drinks for better oral and general health outcomes.

A second example is the benefits of tobacco control on both the general and oral health. General health outcomes include reduced incidence of ischemic heart disease, stroke, and cancer. Tobacco control can result in improved oral health outcomes reducing the prevalence of periodontal diseases and head and neck cancer. It was surprising to note that the monitoring report on the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control showed that only 52 countries stated their dentists were involved in tobacco control in some form. It is recommended that health care workers including dental teams should be offering tobacco advice routinely to their patients.

Aim of the oral health section

To contribute to the prevention of oral diseases in the context of better general health and tackle health inequalities.

Objectives

1. To contribute to the achievement of SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) including universal health coverage
2. To build on the partnership between EADPH and EUPHA and to adopt inter-disciplinary collaborations with different sections of EUPHA -putting oral health on everybody's agenda.
3. To disseminate evidence-based knowledge and give guidance to public health professionals and policy makers to support implementation, monitoring and evaluation of strategies and interventions
4. To adopt inter-professional collaboration in terms of policy, education and practice and contribute to capacity building of the future public health workforce
5. To strengthen partnership with external stakeholders including WHO, WFPHA, local public health associations, the EU Commission, FDI (World Dental Federation)

Steering Committee for the Oral Health Section

Members of the Steering Committee for Oral Health have already been identified who are geographically distributed to represent all areas across Europe and from different positions to advocate for oral health. The Committee met in London on 18th January 2019 to draft this proposal and prepare for the next steps. The Steering Committee for Oral Health will submit a workshop on the conference theme in Marseille- 'Building bridges between oral and general health to tackle health inequalities-the case for sugar'.

Excellence in Dental Education Award

ADEE invites colleagues who are non-full professorial staff members in a school holding membership of ADEE to submit an application for an Excellence in Dental Education Award.



ADEE is pleased to announce that for 2019 there will again be three categories in the Excellence in Dental Education Awards; Early Career, Mature Career and a dedicated Inter/Intra-professional Dental educators award in association with Oral B.

There is a particular prestige associated with ADEE Dental Educators Awards as the program provides one of the few opportunities for international recognition of excellence in dental education.

Platform for Better Oral Health

Health at a Glance: Europe- The case for including Oral Health Indicators

The Platform for Better Oral Health in Europe is a joint initiative of the Association for Dental Education in Europe, the Council of European Chief Dental Officers, the European Association of Dental Public Health, the Pan-European Region of the International Association for Dental Research and the Oral Health Foundation. The shared goal is to create a common European approach towards improved oral health outcomes through research, education, promotion, and access to care. The Platform for Better Oral Health in Europe welcomes the development of Health at a Glance: Europe as a way of helping to build cross-country knowledge of variations in public health outcomes as a means of supporting health systems and governments make better and more informed public health policies. Considering the evidence linking the significant impact that oral health has on overall health we believe future editions of the report would benefit from including Oral Health Indicators.

Below is an outline which includes suggestions of readily available, consistent and reliable indicators that should be considered for inclusion. Those indicators are the following: dental caries prevalence data for 12-year-old in Europe; the economic burden of poor oral health in Europe; and prevalence of oral cancer in Europe.



Although we strongly believe that significant oral health indicators need to be collected more systematically throughout Europe, solid data is available on the health indicators we deem essential. Moreover, we consider the indicators outlined below as the most robust currently available from a methodological standpoint, while also covering a wide geographical range of European countries, thus allowing for cross-continent comparison.

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