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Editorial from the new IADT Newsletter Editor

Dear colleagues and friends,

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It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve as the new Chair of the IADT's Information and Newsletter Committee. I've been a member of IADT since 2009 and together with eight other colleagues I was recently elected Director of IADT. We are all very eager to work for IADT during the next two years.

Since March 11 2020, when the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic, our daily lives have been impacted in many aspects. Dental trauma cases were and still are, significantly affected by this pandemic. According to a study published in 2021 by Ilyas et al. in Dental Traumatology ([1](#)), the official publication of IADT, there was a decrease in dental-facial trauma attendances in the Emergency Department of King's College Hospital during the lockdown. The reason is that many cases were managed virtually (teledentistry) to not overburden the clinicians despite dental practices remaining open for emergency treatments of severe injuries, which were performed under specific anti-Covid regulations. The study highlighted that complex trauma can still occur during a 'lockdown', requiring immediate management.

As IADT members, we play a key role in building confidence in dental trauma patients motivating them to seek immediate dental care. Encouraging dentists to be prepared for management of trauma or referring of injured patients to experienced colleagues is important. So, welcome to IADT to all newly joined colleagues and to those who renewed their membership. IADT does its best to always keep you updated and well-informed.

The IADT team, with its Officers, Directors and Committees are all fascinated and passionate about dental trauma and continuously share,

in a scientifically current way, the latest available information with IADT members. This is possible via “Dental Traumatology”, the rich content placed in the IADT website and also via the IADT’s Newsletters, Newsflashes, Facebook page and IADT’s webinars, not to mention the interactive convivial space of IADT’s symposiums and world congresses. Unfortunately the 2020 IADT World Congress had to be postponed twice and is now scheduled for May 2022 to keep attendees safe. This will be a very special meeting honouring Jens Andreasen. But as the COVID vaccines become more readily available, we are hopeful that the pandemic will come to an end, allowing us to meet in the Copenhagen Symposium in September and in Lisbon in May 2022 for the IADT’s World Congress in Dental Traumatology (wcdt2022.com).

We are optimistic that we will soon be able to listen and learn from inspiring speakers, meet up ‘face to face’ with our colleagues, share a drink with old and new friends and exchange ideas on best management of dental trauma.

This is my first Newsletter as the new editor. Hereby I would like to thank all of you who helped me make this Newsletter by providing information and sharing ideas. I especially would like to thank Anne O’Connell, our President, for her impressive leadership and commitment to IADT. Also many thanks to Cecilia Bourguignon and Bill Kahler, past editors of the Newsletter, for sharing their expertise with me. I am looking forward to working with all of you, Officers, Directors and IADT members.

Sincerely yours,
Geertje Van Gorp
IADT’s Newsletter Editor

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1-In honor of Dr Jens Ove Andreasen

In honor of Dr Jens Ove Andreasen

IADT is saddened by Dr Jens Andreasen’s passing in September 2020. Dr Andreasen was one of the founding members of IADT. His lifelong involvement in dental trauma is described in terms of his research, writing, teaching, and leadership by Lars Andersson, Leif K. Bakland, Geoffrey S. Heithersay and Eva Lauridsen in a special article dedicated to his memory and published in the ‘Dental Traumatology’, the official publication of IADT. We invite you to read the life and professional contributions of Dr. Jens Ove Andreasen. The article was first published online on December 22, 2020 and is accessible through IADT’s members page.

His daughter, Dorte Helleberg, pointed out that her father lived in a way well described by Shakespeare: *'The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away'*.

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Jens Ove Andreassen, 1935-2020 Father of Dental Traumatology

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Abstract

The life and professional contributions to dental traumatology of Dr. Jens Ove Andreassen are described in terms of his research, writing, teaching, and leadership.

KEY WORDS

ankylosis, auto-transplantation, dental traumatology, healing complications, replantation, root fractures, traumatic dental injuries



FIGURE 1 Jens Ove Andreassen, Odont. Dr. h.c

Tribute lectures in honor of Dr Jens Ove Andreassen

IADT invited six eminent speakers to lecture in an *in memoriam* tribute to Jens Ove Andreassen, while highlighting his achievements, foresight and innovation as a researcher and teacher for his entire career.

The theme of the tribute lectures is: *"What I have learnt from Jens Andreassen"*.

The topics and speakers are as follows:

- Auto-transplantation of teeth – Dr Mitsuhiro Tsukiboshi, Japan
- Tooth Resorption – Dr Lars Andersson, Sweden
- Tooth Avulsion – Dr Martin Trope, USA
- Root Fractures – Dr Paul Abbott, Australia
- Paediatric Dental Trauma – Dr Marie-Therese Flores, Chile
- Jens Andreassen's Innovation and Foresight – Dr Eva Lauridsen, Denmark

The lectures will be available online to members and non- members. Details and further information can be found in the IADT website and will be advertised through social media.

Don't miss this opportunity to join the dental trauma community and to honor Dr Andreassen!

2-Update on IADT's Activities

The first meeting of the new IADT Board for the term 2021-2022 was held virtually on January 29th. The outgoing 2019-2020 Directors, Drs Nestor Cohenca, Georgios Tsilingaridis and Adeleke Oginni will stay with the IADT as members of several Committees. IADT thanked them for their valuable contributions while holding office.

The new Directors, Drs Fabricio Teixeira, Nitesh Tewari, Michal Sobczak and Geertje Van Gorp were warmly welcomed.

The IADT is doing well despite the Covid-19 pandemic. The association is financially sound and thanks to the tireless work of Lamar Hicks, our Treasurer, and to RES, the IADT's management company. IADT's future seems bright as long as members continue their support by renewing their membership and by making donations. IADT aims to get bigger and provide even more services both to patients and to dentists in order to improve the quality of dental trauma care worldwide. That's why IADT needs your continued support! The list of IADT committees for the term 2021 to 2022 is available on the IADT website. It contains the names of committee members and the committees' duties.

The IADT is working with all its skills and power on the design of a new homepage. Besides the planning of the next congress in Lisbon, WCDT 2022, perhaps this is most important project for this term.

3-IADT World Congress in Dental Traumatology Lisbon 2022



WORLD CONGRESS IN DENTAL TRAUMATOLOGY
IN CELEBRATION OF JENS OVE ANDREASEN
11-14 MAY 2022

We hope to be able to connect with you in person next year during the IADT **The World Congress in Dental Traumatology (WCDT), Lisbon May 11 to 14th, 2022.**

Take the opportunity to participate in an unforgettable, unique conference with plenty of inspiring, current and exciting topics in the field of dental traumatology.

The IADT Board decided unanimously that from now on, future World Congresses in dental traumatology will feature a lasting tribute to Professor Jens Andreasen which will be prominently placed within the WCDT program and presented by an eminent speaker. Dr Lamar Hicks, a passionate and significant presence of IADT throughout many IADT Boards, will present the first "Jens O Andreasen Memorial Lecture" during the WCDT 2022 in Lisbon.

[Home - International Association for Dental Traumatology \(iadt-dentaltrauma.org\)](http://iadt-dentaltrauma.org)

4-Upcoming 2021 events

The Dental Trauma Guide is pleased to announce Copenhagen 2021 Symposia and Webinars.

With the message from the Dental Trauma Guide (DTG):

'Last year, it was necessary to switch from a live symposium to an online webinar due to the COVID-19 virus. This gave us the opportunity to reach even more people around the world. This year, we have decided to move forward with both the symposium and the webinar'.



Dental Trauma state of the art

Jens Ove Andreassen, Odont.Dr.H.C. IN MEMORIAM



Tooth Agenesis

Interdisciplinary management of patients with tooth agenesis



More information is available on the IADT website through your IADT member page and DTG website.

<https://www.iadt-dentaltrauma.org/IADTMembership/Membership.aspx>

Furthermore:

The ISDT (Indian Society of Dental Traumatology) will be hosting a conference from October 15th to 17th, 2021.



<https://isdt.in>

The PASD (Polish Association of Pediatric Dentistry) will be hosting a conference from October 8th to 9th, 2021.



5-Reduced IADT Membership Fee for LDC Countries

IADT is happy to announce the recent implementation of reduced fees for members of LDC (low and lower-middle income) countries according to the World Bank's classification. IADT hopes that this measure will help dentists from these countries by improving access to IADT. Participating as a member of IADT could implement a variety of strategies, framework and different approaches in order to facilitate efforts to reach disadvantaged populations, to engage communities and to facilitate access to health services.

Please visit the IADT website and take the opportunity to become an IADT member and enjoy plenty of resources and advantages.

<https://www.iadt-dentaltrauma.org/IADTMembership/Membership.aspx>

- The Dental Traumatology journal will be available online with full online-access to the journal's archive.
- Visit the 'Members' Only' pages of the IADT Website.
- Take advantage of your free access to the Dental Trauma Guide through the IADT Member Page.
- Free access to select lectures from WCDT 2016 Brisbane and for a small fee to those from WCDT 2018 San Diego.
- Feel free to use the lectures, teaching material and case reports on the IADT Member Page.
- Opt for being listed on the IADT Website under "Find an IADT Member".
- Sit for the internationally recognized IADT Fellowship examination after three years of membership.
- Submit entries to the annual IADT Case Report Competition.
- Contribute to IADT Newsletters.
- Receive Continuing Education credits at IADT meetings.

6-IADT's Fellowship: it's worth the effort!

The IADT is recognising dentists with advanced expertise and interest in dental trauma through the Fellowship exam. Becoming a Fellow of IADT means having a chance to be featured in IADT communications. Three Fellows of the IADT shared their motivation and experience on why they took the exam and what it means to them now. Becoming a member of the IADT and applying for Fellowship can make the difference for your career as a paediatric dentist or an endodontist. The engagement in being a teacher or a speaker in the field of Dental Traumatology is an added value. The stories below of a few IADT Fellows are worth reading and may sharpen your motivation to renew your membership and to encourage colleagues to also become a member of the IADT.

Els' story

'As soon as the title of Fellow of the IADT was created, I realized it would be an honor to obtain it and carry it. I started collecting the activity points immediately, and by the time I applied for fellowship, I turned out to be the first candidate ever. Thus, a double honor.

As IADT fellow and endodontist, I feel I can be the link between the 2 disciplines in our regional Flemish Society for Endodontology.

To me, Traumatology is the most interesting and challenging part of Endodontology, that is why I try to keep up as well as possible, attending amongst others, the yearly Copenhagen congresses'.

Els Tijsskens, President of the Flemish Society for Endodontology, the Consultant at the Centrum for Dentomaxillofacial Imaging, UZ Leuven, Groeneweg 42 B3001 Heverlee
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Rodney's story

'In 2016 I was part of the second cohort to take the Fellowship examination. I have been a member of the organization for a number of years due to my interest in Dental Traumatology and my involvement with graduate teaching in Pediatric Dentistry. The Fellowship provided an opportunity to test and expand my knowledge base and also to provide a credential that was obtained via rigorous scholarship. Since obtaining the Fellowship I have been invited by a number of organizations both in the medical and dental fields to provide CE and reviews. I have also been able to set my application apart from others for my current position at The University of Michigan. In all, the Fellowship has provided me with professional satisfaction and development and the opportunity to engage and teach others'.

Rodney Vergotine. Clinical Associate Professor Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Michigan. Director of Pediatric Hospital Dentistry services C S Motts Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. rjvee@umich.edu

Olga's story

'Hello! My name is Olga, I am a dentist and owner of the 'Dental Trauma Centre Iceberg', located in Moscow.

For three years I was attempting to get scores to be qualified for Fellowship examination.

First it was rather a challenge. But soon, I started to use it as a check list of my everyday efforts in our field. For example, I've noticed that I haven't written any article. And I've published one immediately in a journal "Esthetic dentistry".

When I finally got this status of Fellow - I was more than happy. Exam was quite tough. I feel more confident after I have checked my knowledge. It helped me to get some authority in our professional Facebook group (Dental trauma team 6000+ members)

The degree helps me to get more invites to work as a speaker. Today we work in Siberia with my 2-day course, and next month I fly to Crimea.

It would be great to have my certificate, even in digital, looking forward to see my name on it.

It is a great honour, to be part of a team and get recognition of my contribution in Dental Traumatology'.

Olga Tishkina. olga.tishkina@gmail.com

7-IADT's Case Report Competition: 2020 Winners

With great pleasure we congratulate Dr Patricia Reina and Dr Ricardo Caicedo as the winners of the IADT case report competition. The members of the Research Committee and its Chairman, Prof Fabricio Teixeira, selected Dr Patricia Reina as the 1st Prize winner and Dr Ricardo Caicedo as the 2nd winner for the case reports they submitted to the competition.



Dr Patricia Reina



Dr Ricardo Caicedo

The first prize case report entitled: 'Metal Straw Induced Palatal Mucosa Traumatic Injury'.

The second prize case report entitled: 'Treatment of Mandibular Central Incisor with Class III Invasive Cervical Resorption: 10 Year Follow-up and the role of 3-D Imaging in ICR Diagnosis. Clinical report'.

IADT thanks the two winners and also thanks the other participants for their commitment and motivation submitting interesting cases. IADT encourages them to pursue their efforts and to send new cases to participate in the 2021 Case Report Competition. The IADT Case Report Competition opens soon on the IADT webpage For [Professionals / Case Report Competition](#)

8-News From the World

Meetings from all over the world, podcasts, case reports on facebook,... are opportunities to share common interests, areas of concern and mutual experiences. If you have a great story to tell or new events to add, please let us know and we can share them with all our membership partners.

News from Brisbane, Australia- by Dr Bill Kahler

We are grateful sharing the contribution of the IADT Director Dr Bill Kahler. He presented an afternoon series of 'Face to Face Trauma Lectures Australian', titled: "A blow to the mouth". Blowed if I know what to do? For the Australian Dental Association Queensland branch, March 17th, 2021.

Two of the attendees had travelled more than 4 hours from Chinchilla and Goondiwindi in country Queensland to Brisbane to attend. Discussing management scenarios for the management and treatment if necessary following dental trauma. The IADT 2020 Guideline changes were discussed. As the IADT has made the guidelines freely available, all attendees were sent the IADT guidelines prior to the afternoon of lectures. Bill is happy that every attendee stayed until 5pm even though it was a Friday afternoon. It was certainly great to return to Face-to-Face lecturing. The pictures show what a Full House lecture series looks like with social distancing between attendees. Hopefully, with the vaccine we will see more and more pictures like pre-Covid presentations. The slide in the photos was encouraging attendees to join the IADT. As an organization we need new members so please encourage friends and colleagues to join the IADT. Portugal and Portuguese custard carts at WCDT should be a good sweetener'. WCDT 11-14 May, 2022 in Lisbon Portugal



Pastéis de Belém", a delicious Portuguese sweet



Australian Dental Association Queensland House Brisbane, Australia- March 17th, 2021

News from Madrid, Spain- by Dr. Cesar de Gregorio Cesar de Gregorio, member of the Information and Newsletter Committee reported about the 5th biannual congress of COEM (Colegio de Odontólogos y Estomatólogos de la I^a Región), organized by the Board of Dentistry of Madrid (Spain) on February 12th-13th, 2021.

This time, it was an online event that brought to the audience speakers from all around the world and different specialties. Among them, Drs Nestor Cohenca (USA) and Marie Therese Flores (Chile) gave two lectures about dental traumatology.

Dr Marie Therese Flores spoke about *“Traumatic lesions and the opportunity to access updated information to successfully manage treatments in children and adolescents”*. Dr Nestor Cohenca gave a lecture entitled *“Treatment of immature teeth with pulp necrosis: apexification or regenerative procedures?”*

Both of these lectures were attended by more than 2,000 dentists from Spain and countries from Latin-America. The latest and updated protocols were given to clinicians interested in dental trauma allowing them to refine their clinical protocols with the support of the current scientific best evidence.



Dr Marie There Flores during her lecture at the 5th biannual congress of the COEM



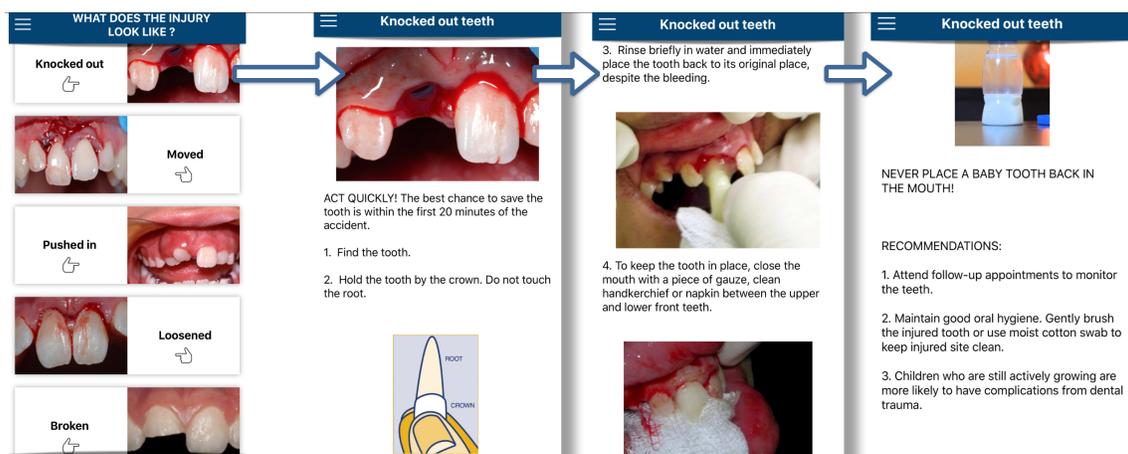
Dr Nestor Cohenca responding to the questions of the COEM audience during his lecture.

9-IADT's ToothSOS App to help you in a dental trauma emergency situation

Tooth SOS

The Social Media Landscape is an important tool at educating the public on what to do when a tooth injury happens, e.g. the value saving an avulsed tooth. The official IADT mobile phone App ToothSOS is an excellent app for helping to manage tooth injuries. Dr Liran Levin, and we thank him, provided a detailed description of this valuable tool:

'Incorporating mobile technologies into dental public health education is one of the most effective ways to increase awareness to traumatic tooth injuries. ToothSOS was developed by the Education Committee of IADT over a two-year period, and launched in April 2018 during the presidency of Dr Nestor Cohenca. The purpose of Tooth SOS is to provide the general public, patients, parents, educators, and professionals with information relating to management and prevention of traumatic tooth injuries. The app is user-friendly and can be downloaded on any Apple or Android mobile device at no charge. Users can choose to navigate through professional or public sections and also choose among 8 different default languages. A recent 2-Year report published in Dental Traumatology Journal (Dental Traumatol 2021;37:145–150) indicates that ToothSOS is the leading Dental Trauma App with almost 50.000 downloads so far. This year, ToothSOS will see two major updates to incorporate more default languages along with new translations of the 2020 IADT Trauma Guidelines.



10-IADT's Website and Facebook Page

Social media is as a source of news everyday, each week. Staying up-to-date, identifying ways to expand, grow, reach potentially new members and audiences is a daily exercise and concern. Thanks to Dr Semper, the Facebook posts are continuously streamlined. therefore it may be a starting place for dentists aiming to get involved with IADT and get inspired by exchanging knowledge and experience with IADT members.

The IADT website is of course at the heart of IADT's activities. That's why all dentists and Facebook followers must visit it and explore the vast resources offered in the IADT website. There is so much information and ready-to-use content and even more so in the members' area. It's worth the tour!

Constantly aiming to do better, the IADT Board decided recently to improve the website even more and also start the process of renewing the IADT website. A new Ad-Hoc committee called "New Website Development" was created. Drs Marc Semper and Liran Levin as co-chairs took the engagement, together with the members of the committee, to make important upgrades of the website platform in order to launch, later on, a new IADT website.

There are other dental trauma societies all over the world offering opportunities to share knowledge, clinical experiences, interesting lectures, and also to make new friends, s whom we will be able to meet in person when the pandemic is over.

The Indian Society of Dental Traumatology: [https://www.facebook.com/DTIndiansociety:](https://www.facebook.com/DTIndiansociety)
<https://www.isdt.in/>

South American Society of dental trauma page on facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/traumaufmg>

Brazil's dental trauma page on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2599860833404411>
Dental trauma UK website <https://www.dentaltrauma.co.uk/Index.aspx>

