Editorial

Happy New Year and welcome to the January 2014 Newsletter. In it you will find details of an important proposal to expand Officers aimed to reduce the immense load that now falls upon the Secretary/Treasurer, details of the of our next IADT World Congress in Turkey and information about the many educational activities our members are involved in around the globe.

The new Board took office on January first this year. It is appropriate, therefore, to acknowledge the huge contributions retiring Board members, Anthony Di Angelis, Giacomo Cavalleri and Yango Pohl have all made to our Association.

Thank you also to those who contributed to this issue, including Eva Lauridsen, Juan Onetto, Nestor Cohenca, Mitsuhiro Tsukiboshi, Anthony DiAngelis, Leif Bakland, Anne O’Connell, Lamar Hicks and not ignoring our long suffering production editor, Peer Mohamed Kuthsiyya, who tries to teach me about deadlines every issue.

Alex Moule
IADT Newsletter Editor

Changes to the By-Laws

Secretary/Treasurer

The Board has for some time wrestled with the fact that the Officers who are voluntarily responsible for the day to day running of our now large Association are too small in number. It has agreed to split the Secretary/Treasurer position into two. The proposed changes will not only reduce the now onerous workload on the Secretary/Treasurer, but will also allow a Treasurer to continue in office for a longer period without the current time restrictions imposed by the bylaws. This will also provide a larger pool of experienced Officers from whom the Executive can be chosen. The deadline for completing the Bylaws change is the end of year 2013.

Edited from a committee report from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Chairman Lamar Hicks) A.M.
President’s Report

Happy New year to all of you! Last year was another year with very strong development of IADT. Our administrative office RES has continued to build solid administrative routines and we have really benefited from our new administrative partnership. The IADT committees have been working hard with important issues with many committed members involved. During last year, IADT has been active by arranging courses and symposia in different parts of the world and the number of members in IADT is increasing steadily!

A milestone of 2013 was the endorsement of our guidelines by the American Association of Endodontists and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry are just about to endorse our guidelines. We welcome other specialist associations in the world to officially endorse the guidelines. Building a global network around our guidelines is very important. The guidelines are today considered by many to be the gold standard and are currently translated to many languages.

Our IADT fellowship is soon to be launched. To become eligible as a Fellow you must be a continuous member of IADT. The Education Committee is working hard to present various education material on the web page. The Sponsor Committee has been engaged attracting sponsors for IADT and for our meeting in Istanbul and the Information Committee has been working with the development of our web page.

I say thank you to three directors who are now leaving the Board after years of service. Anthony Di Angelis served as board member for many years and held executive officer positions. He has been one of the main contributors to the development of IADT during the years we transferred from a small association to a true world association. Giacomo Cavalleri arranged a successful IADT world congress in Verona. I thank Yango Pohl for the many positive contributions he has made to IADT during his term as a Director.

I say welcome to our new directors Fred Barnett, Eva Lauridsen and Nil Altay. Fred has served as IADT director before, while Eva and Nil are new as directors. Eva is strongly connected to the successful Dental Trauma Guide team in Copenhagen. Nil is the leader of the upcoming IADT World Congress in Istanbul.

Talking about Istanbul, I am very impressed over the scientific program and all professional arrangements. Our Turkish colleagues have done a fantastic job. Do attend this world congress, which will be one of the best ever! If you have not yet registered, please go ahead and visit the IADT web page www.iadt-dentaltrauma.org. There is still time left to submit an Abstract. Why not make a presentation at this meeting. Colleagues from all over the world will attend. And you cannot get a better chance to meet colleagues with the same interest and update yourself in traumatology. And beautiful Istanbul is the perfect place for a congress with so much to see in Turkey in June.

We can be proud of our Association and have all the reasons to look forward to a new prosperous year together ! But we do need your support. Together we are strong.

Lars Andersson
President IADT
IADT dentists tackle a job for the UW Huskies

When opponents play what coaches like to call “smash-mouth football,” the University of Washington Huskies will be ready, thanks to a little help from IADT Director, Nestor Cohenca, and residents of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. As part of a Dental Trauma preventive program, Nestor’s team constructed nearly 100 customized mouth guards this summer for UW Husky football team members. This triggered new requests from other collegiate athletes, among them, basketball players, who have 5-8 times more chance to receive a dental trauma than participants in any other sports.

The interest and awareness this program created, convinced Dr. Joel Berg, Dean of the University of Washington School of Dentistry, to initiate a Multidisciplinary Trauma Unit within the UW dental School. The scope of this will be broad, including trauma prevention, training and education of those normally present at sites of injury, multidisciplinary treatment approaches, dental traumatology research and more. Members and residents from all dental specialties will be active within the new unit.

Fellowship report

The proposed Fellowship in Dental Traumatology is intended to recognize colleagues across all clinical disciplines that provide treatment, teach, support research and stimulate advances in the field of traumatology. This exciting initiative is eagerly awaited by members of IADT. An Evaluation Committee Anne O’Connell (Ireland, Chair), H Cem Gungor (Turkey), Lars Andersson (Kuwait), Stephen Harlamb (Australia), Liran Levin (Israel) and Alex Moule (Kuwait) has established eligibility criteria and is trialing application processes. This committee has worked hard to develop recommendations to be submitted to the IADT Board. The broad experience and nationalities of her committee members has ensured that national and international issues in training and practice have been considered within the eligibility criteria. Discussions on eligibility have centred on evidence of experience in dental traumatology, and participation in IADT activities. A second Examinations Committee under the Chairmanship of Juan Onetto is reviewing the examination process.

Membership of IADT is diverse, and establishment of fair and obtainable guidelines and examinations has not been an easy task. The proposed criteria include both research-active individuals as well as clinicians across all specialties, as well those in dental practice and who teach in institutions across all jurisdictions.

Edited from a committee report from the Fellowship Education Committee (Chairperson Anne O’Connell)
Some recent IADT News

The Board has determined that IADT should become more involved internationally with the promotion of Dental Traumatology by sponsoring Dental Traumatology Courses worldwide:

(1) To share information about advances in Dental Traumatology
(2) to provide opportunities for colleagues around the world to join our Association.

THIRD COPENHAGEN TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM

The 3rd Copenhagen Trauma Symposium was held on September 6-7, 2013 in Copenhagen, Denmark, covering the topic of acute treatment of traumatic dental injuries using an evidence-based approach.

Participants from about 20 countries around the world heard presentations from Drs. Jens Ove Andreasen, Lars Andersson, Leif K. Bakland, Monty Duggal, Eva Lauridsen, Barbro Malmgren, Olle Malmgren, Asgeir Sigurðsson, and Tove Wigen. Membership in the IADT was promoted throughout the symposium, emphasizing the benefits of access to information through the website and the journal, Dental Traumatology.

During the symposium, the 2013 Jens Ove Andreasen Lifetime Achievement Award in Dental Traumatology was presented to Dr. Leif K. Bakland for his many years of service to the Association.

Past-president Mitsuihiro Tsukiboshi continues to travel the world promoting traumatology. Mitsuihiro is pictured here stirring a bowl of Bibbinba at the International Association of Pediatric Dentistry Conference in Seoul, South Korea earlier in the year where he was speaking on auto transplantation. Mitsuihiro has promoted traumatology in over 25 countries worldwide. In December 2013 he was be speaking in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Mitsuihiro Tsukiboshi stirs Bibbinba in Seoul

Director Tony DiAngelis reports that he continues to spreading the Dental Traumatology gospel. This Fall he presented full day course on dental trauma at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio for the 14th straight year and gave half day programs on Dental Trauma to several state dental societies and orthodontic study club. This winter he has full day Dental Traumatology programs scheduled for New York, Chicago and Texas.

Our president Lars Andersson travelled recently to Orlando, Florida recently to update the American Association of Oral Surgeons on the importance of keeping teeth and the presentation of crestal bone.
Translations

Guidelines
Thanks to the hard work of Cem Gungor and Zafer Cehreli the guidelines were translated to into Turkish. More recently again thanks to a hard working group, Zadik Y*, Levin L§, Cohenca N, the first Hebrew translation of the guidelines have recently been posted on the website. Plans are underway to translate the guidelines into Arabic.

Save a Tooth Poster
Thanks also to the work of many members, the IADT Save a Tooth Poster is now available in: English, Polish (translated by Joanna Baginska), Greek (translated by Costas Onisiphoru), Turkish (translated by Eden Eche) and Hebrew (translated by Yehuda Zadik, Liran Levin and Nestor Cohenca).

Future translations
IADT would welcome correspondence with any member who feels they can promote traumatology by translating the guidelines into another language. Anyone member willing to contribute to the translation of the guidelines into other languages please contact the president, lars.andersson@hsc.edu.kw

Endorsements

Many Board members been working hard behind the scenes to get acceptances and endorsements of our Dental Trauma Guidelines worldwide.
A major endorsement has come from the American Association of Endodontists.
The guidelines are also now present on the webpage of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

http://www.aapd.org/media/Policies_Guidelines/E_Avulsion.pdf

Thanks to Juan Onetto for background to this report.

Make plans now to join the 18th World Congress in Istanbul, Turkey
19th - 21st June, 2014

Historic, modern, traditional: Istanbul is several cities in one - ancient city walls, enchanted churches, mosques and palaces, and delightful tastes of rich cuisine.

We promise lectures, workshops and scientific presentations of exceptional quality where specialists and general dentists can get together to learn and develop knowledge in dental traumatology.
The Dental Trauma Guide
More than 2 million hits a year and growing!

The Dental Trauma Guide (DTG) website (www.dentaltraumaguide.org) was launched in 2008 from the University Hospital in Copenhagen, Denmark. The IADT was one of the early financial supporters. Both the IADT Guidelines and the DTG are based on best evidence and there has been close collaboration between the IADT and the Dental Trauma Guide Team to develop practical and predictable information for practitioners.

The purpose of the DTG is to use the wealth of clinical data accumulated from the records of thousands of dental trauma patients at the Copenhagen University Hospital to provide support for the trauma guidelines developed by the IADT, thus helping to give both health care providers and patients information for the best treatment and prognosis of dental injuries.

Since the launching in 2008 the DTG has seen increasing number of visitors, currently 420,000 visitors per year, with more than 2 million page views.

The website has been accessible free of charge to anyone in the world and the aim is to continue to provide this service free of charge. That requires continuing efforts to secure adequate funding to maintain and improve the website. If you agree that this is a service that needs to continue, please consider contributing by using the link on the website. If you have any suggestions for funding from other sources, please contact us at jens.ove.andreasen@regionh.dk

The Dental Trauma Guide Team

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