



EuroPerio9: Amsterdam welcomes the world to celebration of perio

EuroPerio9, which takes place from June 20 to 23, 2018, is set to be the world's biggest congress of periodontology and implant dentistry, with up to 10,000 people expected to attend.

The latest edition of the European Federation of Periodontology's triennial congress features a scientific programme with 42 sessions and 132 speakers, along with 30 sponsor sessions and workshops, and more than 300 moderated abstract and poster presentations. There is also a huge exhibition with stands featuring 132 companies.



Innovative sessions at the RAI Amsterdam congress centre (pictured) include "Perio Talks", where past and present students of EFP-accredited postgraduate programmes will give lively presentations on what has inspired their careers, and the "Nightmare session", where leading periodontists will explore treatments that went badly. There will also be live surgery for the first time at a EuroPerio congress.

In addition, EuroPerio9 features the first formal presentation of the new classification of periodontal and peri-implant diseases, which will have a global impact on clinical practice in periodontology and implant dentistry for years to come.

The organising committee chaired by Michèle Reners has sought to attract a wider audience and increase participation by women and younger professionals. The programme also includes several interactive events which

deploy the latest communications technology, including the EFP App for smart phones and tablets.

Like the previous eight congresses, EFP9 is built on the solid foundations of evidence-based science and clinical practice in periodontology and implant dentistry that are the hallmarks of the European Federation of Periodontology. *Full report, pages 3-6*

“The EFP is a big family and we are so pleased to celebrate perio with the whole world”

Michèle Reners, Congress chair

European Gum Health Day proves to be a global success

European Gum Health Day 2018 on May 12 proved a great success, with activities carried out not only by EFP member societies but also by 10 societies of periodontology in Latin America.

The awareness day, whose slogan was "Health begins with healthy gums", sought to communicate the message that gum health is crucial to overall health and well-being.

Activities included free periodontal screenings, mobile dental clinics, conferences, outreach visits to schools, and the publication of a report on the impact of smoking on periodontal and peri-implant diseases. In addition, there was plenty of media activity with many societies involved in television, radio, and press interviews. *Full story, page 2*



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 EVENTS

European Gum Health Day 2018 raises awareness across globe

European Gum Health Day 2018, the international awareness day promoted by the EFP and organised by its affiliated national societies of periodontology, has proved a resounding success with activities carried out in more than 40 countries.

Under the slogan “Health begins with healthy gums”, events held to commemorate the May 12 awareness day included free periodontal screenings, mobile dental clinics, conferences, outreach visits to schools, and the publication of a report on the impact of smoking on periodontal and peri-implant disease.

There was a huge amount of media activity, as EFP-affiliated societies targeted the press and social media, and released their own videos to drive home the key message about the importance of gum health to overall health and quality of life.

On top of activities organised by 29 of the EFP’s 30 affiliated societies, this year’s event also included the participation of 10 periodontology societies from Latin America: the eight Caribbean and South American members of the Ibero-Panamerican Federation of Periodontology – the national periodontology societies of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela – plus the societies from Colombia and Panama.

In addition, two universities in Brazil and a dental school in Georgia also organised events linked to European Gum Health Day 2018, the fifth annual awareness day that the EFP has co-ordinated.

Launching the awareness day at a press conference in Bern, EFP president Anton



Taking message to the streets in Portugal

Sculean said: “Gum disease’s prevalence and gravity increase with age and as a result of contributing factors such as smoking and obesity – but it can be prevented and successfully treated, especially if diagnosed early. That is why, as our motto says, ‘Health begins with healthy gums’, and we have an opportunity to take action.”

Xavier Struillou, co-ordinator of European Gum Health Day 2018, commented: “European Gum Health Day 2018 has been a resounding success – and for the first time a global one, thanks to the unprecedented support received this time from Latin America as well.

“I would like to thank all 39 national perio societies around the world that have officially joined European Gum Health Day 2018: for their great efforts in making this awareness initiative happen and for their inventiveness in bringing it to a higher level!”



Free periodontal screening in the Netherlands

 INSTITUTIONAL

EFP president makes periodontal health in elders a priority

Anton Sculean, who became EFP president after the 2018 general assembly in Vienna in March, has made the promotion of periodontal health in the over-60s one of the priorities for his year in office.

“Unfortunately, the oral health of older people has been given low priority by the profession and policymakers, but interest in their specific needs is now growing considerably,” said Prof Sculean.

“The global burden of oral disease among older people and the negative impacts on general health and quality of life have been clearly highlighted in several recent scientific publications,” he noted. In addition, people in the 60-80 age range these days are “more active” and “look and feel young.”

In this context, it is important that periodontists and other dental professionals treat this age group as “a strong target audience for the message of periodontal health for a healthy life” and emphasise that the preservation of teeth and a well-functioning mouth are essential.

According to Sculean, executive director and chair of the Department of Periodontology at the University of Bern, Switzerland: “The periodontal and dental team should address this concept for ensuring acceptable oral appearance, maintaining or improving masticatory function, maintaining autonomy, establishing an infection- and pain-free oral cavity together with the long-term prevention of oral infections to ensure oral-health-related quality-of-life factors.”

On top of this, dental professionals “should aim at changing the ‘tune’ and acknowledge that we would be willing to hear about their health and well-being rather than their illnesses and pain.”

The EFP will prepare an outreach campaign to promote periodontal health – which Sculean also calls “oral fitness” – to this age group.

Anton Sculean
EFP President





INSIGHT, INNOVATION, INTERACTIVITY

the ingredients that make EuroPerio9 special



Scientific chair
Søren Jepsen



Congress chair
Michèle Reners

EuroPerio9 will be different. Not only is the Amsterdam congress set to be the biggest-ever EuroPerio congress, but it will also offer many new features that make it stand out from its predecessors.

Nonetheless, like all previous editions of the triennial congress, EuroPerio9 is built on the solid foundations of evidence-based science and clinical practice in periodontology and implant dentistry – the hallmarks of the European Federation of Periodontology.

Michèle Reners, chair of the organising committee for EuroPerio9, and Søren Jepsen, the congress's scientific chair discuss the programme and the approach they adopted in putting together this important event.

Three words seem to capture the essence of EuroPerio9: insight, innovation, and interactivity.

Up to 10,000 people will come to the RAI Amsterdam congress centre from June 20 to 23 in search of the latest insights into periodontology and implant dentistry. They are unlikely to leave disappointed.

There will be 132 speakers in 42 sessions in the main programme, along with 30 sponsor sessions and workshops, and 308 moderated abstract and poster presentations. In addition, there is the exhibition, occupying 3,754m², in which 26 sponsors and 106 other companies will show the latest equipment, tools, and other products that will benefit everyday clinical practice.

Many people are looking forward to gaining insight into the new classification of periodontal and peri-implant diseases, which will be formally presented for the first time at EuroPerio9.

An all-morning session on Friday, June 22 will present the outcomes of last November's *AAP/EFPP World Workshop on Classification of Periodontal and Peri-implant Diseases and Conditions*, in which 110 experts reviewed the scientific evidence to develop a new classification. Key changes are that peri-implant diseases are included for the first time and the challenging issue of the differentiation between chronic and aggressive periodontitis has been addressed and resolved.

Other sessions that will be brimming with insights include those under the headings *Master Clinician/Periodontal Specialist Forum* and *Critical Factors in Periodontology*, and the *joint sessions with the Japanese Society of Periodontology* (Wednesday, June 20) which will consider biofilm and anti-infective therapy, and regenerative periodontal and implant therapy.

And there will be insights aplenty in the keynote lecture on Saturday, June 23, when *Niklaus Lang* – one of the pioneers of European periodontology – will discuss "50 years in periodontology."

Innovation

There will be plenty of insight too in the session on *The global threat of antibacterial resistance: adjunctive systemic antimicrobials* (Thursday, June 21). This important topic will be addressed in a debate – between David Herrera and Andrea Mombelli – one of several innovations in format adopted for EuroPerio9.

Other innovative sessions include:

- ➔ *Live surgery* (Friday, June 22): where Italian periodontists Giovanni Zucchelli and Martina Stefanini will perform periodontal and peri-implant plastic surgery at the ACTA dental school which will be transmitted in real time to the audience at RAI Amsterdam.
- ➔ *The Nightmare session* (Saturday, June 23): Mario Rocuzzo, Giulio Rasperini, Jean-Louis Giovannoli, and Caroline Fouque will explore treatments that went badly – in periodontal plastic surgery, regenerative surgery, and in the treatment of peri-implantitis.
- ➔ *Perio Talks*, part of the *1st EFP Graduate-Alumni Symposium* (Wednesday, June 20): Eight speakers (past and present students of EFP-accredited postgraduate programmes) will present short, lively presentations on what has inspired their professional careers.

There is also the 3D session on reconstructive surgery around teeth and implants, with Pierpaolo Cortellini and Stefan Renvert.

Based on feedback from EuroPerio8 (London, 2015), organisers have made some important changes to the shape of the schedule in relation to presentations of abstracts and team sessions.

"There are now so many abstract submissions from people who want to present their work in short oral presentation or posters," explains Prof Jepsen. "So, we are scheduling twice as many sessions for this type of presentation."

Seeking to be "more inclusive", the former approach of offering a separate track of sessions for dental hygienists was abandoned and replaced by *Team Sessions*, aimed at all members of the dental team.

Innovation at EuroPerio9 is not just about the scientific programme – it is also about the way that organisers have sought to attract a wider audience and increase participation by women and younger professionals.

"We believe young practitioners have an important place in EuroPerio, not only because it is the place to meet the experts and to discuss with them, but also because of the opportunity to look for a perio programme that pleases them," explains Dr Reners. "It is also a unique chance to create their own 'live' social network. That is the reason why we try to innovate and use the latest the technology to improve communications on site."

My EuroPerio: personal views of the world's greatest periodontology congress

Over the last 18 months, a key role in promoting EuroPerio9 has been played by the ambassadors, the representatives of the congress in each of the 30 EFP-affiliated national societies of periodontology.

Here, they explain what EuroPerio means to them and which sessions they are most looking forward to attending at RAI Amsterdam.

Kristina Bertl (Austria): "EuroPerio9 is the place to be. I am curious about what will be changed in the new classification and how peri-implantitis will be included (*News from the World Workshop on Classification*, June 22). *The global threat of antibacterial resistance: adjunctive systemic antimicrobials* (June 21) is an interesting topic and, considering the speakers, it will be an entertaining debate. As for Niklaus Lang on *50 years in periodontology* (June 23) – no one should miss this!"

Nicky Beukers (Netherlands): "I think *Understanding Periodontitis and Peri-implantitis: Global Burden of the Disease* (June 21) is an important session as it is very important to know what the burden of these two diseases is and I am very interested to know the current numbers. I am also looking forward to the *Live Surgery* (June 22) as I would like to improve my knowledge and skills in plastic surgery. The *3D session on reconstructive surgery at teeth and implants* (June 23) is also interesting, again because I would like to improve my knowledge and skills".

Anna Bogren (Sweden): "*The Perio-Ortho Interface* (June 21) will be interesting, as this is of the highest importance but is somewhat forgotten as a treatment option in advanced perio cases. *News from the World Workshop on Classification* is important and a must in the educational sector."

Tali Chackartchi (Israel): "EuroPerio9 is the most important event in the world of periodontology and dentistry. I look forward to the debate on antibiotics and the specialist forums on *Root coverage in demanding sites* (June 22) and *Bone reconstruction after implant loss* (June 22). The first is a 'hot' topic in global medicine and the other two address challenging topics in our everyday work, with lectures given by top master clinicians."

Inês Faria (Portugal): "EuroPerio9 is the place to be, and I think the *News from the World Workshop* session will be an interesting and very pertinent discussion. In daily practice, there is sometimes considerable difficulty to fit cases into the current classification. *Understanding peri-implantitis* (June 22) is an important session because the prevalence of peri-implantitis is a matter of concern to clinicians. The knowledge gap is an issue and I believe that this session will contribute to the clarification of this topic. Periodontal/peri-implant plastic surgery is an interesting issue and the format of the presentation – live surgery – is attractive."

Elena Figuera (Spain): "EuroPerio9 will update knowledge on periodontal and peri-implant diseases. I look forward to the debate on antibiotics, the *Nightmare Session* (June 23), and *Perio Talks* (June 20). I like the innovative way of presenting data in each of these sessions: a debate, a session on mistakes, and the experiences of EFP students can have a bigger impact on attendees than any other types of session."

Caroline Fouque Deruelle (France): "EuroPerio9 is the place to be up to date. The live surgery will be interesting because it's always very effective to see how the specialist works and how it can be different from my own practice. Also, the team session on *The role of nutrition* (June 22), because it is not usual to hear about this. And, of course, the session on the new classification because everybody has been waiting for this for a long time: it will be a very exciting session."

"I hope to improve my knowledge"

Peter Garmyn (Belgium): "EuroPerio is the conference and you only get a chance once every three years. At EuroPerio9. I look forward to the master clinician and periodontal specialist forums *Saving teeth* (June 21), *Bone reconstruction after implant loss*, and *Root coverage in demanding sites*. In demanding cases, patients' expectations are sometimes higher than the results I can achieve. So, I hope to improve my knowledge to improve my results."

Daiva Gelaziene (Lithuania): "EuroPerio9 is the greatest perio event. I tend to look for concentrated, up-to-date information on the issues concerning my main daily practice. So, I am interested in the sessions on *Treatment planning* (June 22), *Live surgery*, and *Critical factors in regeneration* (June 22)."

Marina Giurgiu (Romania): "At EuroPerio9 I will meet the experts and find the latest news in the field of periodontics. I am interested in all the sessions, but I particularly look forward to news about aetiology, treatment, surgical techniques, materials for bone grafting, and root coverage."

Anne Gussgard (Norway): "EuroPerio9 is an excellent opportunity to update your knowledge of the latest innovations and practices in periodontology. I would highlight three sessions: *News from the World Workshop*, and the sessions *The role of nutrition* and *Inflammation – infection*



The EuroPerio9 ambassadors with members of the organising committee

(June 22). It is important to understand and convey that periodontal diseases are essentially a component of a general disease, and that periodontal diseases affects general health and well-being and vice versa."

Peter Harrison (Ireland): "EuroPerio9 offers an unparalleled range of speakers and depth of subject matter for periodontists and allied professionals to build on their knowledge and enhance their daily practice. *The News from the World Workshop* session will provide an opportunity to overview the discussions and rationale behind changes in classification of periodontal diseases. The decisions of the World Workshop will impact on everyday dental and periodontal practice, so this session will offer an invaluable insight into a topic of major importance."

Dominik Hofer (Switzerland): "EuroPerio9 is perio at its best. I look forward to news about peri-implantitis, aetiology, the new classification, periodontal health and diabetes and cardiovascular diseases, and the team session on *Challenges in Practice* (June 22).

Ulvi Kahraman Gürsoy (Finland): "I am particularly interested in the sessions *The Human Microbiome: Role in health and disease* (June 21), *Inflammation – infection*, and *Critical Factors in Regeneration: New perspectives* (June 22). Periodontal and peri-implant diseases are bacteria-induced inflammatory diseases. However, on many occasions, we forget the components of the disease and put disease treatment plans onto unrealistic grounds, such as prescribing antibiotics to everyone, asking for chlorhexidine treatment for extensive time periods, and ignoring the power of regeneration. These sessions address the components of infection, inflammation, and regeneration."

Moritz Kebschull (Germany): "EuroPerio9 is the centre of all things perio in the world. Interesting sessions include *Understanding Peri-implantitis* (June 22), as it is a shame for the field that we still do not understand peri-implantitis and this session will possibly change that perception. Also, *The Human Microbiome*: there

are tremendous novel concepts in periodontal microbiology that have evolved recently."

Rovshan Mammadov (Azerbaijan): "Periodontists from all over the world will be at this EuroPerio. I look forward to the *Joint session with the Japanese Society of Periodontology* (June 20) and the *Master Clinician/Periodontal Specialist Forum* (four sessions, June 20, 21, and 22)."

"Peri-implantitis is a challenge"

Bálint Molnár (Hungary): "At EuroPerio9, you can learn the latest from the greatest. I look forward to *Effective prevention of peri-implantitis* (June 21), *Saving teeth*, and *Innovations in implant therapy* (June 22). Peri-implantitis is one of our major challenges in Hungary, effective prevention and improvement of implant related therapy would be necessary to avoid disaster cases and hopeless patients. The best way is to prevent tooth loss, with new methods in regeneration to save teeth with a seemingly hopeless prognosis."

Daniil Neyzberg (Russia): "EuroPerio9 is an opportunity to see and hear something new in periodontal science. I am particularly interested in the sessions on *Critical factors for long-term success* (June 20), the debate on antibiotics, and the session *Physical activity: protective or harmful to periodontitis* – many of my patients with periodontal disease are elite sportsmen.

Natasa Nikolic-Jakoba (Serbia): "EuroPerio9 is a top-grade scientific meeting which spreads the updated knowledge of periodontal and peri-implant diseases in a way that improves our clinical practice. In the *Nightmare Session*, it will be interesting to see the treatment failures and the ways to solve them."

William Papaioannou (Greece): "For me, EuroPerio9 represents the embodiment of the art and science of periodontology. I look forward to the *Nightmare Session* – we are inundated by talks of wonderful results in therapy, but we all know that, in reality, we have to handle many unwanted results, and even failures. What do we do when these occur?"

Also, the debate on antibiotics. Antibiotics in the treatment of periodontal disease is one of the most misunderstood and wrongfully prescribed therapy. So, where do we stand now?"

Eva Skaleric (Slovenia): "The sessions I find most interesting are *Critical factors for long-term success* and *Saving teeth* – as a periodontist I am always interested in all I can do to save a tooth. And the *Nightmare Session*, as it is important to also see cases that weren't successfully treated. I believe EuroPerio9 will make me a better periodontist."

Uwe Vestergaard Henriksen (Denmark): "I am going to EuroPerio9 to see what is new in perio and to hear how experts currently see periodontal disease and periodontology. Interesting sessions include *Periodontitis and Peri-implantitis: Global burden of disease, Inflammation – infection*, and *News from the World Workshop*.

Goran Zuric (Croatia): "This is the biggest perio meeting in the world and you can learn from the greatest names in the field. I look forward to the *Joint session with the Japanese Society of Periodontology* as I have had almost no opportunity to listen to Japanese speakers. I am also interested in *The Perio-Ortho Interface* where I am expecting new approaches and guidelines."

Ambassadors in Amsterdam

The EuroPerio 9 Ambassadors, whose main role has been to work in their own countries and with their own national societies of periodontology to encourage registrations, will also be active during the four days of the Amsterdam congress. Within the EFP Village area, the ambassadors will welcome visitors, offering traditional dishes from their countries during the presentation of the activities of the national societies.

Spyros Vasilopoulos, chair of the EuroPerio9 Ambassadors Committee, says: "The integration of the ambassadors and the EFP Village will play an important role in networking between delegates arriving from all around the world!"



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This philosophy has been reflected in attendance, with people aged under 35 accounting for 39% of EuroPerio9 registrations.

Interactivity

Interactive technology will play an important role at EuroPerio9, thanks to a special congress application for smartphones and tablets – part of the recently launched EFP App (see page 7) – which will enable participants to provide feedback and take part in voting.

Voting via the App will be used to gauge the audience response in both the debate on antibiotics and the *Interdisciplinary treatment-planning session* (Friday, June 22), where cases will be presented and different treatment options discussed by experts from various dental specialities.

There will also be audience voting to help choose the winners of the *EFP Photo Contest* (Friday, June 22) and *Perio Contest 2018*, a competition for the best single-case reports, organised by the EFP and the EuroPerio9 organising committee, in collaboration with Italian dentistry blog Zerodonto (Saturday, June 23).

In the EFP Village, there will be presentations from the national societies and the various EFP committees will also have the opportunity to explain what they are doing and to describe the federation's future plans.

"This Amsterdam 2018 congress will be much more interactive than previous EuroPerios, which will provide a great level of engagement," said Michèle Reners.

'A big family'

On top of the scientific and clinical insight, the programme innovations, and the interactivity that helps increase audience engagement, EuroPerio9 also features spectacular opening and closing ceremonies and a wide range of attractive social and networking events.

Summing it all up, Michèle Reners says: "The EFP is a big family. We are so pleased to celebrate perio with the whole world, and we have added exclusive and surprising shows where art, emotion, and fun will meet. So, I would recommend participants not to miss any of them."

A brief history of EuroPerio



Opening ceremony of EuroPerio8 (London, 2015)

The triennial EuroPerio congress dates back to decisions taken in the early 1990s by the EFP to stage a scientific congress that would eventually become EuroPerio1, held in Paris in 1994.

After the success of the first EuroPerio, it was decided to stage a similar event every three years, and the numbers of participants has grown steadily. In the process, EuroPerio has become not only the world's leading congress in periodontology and implant dentistry but also one of the most important scientific congresses in dentistry.

It all began in 1994, in a hotel at EuroDisney, the venue of the first EuroPerio...

EuroPerio1

- 📍 Paris, France, May 1994
- 👤 Congress chair: Jean-Louis Giovannoli
- 👤 Scientific chair: Pierre Baehni
- 👤 Participants: 1,200+

EuroPerio2

- 📍 Florence, Italy, May 1997
- 👤 Congress chair: Massimo de Sanctis
- 👤 Scientific chair: Mariano Sanz
- 👤 Participants: 3,700+

EuroPerio3

- 📍 Geneva, Switzerland, June 2000
- 👤 Congress chair: Pierre Baehni
- 👤 Scientific chair: Ubele van der Velden
- 👤 Participants: 3,800+

EuroPerio4

- 📍 Berlin, Germany, June 2003
- 👤 Congress chair: Jörg Meyle
- 👤 Scientific chair: Maurizio Tonetti
- 👤 Participants: 3,503 from 62 countries

EuroPerio5

- 📍 Madrid, Spain, July 2006
- 👤 Congress chair: Mariano Sanz
- 👤 Scientific chair: Stefan Renvert
- 👤 Participants: 5,892 from 79 countries

EuroPerio6

- 📍 Stockholm, Sweden, 2009
- 👤 Congress chair: Stefan Renvert
- 👤 Scientific chair: Pierpaolo Cortellini
- 👤 Participants: 6,682 from 82 countries

EuroPerio7

- 📍 Vienna, Austria, 2012
- 👤 Congress chair: Gernot Wimmer
- 👤 Scientific chair: Richard Palmer
- 👤 Participants: 7,812 from 95 countries

EuroPerio8

- 📍 London, UK, 2015
- 👤 Congress chair: Francis Hughes
- 👤 Scientific chair: Mariano Sanz
- 👤 Participants: 9,626 from 106 countries

EuroPerio9

- 📍 Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2018
- 👤 Congress chair: Michèle Reners
- 👤 Scientific chair: Søren Jepsen
- 👤 Participants: An expected 10,000 from more than 100 countries

“Over 24 years, our congress has established itself as the most unmissable meeting in dentistry, thanks to the great work done by researchers, academics, and clinicians and to the strengths of our organising committees and the fact that we have gained a reputation for rigour, integrity, and reliability.”

Jean-Louis Giovannoli,
who was chair of EuroPerio 1

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The EFP – setting global standards in periodontology and implant dentistry

The European Federation of Periodontology (EFP), founded in 1991, is recognised as a world-leading scientific organisation and has become a benchmark in periodontology and implant dentistry.

The EFP is a federation of 30 national scientific societies of periodontology in Europe, northern Africa, and the Middle East which between them represent more than 14,000 periodontists and other dental professionals.

The EFP, whose strategic vision is expressed by the slogan “Periodontal health for a better life,” is the driving force behind:

- EuroPerio, the world’s biggest scientific meeting devoted to periodontology,
- Perio Master Clinic, a leading forum for the promotion of clinical excellence in periodontology and implant dentistry,
- Perio Workshop, also known as the European Workshop in Periodontology, a world-leading scientific meeting on periodontal science.

The federation’s work in education is highly significant, notably its accredited programme for postgraduate education, which is taught at 16 universities in 11 countries.

The EFP co-ordinates European Gum Health Day, an annual awareness day (held on May 12) organised by its member societies to increase public understanding of periodontal health and its relationship with general health. In addition, the federation facilitates communication between the national periodontal societies themselves and with other stakeholders in the European and global periodontal community.

“The EFP is an organisation run by oral-health professionals who freely donate their personal time to serve the goals and aspirations of the federation to improve periodontal health for a better life,” said Iain Chapple, EFP secretary general. “Their passion, vision, and commitment define the EFP and this is what differentiates it from many other organisations. The EFP has a unique personality and attracts members from across the globe into a very inclusive family of like-minded professionals.”



Iain Chapple
EFP secretary general



EFP publications and communications

The EFP’s *Journal of Clinical Periodontology*, edited by Maurizio Tonetti, is the most authoritative scientific publication in this field with a 3.477 impact factor. Other publications from the EFP include the research summary *JCP Digest* and *Perio Insight*, a quarterly publication that focuses on science and clinical practice.

The EFP has also published *The EFP Manifesto: Perio and General Health*, the first formal declaration in international dentistry to acknowledge periodontitis as a major public-health issue, and the *Perio Focus* paper, a global call to action in the prevention, early detection, and treatment of periodontal diseases, which has been endorsed by 50 national and international societies of periodontology.

The EFP publishes the *EFP News* bulletin twice a year and issues a monthly email newsletter.

Joanna Kamma, EFP contents editor, said: “In terms of communication, the EFP’s publications have greatly contributed to the federation’s outreach to all its members and the public, informing about events and providing updates on the latest scientific and clinical achievements.”

All EFP publications and the latest news from the federation are published on its website (www.efp.org). The EFP App was recently launched to provide access to news, publications and details of EFP events via smartphones and tablets. A special EuroPerio9 application was launched at the end of May.

The EFP is active on social media, publishing regular updates on: Facebook (@efp.org), Twitter (@perioeurope), Instagram (@perioeurope), LinkedIn (europeanperiodontology), and YouTube (PerioWorkshop).

“Clear and effective channels of communication are an essential part of the EFP’s mission to promote periodontal health in Europe,”

said Tiernan O’Brien, chair of the EFP communications committee. “Today, this means engagement across a variety of platforms from the traditional written media to digital and social media.”

Working with partners

The EFP has launched a series of outreach projects with its partners, providing clear information, derived from evidence-based science, to groups including dentists, doctors, researchers, policymakers, the public, and patients.

It has launched Oral Health & Pregnancy, in partnership with Oral-B, and Perio & Caries, in partnership with Colgate. Both initiatives offer dedicated websites that provide detailed, fully referenced scientific reports along with brochures and infographics. The EFP will launch similar projects with its other partners and is now developing Perio & Diabetes with Sunstar.



Materials for the Perio & Caries and Oral Health & Pregnancy projects

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EVENTS

PERIO MASTER CLINIC

The key EFP event for clinicians

The EFP Perio Master Clinic is the leading forum for promoting clinical excellence in periodontology and implant dentistry. With numbers limited to ensure the best learning environment, the Perio Master Clinic brings together clinicians who seek to improve their skills in clinical practice to the highest level.

After the first two Perio Master Clinics in Paris (2013) and Malta (2017), the event moves outside Europe for the first time, to Hong Kong in 2019, and then to Dublin in 2020.

Hong Kong, 2019: Peri-implantitis

As the global opinion leader on issues relating to periodontal health and dental implants, the EFP's goal is to bring periodontal health to all and give clinicians from all over the world the opportunity to develop their skills to the highest levels of excellence.

To this end, the EFP's first Perio Master Clinic outside Europe will take place in Hong Kong in March 2019, in partnership with the Hong Kong Society of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry (HKSPID).

The Hong Kong Perio Master Clinic, on March 1 and 2, 2019, will be dedicated to *Peri-implantitis: Prevention and treatment of soft- and hard-tissue defects*. It will feature presentations from master clinicians from Europe and Asia who are internationally recognised as experts in their fields.



Closing session of EFP Perio Master Clinic 2017 in Malta

"For us, it is an opportunity to learn what clinicians are doing in their offices, calibrate ourselves with current best practice, and seek opportunities to better treat our patients and help change the wrong perception that peri-implantitis is both an inevitable and unmanageable aspect of dental implants," said Maurizio Tonetti, the editor of *Journal of Clinical Periodontology* who will chair the Hong Kong master clinic.

"With this programme, the EFP is proud to enhance its mission and come to Asia to partner with Asian colleagues to move forward the shared vision of bringing periodontal health to all, with a ground-breaking and exciting programme that can be summed up as: EFP excellence, the Asian way!"

Registration for the EFP Perio Master Clinic in Hong Kong will open at EuroPerio9 on June 20.

Dublin, 2020: Reconstruction

Back in Europe, the following Perio Master Clinic will take place in Dublin on March 6 and 7, 2020, devoted to the topic of *Hard- and soft-tissue aesthetic reconstructions around teeth and implants: Current and future challenges*.

The Royal Dublin Society will host the event, which will be chaired by Declan Corcoran from the Irish Society of Periodontology, with current EFP president Anton Sculean as scientific chair. Dr Corcoran was EFP president in 2001-2002.

The topic of hard- and soft-tissue aesthetic reconstructions around both teeth and implants is an important aspect of modern periodontal practice with increasing patient needs and expanding therapeutic possibilities.

The speakers invited to the Dublin Perio Master Clinic are master clinicians and researchers – from both Europe and the USA – who have been successful pioneers in this area and whose joint effects and excellence have helped to shape the current standard of care.

"With this programme, the EFP is proud to enhance its mission and welcome to Dublin clinicians from all over the world to move forward the shared vision of the EFP of bringing periodontal health to the world community," said Declan Corcoran.

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