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President's message

Dear Colleagues:

The EC has been working on implementing the actions of the HOD, meeting with corporate sponsors, distributing the Information Leaflet (which is available for download on the IFDH website), and updating the HOD via email, as needed. (Goal 6)

As President, I was invited to attend meetings of the Slovak Republic Dental Hygienists Association, the Italian Dental

Hygienists' Association (AIDI), the Russian Dental Hygienists' Association, and the Ukrainian Dental Hygienists' Association. I reported on the meeting of the Slovak Republic Dental Hygienists Association in July. (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6).



Thank you to Marialice Boldi, AIDI President and to Marialice and Mary Rose Pincelli for their hospitality while in Milan.

The European Dental Hygienists Federation (EDHF) met in prior to the AIDI meeting.



President's message cont'd

AIDI celebrated its 30 year anniversary at the Congress. Congratulations AIDI! While there, I delivered two presentations, one a keynote address. I also want to thank my translator, Olivia Marchisio, for her skill and patience.

Thank you to the Russian Dental Hygienists Association and Dr. **Олесь Шевченко**, Vice President, Dental Association of Russia. While in Moscow, I attended the meeting of the Russian Dental Hygienists Association and the 30th Moscow International Dental Forum and Exhibition, to deliver three presentations. There are now 24 dental hygiene programs in Russia, two years in length. There are about 3000 dental hygienists in Russia, and the profession is ten years old.

I attended the meeting of the Ukrainian Dental Hygienists Association and a meeting held at the Institute of Stomatology of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the Ukraine, to deliver three presentations. Thanks to the Ukrainian Dental Hygienists Association, Dr. **Олесь Шевченко**, and Denga Oxana Vasilyevna. While in Odessa, I met the head of the Institute of

Stomatology of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the Ukraine, Konstantin N. Kosenko, DDS, MD, PhD. There are now nine dental hygiene programs in the Ukraine, three years in length. There are about 500 dental hygienists in the Ukraine, and the profession is two years old.

The IFDH has been represented at a number of Association Meetings throughout the 2011 year. Officers Gurenlian, Waldron, Littlejohn, and Goldie have represented the IFDH at a number of meetings. (Goals 1 through 6)

As the holiday season approaches, I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season.

We look forward to working with our committees and members throughout the year. Let us hear from you!

Warm regards,

Maria Perno Goldie, RDH, MS.

President



Maria Perno Goldie with Ukrainian dentists



Russian dentists Dr. **Олесь Шевченко**, Dr. Svetlana Ignatova, and Maria Perno Goldie at the Russian Dental Hygienists Association Meeting at the Dental Expo, Moscow, Russia

19th ISDH update

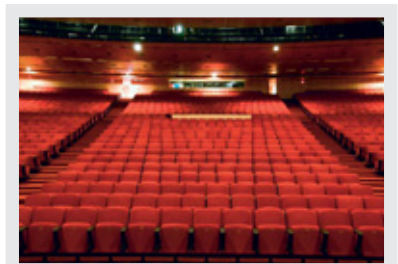
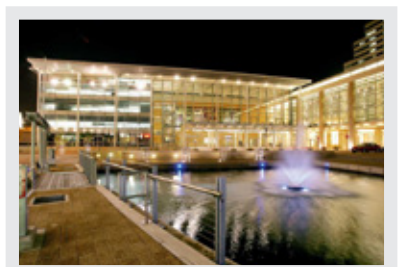
The Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) has been chosen as the location for the 19th International Symposium on Dental Hygiene (ISDH) from August 14th to 17th 2013. This will be the inaugural ISDH to be hosted by South Africa or indeed any African nation and this location befits this momentous occasion.

The CTICC is so much more than just another convention centre. Set in the heart of the Cape Town city centre, it is a place where people from all walks of life are brought together, a tangible demonstration of the power of partnership, and an excellent

example of the success that can be achieved when enterprises work together towards shared goals.

The hallmarks of CTICC include innovative design with meticulous attention to detail, its comprehensive array of world-class services, five star accommodation facilities, and dedicated staff with a proven passion for incomparable service, are quickly earning a well deserved reputation for excellence.

Therefore the CTICC and International Federation of Dental Hygienists (IFDH) have many shared goals and aspirations when we work together on the global stage to promote the profession of dental hygiene as the primary driver in the provision of health care for all.



ISDH 2013 – welcome from OHASA

Would you like to be part of an African and Global Exploration?

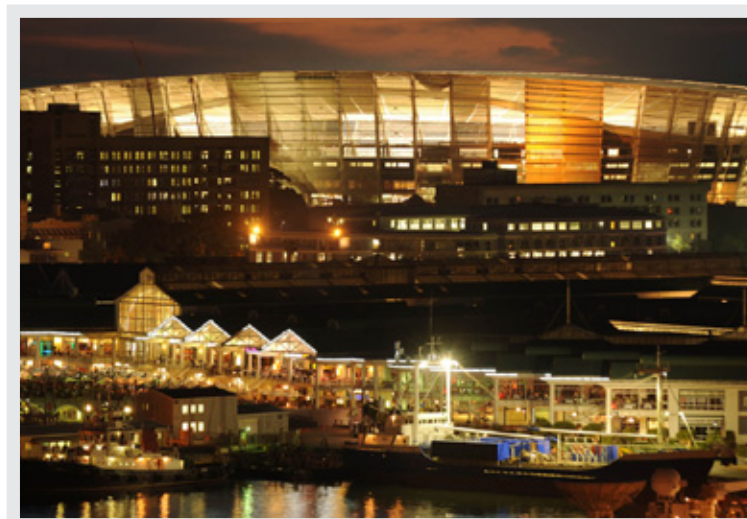
As proud host of the 19th International Symposium on Dental Hygiene (ISDH), the Oral Hygienists' Association of South Africa (OHASA) invites you and other health professionals around the globe to come and join us on a Scientific African and Global exploration to:

- uncover the vital role of dental hygienists as primary health care providers in complete health care, and to
- unite the dental hygiene profession and other disciplines in Dentistry and Medicine.

For regular updates, please visit the IFDH website at <http://www.ifdh.org> and click on the 19th International Symposium on Dental Hygiene or the IFDH Facebook site <http://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Federation-of-Dental-Hygienists/133660890837?sk=wall>

A provisional registration page is already available to enable your 'early bird' registration. We invite all of our colleagues from around the world to complete the provisional registration page so that we can contact you first as all details are finalized.

We look forward to seeing you in Cape Town, South Africa in 2013!



Member country report

Germany

NAME OF ASSOCIATION:

German Dental Hygienists Association
(Deutscher DentalhygienikerInnen Verband e.V.)

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

63

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Germany is going through huge changes: More than one University (3 or possibly 4) is planning a Bachelor in Dental Hygiene (hopefully with 180 ECTS). We have this partially in written, but no detailed information is available yet, till all criteria's are met. The DDHV is not directly involved due to the fact, that we were the big criticizer in the past but consider ourselves now as initiators of this movement.

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

We consider the move being now made as a result of 38 years of our political activities

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

Once the schools are running, the DDHV will have to apply for regulations as a profession and afterwards for acceptance in our german insurance-world.

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

21 April 2012

We do not have a specific title, but our speakers cover the following titles: Do we manage the Biofilm or do the bacteria manage us? And: Perio in exchange to other disease.
Or: Slow Food- good and fair (Health starts in the mouth!).

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.ddhv.de

REPORT SUBMITTED BY

Beate Gatermann and Margaret Schilz-Klotz

Italy

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

AIDI

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

862 until 31 December 2010

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

33

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

- Creation of 'Guidelines for prevention in developing age in patients to be subject to radio and /or chemotherapy' together with Health Ministry.
- Educational programs for primary schools.
- Significant increase of member.

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- Anesthesia
- National Register
- Coordination of University clinical activities exclusively directed by Dental Hygienists.

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING:

22 – 24 September 2011

"30 years of oral hygiene with AIDI"

guidelines for prevention and treatment (care) of gingival disease

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.aiditalia.it

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Marialice Boldi

Member country report



Slovakia

NAME OF ASSOCIATION

Association of Dental Hygienists in Slovakia

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

150

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/TRAINING INSTITUTIONS:

3

- Faculty of Health in Prešov – Bachelor study – 3 years
- Faculty of Health in Bratislava – DIPLOMA DH – 2 years
- Faculty of Health in Zvolen – DIPLOMA DH – 2 years

SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

International symposium “Days of dental hygiene”

- Enlightenment activities among the citizens, propagation of dental hygiene at public places in particular cities in whole Slovakia.
- Oral healthcare during pregnancy.
- Education of children of school and preschool age, marginalized groups towards oral hygiene habits.

KEY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

- Proposal and realization of the project National health programme – elaborated by ADHS and Ministry of health.
- Proposal and realization of National health programme – Education of school and preschool children, handicapped towards the oral health.
- Symposium “XVI. year of days of dental hygiene”.
- The proposal of competences of dental hygienists to the ministry of health.
- Realization of meeting with Ministry of health with aim to support the work of dental hygienist from the side of state with a goal to improve availability of quality prevention towards all age groups, children, chronically ill, hospitalized, seniors, handicapped people and oncologically ill.

DATE AND THEME OF NEXT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING:

3 – 5 June 2011 Nový Smokovec

- Oral healthcare by seniors, chronically hospitalized and handicapped people
- Initial states of caries, diagnostics

LINK TO WEBSITE

www.dentalhygiene.sk

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Marta Križanová, president ADHS

DHAA Inc. 20yr anniversary celebrations

2011 marks the 20th Anniversary of the formation of the Dental Hygienists' Association of Australia Inc. (DHAA Inc.)

Over the past 20 years the association has experienced exponential growth in membership, has been at the forefront of change in legislation, education and scope of practice and has representation at a national level on government committees, legislative boards, advisory councils and the accreditation authority.

In 2001, the year of our 10th anniversary the DHAA Inc. successfully hosted the 15th International Symposium on Dental Hygiene in Sydney, Australia. The organising committee, Sue Aldenhoven AM, Angela Fundak and Leah Littlejohn,

together with a team of dedicated members, achieved a remarkable feat for such a young association.

To celebrate our 20th Anniversary the bi annual National Symposium was held in Darwin, North Territory. It was at this conference the DHAA Inc. first Research Award recipient presented her research project to the audience. We were also privileged to have Dr Kerstin Ohrn, IFDH past president and Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Dental Hygiene as a Keynote speaker.

As a long standing member of the IFDH, the DHAA Inc continues to uphold the values, goals and integrity of this esteemed international federation. The DHAA Inc look forward to further professional growth based on a 20 year foundation that is the continued pursuit of excellence.



Past Presidents Angela Fundak, Mary Beare, Jane Rossi, Sue Aldenhoven AM, Leah Littlejohn (Absent-Terri Slough, Joan James, Judy Hill)



Executive Council members



Celebrating 20 years!



National Council members 1991-2011



Staffan Nilsson, Kerstin Ohrn and Leah Littlejohn

AIDI 30yr anniversary celebrations

From the 22nd to the 24th September, the Italian Dental Hygienist Association (AIDI) held its 30th Anniversary at the Milan Marriott Hotel.

During this event, AIDI also held its Annual National Meeting with more than 400 participants. The opening ceremony of the congress allowed the opportunity for a round table discussion to engage in collaborative dialogue with university, institutions, industry and associations as AIDI continues to support professional development throughout the country. IFDH President Maria Perno Goldie spoke about non-surgical periodontal treatment and the international status of the dental hygienist as she delivered the opening presentation.

Elections were held as part of the AIDI Annual National Meeting for the next Directive Board. Current President Marialice Boldi was re-elected for the 2012-15 term of office.

At the same time, the Institute of San Raffaele was the venue for the annual meeting of the European Dental Hygienist Federation (EDHF). Teachers from European dental hygiene schools attended an expert meeting to discuss future directions in the education of dental hygienists. One of the outcomes supported the focus on prevention as a key area of professional attention rather than the restorative approach of dental therapy.

We finally celebrated at an "in" club our momentous anniversary. President Boldi and her Directive Board blew out the 30 candles while AIDI continued to celebrate with a fun party of dancing, singing and all!

So let us say happy birthday AIDI and let us say thank you IFDH that we are with you.



AIDI President Boldi



Mary Rose Pincelli, Marialice Boldi,
Chiara Camorali, Maria Goldie



AIDI Welcome



AIDI Scientific program



Buon compleanno AIDI!

IJDH impact factor

Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure and pride we now can announce that the Thomson Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) has accepted the International Journal of Dental Hygiene for an Impact Factor.

This is a great improvement for the journal, and even though all ranking systems have weaknesses, it is a huge step forward because it is a grade labeling of quality. The basis for the decision by Thomson ISI is citations in 2011 to the content published in the journal in 2009 and 2010. That content was edited by the former editor-in-chief Marjolijn Hovius. She has made an extraordinary contribution to the journal, and it is because of her admirable work as editor that the journal finally got an Impact Factor. However, besides the editor, the journal has had the privilege of publishing high-quality research conducted and written by excellent and creative researchers, and in addition, we have had accurate, meticulous and discerning reviewers who have all contributed to make the journal what it is today.

This is also a huge step forward for dental hygiene research. The research field is growing fast, and more and more dental hygienists are conducting research, resulting in a need for a high-standard international journal for publications. The fact that we now have an Impact Factor will result in improved papers, even better than the ones we publish today. There is specifically

a demand for a dental hygiene journal with an Impact Factor, as many of the researchers today are forced by their universities to only publish in journals with such a guarantee of quality. This is true for both doctoral students and post doc researchers. There are several research gaps within the field of dental hygiene, which make it more difficult to practise evidence-based. The fact that we now have an international high-quality journal will definitely move the discipline further, resulting in improved oral health promotion and prevention for the patients.

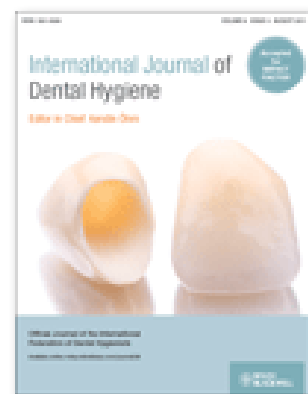
The international Federation of Dental Hygienists (IFDH) will also benefit from a more successful journal, facilitating the goals of professional promotion.

I encourage you all to submit papers on excellent and creative research on dental hygiene.

Kerstin Ohrn

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Periodontal Disease and Overall Health – A Clinicians Guide

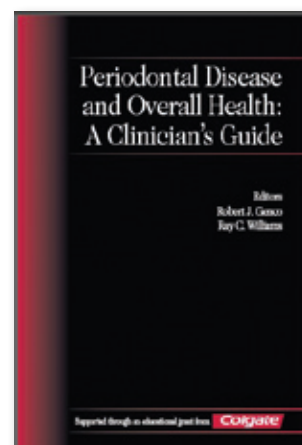
Colgate Oral Care continue to provide support for the International Federation of Dental Hygienists with their generous sponsorship of this publication, Contact International. In addition, numerous other publications that represent valuable scientific reference for health professionals have been realised through ongoing commitment by Colgate Oral Care. IFDH President Elect, JoAnn Gurenlian reviews the textbook titled *'Periodontal Disease and Overall Health: A Clinician's Guide'* in the context of dental hygiene practice.

The relationship between oral disease and systemic disease is not a new topic, but greater emphasis has been placed on the role of oral health and general health since 1989. Researchers from Europe and American have been contributing information to better understand how periodontal disease might be affecting other organs and tissues. Is there a direct connection between periodontal disease and overall health?

To address this question, clinicians and scientists gathered together under the leadership of Dr. Robert Genco and Dr. Ray C. Williams to create a book that presents current

science behind periodontal disease and systemic conditions including diabetes mellitus, atherosclerosis, adverse pregnancy events, respiratory diseases, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis, and cancer. Risk factors for periodontal disease and the inflammatory nature of this condition are addressed. A discussion of the steps needed for comprehensive co-management of the diseases is included. Supported by an educational grant from the Colgate-Palmolive Company, this book serves as a resource for dental, dental hygiene and medical students and faculty, as well as practicing oral health and medical professionals.

The text is entitled *'Periodontal Disease and Overall Health: A Clinician's Guide'*. It is available online at www.colgateprofessional.com and can be downloaded for free. It represents a thoughtful perspective on the relationship of periodontal disease and overall health while providing considerations for improving oral health practices.



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