Dear colleagues and friends,

It has been more than a year since the previous editor, Bill Kahler, wrote, ‘Welcome to the June 2020 Newsletter.” As I write this editorial in late March, the world is being ravaged by the coronavirus pandemic and a new word, “COVID 19”, has entered our vocabulary.

Until now, even after the rapid development, distribution, and uptake of vaccines, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a multilevel impact on our lives and to greatly affect oral health care. There is still uncertainty regarding when this pandemic will end, but let’s be optimistic! Looking forward, with the return of in-person events, the IADT invites you to participate in the next IADT World Congress in Dental Traumatology, which will be held from May 11th to 14th, 2022, in Lisbon, Portugal. There are plenty of reasons to be there including interacting ‘as before’ with colleagues, updating your knowledge, attending informative lectures, enjoying spectacular social events, and enjoying the Portuguese warmth and hospitality.

Let’s be positive about the future by seizing the good outcomes and beneficial effects that will follow the coronavirus pandemic. I believe that boosted collaboration and data sharing will be enhanced and speed up scientific development in many research domains, including oral health science.

Although the coronavirus era is not over yet, I encourage you to stay safe, enjoy your work and seek to improve yourself every day. But above all, enjoy the company of family and friends!

Sincerely yours,

Geertje Van Gorp
IADT Newsletter Editor
1- In Honor Of Dr. Jens Ove Andreasen

Celebrations and remembrances

Jens Ove Andreasen, known as the father of dental traumatology, passed away on September 26, 2020. He was one of the founders of IADT and later the founder of the Dental Trauma Guide. Jens’ dedication and expertise in the field of dental and oral trauma research have affected countless people. Patients, colleagues, and students, from all over the world, have benefited from his life’s work. Two articles, authored by his friends and colleagues, were recently published about Jens and his professional legacy. The IADT would like to share these two publications in tribute to Jens Ove Andreasen:


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Jens Ove Andreasen, 1935-2020 Father of Dental Traumatology

IADT Tribute Lectures in Honor of Dr. Jens Ove Andreasen

Six tribute lectures, presented by eminent speakers, colleagues and friends of Dr. Andreasen, were released by IADT in three installments of 2 lectures each. A short summary of 3 of these lectures follows.

The first installment of this special lecture series was presented by Drs. Lars Andersson and Marie Therese Flores and released by IADT between June 1st-June 30th 2021.

Lars Andersson, Senior Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at Malmö University, Sweden, discussed Tooth Resorption and described Jens as a ‘thinker outside the box’, a role model for so many colleagues. According to Lars, “Jens remained optimistic about the future and never gave up. Even on his 80th birthday, Jens was in his office, working on manuscripts. There was always so much more to do. We are grateful for what he did for all of us.”
'The need to learn about tissue reactions and healing, to explain with histology what was seen on radiographs, was the start of several experimental studies on monkeys, especially on replanted teeth. This was the plan of Jens Andreasen: combining clinical observations, in vitro and in vivo studies with animal experiments together with long term clinical studies. Jens wanted to reach out to the world and the start of an interdisciplinary approach was the start of the IADT. Also, the standardized registration of all traumatic dental injuries at Copenhagen University Hospital, was an important step for creating a database, and the registration is still ongoing. The most important legacy of Jens Andreasen was the development of the Dental Trauma Guide. With a million viewers every year, Jens will always remain connected to dental trauma as the one and only godfather of dental traumatology'

Marie Therese Flores, Professor of Pediatric, Faculty of Dentistry, Universidad de Valparaíso CHILE and IADT Director, talked about Paediatric Dental Trauma and said about Jens:

‘I met Jens Andreasen at the Third International Conference on Dental Trauma, held in Copenhagen in 1991. He was the President of the IADT and the Chairman of the Conference. The IADT had been created to promote clinical and experimental research in dental traumatology and to promote public awareness for the purpose of the prevention of dental trauma. Following Jens’s inspiration, in 1994, students, pediatric dentistry teachers and dental assistants actively participated in a national public awareness campaign about dental trauma in children and where to seek treatment in case of dental injuries. As a result, our university clinic of Pediatric Dentistry became well known and has been a referral center for more than 25 years. A special dental trauma record has been used for registering TDIs, including follow-ups of the developing permanent dentition. A multidisciplinary approach and long-term follow-up of dental injuries were important lessons from Jens Andreasen. Some of these lessons learned were highlighted - - -in 2007 with the addition of the chapter “Injuries to the primary dentition”, for the first time in the 4th edition of the Textbook and Atlas of Traumatic Injuries to the Teeth. Accurate diagnosis, the classification of the type of injury related to age, and in terms of treatment, avoiding over- and under-treatment, were important considerations. The adherence (inclusion) of dental trauma in the primary dentition to the IADT guidelines and the Dental Trauma Guide are now grateful memories of Jens Andreasen’.
The second installment of the special lecture series in tribute to Jens Ove Andreasen was presented by Eva Lauridsen and Paul Abbott and released by IADT from July 1st-July 30th 2021.

For Dr. Eva Lauridsen, a principal contributor in the Dental Trauma Guide research and development group and head of the Dental Trauma Guide research clinic, Jens Andreasen was a special friend and mentor.

‘His passion for dental trauma was unique and with his decision to change the earlier neglected area of dental traumatology, he started an extensive collection of long-term data in the late 1960s. All dental traumas, in the permanent and the primary dentitions, were registered in a meticulous, well-thought-out database. This collection of data continued for many years and formed the basis of numerous clinical studies. His vision was to increase and share knowledge. Early in his career, he realized the importance of a multidisciplinary approach in treatment as well as research, and therefore, he reached out to other specialties in dentistry. He saw the need for international collaboration and was one of the initiators of the IADT. With his well-known sentence: “welcome to the hell of trauma”, he introduced the Dental Trauma Guide and made dental trauma more understandable and accessible for all dentists worldwide. With his last words in mind: “I still have so much to give” and “Please do more research”, we will continue his work. Rest in peace.’

The contributions of Paul Abbott, from the second tribute installment, and Martin Trope and Mitsuhiro Tsukiboshi from the third installment (released from August 1st to August 30th) will be presented in the next Newsletter.
A special symposium from the IADR 2021

The e-Oral Health Network of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) has organized a special symposium during the annual IADR meeting titled “Successes and Challenges in e-Oral Health and Tribute to Dr. J.O. Andreasen”.

Prof. Liran Levin, the IADT president-elect, gave the first talk in the symposium, sharing the IADT tribute for Jens as well as highlighting his pioneering work in remote knowledge dissemination in dental traumatology and the use of technology to improve the diagnosis and treatment of dental trauma.

The symposium was organized and chaired by Prof. Sergio Uribe from Chile.

2- Magnificent Increase Of Impact Factor Of DT Journal in 2020

With great pride, Anne O’Connell, president of the IADT, announced the important news on the success of Dental Traumatology journal, congratulating Editor-in-Chief Paul Abbott and the entire editorial board and reviewers: ‘Fantastic achievement of the Editor and the entire Editorial Board of Dental Traumatology - see message below from Paul Abbott’

“Dear colleagues,
I am extremely pleased to advise you all that Dental Traumatology has significantly increased its Impact Factor to 3.333 for 2020 and it is now ranked as number 27 out of 91 journals in the Dentistry, Oral Surgery & Medicine category of journals.
Our Impact Factors in recent years have been: 1.53 (2019), 1.494 (2018), 1.414 (2017) and 1.413 (2016). We were ranked 57 out of 91 in 2019, 2018 and 2017, and 48 out of 90 in 2016 - so a big jump in both categories!!

Thanks go to all of you for your contributions towards this great result!”

Cheers, Paul
Winthrop Prof. Paul V. Abbott    AO
Winthrop Professor of Clinical Dentistry
Endodontist
Editor, Dental Traumatology

IADT will celebrate this increased Impact Factor!
Finally, after the necessary cancellation on two occasions of the IADT World Congress in Dental Traumatology (WCDT 2022) due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we invite you to register for the WCDT 2022 congress. It will happen in Lisbon from May 11th to 14th 2022. We have an exciting new program, and the meeting is dedicated to the memory of Jens O. Andreasen, with opportunities for all members to participate. More information is available on the IADT website.

Home - International Association for Dental Traumatology (iadt-dentaltrauma.org)

You will not want to miss this amazing conference!
Thank you for being an IADT member! When you’re preparing to renew your IADT membership, we invite you to encourage other colleagues to join the IADT because IADT values you and will be your partner in continuing education in the field of Dental Traumatology.

Being a member of the International Association of Dental Traumatology is important not only for you, but also for your patients, because you increase your chances of providing to them the most updated and best evidenced-based prevention and treatment of dental injuries.

Please see below the advantages of being an IADT member.

For information and to pay your membership dues, please follow the link https://www.iadt-dentaltrauma.org/IADTMembership/Membership.aspx
Dr. Bill Kahler, Chair of the Fellowship Committee, announced that the IADT’s next Fellowship Examination will take place from October 29 to November 1, 2021.

Details about the requirements to earn Fellowship can be found on the IADT website in the Fellowship Page (https://www.iadt-dentaltrauma.org/Fellows.html) There are some key points and requirements for establishing eligibility for and working towards the IADT Fellowship.

Overall, candidates must first achieve 12 points from 3 separate sections which include points gained for continuing education, service and involvement in IADT committees, research, teaching and attending/organising trauma courses and community involvement. They must also have maintained 3 years of continuous membership in the IADT to be eligible.

A mandatory requirement is that you must have published a paper on dental traumatology in a journal that has an impact factor of at least 1.0. There is no requirement to be the first author.

The examination consists of 100 questions, which have a variety of formats, with some questions testing clinical scenarios and others in the form of true/false questions. The pass mark for the Fellowship Examination is 70%. IADT has developed a study aid with recommended readings to assist candidates in their preparation and studies

Obtaining the post-nominals of “FIADT” is a huge honor for members of the IADT. It is recognition of a favorable and productive association with IADT, a broad involvement in trauma-related teaching and research as well as a successful outcome in the Fellowship Examination.
Sharing events related to dental trauma with all our IADT member friends is an added value of being an IADT member.

**The 28th IAPD Congress, June 10-13, 2021 Virtual**

Dr. Zafer Cehreli and Dr. Nitesh Tewari, both IADT Directors, presented two outstanding lectures on dental trauma during the IAPD Congress on Sunday June 13th.

Report by Zafer Cehreli and Nitesh Tewari:

‘The International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD) continues its long-standing tradition to support Dental Traumatology Sessions in their Scientific Meetings. This year, the 28th Congress of the IAPD was held Virtual due to the ongoing pandemic. IADT Directors Zafer Cehreli and Nitesh Tewari delivered an invited lecture on the updated (2020) Guidelines with Special Emphasis on Injuries to the Primary Dentition and Avulsion. It was an excellent session with wide viewership from all parts of the world. The presentations were followed by an informative discussion chaired by Dr Marietjie Weakley from South Africa’.

On behalf of IADT, thanks to both of you and congratulations.

During IAPD 2021, a Jens Andreasen Award was given for the best poster on dental trauma. The first prize was awarded to Karishma Bathia (UK) for the poster entitled “Has the COVID-19 pandemic affected the incidence of paediatric intra-oral and dental trauma presenting through the Emergency Department?”
Dr Nitesh Tewari (India), IADT Director, and Dr. Nabih Raslan (Syria) were awarded second and third prize, respectively.

IADT congratulates all of the awardees!

Dental trauma conference sponsored by the Hellenic Society of Pediatric Dentistry on June 18th-20th, 2021 in Athens

Dr. George Vadiakas, President of the Hellenic Society of Pediatric Dentistry reported below on the International Dental Trauma Conference, organized and held in Athens, Greece, by the Hellenic Society of Pediatric Dentistry on June 18th-20th, 2021.

‘This congress titled “Dental Traumatology in Children: An Overview and a Focus on Emerging Therapies” provided an overview of dental trauma affecting both primary and permanent teeth. The current concepts of primary tooth trauma diagnosis/treatment, with a special attention on the enigmatic phenomenon of color damage in primary teeth were presented. Also, the immediate mid- and long-term implications of primary tooth trauma with a focus on the parental/caregiver confidence via expert knowledge in the field were important items. A review of up-to-date fundamentals and emerging approaches of permanent tooth trauma illustrated by case reviews instruction, were offered. Also, the concepts of pulp regeneration and decoronation were presented and illustrated with clinical cases. Furthermore, the role of orthodontics to prevent trauma and manage immediate trauma was explored and how trauma affects the delivery of orthodontic care both before and after the initiation of tooth movement was discussed. Finally, the area of tooth auto-transplantation as an adjunct to trauma management as well as in the management of other developmental conditions wherein there is a congenital or pathological absence of permanent teeth in children/adolescents was featured’.

Thanks to Dr. Vadiakis for sharing this event.
Annual meeting of the Academy of Sports Dentistry held on July 15th-17th, 2021, in Portland, Oregon, USA

‘Prof. Liran Levin, IADT President-elect and the chair of the guidelines committee gave a talk at the recent Academy of Sports Dentistry annual meeting. The lecture was titled: “Evidence Based Dentistry – Why do we need that and how was it used for the 2020 revision of the IADT guidelines”. The lecture introduced the principles of evidence-based dentistry, how to develop, critically evaluate and implement scientific evidence into day-to-day practice and apply these principles to making the right decisions when advising patients on effective self-care in caries and periodontal disease prevention. Prof. Levin also provided an overview of how an evidence-based approach was used for the 2020 revision of the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT) guidelines for the management of traumatic dental injuries.

Thank you, Liran!
AAPD Annual Meeting held in May 2021

IADT’s President Anne O’Connell presented ‘An Update on IADT Guidelines on Dental Trauma’ to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Scientific Meeting in May 2021. Like many other meetings, this was a virtual meeting due to Covid-19. The lecture was presented live to a large and interactive audience. The AAPD strongly supports IADT and has endorsed the IADT Trauma Guidelines over the years.