



# *IADT Life Member*

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I graduated from the School of Dentistry, Karolinska Institutet, in Stockholm Sweden 1960 and became a specialist in Orthodontics in 1968. I was awarded as Odont Dr (PhD) 1980 and Docent, (Associate Professor in 1982). I served as an orthodontist at Eastmaninstitutet in Stockholm for 30 years, and was Head of the Institute from 1989 to 2002. After my retirement from Eastmaninstitutet, I became head of an orthodontic clinic in Uppsala and held a position as a consultant for postgraduate training in that clinic until 2011. I have been a member of the Board of Directors in IADT and was a part of the editorial board for the journal of Dental Traumatology.

Eastmaninstitutet was founded in 1936 with the aim to develop dentistry for children and to educate dentists and dental nurses in paediatric dentistry and orthodontics. The Institute was during my service still working in that spirit. It was a large dental institute with about 100 employees and had departments in pediatric dentistry, orthodontics, oral surgery and oral radiography. Specialist training was performed in pedodontics and orthodontics and the different departments worked closely together during this training and clinical work. An important part was also clinical research and follow-up of the various treatments.

My interest in dental traumatology developed through the close collaboration between the pedodontic and orthodontic departments. All traumatic injuries to the teeth in the Stockholm area were referred to the pedodontic department and many of their patients had orthodontic problems. Miomir Cvek was head of the pediatric department during my time at Eastman. One day, he and Jens Andreasen came into my office and wanted me to participate in Jens' second book about dental trauma. They asked me to write a chapter about orthodontic treatment in the traumatized dentition.

The year was 1978. Their proposal started a collection of our experience about orthodontic treatment of patients with dental injuries and I participated in writing chapters for his books in the following years. My interest in follow-up of treatments of patients with dental trauma also led to a series of scientific papers and invitations to lecture in many countries all over the world.



Jens emphasized that improvement in treatment and prognosis of dental injuries can only be archived through a united effort of all dental disciplines and he was a master of bringing eminent dentists together with interest in dental traumatology. He therefore initiated a meeting in 1989 which resulted in the first Word Conference on dental traumatology which was later called IADT. During the coming years dental researchers from all over the world came together during meetings in IADT and we became a large family of dentists who were interested in dental traumatology.

My wife Barbro and I were fortunate to participate in this family. Barbro and I have been married since 1961. She has served for many years at the pedodontic clinic at Eastmaninstutet and we worked closely together in treatments and follow-ups of trauma patients. I have learnt a lot from her and the other dentists working at the pedodontic and surgical clinics. The radiologic clinic helped us with analyzing x-rays and with standardizing registrations during treatment and follow-up of patients. I have now worked as an orthodontist for more than 60 years.

During these years I have acted as teacher for postgraduate and PhD students and I am currently still working as consultant and teacher in a private clinic. It is a privilege to have been part of the IADT family and the dramatic evolution of dentistry these years, the technological development of all new materials and clinical techniques, the computerization that facilitates communication with colleagues, the digital libraries that gives us easy access to new knowledge and the digital registrations that facilitates follow-up of our treatments. I hope for the future that the development of our profession and IADT will continue in a peaceful and friendly world