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# IADT Newsletter

## The President's Message

Twenty-eight years ago, after completing a post-graduate course in which I received a PhD in dental materials, I started practice as a general dentist in my own office.

I soon realized the importance of dental traumatology in daily practice. I clearly remember the first traumatized patient who visited my office soon after an accident and who suffered two avulsed central incisors. I did not know what to do and unfortunately the teeth were never replanted.

Time went by and by chance I found a book entitled *Traumatic Injuries to the Teeth*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, written by Jens O. Andreasen. Reading the book, I began to feel very sorry for patients who had suffered various dental traumatic events and who had not received proper care. It made me feel ashamed as a dentist for having neglected this important area of dental service.

The tragedies resulting from failure to be knowledgeable about dental trauma might have stemmed from a lack of education about it at dental schools. This problem of inadequate dental traumatology in the dental school curriculum has not been resolved, be it in Japan or elsewhere in the world. This is an issue the IADT is very concerned about and is one of the items on the agenda for the Association to address vigorously during my presidency.

Looking back, the reflection on the low standard of dental trauma care was the motivation for me to eagerly study dental traumatology. This passion led me to Copenhagen in 1990 to visit and learn from Dr. Jens Ove Andreasen. He is the father of dental traumatology and I am, and will always be, grateful for his guidance and mentorship.

In 1998, I had the pleasure and honor of having a book, *Treatment Planning for Traumatized Teeth*, published in Japan by Quintessence and subsequently translated into 11 languages. Additionally, in 1999 my book on autotransplantation of teeth was published and translated into several languages.

As president for these coming two years (2009–2010), I occupy a position that Dr. Andreasen held for many years in the Association he helped to establish. I wonder if this is a dream or an illusion? But I am thinking every day about what I can do for the IADT and the development of dental traumatology knowledge. I would be pleased to get your thoughts on this issue.

**Most sincerely,  
Mitsuhiro Tsukiboshi, DDS, PhD.**

### **Three day trauma symposium in Kuwait**

A three day Symposium in Oral Traumatology for Dentists was organized at Kuwait University on 14-16 December 2008. The target audience was specialists and general dentists from Kuwait and neighboring Gulf countries. A thorough clinical and research update was given to the 229 participants. In the first day, topics included oral trauma's epidemiology and risk factors as well as clinical management in the emergency situation. In the second day, topics included treatment of various types of oral injuries and were followed by topics on prevention and management of complications. The third day covered different alternatives for restoring tooth loss after trauma. Both invited international speakers and local speakers engaged in trauma research at Kuwait University gave presentations. Some of the speakers are seen in the picture below. From left to right: Drs. Abdulaziz Hasan, Jawad Behbehani (Dean), Mona Al Sane, Christer Dahlin, Jens Andreasen, Leif Bakland, Lars Andersson and Ridwaan Omar. The other speakers, although not present in the picture, were Drs. Jon Årtun, Leif Kullman and Ala Musawi.



### **IADT and the Symposium on Trauma**

#### **organized by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD)**

Last November, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry held its Fall Symposium in Chicago, USA. This time, the symposium was solely dedicated to the current science and treatment modalities of dental trauma, as reflected in its title: "Symposium on Trauma: A Comprehensive Update on Permanent Tooth Trauma in Children." The subject certainly proved to be magnetic, as it proved effective to attract a large number of colleagues: the symposium's registration was sold out months before schedule.

IADT had a strong impact at this symposium, since four out of a total of nine invited speakers are directors of the IADT's Councilors Board: Dr. Kenny lectured with the title 'Does Emdogain® Work?' Dr. Andreasen gave two lectures: the first was 'Tooth Transplantation as an Approach for Replacing Avulsed Teeth' and the second was 'An Overview of the new International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT) Interactive Trauma Guide'. Dr. Trope was scheduled to present 'Understanding the Concept of Revascularization' but due to unforeseen circumstances he was unable to attend.

Dr. Sigurdsson stepped in and presented instead of Dr. Trope. Dr. Sigurdsson also lectured with the titles 'Overview and Update of Permanent Tooth Trauma' and 'Decoronation as an Approach for Ankylosing Teeth in Growing Children'.

Other lectures were: Dr. Jessica Lee, whose lecture title was 'Hidden Effects of Dental Trauma in Children: the Psychological and Emotional Effects'. Dr. André Ritter, who lectured on 'Restoration of Permanent Incisors with Complicated Crown/Root Fractures'. Dr. Blayne Thibodeau complimented Dr. Sigurdsson's lecture on revascularization as he was discussing his own research findings on revascularization under the title 'Facilitating Revascularization after Tooth Injury'. Finally, the program chair, Dr. William Vann, lectured on 'Management of Complicated Crown Fractures with the Partial Pulpotomy: the Fundamentals and Complex Cases'.

After every two or three lectures, debate was opened under the leadership of Dr. Vann. There was lively discussion amongst the crowd of approximately 500 participants. Pulp space revascularization and IADT's interactive database generated massive interest and a number of questions.

We are extremely proud that an esteemed and prestigious organization such as the AAPD has sought this significant input from us. It is commendable and shows the radiant energy IADT spreads. Needless to say, all directors promoted the IADT while lecturing and we all hope that this will translate into increased interest towards Dental Traumatology and to our association. We welcome enthusiastically new members !



Names of speakers from left to right:

**Dr. Blayne Thibodeau, Dr. David Kenny, Dr. Judy McIntyre, Dr. Jessica Lee, Dr. Jens Andreasen, Dr. André Ritter, Dr. Asgeir Sigurdsson, and Program Chair Dr. William Vann**

## **Upcoming Events:**

- May 2009- Brazil- SBTD (Brazilian Society of Dental Traumatology), Dr. Mitsuhiro Tsukiboshi will be lecturing in São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and João Pessoa.
- June 18, 19 and 20, 2009- Journées Dentaires de Nice- Nice, France. Special trauma session, with SOP's (Société Odontologique de Paris) participation, on Saturday 20th.
- September 24–26, 2009- 14th Biennial Congress of the European Society of Endodontology (ESE). Edinburgh, Scotland
- September 30–October 3, 2009- 18th Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Association for Osteointegration (EAO). Monaco.
- June 12–13, 2010- Verona, Italy. 16th World Congress on Dental Traumatology. Please note that the Congress' dates have changed: instead of June 11–12, 2010.

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**International Association of Dental Traumatology**  
for the year **2009**

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