



# IAPD NEWSLETTER

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## President's Letter

Starting on October 15th through to October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003, we held in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress of the IAPD.

It was organized by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, AAPD, and the outcome was a Congress of a superb scientific level, where friendship, knowledge and other social activities together in a most picturesque city in southern USA, was the joy, pleasure and satisfaction of us all.

Once more I wish to thank organizers and participants for the success achieved.

Each Congress of the IAPD leads to a change in the life of our association. In the history of the IAPD, Presidents and the Board of Directors, have worked hard to meet their objectives and lead us to sustained improvement and growth. We are fully aware that although much has been done, we still have much to do.

As our association grows, the greater is our commitment towards the children, the organisations and our colleagues, that are involved with dental health throughout the world, be they members or not of IAPD

Recently, the WHO revealed in a report that, depending on the place of the world where a child lives, his/her life expectancy may vary between 85 and 32 years.

In the last 30 years, the world's mortality rate in children younger than five years, was reduced from 17 to 10,5 millions. Nevertheless, in 14 countries in Africa the infant mortality rates are higher than

they were 1990. In that context 35% of the children have a greater chance of dying in infancy than 10 years ago.

The maximum life average for a woman in the world is 78 years, with extremes of 85 years in Japan and 36 for a woman in Sierra Leone. If the former fell ill she would receive medical assistance of over 550 dollars a year, whereas the latter would receive medical assistance limited to 3 dollars. There are also countries, for instance Haiti, where child mortality is 133 for every 1000 born.

It is, therefore, clear that economic and cultural differences have direct and decisive effect on health.

As an association our ability to influence these scourges that hit the world is limited, but we certainly able to do something from our modest institutional position. The DENFAC program under our Secretary General, Prof Gerald Wright, gives free university instruction to professors on Odontopediatrics in those member countries who request it. We would like to broaden the program further, and in order to do that, we need sponsors and trainers.

We must join our voices with those of the ones who ask for help, and our efforts with those who work in search of a fair and well balanced world in the health area.

We are fully aware that health, together with freedom and education, are the most important values we can offer our children, men tomorrow.

We are studying different mechanisms so that economic



**IAPD President,  
Prof. Hugo Furze, Argentina**

differences do not prevent any society that specializes in child dental health, or colleagues who work with children, from becoming members of IAPD and attend our Congresses. The lack of economic possibilities should not be an impediment for academic exchanges where scientific truths an unanimous solutions emerge.

The larger our membership the stronger we will be, and better the results of our management.

We would like to appeal to those who are already members of our Association to help add new ones to our society, so that together we can work to deliver dental health with equity to all the children in the world; and to those who are not yet individual members we invite you to join us.

We have an open mind and are ready for new ideas. We are waiting for you. In the meantime we will continue to walk straight ahead.

Wishing you all the best for the year 2004.

Cordially,

**Prof. Hugo Furze**

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## Secretary General's Message

IAPD is the only organization that represents our specialty globally. The organization can render assistance to member nations when called upon. In the past it has had a working relationship with the World Health Organization. For these reasons, it is important to support IAPD.

IAPD also is a growing organization and, as a consequence, changes have to be made periodically. At the last Board and Council meeting several important changes were made. Since these changes can impact upon our members, and many were not present in New Orleans, this report will highlight some of them.

While I find it distasteful to mention this at the outset of this message, the lack of dues payment from certain nations has been a problem in recent years. The Board has agreed that Article IV.5 of the Constitution has to be followed in these matters. The Constitution states that a national member who is in two years arrears in dues cannot exercise rights of the Association. In other words, those nations will no longer be members of IAPD. There are financial expenditures in mailing and providing a journal to a member nation and this must be enforced. Hopefully, those in arrears will update their dues as we do not like to lose member nations.

An important change in committee appointments was made. First, let me describe

the procedure in the past. The usual process was that a President named his/her committees shortly after the Board meeting. The committees were disbanded at the next Congress and new committees were appointed by the incoming President. During the past few years I observed that this procedure has some disadvantages. Committees rarely met, if ever. There was a lack of continuity as often an entire committee was replaced. To try and improve the workings of committees, which is so important to a vital organization, the following was recommended by your Secretary General and agreed to by the Board:

Committees will be appointed at the Board Meeting that occurs between Congresses.

Committees will be appointed by the President in consultation with the President Elect.

When new Committees are appointed, only one – half of the committee membership will be replaced.

It is anticipated that these changes will provide the opportunity for committees to meet at Congresses in the future. This should improve committee functioning. Having appointments made by two persons allows for a greater input in committee formation. There also should be more continuity for projects when half of a committee is retained. Committees will be appointed

by President Furze following the Board Meeting in June '04. Those interested in serving on committees should write Dr. Furze or Dr. Papagiannoulis, President Elect.

A recommendation made at the Board Meeting by Dr. Chan, Membership Chair, was to establish Senior Membership category. Those members qualifying for this category will have reduced fees. IAPD has been in existence for more than 30 years and we have members who have supported it all this time. We do not want to lose these members and appreciate their contributions to the organization. Having such a membership category shows our gratitude. This recommendation has gone to the Constitution Committee and undoubtedly will be enacted upon in the future.

A disappointment at the last Congress was the fact that there were no appropriate bids for the 2009 Congress. As a result, as ordered by Council, bids were re-opened until December 2003. Since this is being written before this date, I am uncertain as to whether there will be a satisfactory bid. If not, the Board and Council may have to examine the possibilities of a different process for the selection of Congress sites.

Finally, during the Congress recognition was given to our departing President and Board members who have worked and sacrificed for our organization. Dr. Scheer had a tumultuous President's term.



**Secretary General,  
Prof. Gerald Z. Wright**

He was greeted by the Twin Towers tragedy, had to deal with the merger of ASDC and AAPD which affected our last Congress and was deeply involved in the establishment of our new Secretariat. Those who had to contend with these problems were grateful for his leadership. As for our departing Board members, Dr. Mark Hector (UK) served on the Board as Secretary General several years ago and lately as Editor. Mark was a great stabilizer on the Board and could be counted upon for good advice and opinions. Dr. Richard Widmer (Australia), a past President, brought many interesting ideas and much enthusiasm to the Board. Richard was in part responsible for our DENFAC project and he continues to be involved with IAPD as Chair of the next Congress. Dr. Amput Intaraprasong (Thailand) made much progress as membership Chair. Her efforts have resulted in more members from Asia. She provided good, practical advice as a Representative of Nations.

**Gerald Wright**

## Past President's Breakfast



**From left to right:**

Gerald Wright, Secretary General, Canada; Barry Scheer, President, UK; Donald Kohn, USA; Manuel M. Album, USA; Anna-Lena Hallonston, Sweden; Frank Pulver, Canada; Sadahiro Yoshida, Japan, at the New Orleans Congress.

## The 20<sup>th</sup> Congress of the IAPD 31<sup>st</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2005

The 20th Congress of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry will be held in Sydney, Australia, during November 2005. It promises to be a memorable experience for all those attending. The traditional informality of the Australian and New Zealand people will prevail and the organising committee are assembling an exciting interactive programme, based around contemporary oral health care for children. Workshops have been developed to promote greater audience participation and communication with the speakers, rather than the traditional lecture format. The panel of international speakers that have been invited look forward to sharing and exploring current ideas and bringing together the breadth of experience represented by our worldwide membership.

Precongress workshops will offer participants an opportunity to participate in small groups and to focus on topics at greater depth. It is anticipated that the workshops will include

### **Management of Special Needs Patients – The Autism Spectrum Disorder**

### **Paediatric Oral Medicine and Pathology Workshop**

As this will be the first international meeting that will have a section of the programme that will be aimed at paediatric dental trainees.

Plenary sessions will include symposia on:

### **Meeting the need – Oral disease in children,**

### **An Asia – Pacific focus on oral health priorities**

### **The Management of Dental Anomalies**

### **Enamel Hypoplasia.**

The scientific programme will include ten workshops that will focus on the

contemporary management of clinical issues in paediatric dentistry. There will be two international moderators in each session and the workshops are designed to be interactive and address the management of day to day problems.

Sessions will include;

### **Treatment planning for children undergoing General Anaesthesia**

### **Sedation for Children**

### **Occult Caries and management of caries in the first permanent molar**

### **Interceptive orthodontics**

### **Strategies for fluoridation**

### **New directions in pulp treatment for primary teeth**

### **Management of the traumatised immature permanent incisor**

### **Managing the immuno-compromised child**

### **New technologies and the future of paediatric dentistry.**

Further information can be found on the congress website, [www.iapd2005.com](http://www.iapd2005.com) or the Congress Secretariat, IAPD Congress Secretariat, GPO Box 2609 Sydney, 2001 Australia

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## European Academy of Paediatric Dentistry

The seventh congress of the EAPD will be held in Barcelona from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of June under the Presidency of Dr Juan R. Boj. As has become the custom it will have a finely tuned mixture of research and clinical presentations together with a social programme that will enable those attending to visit the many of the museums, art galleries and architectural splendours of Barcelona.

The scientific committee

has assembled a programme that will include most of the areas of interest to paediatric dentists. The congress will be preceded by a postgraduate course on "Non Pharmacological Behaviour Management" and will be followed by symposia on "Inherited Dental Disorders", "Minimal Invasive Dentistry (Interceptive Treatment of Caries)" and "Care for Children Under Immunosuppression". In addition there will be ample

opportunity to attend the many oral and poster presentations that will cover many the aspects of paediatric dentistry.

For several years the Board of IAPD have held their interim meeting at the European Academy for good reason, it enables them to "kill two birds with one stone" in that besides attending to the administrative and policy matters of the association it is a welcome opportunity to keep up to date and meet

other members in the year between IAPD Congresses.

Further information may be obtained from the congress organisers:

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## The 19th Congress of IAPD in retrospect

Every congress has its own personality the recently held 19<sup>th</sup> Congress was no exception. It was to be expected that New Orleans that and its unique character would be remembered for its hospitality and its music. In the event the atmosphere exceeded even the most enthusiastic promises made by the organising committee.

From the jazz band that welcomed participants at the opening ceremony to the closing banquet it seemed that the only aim of our hosts was to ensure that we took home memories of an outstanding meeting. The innovation of holding the welcoming party amid the trade show together with the inevitable jazz band was one that might be copied

on future occasions. It broke the ice instantly and was almost the high point of the congress, that is if one ignores the exciting, colourful and raucous banquet that reminded one of the "Mardi Gras" for which New Orleans is known.

The scientific content of the congress reached the high standards that we have known

on previous occasions with more than 140 Keynote lectures, oral and poster presentations.

The American Academy of Paediatric Dentistry, who so recently took over representation of paediatric dentistry in the US and hosted the congress, have good reason to be proud of their efforts.

At the Ball

Prof. Ralph McDonald



### More Picture from New Orleans



Magna & Elsa Radaal

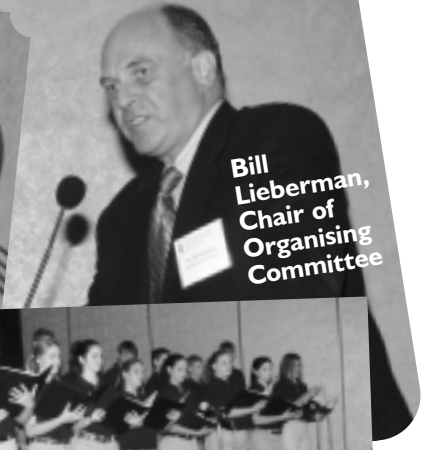
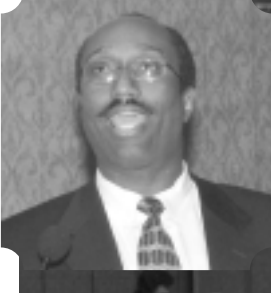


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**Dates for Your Diary**

European Academy of Paediatric Dentistry: June 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 2004, Barcelona, Spain  
 Paediatric Dentistry Association of Asia: 4<sup>th</sup> Congress, September 2004, Bangkok  
**International Association for Paediatric Dentistry:**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Congress October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup> 2005, Sydney, Australia**

**May 26th - May 31st 2004**

Annual meeting of the AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY  
 San Francisco, USA

**June 10th - 13th 2004**

The 4th Conference of the EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY  
 Barcelona, Spain

The Board Meeting of IAPD will be held during this conference.

**September 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2004**

British Society of Paediatric Dentistry  
 Belfast, N. Ireland

**September 23rd - 24th 2004**

The 4th Conference of the PAEDIATRIC DENTAL ASSOCIATION OF ASIA  
 Bangkok, Thailand

*"Happy Child through Oral Health"*

Speakers: Dr J.O. Andreasen  
 Dr Anna Fuks

**October 31st - November 5th 2005**

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