

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF PERIODONTOLOGY

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EFP GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Held on Saturday, 3rd March 2012 in Helsinki (Finland)**

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Italian	Dr. Alberto Fonzar	Dr. Luca Francetti	
Norwegian	Dr. Antonios Mavropoulos		
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Spanish	Dr. David Herrera		
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Morocco	Dr. Jamila Kissa	Dr. Meryem Rhissassi	
Serbian		Dr. Mia Rakic	
EFP European Coordinator	Ms. Mónica Guinea		
Romanian (Guest EFP)	Dr. Stana Paunica	Dr. Anca Dumitriu	
		Dr. Silvia Martu	

The EFP President, Dr. Birgitta von Troil opened the Meeting of the EFP General Assembly. On behalf the Finnish Society of Periodontology she welcomed the EFP in Helsinki. She congratulated the Turkish and the Portuguese societies of Periodontology that have recently achieved the recognition of the speciality. Dr. Von Troil introduced the new delegates of the national societies.

The President transmitted apologies from Dr. Werner Lill (Austria), Dr. Alain Borghetti (France), Dr. Istvan Gera (Hungary), Dr. Paul Sipos (Netherlands), Dr. Morten Enersen (Norway), Dr. Wanda Stokowska (Poland), Dr. Nuria Vallcorba (Spain), Dr. Björn Klinge (Sweden) and Dr. Michèle Reners (Belgium) and Dr. Maurizio Tonetti (Italy), members of the Executive committee, who were unable to attend this General Assembly.

Dr. Stefan Renvert, EFP Secretary General ran the first part of the meeting. The afternoon was chaired by the EFP President.

1.- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dr. Stefan Renvert introduced briefly the agenda of the GA. Three new issues were added under "Any other business": EFP Awards (Dr. U. van der Velden), the EFP Winter meeting scheduled in Paris in 2014 (Dr. Jean Louis Giovannoli) and the recent dissolution of the Perio Department at the Bernhard Gottlieb University of Vienna (Dr. Corinna Bruckmann). The Minutes of last EFP General Assembly held in Istanbul in March 2011 were approved with minor amendments.

2.- REPORTS

2.1.- President

Dr. Birgitta von Troil presented her report. She has been in regular contact with the EC, the national societies and the EFP office. She attended the Spanish Society of Periodontology Annual meeting in Oviedo in May and the Hungarian Society in Budapest in September. Both meetings were held at a high scientific level and the collaboration with the societies was excellent. In Oviedo the President produced a short video for the promotion of EuroPerio7. The President represented the EFP at the 2 last AAP annual meetings: Honolulu (October 2010) and Miami (November 2011) and attended the AAP & EFP officers meetings. She will report under "International liaisons". She has been in correspondence with the European Regional Organization of the FDI and the Academy of Dentistry International to run joint meetings in Vienna. She has forwarded the requests to Dr. Gernot Wimmer, EP7 Chairman. She has participated with Dr. Iain Chapple on the EU Green paper "Modernising the Professional Qualifications Directive" focused on hygienists. She has been invited to the 1^o Conclave meeting on "Global methodologies for periodontal therapy". This meeting has been postponed to 2013.

Dr. von Troil has been working with MONDIAL on the arrangements of the Helsinki meetings. She thanked Ms. Daniela Lenzinger for her excellent coordination.

2.2.- General Secretary

Dr. Stefan Renvert summarised his activity during this year. He has continuously been in contact with the members of the EC and EFP office to stay updated with the activities in the different committees and the daily work of the Federation. He has been involved, along with Dr. Iain Chapple in discussions with Wiley as member of the JCP Management committee. He will report under JCP. He has participated in the EP8 site visits: Brussels, London and Istanbul. He has recently visited with Dr. Jean Louis Giovannoli "Maison de la Chimie" a potential venue in Paris for the winter meeting scheduled in 2014. The chairman of the congress committee will report on both issues later on.

Dr. Renvert has been in contact with the Serbian, Romanian and Ukrainian societies of Periodontology and the Tunisian Association of Implantology and Aesthetic Dentistry. This issue will be discussed under Membership applications. He has recently been approached by the Indian and the Lithuanian societies of Periodontology. These 2 applications arrived too late to be discussed at this GA.

The SG had been invited to attend the British Society of Perio meeting in Belfast and the Iranian Society of Perio meeting. Both meetings were fantastic.

He attended also the AAP Annual meeting in Miami and the AAP & EFP officers meeting.

Dr. Renvert has been involved in the preparation of EuroPerio 7. Dr. Gernot Wimmer, EP7 Chairman, will report later on.

The Secretary General thanked Dr. Korkud Demirel for serving the EFP as member of the Executive Committee.

2.3.- Treasurer

General report, 2011 accounts for EFP, 2012 forecast budget

Dr. Iain Chapple summarised main economic issues.

He presented the EFP aisbl balance sheet ended December 2011. For tax reasons, for Europerio7 the sponsor invoices have been issued by MONDIAL on behalf the EFP. For EuroPerio8 Dr. Chapple recommended a further evaluation of the UK tax situation, to determine whether sponsor invoices should be sent by the EFP treasurer or by MONDIAL. The system will need to adapt to local regulations to maximise the benefit to the EFP.

The treasurer reported briefly on the healthy situation of the aisbl. The running costs of the EFP are now largely covered by the EFP partners. DENTAID and P&G have already renewed their partnerships. SUNSTAR should confirm the renewal in the next month. J&J has recently signed as a new EFP partner, making 4 partnerships, a great success.

P&G continues to sponsor the Graduate Symposium. The last one took place in London in September chaired by Dr. Nikos Donos and handled by Ms. Ghilaine Ower, Conference Manager of the BSP. The Treasurer congratulated them for an excellent work. Next symposium will be in Leuven in 2013 chaired by Dr. Marc Quirynen and Dr. Wim Teughels.

Dr. Chapple informed the assembly that all societies had paid their annual membership fees and their subscriptions for the JCP online 2011.

For 2012 the treasurer recommended to raise the fees of JCP on-line subscription 2 Euros (from 29 € to 31 €) to enable the Editorial team to develop initiatives. The GA agreed on the recommendation.

The EFP expects to run a very successful EuroPerio congress in Vienna as will be reported Dr. Gernot Wimmer and Dr. Joerg Meyle, Chairman and Treasurer of the congress, in a later point of the agenda. This will further increase the funds of the EFP. Therefore the Treasurer stressed that, now for the first time the EFP is financially secure, independently of EuroPerio Congresses, it is time that EFP started investing on delivering key aspects of its strategic plan.

On behalf the Executive committee, the treasurer proposed the following actions:

1°.- To organise one day "think tank" meeting to review the strategic plan and to decide how to invest the EFP money wisely in EFP activities. This meeting will take place in Barcelona in October.

2°.- To appoint 3 part-time paid positions: a "Communications Officer" to start disseminating EFP material to the profession and public; a "Scientific Officer" to create "patient-friendly" and "Practitioner friendly" summaries of key research findings; and a "Professional Strategy Executive" to drive delivery of the strategic objectives.

3°.- to invest on research by creating a research grant scheme, aimed at generating pilot data for EFP consortium bids.

The EFP grant fund would be for bids that address EWP outcomes in terms of "recommendations for research".

The GA agreed on the 3 proposals.

Dr. Francis Hughes welcomed the initiative on research. He recommended developing a multicentre trial. Dr. David Herrera pointed out that EFP should improve and update regularly the EFP web as main communication tool. The External Affairs committee will work on this issue. During 2011 the EFP focussed on getting the contents for the webpage. In 2012 we will work on a new design of the site.

The treasurer presented the audited 2011 EFP accounts and the 2012 budget forecast. Dr. Chapple pointed out the excellent work by EFP auditor David Lipton in achieving the audit. The GA approved the re-appointment of the auditors for 2012. The General Assembly approved unanimously the 2011 audited accounts for signature by the auditor and the 2012 budget forecast.

Dr. Iain Chapple informed that the contract with MONDIAL as core congress PCO has now been signed. MONDIAL will be involved in the organisation of EFP Winter meeting in 2014 and EuroPerio 8 in 2015.

3.- EUROPERIO 8 BID: LONDON 2015

Dr. Jean Louis Giovannoli, Chairman of the Congress committee reported briefly on the site visits done the end of August to the beginning of September to the 3 candidates to host EuroPerio 8: Brussels, London and Istanbul and informed about the message sent to national societies in December in this regard together with the technical report done by MONDIAL. London was confirmed as candidature that fulfils the requirements to host EuroPerio8.

Dr. Francis Hughes, Chairman of London 2015 presented the bid to the GA. The candidature was approved unanimously by the GA. In a second step, Dr. Hughes presented his committee: Dr. Mariano Sanz (Scientific chairman), Dr. Korkud Demirel (Treasurer), Dr. Nikos Donos (BSP representative), Ms. Ghilaine Ower (BSP Conference Manager), Ms. Monica Guinea (EFP European- Coordinator) and MONDIAL (Congress PCO). The GA welcomed the committee proposal.

4.- JOURNAL OF CLINICAL PERIODONTOLOGY: POSITION JCP EDITOR

Dr Stefan Renvert reported on the Call for expressions of interest for appointment the JCP Editor sent in November to the national societies. Letters of support to reappoint M. Tonetti have been received from the Dutch, Italian and Spanish Societies of Perio. The EC recommended reappointing Dr. Maurizio Tonetti as JCP Editor for a new term of 5 years. The GA ratified unanimously the reappointment of Dr. Tonetti.

5- CALL FOR TREASURER, SECRETARY GENERAL AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The Secretary General informed that a call will be sent to the full member national societies in the next month for the positions of Treasurer, Secretary General and External Affairs committee chairman. Deadline for applications will be 31st August 2012. In October the Executive committee will review the applications and the vote will take place at next GA in Israel in March 2013.

Dr. Iain Chapple has already served as EFP Treasurer one full term and is completing his 2nd and final term in March 2013. Therefore he cannot be re-nominated. The Executive Committee recommends Dr. Korkud Demirel for this position. The current treasurer will support the Treasurer-elect for 12-months from March 2013 until March 2014 inclusive of both those GA's to ensure a smooth transition.

For the position of Secretary General, the Executive Committee recommends Dr. Stefan Renvert for a second term. The Executive committee supports Dr. Edwin Winkel as chairman of the External Affairs for the next term.

6.- CONSTITUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Stefan Renvert reported on behalf Dr. Uros Skaleric, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, that 4 candidates from 3 national societies were received. The committee recommended as candidate for the Executive Committee: Dr. Sören Jepsen (Germany). The candidate had received letters of support from the Italian, Israeli, Spanish and Turkish societies of Periodontology. The GA ratified the recommendation from the Nominating committee.

The GA approved the following composition of the Executive Committee

PRESIDENT	Dr. Moshe Goldstein (2012) (voting member)
PRESIDENT ELECT	Dr. Michèle Reners (2012) (voting member)
IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT	Dr. Birgitta von Troil (2012) (voting member)
GENERAL SECRETARY	Dr. Stefan Renvert (2012) (voting member)
TREASURER	Dr. Iain Chapple (2012) (voting member)
EDITOR	Dr. Maurizio Tonetti (2012)
2 ELECT MEMBERS	Dr. Phoebus Madianos (2012) (voting member) Dr. Sören Jepsen (2012) (voting member)

7.- APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Stefan Renvert reported on the request from the Serbian Society of Periodontology to become full members. The society fulfils the criteria. Dr. Mia Rakic, EFP Delegate of the Serbian Society of Periodontology made a short presentation. The GA approved unanimously the recommendation from the EC to accept the Serbian Society of Periodontology as Full member of the EFP.

The Secretary General informed about the membership applications received from: Romanian Society of Periodontology, Ukrainian Society of Periodontology, Tunisian Association of Implantology and Aesthetic Dentistry and recently from Indian Society of Periodontology and Lithuanian Association of Periodontology. The Executive Committee has reviewed the applications and has decided to recommend the Romanian Society of Periodontology as Associate member to the GA. Regarding the other 4 applications, there is a need of further clarification. The GA discussed how to handle applications from non European countries as India and applications from non Perio associations as the Tunisian Association of Implantology and Aesthetic Dentistry. Those applications have highlighted problems. The acceptance of new members is a strategic decision that should be studied in relation with the role of associate members with the mission and vision of the EFP. It will have also consequences in the format of the GA. The Executive Committee will review the definition of "associate member", prepare working documents and present a proposal at the next GA

A delegation of the Romanian Society of Periodontology formed by Dr. Stana Paunica, Dr. Silvia Martu and Dr. Anca Dumitriu, President, Vice-president and Secretary General of the society attended the GA. Dr. Dumitriu presented the profile and main activities of the society. The GA welcomed the Romanian Society of Periodontology as new Associate member of the EFP.

8.-PERIODONTAL TREATMENT GUIDE BY STRAUMANN- PRESENTATION

Mr. Augusto Cabral, Product Manager Regenerative presented the Periodontal treatment guide by Straumann to the GA. Dr. David Herrera informed that this guide has already translated into Spanish and will be distributed among SEPA members. He encouraged the national societies to translate it on their own language.

9.- REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

The reports from the committees, posted in advance in the EFP web, were reviewed briefly

9.1. Education committee

Dr. Ubele van der Velden, Chairman of the Postgraduate Education Committee (PEC) thanked the committee for the work done during 2011. He reported briefly on the main activities carried out by the PEC: the re-accreditation of the Leuven program, the 3 pending applications for EFP approval of graduate programs: University Paris 7, University of Gent and University of Tel Aviv; the IV EFP Postgraduate symposium held in London in September, chaired by Dr. N. Donos and sponsored by P&G; the meeting with the Directors of the EFP Postgraduate programs and the board of the EFP-PEC during the London Symposium. He presented the new EFP Certificate. The chairman informed about the replacement of Prof. Jan Wennström by Dr. Nikos Donos as PEC member. He thanked Prof. Wennström for his excellent contribution to the committee.

The PEC chairman has developed a questionnaire to evaluate to what extent the former students of EFP accredited programs follow continuous education after graduation. The questionnaire has been sent to the students, but there was a lack of email addresses from the students to enable communication. Dr. U. van der Velden asked EFP representatives to help PEC to activate this issue again through the program directors.

A new task of the PEC was the responsibility for the organization of the Graduate Research prize completion of the EFP approved Graduate Programs in Perio. For this purpose a document with evaluation criteria has been developed.

The next EFP Postgraduate symposium will take place in Leuven (Belgium) in September 2013 chaired by Dr. Wim Teughels and Dr. Marc Quirynen.

Dr. van der Velden informed that Dr. Korkud Demirel, Chairman of the UEC has developed a questionnaire addressed to the undergraduate Perio program directors in order to evaluate to what extent the schools meet the objectives and learning outcomes as defined in the consensus report on Competences, learning outcomes as defined in the consensus report on Competences, learning outcomes and methods of periodontal education within the undergraduate dental curriculum. Dr. Demirel has also experienced problems collecting the addresses of dental schools, Perio departments and Chairpersons in Europe. Dr. van der Velden asked EFP representatives to help UEC Chairman delivering the questionnaire. Dr. Gerry Linden suggested posting the questionnaire on-line at EFP web. Dr. Peter Eickholz pointed out that it is crucial to identify the right persons at the dental schools.

9.2.- External Affairs

Dr. Edwin Winkel, Chairman of the EAC, reported on behalf his committee formed by Dr. Tiernan O'Brien and Dr. Joanna Kamma and supported by Dr. Birgitta von Troil, Dr Mariano Sanz, Dr. Michèle Reners, Ms. Marjolijn Hovius and Dr. Phoebus Madianos. He summarised briefly the new projects: the improvement of the website, the development of a project on animation of periodontal disease by Consult Pro; the inventory of dental Hygienists in Europe; the new section "information for patients" in the EFP web; the start-up of the Dephli project and the new projects related with the EFP Newsletter.

Dr. Winkel thanked the EFP representatives for providing the information about the national societies in due time. This information has been posted in the Member area of the EFP web and will be moved to the open section after the GA.

Regarding the inventory of dental hygienists in Europe, Ms. Marjolijn Hovius has already collected the information of 16 countries. This information has also been posted in the member area of the EFP website and will move to the open area.

Ms. Hovius will get in contact with the pending societies.

The animations for patients by Consult Pro have already been posted on the EFP website and the contract with Consult Pro signed. EFP members will benefit from a 25% discount on Consult Pro products.

Dr. Michèle Reners has been working with Ms. Ann Moulson, English dental journalist on the patient area screening the web sites of national societies for patient content. They have set up a new section on the EFP web "information for patients" already available.

In order to increase traffic through the EFP website, the Europerio8 domain will be implemented on the EFP website. Dr. Winkel informed that the EFP will negotiate to buy www.efp.org domain.

9.3.- European Workshop on Periodontology

Dr. Mariano Sanz, Chairman of the Workshop Committee, reported briefly on the VIII European Workshop in Periodontology on "Research Methodology in Implant Dentistry" held in La Granja (Spain) in November 2011 sponsored by Astra Tech, Nobel Biocare and Straumann. The proceedings and consensus papers have been already published in a specific issue of the JCP in February 2012 and are available on-line through Wiley web page.

The chairman also informed about the EFP-AAP Workshop in Periodontology scheduled in La Granja in November 2012 sponsored by Colgate Palmolive. The theme will be "Periodontitis and Systemic Diseases". A memorandum of understanding between the EFP and the AAP will be signed. The procedures of this workshop will be published simultaneously in JP (AAP) and JCP (EFP). Both editors M. Tonetti and R. Genco are involved as co-chairmen of the workshop. Two media campaigns will be designed to disseminate the results of the workshop: first one sponsored by Colgate to disseminate the outcomes and the second one sponsored by J&J broader on "Perio and systemic diseases" in Europe. The Chairman encouraged EFP Delegates to support this mass media campaign at national level. The press statements addressed to general practitioners and general public will be translated to the languages of the national societies, through the new EFP communications officer.

The Workshop committee is working on themes and topics for 2013 Workshop. Dr. Sanz will be pleased to receive further proposals from the GA.

9.4. Congress

Dr. Jean Louis Giovannoli, Chairman of the Congress committee, presented a new proposal for the EFP Master Clinics Conference. It will be a focussed clinical conference on "Peri-implant plastic surgery", one and a half days, 7th and 8th February 2014 in Paris, limited to 500 delegates. The committee proposed: Dr. JL Giovannoli (Chairman), Dr. P. Cortellini (Scientific chairman), Dr. J. Meyle (Treasurer), Dr. X. Struillou (SFPIO member), Ms. M. Guinea (EFP Co-ordinator) and MONDIAL (Congress PCO). The Venue selected: Maison de la Chimie in the centre of Paris. To avoid competition with EuroPerio there will be no sponsors, just a small exhibition related with the topic. EFP partners will be invited to exhibit free of charge as a further benefit of the Partnership Program.

The GA discussed how to handle the registration to balance the attendance from the national societies. If the meeting is very successful the conference could be transmitted via the EFP website. This first EFP winter conference will be a pilot.

10.- EUROPERIO 7- VIENNA 2012

Dr. Gernot Wimmer, Chairman of EuroPerio7, reported on the main activities carried out by his committee. He presented an update of the scientific programme. He pointed out the number of research communications slots due to the large number of abstracts received. 1,308 abstracts have been submitted. The poster presentations will be split in 2 sessions as it was in Madrid. Posters will also be available electronically as e-posters. 15 eposter stations will be set up in the venue.

The chairman informed that registrations were going extremely well. More than 4.500 delegates have already registered. He presented figures/countries. On behalf Dr. Corinna Bruckmann, Chairman of the Ambassador programme, he thanked the ambassadors for their great work. The national societies will receive in the next days the list of participants through the EFP delegates to check their membership status. Translation has been requested to German, French, Italian, Russian, Polish and Mandarin. The committee has decided to build a second major lecture hall (Hall A3 with 1.300 seats) in the Exhibition hall.

Dr. Joerg Meyle presented an update of the sponsorship. Dexcel Pharma and J. Morita have signed in January as Gold sponsors. The treasurer reported about the final deals with the Publishing partners: Wiley will publish the abstract supplement in USB format and on-line and Quintessenz will print the final program. The exhibition area is nearly booked out. 76 exhibitors have already confirmed.

Dr. G. Wimmer pointed out: the new on-line programme itinerary, the recording of sessions and building up a content library in the EFP website after the congress and the conference "App" available before the conference.

The chairman reported on the ÖGP charity run/walk scheduled on Saturday. 125 delegates have already registered.

He presented the concept of the "EFP village": a new community concept. The information of the national societies will be displayed in ipads (ideally one/society) in the village area. Dr. Iain Chapple recommended national societies to bring their staff to the EFP village. EFP booth and Europerio8 London 2015 booth will be set up connected to the EFP Village.

On Saturday at lunch time the EFP will schedule a gathering for the Boards of the National societies in the venue as it was done in Madrid and Stockholm.

Finally Dr. J. Meyle reported on the financial situation of Europerio7. The financial result expected is very positive. The treasurer acknowledged out the excellent work done by MONDIAL.

11.- EFP WEB & EFP DATABASE

Dr. Tiernan O'Brien presented briefly the new contents of the EFP website focussed on Patient education: the animation videos on periodontal diseases from Consult-Pro and "the Information for Patients" section developed with M. Reners that includes a comprehensive text explanation of a variety of periodontal terms and conditions. Information on Aesthetics and on Infections around implants will be added in the next months. Dr. O'Brien encouraged societies to translate this information on their own language and link to the society webpage.

The Proceedings of previous Workshops will be posted on the EFP website in the next months

Dr. O'Brien pointed out the need to activate the promotion of the classified advertising section. Although the section is in English advertisements can be posted in any language.

In 2011 the EAC focussed on the contents of the EFP web. In 2012 the EAC will review the design of the EFP website and promote the use of the website among members.

Dr. O'Brien introduced as new initiatives to attract people to the site: to create short video clips, interviews with key persons in Perio on the web, to record Europerio7 lectures and post on the EFP web. ..

It was discussed how to increase circulation and improve the design of the EFP website. The benefits for members should be highlighted. The EAC will search for a professional graphics designer to make these changes.

The GA also discussed how to handle the access to EuroPerio 7 lectures on-line: free for participants and after 6 months-1 year opened to the EFP members.

The EFP database continues to be handled directly by the coordinators of the national societies. It was stressed that the database should be accurate.

12.- EFP NEWSLETTER

Dr. Joanna Kamma, EFP Newsletter Editor, summarised main activities undertaken in 2011: the October Newsletter was updated and lengthier version (20 pages); the new section "Profile of the EFP accredited postgraduate programs" was already launched; the EFP text in Wikipedia has been enriched and many links have been placed (national societies and Europerio7); the EFP is now on face book; EFP has been included in the Acronym definition of the Free Dictionary Encyclopaedia by Farlex and in the Acronym finder.

She presented the e.EFP updates: a rolling set of news in the field of dentistry in general, Medicine, Biology, Genetics with the relevant links. A new flag will be installed on the front page of the EFP web. J. Kamma will work with Canterbury web on the technicalities.

The Editor encouraged national societies to participate actively in the EFP Newsletter. She asked the societies to send her the information of their upcoming events or any relevant information they would like to publish before en July 2012. The next EFP News will be published in October 2012.

J. Kamma will update the EFP History booklet for 2016 in order to celebrate the 25th anniversary. This booklet will be distributed among national societies.

13.- EFP GRADUATE RESEARCH PRIZE 2011

Dr. Korkud Demirel, Chairman of the Jury, reported that 5 excellent papers were submitted in 2011 for the EFP Graduate Research Prize. The Jury has followed the evaluation criteria set up by Dr. Ubele van der Velden, Chairman of the PEC committee.

The Jury agreed that the EFP-Graduate Research Prize should be awarded to:

1° prize: "A follow-up study of peri-implantitis cases after treatment" by Georgios Charalampakis, Per Rabe, Asa Leonhardt and Gunnar Dahlen from Gothenburg Perio program and published in the Journal of Clinical Periodontology.

2° prize: "Gingival changes during pregnancy: III. Impact of clinical, microbiological, immunological and socio-demographic factors on gingival inflammation" by Ana Carrillo de Albornoz A, Elena Figuero, David Herrera, Pedro Cuesta, Antonio Bascones Martinez from UCM Madrid Perio program and published at Journal of Clinical Periodontology.

3° prize (shared): "Detection of Periodontal Bacteria in Atheromatous Plaque by Nested Polymerase Chain Reaction" by Elena Figuero, Maria Sanchez Beltrán, Susana Cuesta-Frechoso, Jose Maria Tejerina, Jose Antonio del Castro, Jose Maria Gutierrez, David Herrera and Mariano Sanz from UCM Madrid Perio program and published at Journal Periodontology.

3° prize (shared): "Surgical protocols for early implant placement in post-extraction sockets: a systematic review" from Ignacio Sanz, Maria Garcia Gargallo, David Herrera, Conchita Martin, Elena Figuero and Mariano Sanz from UCM Madrid Perio program and published at Clinical Oral Implant Restorative.

The EFP President thanked Dr. Korkud Demirel (Chairman), Dr. Noel Claffey, Dr. Sören Jepsen and Dr. Richard Palmer for evaluating the papers.

14.- DELPHI STUDY PERIO EU 2012

Dr. Phoebus Madianos presented a feasibility study to set up a Delphi study to assess the tendencies in Periodontology and Periodontics in Europe for year 2025 following as model the project done by the Spanish Society of Periodontology. He presented briefly the methodology to the EC. The study will represent Europe. A small group will validate the questionnaire that will focus on periodontal health, training and practising. This final questionnaire then will be sent to experts from all member countries. P. Madianos will work with the EFP delegates to set up the group of experts. A consensus conference will be organised in 2013.

The questionnaire will be validated by the next Executive Committee meeting in October 2012.

15.- INTERNATIONAL LIAISONS

The EFP President reported briefly on the AAP & EFP officers meeting held in November in Miami to discuss areas of collaboration. A new meeting will be set up during EuroPerio in Vienna.

In 2014 AAP will celebrate its 100 Anniversary. It will be an international celebration. EFP will be invited to participate on a special scientific session or workshop. The overall concept is to raise the awareness of periodontal disease worldwide.

16. – SUPPORT WHO GLOBAL CONFERENCE "PERIODONTAL DISEASE GLOBALLY" GENEVA – MAY 2012

Dr. Iain Chapple informed that the EFP will contribute financially to the global conference "Prevention of Periodontal disease globally" scheduled in Geneva in May 2012.

Dr. Mariano Sanz will represent EFP at the next PBOHE (Platform for Better Oral Health in Europe) meeting in Brussels. Dr. Chapple asked national societies to write a letter in support of the European Commission proposal that says "that dental specialities should be treated in the same way as medical specialities i.e. if they exist in at least 33% of EU Member States, they will be officially recognised".

17.- DATE AND VENUE GA 2013

The GA welcomed the proposal to celebrate next General Assembly in Israel on Friday 15th March 2013, according to the invitation of the EFP President Elect Dr. Moshe Goldstein

18-ANY OTHER BUSINESS

EFP AWARDS

Dr. Ubele van der Velden presented a proposal to set up 3 EFP awards: Eminence in Periodontology Award, Distinguished Service Award and Distinguished Scientist Award. Deadline for receipt of nominations will be 1st January. The Nominating

committee will evaluate the nominations. Awardees will receive the Award (certificate + a pin or a plaque) during the GA. The EFP will cover travel and accommodation costs of the Awardees. U. van der Velden will work on final guidelines for the Award process. These guidelines will be posted on the EFP web.

It was also agreed that an EFP Award will be given to the EFP officers that have served the EFP as Presidents, General Secretaries and Treasurers. If possible this award will be given to all officers that have served since the foundation of the EFP in 1991 during EuroPerio 7 in Vienna".

ISSUE DEPARTMENT PERIODONTOLOGY- BERNHARD GOTTLIEB UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA (AUSTRIA)

Dr. Iain Chapple informed on behalf the ÖGP (Austrian Society of Periodontology) about the dissolution in February 2012 of the Department of Periodontology at the Bernhard Gottlieb University of Vienna. The ÖGP perceives the undertaken measures with great concern. The President and Past-president will write a letter supporting the ÖGP after the GA addressed to Prof. Wolfgang Schütz, Vice Chancellor Medical University of Vienna.

Dr. Edwin Winkel informed that AAP has organised a symposium in memorial of Dr. Sigmund Sochransky in Boston 18 and 19 September. IADR will set up also a specific session in Brazil in June 2012 and speakers will be Drs. Iain Chapple, Panos Papapanou, Ricardo Teles and Magda Feres.

The President adjourned the meeting of the General Assembly.

Dr. Stefan Renvert
EFP Secretary General

Dr. Birgitta von Troil
EFP President