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Thanks for joining us at the highly anticipated 29th IAPD Congress
Dear friends and colleagues,

It is great to be in contact again after a very intense and successful year for IAPD. Our annual newsletter is a great channel of communications with our members and all the pediatric dentistry community around the globe. We are the global voice of oral health in children, and the slogan is always in our minds in every activity or decision we take. We do not only want a strong association but we also want to see the impact that our association has in the oral health of children around the world.

This past year was another year of full activities of IAPD. The IAPD Board and the Executive Committee had several meetings in person and back to normal. During last year we had a board meeting in Rome in November, before the IAPD Global Summit, but we met almost weekly with the Executive committee throughout the whole year virtually. This intense activity was very fruitful since we could plan and carry out our plans successfully. It is interesting to note that in 2022 we were almost back to normal and it was a blessing to have the chance to see each other again after the terrible pandemic time.

IAPD want to recognize the knowledge and expertise in Pediatric Dentistry, and for that reason, we initiated the preparation of a Fellowship certification program. The mission of the fellowship is advancing children’s oral health by conferring fellowship to qualified dentists who meet standards of excellence and are committed to continuous learning and improvement. The examination will be held on April 25th, and up until now it is being a complete success, thanks to the leadership of Marcelo Bönecker, as chair of the Fellowship committee and all the members of the administration and the examination sections.

Another achievement is the development of the 2022 Consensus recommendation by the Science Committee led by Dr Norman Tinanoff. It is not easy to develop recommendations that can be accepted globally. The science committee called a group of experts, researchers, and clinicians from all over the world to qualify the recommendations. This document is very valuable for the pediatric dentists globally. The Consensus recommendations have been published in our web page in different languages and will be reviewed periodically.

We believe that the unity of paediatric dentists is an important contribution towards creating a better world.

Webinars were scheduled once a month with different topics and speakers from all over the world. We found out that this activity was very successful and a great instrument for learning. The leadership and dedication of our education committee chair, Virinder Goyal, was a key to success. We will continue delivering webinars once a month. We are also proud of the International Journal of Pediatric Dentistry, the highest ranked Pediatric Dentistry journal in the world. Donald Chi and the team of editors are doing a great effort to deliver a great product. Congratulations.

During these 2 years as president, I was honored to be invited to several in person meetings around the world: South Africa, India, Mexico, AAPD and also to virtual meetings in Philippines, Italy, ALOP, PDA. In those meetings I had the chance to share with authorities of each region and listen to their opinions about IAPD and the situation of oral health of children in their regions. I
Dear Colleagues,

The world is going through difficult times. Every day we see in the news wars, natural catastrophes, violence, discrimination, among others. Unfortunately, vulnerable populations, such as children, are the most affected by these situations. We at IAPD condemn any event that puts the well-being of children at risk. We believe that the unity of pediatric dentists around the world, free from politics, is an important contribution to a better world and with a childhood that can grow up free and healthy.

Thank you to all of you, members and friends of IAPD! With all your support we are able to continue working to improve our children oral health worldwide.

Jorge L. Castillo (Peru)
IAPD President

and relationships, we can support each other and offer comfort and help.

Unfortunately, IAPD received calls to exclude and ban other members due to political reasons.

IAPD stands firmly against any actions that may jeopardize the well-being of children and their caretakers, regardless of political and racial issues. We believe that our members should embrace this statement as a demonstration of humanitarian sensitivity. The IAPD Constitution allows revocation of membership due to violation of the association’s Constitution but not due to political 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... Hopefully, those in arrears will update their dues as we do not like to lose member nations.”

At that time IAPD had only 44 National Member Society Members (NMS); today IAPD’s numbers have almost doubled: 78 associations! This is an incredible achievement, however, twenty years later, the secretariat still reports a similar problem as written by Prof. Wright in 2003. I appeal to all our member societies to keep their dues up to date. In order to facilitate renewal of all memberships, both individual and NMS, IAPD has invested funds in developing a user-friendly web platform. If a society encounters any difficulties, please contact the secretariat and assistance will be offered.

IAPD’s goals are twofold. On one hand to assist its members, dentists who treat children, and offer our members services, scientific insights, news, learning, and networking opportunities. Our association aims to promote, develop, and safeguard the specialty of pediatric dentistry. On the other hand, IAPD’s mission is to improve and advance children’s oral health globally. Our secretariat and committees are constantly working on the former. To succeed in the latter, IAPD needs expanded membership of both individual members and NMS. Validation of our mandate is the participation of dentists and societies throughout the world and their commitment to the association.

IAPD has been relentlessly working during the past year to provide its members with many services. Our website is constantly under review and maintenance, the education and networking opportunities. Our association aims to promote, develop, and safeguard the specialty of paediatric dentistry.

Together, we can make a difference!

Ari Kupietzky
IAPD Secretary General
Critical Next Steps in Carrying Out the Global Oral Health Agenda

In last year’s Honorary Editor article for the IAPD pre-Congress newsletter, I highlighted a World Health Organization (WHO) Resolution on Oral Health, which was adopted in May, 2021. The WHO Oral Health Resolution recommends a shift from the traditional curative approach towards a preventive approach that includes promotion of oral health within the family, schools and workplaces, and includes timely, comprehensive and inclusive oral healthcare within the primary health-care system. The Resolution also affirms that oral health should be firmly embedded within the non-communicable disease agenda and that oral healthcare interventions should be included in universal health coverage programs.

Member nations subsequently requested WHO to develop a draft global strategy on tackling oral diseases for consideration by WHO governing bodies in 2022; and by 2023, to translate the global strategy into an action plan for oral health. WHO responded to the request by producing drafts of both requested documents, which were shared with stakeholders for review and feedback (and can be viewed via the link in the endnote below). The World Dental Federation (FDI) provided input and reported that it is pleased that the revised version of WHO’s draft Global Oral Health Action Plan (2023 – 2030) “proposes a more prominent leadership role for oral health professionals, including in national oral health policy development and implementation.”

The WHO Draft Action Plan calls on governments to ensure that 80% of the global population is entitled to essential oral health care services to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for oral health by 2030. Which, of course, begs the question, “Who will define essential oral health services for children in member nations throughout the global community?” Echoing the theme I expressed in my 2022 IAPD newsletter article, this clearly is an opportunity for IAPD and IAPD National Society Members to play a strong leadership role on behalf of children’s oral health.

Oral health should be firmly embedded within the non-communicable disease agenda and that oral healthcare interventions should be included in universal health coverage programs.

Every three years (starting in 2024), WHO will submit a comprehensive report on progress on implementing the Global Oral Health Action Plan, including collation of data on 11 core indicators and progress achieved towards the global targets. For example, Core Indicator B.1. includes measures of (a) untreated dental caries of deciduous teeth and (b) untreated dental caries of permanent teeth. Other Core and Complementary Indicators focus on reduction of sugar intake, national guidance on optimal fluoride delivery, use of fluoride toothpastes, and plans to ensure an adequate workforce trained to respond to population oral health needs.

Annual reports by IAPD National Society Members highlight multiple ways that national societies are involved in improving children’s oral health in ways other than delivering clinical dental services. Now is the time for IAPD and its National Society Members to act strategically and collectively to take advantage of this golden opportunity afforded by global efforts being undertaken by the WHO and its member nations throughout the world. Such momentous opportunities don’t occur often.

Jim Crall
IAPD Honorary Editor

Messages from the IAPD


Breaking New Ground: IAPD Hosts Inaugural Fellowship Exam in Paediatric Dentistry

The International Association of Pediatric Dentistry (IAPD) is proud that dental professionals worldwide are in the process of becoming the first IAPD Fellows in 2023. On April 25th, the IAPD hosted the initial qualifying exam for this esteemed program. We are delighted to announce that out of over 200 applications received from 30 countries, 93 candidates qualified to sit the exam.

The exam is one of the essential prerequisites for obtaining the IAPD Fellowship. It evaluates the candidates’ contemporary knowledge of pediatric dentistry, based on current literature and the IAPD Foundational Articles and Consensus Recommendations, a valuable resource freely available on the IAPD website: https://iapdworld.org/publications/iapd-consensus-recommendations/

Introducing the IAPD Fellowship

The IAPD Fellowship is a highly respected program that targets pediatric and general dentists committed to serving children globally. The program signifies that the Fellow possesses cutting-edge, internationally recognized knowledge of pediatric dentistry and remains dedicated to continuous professional development and the field’s advancement.

The Fellowship is administered and governed by a professional, independent examination committee. A dedicated team of pediatric dentists and researchers from around the world worked tirelessly to ensure that successful candidates demonstrate not only a comprehensive understanding of scientific, biological, and clinical principles but also the skills to apply that knowledge effectively.

Becoming an IAPD Fellow allows you to use the postnominal letters FIAPD after your name, signifying your exceptional expertise in pediatric dentistry. The program is designed to promote excellence in the field and foster international collaboration by encouraging ongoing learning and knowledge renewal.

Preparing for and maintaining the IAPD Fellowship

The preparation process for the IAPD Fellowship is an exciting journey. After obtaining a dental license and gaining practical experience, applicants must build a portfolio of 16 continuing education credits within 24 months by attending pediatric dentistry-related events. Finally, candidates must pass the qualifying exam mentioned above.

Once inducted, the renewal process for the Fellowship is ongoing and continuous. Fellows must demonstrate evidence of an active dental license and annually accumulate Continuing Education (CE) hours, submitting the necessary documentation to keep their Fellowship status current.

The IAPD congratulates the first cohort of Fellowship candidates and anticipates the results with excitement over the next few months. We trust that the IAPD Fellowship will have a significant impact on global
pediatric dentistry development and create future leaders in the field.

A tribute to those who made the IAPD Fellowship possible

As the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD) celebrates the success of its inaugural Fellowship exam, it is important to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to the volunteers who made it all possible. Winston Churchill once famously said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” The volunteers who worked tirelessly to establish and administer the IAPD Fellowship have truly given of themselves to advance the field of paediatric dentistry. Their passion, hard work, and selflessness have laid the foundation for an excellent international Fellowship program. IAPD would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to the Fellowship Committee, Examination Section Heads, and Advisors for making this possible!

IAPD Fellowship Committee

The IAPD Fellowship Committee would like to thank and acknowledge the expertise and input of the following Section Heads who have made this examination possible.

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IAPD Consensus Recommendations 2022: Strengthened with Evidence Indicators and International Consensus

We are pleased to inform you that the IAPD Consensus recommendations for 2022 are now available in multiple languages including English, Italian, French, and Spanish. This remarkable resource was crafted by the IAPD Science Committee and can be easily accessed on the association’s website.

What makes the 2022 documents truly unique is that each IAPD Consensus-based Recommendation or Statement has been evaluated for its applicability to global clinical practices. To achieve this, seventy-nine IAPD members, distributed worldwide, meticulously reviewed the guidelines and rated the recommendations using a 9-point Likert Scale, from strongly disagree to strongly agree. On average, each recommendation was evaluated by twenty-three experts.

It is important to note that Consensus-based Statements are based on evidence gathered from the expert opinions of the IAPD Science Committee or other expert opinion documents, such as the AAPD Best Practices documents. Meanwhile, Consensus-based Recommendations are grounded on published high-quality evidence, such as clinical trials or meta-analyses of clinical trials.

Since February 2023, the IAPD has been showcasing a specific document every month. You can sign up for our monthly e-news, visit our website, or follow IAPD on social media to stay updated and learn more about these valuable resources.

We are proud to provide paediatric dentists with these exceptional resources to aid in their clinical practices. With the input of a diverse range of experts and evidence-based recommendations, the IAPD Consensus Recommendations for 2022 are an invaluable tool for paediatric dentists worldwide.

Endorse the IAPD Consensus Recommendations 2022 National-Member Societies Can Now Request Endorsed Copies of the 2022 IAPD Consensus Recommendations*.

IAPD offers to provide a customized edition with your association logo to those National Member Societies who would like to provide to their members an endorsed copy of the IAPD Consensus Recommendations.

We invite all our National Member Societies to request an endorsed copy of the IAPD Consensus Recommendations.

Should you request a copy, please visit the IAPD’s web page, complete the form and upload a high-resolution version of your society’s logo to be added to the documents, we will send them back to you to add to your website as a resource.

To receive your endorsed copy, please note that your society needs to be in good standing, membership fees should be paid in full. Should you have any questions please contact the secretariat at iapd@iapdworld.org.

*These selected articles and recommendations should not be construed as standards of care or scope of practice; rather the information is intended to facilitate excellence of care for children globally.

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Understanding the Quality of Evidence Indicators and Global Agreement Associated with IAPD Recommendations

Quality of Evidence (assessed by IAPD Science Committee)

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Meet the Science Committee 2021-2023

The IAPD has a deep appreciation for the tremendous efforts of our volunteers and is especially proud of the 10 Standing Committees that contribute to our mission. These committees play a crucial role as advisory bodies to the Board of Directors, and their work is invaluable to our organisation.

Today, we want to acknowledge and express our gratitude to the members of the Science Committee who served during the 2021-2023 term, with the guidance of our esteemed chair, Prof. Norman Tinanoff. Their hard work in compiling the Consensus Recommendations & Statements is greatly appreciated.

The Science Committee is responsible for several important objectives, including promoting international collaboration on issues related to oral healthcare, providing evidence-based information for the website, and responding to enquiries about guidelines pertaining to oral health care.

We thank each and every member of the Science Committee for their active and invaluable contributions to the IAPD. Their dedication and hard work are an inspiration to us all.

On a more casual note, we asked each of the Committee Members a few personal questions to get to know them better.

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Why did you become a paediatric dentist?
A 10-year-old child-patient who had consulted me with her mother, thought that I had been good and calm with anxiety and fear (the child), that they both suggested at the completion of the treatment, if I could consider becoming a child dentist. The treatment related to the child’s severe dental fluorosis.

Paediatric dentistry is exciting! It involves all aspects in dentistry- just on a "little person"- who off course brings the entertainment. It takes a combination of clinical skills, people skills and knowledge to be able to successfully manage children- and I love the challenge and fun it brings...

Please share a publication or lecture or fellow paediatric dentist/mentor that made an impact on your career and elaborate how/wha.
Prof Peet van der Vyver - who inspire me to be an academic but also a good clinician. I believe the leaders in a clinical field should not only have the knowledge but also clinical skills to be true mentors and trainers.

What career advice would you give your younger self?
Trust your "gut"! You know what your passion and dreams are, don’t postpone on chasing them - this includes completing the qualifications you plan to obtain.

Professor Arthur Kemoli
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Please share a publication or lecture or fellow paediatric dentist/mentor that made an impact on your career and elaborate how/why.
My mentor, Prof. Evert van Amerongen, from the Netherlands, is one person who made the greatest impact on my career as a paediatric dentist, mentored me very well that we became best friends instead of teacher-student relationship. One publication stands out as a mark of this relationship, and that when I thought of publishing the Manuscript, one colleague that I asked to read disqualified the Manuscript. Only my mentor thought it was a brilliant idea as nobody had made a publication on the topic in any recent times. On submission, one reviewer thought it was not a worthy Manuscript, but the second reviewer was rather supportive as a new idea and encouraged me to improve on the Manuscript. To the surprise of both of us, it was published and it has attracted many citations. I will share the same.

What career advice would you give your younger self?
Will still advice a young dentist to take up paediatric speciality, for simple reasons - you are in charge of guiding a young one with good oral health into adulthood, you have multiple oral health issues to deal with, multiple consultations to deal with at times and multi-disciplinary approach always guaranteed for children. When you look at the adults that you saw their oral health through from when they were toddlers, you see your pride in them and in their offsprings, who may even continue to consult you.

Associate Professor Mani Ekambaram
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Why did you become a paediatric dentist?
I like the wide scope of Paediatric Dentistry.

Please share a publication or lecture or fellow paediatric dentist/mentor that made an impact on your career and elaborate how/why.
Professor Professor Nigel M King for his passion in teaching, research and clinical practice of paediatric dentistry.

What career advice would you give your younger self?
Take time to understand what interests you and choose your career accordingly. If you do something that you love then you can do that very well.
**Why did you become a paediatric dentist?**

When I was in dental school there was a clinician-scholar paediatric dentist who held a symposium "International Workshop on Fluoride". I have been trying to "fill his shoes" for a long time.

*Miss Joana Monteiro*

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Why did you become a paediatric dentist?

Because I found treating children very rewarding, and enjoyed the challenges of a specialty that encompasses different areas. Also - and importantly - my mum was an amazing kindergarten teacher and her joy around children was very much contagious (she is also the best mum ever, of course)

Please share a publication or lecture or fellow paediatric dentist/mentor that made an impact on your career and elaborate how/why.

I am lucky enough to have had (and still have) great mentors. They are important in my working life and I am still very much in contact with them all. They all have in common a recognisable love for the specialty, great clinical skills and enthusiasm for teaching. From early on, Helen Rodd has been a great female role-model, for her incredible academic knowledge and skills, her enthusiasm and amazing energy. I am very lucky to work with her now and benefit from her ever positive ethos!

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What career advice would you give your younger self?

Keep learning, be kind and have fun.

*DDS, MS Norman Tinanoff*

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The Dean of the University of Connecticut, Dr. Harold Loe, offered me my first job on the spot after I gave a seminar regarding stannous fluoride.

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*Miss Joana Monteiro*

**United Kingdom**

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals

Why did you become a paediatric dentist?

Because I found treating children very rewarding, and enjoyed the challenges of a specialty that encompasses different areas. Also - and importantly - my mum was an amazing kindergarten teacher and her joy around children was very much contagious (she is also the best mum ever, of course)

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I am lucky enough to have had (and still have) great mentors. They are important in my working life and I am still very much in contact with them all. They all have in common a recognisable love for the specialty, great clinical skills and enthusiasm for teaching. From early on, Helen Rodd has been a great female role-model, for her incredible academic knowledge and skills, her enthusiasm and amazing energy. I am very lucky to work with her now and benefit from her ever positive ethos!

Monty Duggal, Jinous Tahmassebi and Stephen Fayle – Monty is always buzzing with new ideas, Jinous is a force of nature and the most supportive ally, and Stephen is the most dedicated paediatric dentist, and the best advocate for children. Angus Cameron supported me in my year in Australia and became a dear friend. Along with Richard Balmer, they are without a doubt the coolest paediatric dentists I know! Angus’ knowledge, kindness and love for teaching and Richard’s curiosity are contagious! More recently, Kathy Harley has been another strong female role model, with her buzzing energy and straight talking. I am indeed lucky to have them in my life and can only keep trying to follow their examples, as my career develops into teaching and clinical leadership.

What career advice would you give your younger self?

Keep learning, be kind and have fun.

*DDS, MS Norman Tinanoff*

**USA**

University of Maryland, School of Dentistry

Why did you become a paediatric dentist?

When I was in dental school there was a clinician-scholar paediatric dentist who held a symposium "International Workshop on Fluoride". I have been trying to “fill his shoes” for a long time.

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My most proud about the work I do with my Science Committee members. We create recommendations that help my fellow colleagues globally in providing quality care to their patients.

What career advice would you give your younger self?
I would say be a strong advocate for the patients you serve and do your best to serve your community.

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IAPD Webinars: See You Online!

IAPD members now have a chance to join live webinars by guest speakers on a range of issues. The biggest, unique benefit of joining a live webinar is the way in which content is explained: unlike recordings or other online educational material, the presentation of a webinar is more intimate. It almost functions like a personal tutoring session with feedback, questions, and engagement between the audience and the presenters.

We would like to extend a big thank you to all IAPD webinar presenters who have contributed their expertise with our community over the years.

IAPD webinars take place on a monthly basis, therefore resulting in a minimum of 10 webinars per year. The average attendance of these webinars reaches over 500 viewers and certificates are issued to members in good standing.

All webinars are available in the membership portal on the IAPD website to be viewed on demand if participants are not available at the time of the live session.

To stay up to date with all upcoming webinars, ensure you’re subscribed to receive our monthly e-news where the registration details and session information are available. All webinars are also listed on our website under e-learning.

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IAPD 2nd Global Summit: A Resounding Success

The second IAPD Summit held in Rome was a great success, attracting over 360 delegates from 57 countries who gathered for a three-day scientific event. Not only was the program exceptional, but it was also wonderful to reunite after three years of separation due to the pandemic.

On behalf of IAPD Board of Directors and local organizers, we express our gratitude to each delegate who traveled from all corners of the world to attend the Summit. We also extend our appreciation to our stakeholders, partners, and sponsors. We warmly thank the Italian Society of Paediatric Dentistry (SIOI) and especially the president Domenico Tripodi and the past president Gianmaria Ferrazzano for partnering with us to bring the 2nd Summit to Rome in such short notice!

The Expert Panel

The expert panel met one day before the Summit, and we are grateful to all the panelists for their contributions. Some important conclusions of the expert panel meeting are:

We really can make a difference with our follow up work – by continuing to promote “oral health”, instead of “dental surgery”.

We are sure that in the future all children in the world will benefit from dentists that provide “health care that includes the mouth” instead of “examining and fixing teeth”.

Stay informed about forthcoming publications that will stem from the summit discussions by regularly checking the IAPD’s website.

International Networking & Learning from Each Other

One of the other highlights of the Summit was the special networking meeting on November 10th, which brought together 35 IAPD National-Member Societies for informal discussions. This important scientific event provided a rare opportunity for dental professionals to network with colleagues from around the world and fellow IAPD members.

The main purpose of the networking meeting was to discuss important aspects that may impact the practice of the specialty worldwide. These included:

• Status of Pediatric Dentistry specialty in different parts of the world: recognition of the specialty, postgraduate education. 80.6% of the societies that participated indicated that the specialty is recognized in their country. The remaining 19.4% shared details on the unique situation in their respective countries, where the specialty is unfortunately not recognized yet.

• Situation of the National Association members & how IAPD can help in achieving the objectives of your association?

• The importance of the IAPD Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry

The meeting concluded with an exciting discussion around the management of dental caries by means of Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF). The British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD) shared a wonderful video demonstrating the use of SDF, which was well-received by all attendees. See the video here: https://youtu.be/qHz8CT_rNMM.

Heartfelt Congratulations to the JSPD Award Winner!

“Since beginning my career as a paediatric dentist and a faculty member, I have always dreamed of presenting my research at one of the IAPD’s prestigious events one day. In 2022, the time has come for me to be able to make this dream come true.”

Dr. Nour Ammar, 2022 JSPD Award Winner (Egypt)

Heartfelt gratitude to the Japanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry (JSPD) and warmest congratulations to Nour Ammar, the recipient of the prestigious JSPD Travel Award 2022, presented to her during the IAPD 2nd Global Summit in Rome, Italy.

The Award is aimed at researchers in paediatric...
dentistry requesting to present their work and gain insight from their peers in the field. The Award facilitates their attendance at the IAPD Global Summit Meeting.

Dr. Nour Ammar is a teaching assistant and master’s degree candidate at the Department of Paediatric Dentistry, Faculty of Dentistry at Alexandria University in Egypt. We are glad that the IAPD could play a role in supporting young aspiring researchers and we look forward to seeing Nour’s future participation in more research and projects that contribute to the advancement of dental healthcare to children.

Programme Highlights

The IAPD 2nd Global Summit boasted a strong scientific programme with ground-breaking lectures. The programme kicked off an update on Caries Research, including the Microbiology of Dental Caries (Huyn Michel Koo), Remineralization (Marilia Buzalaf), Treatment options on deep lesions (Kaaren Vargas) and Shallow Lesions (Falk Schwendicke) and Caries Management options (Ed Lo, Daniela Rios and Katrin Bekes) among other excellent presentations. The discussions and presentation on Management options continued on day two. The hall was entirely full of interested and engaged delegates.

IAPD Thanks Every Presenter Who Participated at the Summit: [https://iapdsummit.org/speakers/](https://iapdsummit.org/speakers/)

We take this opportunity to mention that the lecture recordings from the summit are already available to IAPD members in the Video Lecture Centre. If you are not yet a member of IAPD, this is the best time to join!

We thank Colgate for supporting the IAPD in the production and editing of the IAPD 2nd Global Summit lectures by means of a donation toward the IAPD Educational Fund.
A Global Voice of Paediatric Dentistry Activities

We are very pleased to announce the breaking record of 42 National Member Societies' Reports.
Our worldwide family is growing and we are very happy to share the ongoing activities of our colleagues.
Together we are the Global Voice of Children's Oral Health.

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry


• New: Policy on Minimally Invasive Dentistry
• New: Policy on the Management of Patients with Cleft Lip/Palate & Other Craniofacial Anomalies
• New: Endorsement of Oral and Dental Aspects of Child Abuse and Neglect

Hidden Crisis – Pediatric Oral Health in Rural America: AAPD is pleased to share the latest brief from the Research and Policy Center. This brief brings to light some of the challenges faced by children and families accessing dental care in rural America. The brief proposes actions that hold promise for improving the oral health of America’s rural children. It recognizes that the most effective approaches will be structured around the unique assets and needs of each community and involve many stakeholders working together.

Suggested actions include:
• Recruiting the dental workforce from and to rural areas
• Advocating for Medicaid reforms
• Collaborating with other healthcare providers
• Enhancing technology capabilities

The brief also offers examples of effective model programs and gives spotlight to pediatric dentists serving in rural communities across the US. The brief is available online at AAPD.org.

QUAD A Outpatient Pediatric Dentistry Accreditation: AAPD & QUAD A have partnered to offer an accreditation program for pediatric dental practices. QUAD A’s mission of patient safety dovetails perfectly with AAPD’s longstanding commitment to optimal oral health for all children. AAPD leadership is thrilled about the pediatric dental practices that have recently been accredited by QUAD A. Additional information is available at https://www.quada.org/outpatient-pediatric-dentistry.

Residency Safety Curriculum: The AAPD Safety Committee has drafted a curriculum on patient safety for use by postdoctoral pediatric dentistry program directors, based on a survey suggesting that program directors needed additional support in this area. The curriculum draft is under review and will be available more broadly this summer.

Clinical Practice Guideline on Behavior Guidance for Pediatric Dental Patients: An AAPD workgroup recently submitted three systematic reviews and developed a clinical practice guideline on non-pharmacologic behavior guidance. The series focuses on behavior guidance techniques as they relate to preventive care, treatment, and individuals with special health care needs. Final reviews are underway, and these resources will soon be available in Pediatric Dentistry.
Argentine Association of Dentistry for Children

The Argentine Association of Dentistry for Children (AAON), a Sectional of the Argentine Dental Association, held the XVII Student Days on May 21st, 2022. The modality was virtual and for students and graduates (that presented less than three years after receiving their Dentistry degree). Young professionals received from foreign countries were included. The scientific program included two central lectures and a presentation of related topics.

AAON held its 31st Biennial Conference from September 22nd to 24th of 2022 in the form of face-to-face presentations and academic activities, including national and international speakers. The program consisted of two central courses and discussion tables with experts in each field, which included renowned professors from different Universities, Hospitals, and Scientific Societies of the country. The exhibition of free topics was also included.

During 2022, the AAON successfully held 11 webinars on different topics, which were free for the members of the Sectional, and carried out specialization courses, namely: the Update Course in Pediatric Dentistry in conjunction with the Dental Circle of Jujuy, and the Course on Update in the Dental Care of the Pediatric Continent and the Update Space in Pediatric Dentistry in conjunction with the Graduate School of the Argentine Dental Association. The AAON also participated in Casa Abierta Digital, a live conference space organized by the Argentine Dental Association.

The AAON joined the dissemination campaign on the need for COVID-19 vaccination for children and adolescents at the National Hospital of Pediatrics “Prof. Dr. Juan P. Garrahan”.

Renée Di Nallo
President
Argentine Association of Dentistry for Children

Association of Paediatric and Preventive Dentists of Serbia

In 2022, the Association of Paediatric and Preventive Dentists of Serbia (APPDS) continued realization of the project “Oral Health Promotion Program for Children and Adolescents in the Republic of Serbia”. Based on 2019 epidemiological data, a new program for prevention of oral diseases in children and adolescents has been proposed. The proposal is currently under assessment by the Government of Serbia, Ministry of Health. The Association continues to be actively involved in the organization of oral health care and improvement of oral health in children and adolescents.

The topic of the Fifth Congress of the APPDS was pain control and surgical procedures in children. More than 300 participants attended this two-day event in Belgrade (November 4-5, 2022). Besides 13 lectures, a total of 37 abstracts were presented (oral and poster presentations). A dental trauma symposium was organized on December 3, 2023, aiming to cover the endodontic and orthodontic aspects of dental injuries and their complications. In addition to six lectures, participants presented their clinical cases and possible therapeutic problems through short oral presentations.

Various clinical courses and webinars were organized throughout the year.

Under the umbrella of the Young IAPD network, Professor Ivana Radovic from the Clinic for Paediatric and Preventive Dentistry at the School of Dental Medicine, University of Belgrade gave an online lecture “Are Bulk-Fill Composites Here to Stay?”. The lecture provided an overview of possibilities of bulk fill composites, as well as current clinical and laboratory knowledge about the reliability of the bulk-fill technique.
Austrian Association for Paediatric Dentistry

The Austrian Society for Paediatric Dentistry / Österreichische Gesellschaft für Kinderzahnmedizin (OeGKiZ), established in 2005, has about 200 dentists. Since its foundation, the OeGKiZ has focused on paediatric dental education and the promotion of children’s oral health awareness in Austria.

Once a year, the OeGKiZ runs a curriculum for dentists and also offers further education in webinars and in-person. Recent topics included “Painful conditions in pediatric dentistry” and “Problems with the second deciduous molars and canines”, challenges that are not always easy to overcome in everyday practice.

Every two years, a biannual conference is held in Salzburg in the spring. The last congress took place in March 2022. On the first day, a number of workshops and seminars were offered; and on the second day, lectures from international well-known experts were given. Topics included dental trauma, MIH, smart materials in endodontics, prophylaxis and caries management in adolescents, probiotics and communication.

At present, the OeGKiZ is preparing the next conference which will take place in April 2024 in Salzburg.

Prof Dr. Katrin Bekes
Vice President of the OeGKiZ

Bangladesh Society of Pediatric Dentistry

Dental treatment for children remains, as one would agree, a most challenging endeavor. It often tests the dentist’s skill and patience. The pediatric dental surgeon may sometimes need to counsel an anxious parent too. Treating a child is never easy. But, nevertheless, once a child is led out of pain through successful treatment of oral ailments, it gives the dentist the most pleasurable satisfaction.

Bangladesh Society of Pediatric Dentistry (BSPD), a nationally registered organization, was established in 2019 by dental professionals and educators from different public and private dental colleges, dental units, and institutions who independently practice children’s dentistry in Bangladesh. The primary objective of BSPD is to practice, educate and research in all the fields concerned with pediatric dentistry. We want to seek the advancement of this discipline for the benefit of not just oral health, but also the overall health of children.

We are very proud to have most of the senior professors and faculties of different dental colleges as our general and Executive Committee members. It also gives us great pleasure to announce that BSPD has become a member of the International Association of Pediatric Dentistry (IAPD), which is the most prestigious and elite association affiliated with pediatric dentistry on the planet.

BSPD has arranged a significant number of free dental camps, including a few for special needs children, and seminars in different dental colleges. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic limited our activities during the last two years. But we never sat idle. BSPD in collaboration with SAAPD hosted a virtual international PEDO Conference in 2021, which was a huge success given the circumstances.

We held the first national conference of Pediatric Dentistry, BSPD-PEDOCON 2023, from 25th - 26th February. It was the first-ever national conference on pediatric dentistry in Bangladesh. About 14 podium presentations, 9 poster presentations and a hands-on Nitrous Oxide Sedation session were the focus of this conference. Our aim was to bring together leading academic researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results. It also provided a premier interdisciplinary
platform for researchers, practitioners, and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of Education, Research, and Innovation. We express our gratitude to all the speakers, participants, guests from home and abroad, all our mentors and teachers, the sponsors, well-wishers and stakeholders.

Our coming ventures will include hosting more national and international seminars. We plan to arrange multiple training sessions and hands-on courses for aspiring pediatric dentistry enthusiasts. We are focusing on documentation of interesting findings in pediatric cases, research and evidence-based learning, journal publication, and more national and international collaborations.

The Bolivian Society of Pediatric Dentistry is currently made up of nine organizations distributed in the different departments of our country. It has around 239 active members, thus achieving representation throughout and across the width of Bolivian territory. As of the month of July, there is a new national directive, President Dr. Mónica G. Rodríguez Cordero, whose headquarters during this management period is the department of Oruro. Oruro is a highland city located at an altitude of 3,735 meters above sea level, one of the highest cities in the world, but with all the human warmth to assume the activities and challenges that carry forward representing our beloved Bolivian Society of Pediatric Dentistry.

After going through the difficult times of the pandemic and assuming the challenge of virtual communication, monthly scientific activities were promoted. These activities provided the wide possibility of updating and training our membership, with active participation. Fully complying with an annual scientific calendar that is already in place nationally.

In the same way, our presence was established at international events organized by ALOP in the month of November in Monterrey, Mexico, where the commitment to continue strengthening the vision of a better quality of life for children through Pediatric Dentistry in Latin America remains firm.

We are working to fulfill established goals, above all to unify all our regions through scientific, academic and social projects that also allow us to enhance the human and professional value of the partners that are part of the SBO.

We acknowledge in a very special way the good fortune of being able to be members of the IAPD, giving us the opportunity to be part of a movement of great magnitude in Pediatric Dentistry, which allows us to broaden our vision and institutional horizon.
Brazilian Association of Pediatric Dentistry

The Brazilian Association of Pediatric Dentistry (ABOPED) carried out many actions in 2022 with the objective of training and updating its members. From the 5th to the 6th of August 2022 the “Brazilian Congress of Pregnant Women and Babies” took place in the city of Londrina/PR, with the participation of more than 600 delegates from Brazil and abroad. The scientific program was composed of professors and researcher’s experts on different topics related to the oral health of pregnant women and babies. A training course for diagnosing and treating MIH (Molar and Incisor Hypomineralization) was also held for associates, given by Prof. Lourdes do Santos Pinto, from Universidade Paulista/UNESP, a researcher and professor recognized in Brazil and abroad. Courses were held by the ABOPED Regional Offices in the Brazilian states.

Prof. Maria Aparecida Machado and Prof. Sandra Bussadori, President and Vice President of ABOPED, represented Brazil at the XXI Latin American Congress of Pediatric Dentistry / ALOP, from November 16th to 18th, which took place in Monterrey/Mexico.

British Society of Paediatric Dentistry

This year BSPD is focusing on children’s rights as the Society welcomes its new President, Mrs. Jenny Harris who takes up the position for 2022/3. BSPD members enjoyed the first post-pandemic ‘in-person’ annual scientific conference in Sheffield, from 15-16 September. As Mrs. Harris took over the reins, she explained how children’s rights will be center-stage for the Society during her presidential year. Jenny is using her position as a springboard to lead discussions on a number of issues that affect children’s lives – and the following are the three key areas of focus:

1. Children’s right to information that they can understand about their oral health and wellbeing;
2. Children’s right to be protected from harm and the role dental professionals should play in safeguarding them from maltreatment;
3. Children’s right to extra help and special care if they have a disability.

Jenny Harris, who is a community-based Consultant Paediatric Dentist at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, began visiting BSPD’s regional branches in January 2023 taking a lecture on ‘Rights from the Start’ around the UK, exploring the clinical implications of upholding children’s rights in paediatric dentistry. Her lecture, presented either in person or virtually, is illustrated with case examples showing how children with disabilities have the right to extra help and special care. Jenny also raises the rights of children to be protected from harm and the role dental professionals should play in safeguarding them from maltreatment.

A key initiative for the Society has been the training of BSPD leaders on Children’s Rights in Practice from the UK Committee for UNICEF’s (UNICEF UK) Child-Friendly Cities & Communities program. The session was attended by BSPD’s key representatives to external organizations, chairs and secretaries of branches and affiliated groups, and the executive committee. The learning outcomes from UNICEF UK’s training include gaining good knowledge and understanding of children’s human rights, understanding the meaning and principles of a child rights-based approach, and exploring its practical application in working with and for children and young people.

As part of the Society’s drive to support children who are the most vulnerable in our communities, BSPD
introduced 8 translations of their Practical Guide to Children’s Teeth – so that it is now available in languages most commonly spoken by asylum-seeking children and their families. Since its original publication in English in 2016, the Society has recently undertaken to translate this valuable patient-facing educational tool into Ukrainian, Kurdish, Amharic, Persian, Arabic, Pashto, Dari and Tigrinya. The BSPD Practical Guide to Children’s Teeth has become a key resource for parents and carers, and is now available for free on the BSPD website for a wider audience at https://www.bspd.co.uk/Patients/PatientInfo.

2022 was a busy year with the Society continuing to support its members with resources and guidelines. The flagship campaign, DCby1 (Dental Check by One) designed to encourage infants into a dentist’s chair before their first birthday, also continues to be a key focus (https://dentalcheckbyone.co.uk / https://www.bspd.co.uk).

STORY 1 - The National Action Plan for Oral Health in Cambodia targets ECC

Preschool children in Cambodia have severe dental caries. As a result, they experience significant pain that makes it difficult for them to eat and sleep. They have to seek antibiotics for managing dental infections because routine dental care is not available. In addition, we have been able to show that preschool children with cavities are skinnier and have a higher chance of wasting malnutrition - this elevates the problem to one of overall health and wellbeing. Over the last decade, the paediatric and public health dental community in Cambodia has been working to build evidence for access to preventive dental services (specifically fluoride varnish and oral health education) to be integrated with pre and post-natal maternal care. This work has meant that ECC prevention is recognized as a priority within the new Cambodian National Action Plan for Oral Health. The focus will now move from developing an evidence base of effective clinical practice towards (a) Increasing awareness about dental caries in preschool children among nurses, midwives, and doctors, (b) Developing skills for oral health screening and placement of topical fluorides, and (c) effecting a reduction in the severity of dental caries experience among preschool children.

STORY 2 - The University of Puthisastra (Phnom Penh, Cambodia) opens its first Collaborating Centre for Dental Public Health

The Collaborating Centre for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) will help to build the Cambodian health system’s capacity to deliver the highest attainable standard of oral health care. It has the support of Cambodia’s three pediatric dentists who teach at the university, and the Cambodian Association of Pediatric Dentistry. The CIPO team is made up of Dentists, Dental Nurses (Mid-level dental providers), and Dental Assistants, and is led by Dr. Chanthyda Sieng (University of Puthisastra) and Dr. Bethy Turton (Faculty at Boston University’s Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine). The collaborating center presently runs projects to support maternal and child health (Cambodia Smile) and school-based oral health (Healthy Kids Cambodia), and to provide care for children with special needs (The You-Smile I-Smile Project). There are also projects under development for care delivery for older adults and for oral cancer prevention. To make this a reality, CIPO seeks collaborators who have aligned motivations around demonstrating effective interventions with high-quality research and around health systems strengthening to reach the highest attainable standard of care for the population. Want to be involved? Please contact Dr Turton: bturton@bu.edu.
**Chinese Society of Pediatric Dentistry**

In retrospect, 2022 was an eventful but also a fruitful year. Finally, we have overcome the challenges post-COVID-19, and we are about to begin returning to pre-pandemic life. Throughout the entire year, how to efficiently improve children’s oral health via online or on-site academic activities remained the priority of the Chinese Society of Pediatric Dentistry. Fortunately, we have made some remarkable achievements that we would love to share with our peers from other societies.

With the goal of enhancing the levels of clinical practice in undeveloped regions, the CSPD successfully carried out several training courses in Xinjiang, Gansu, and Qinghai provinces. In addition to the form of giving lectures, we also established a directed collaboration and assistance mechanism to provide instructions to dentists from local hospitals in Wulumuqi (Xinjiang), Tongliao (Inner Mongolia) and Guilin (Guangxi) in support of their routine clinical works.

In June 2022, the CSPD held the online IADR event—IADR Oral Microbial Ecology and Its Role in Children’s Oral Health Symposium and received favorable comments from meeting attendees.

The CSPD organized a series of public science education activities nationwide on 20th September—the Teeth Care Day in China, based on the topic of "Oral Health, General Health". The slogan last year was "Teeth care from an early age, pediatric dentists are in action". With the participation of 62 institutions from 46 cities, more than 140 online or on-site activities were held, attracting attendance and interaction from up to 1.3 million parents and children.

Six continuing education programs have been successfully conducted, reaching approximately 100 thousand trainees. Those programs involved the latest developments and new technologies in the clinical diagnosis and treatment of common oral diseases in children. These diseases included dental caries, pulp and periapical diseases, dental trauma and malocclusion.

**Czech Society of Paediatric Dentistry**

Even though some restrictions in paediatric dental care remain, the Covid-19 pandemic has finally weakened. Fortunately, most of our regular activities are back on schedule, including preventive and therapeutic care, undergraduate and postgraduate education, and clinical research, as well as regular meetings, workshops and conferences.

CSPD follows the IAPD Bangkok Declaration, as mentioned in our last report. It implements this recommendation into all forms of paediatric dental education in the Czech Republic.

We have finalized and published a new version of Recommended Procedures for the Prevention of Dental Caries for Children and Adolescents. We distributed this material to dental practitioners and paediatricians.

As part of our close collaboration with the Czech Paediatric Society, we regularly present a multidisciplinary and complex approach to paediatric care at their scientific meetings.

The biggest event for our society is the EAPD interim seminar and workshop held in May this year in Prague. This biannual scientific meeting is organized by EAPD in cooperation with the Czech Society of Paediatric Dentistry. The main topics of the seminar are Medical aspects in paediatric dentistry, antibiotics in paediatric dental care, cancer survivors and fissure sealants. All the info can be found on our website: www.eapdseminar2023.eu.

We would like to wish all the best to all members of the paediatric dental family around the world. We invite all of you to Prague in May and hope to meet face-to-face again.
Dental Association of Russia, Section of Paediatric Dentistry

There are about 9,000 pediatric dentists in the Russian Federation. In addition, general dental practitioners in the Russian Federation provide dental care to the pediatric population.

The Russian section of the IAPD organized the following events in 2022:

International Forum of Pediatric Dentistry, dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Moscow State Medical University of A.I. Evdokimov (September 24-25, 2022). This forum included:
- Competition of scientific works "Children’s Dentistry through the Eyes of the Young Dentists" and
- Competition for the best regional program for the prevention of dental diseases in childhood.

In Moscow, on April 21, 2022, there was a conference-session of the Club of Successful Pediatric Dentists, with a competition for the best clinical case.

We organize the annual Dental Skills Championships in Pediatric Dentistry. In 2022, Dental Skills Championship of Pediatric Dentistry was held in Kirov city on November 17-18, 2022. Dentists from all regions of the Russian Federation participated in the championship.

Every quarter we hold a seminar school for pediatric dentists of Moscow and the Moscow region as part of the educational activities of the Department of Health of Moscow.

In addition, the following events were held in 2022: on March 5, 2022, in Moscow, the symposium "Dentistry of XXI Century. Problems. Ways Out" in the framework of the XXII Congress of Pediatricians of Russia; on April 6, 2022, in St. Petersburg the XVIII International Scientific-Practical Conference "Pediatric dentistry and prevention of dental diseases"; on June 1, 2022, a teleconference - Moscow - Novosibirsk - Vladivostok - Khabarovsk, dedicated to International Children’s Day. The Russian Section of the IAPD held a total of 12 conferences in 2022.

Dutch Society of Paediatric Dentistry

The Dutch Society of Paediatric Dentistry (NVvK) organized two wonderful scientific meetings for their members in 2022.

As part of the spring edition of the congress, technical aspects of oral care in paediatric dentistry, anxiety and care for special needs patients were discussed.

This included technical aspects related to communicating with different patient groups, but also the treatment of ‘deep caries’ in deciduous teeth. In addition, specific deviations that require a different ‘technical approach’ were discussed. Those are deviations that we do not encounter in our daily practice, but that affect our treatment plan if they occur. Here we could cite Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, OSAS, and patients with MUS complaints, among others.

In the autumn edition, various topics regarding sleep and sedation were discussed. You should first think about sleep and sleep problems in children. During the lesson, we learned what a normal sleep pattern of a child is and when it’s so deviant that it requires further intervention. In addition, we learned what happens in a child’s brain when he/she sleeps and why sleep is so critical for a child. Parafunctional and Sleep Apnea was discussed as well as whether a splint can be used in children, and how this can be tackled.

For some children, it makes sense to support dental treatment with sedation. The indication for sedation and the impact on treatment were also discussed during this edition. Various types of sedation, as well as their advantages and disadvantages, were explained. There were lectures about midazolam, nitrous oxide, and deep sedation, such as intravenous sedation and general anesthesia.

Bonita Vink and Christie Vroemen won the annual NVvK-Elmex Thesis Award 2022 with their thesis about ‘Knowledge and applicability of existing communication tools in relation to parents with low health skills in a referral practice’.

Finally, on behalf of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD), the NVvK, and the Local Organizing Committee, we invite you to attend the 29th IAPD Congress. This will take place in Maastricht, the Netherlands, from June 14-17, 2023. For a few days, Maastricht will be the centre of the Paediatric Dental Universe. During this event, the main theme will be “Joining forces” for the benefit of children’s health, and it will be discussed on several levels. Make sure you don’t miss out on that and we hope to see you there!
The year 2022 proved to be a significant one for our society, with our primary objective being the upgrade of our communication tools. We are pleased to announce that we have accomplished this goal. Now you can follow the French Society of Pediatric Dentistry on our new website (https://sfop.asso.fr) and on various social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram. Feel free to join us and subscribe to our newsletter.

Furthermore, we are delighted to have had the opportunity to meet each other again during our annual events. The annual congress, which took place in Rennes in July, was a resounding success after two years of cancellations and postponements. Similarly, the annual course on paediatric prosthetic restorations, which was moved to October in Paris, was sold out. A webinar organized around new technologies in pediatric dentistry gathered a large audience at the beginning of July. In the last quarter of 2022, we organized a new event in collaboration with the French Orthodontic Society (SFODF) in Marseille, focusing on the topic of the first permanent molar. Our association is now part of the member associations of the ADF (French Dental Association).

The year 2023 has already begun with the annual course in Paris last February. The chosen theme of dental traumatology attracted a large number of participants. We are pleased to announce that the 51st annual congress will take place in Lyon on June 30 and July 1st, with the theme of “Compromised Patients.”

Additionally, our society will organize a session during the Association Dentaire Française (ADF) meeting in Paris at the end of November. We will also hold a second course in collaboration with the SFODF in Marseille on December 16, covering the topic of traumatized incisors.

We have released four issues of the journal (RFOP) that allow the French-speaking community to communicate about their activities throughout the year.

We invite all interested individuals to attend our upcoming events in Lyon, Paris, and Marseille.

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In 2022, the German Society of Paediatric Dentistry (DGKiZ) was finally able to hold meetings in attendance mode again. Accordingly, there was great joy and relief among the board and DGKiZ members, but above all among the conference participants.

The first of the two annual conferences was again very well attended after the pandemic years. The spring conference, held in Würzburg, was a great success with a parallel programme for the entire practice team of paediatric dentists and dental nurses. The conference theme, namely an update of various topics in paediatric dentistry, also encouraged participation in the congress. The focus of the congress was on current lectures from the fields of prevention, caries therapy in children, the use of general anaesthesia in children and oral dysfunctions. In the course of this congress, the DGKiZ board was newly elected. Prof. Dr. Katrin Bekes was confirmed as DGKiZ president.

The DGKiZ annual meeting, which took place in Hamburg in 2022, also enjoyed great interest. A strong thematic focus was on caries prevention, and here in particular on nutrition. In this way, the DGKiZ would like to sensitize its members to support a reduction in sugar consumption by children. Another topic that was intensively discussed in several contributions for half a day was the entry of artificial intelligence into paediatric dentistry. This is intended to familiarize paediatric dentists in Germany with this topic at an early stage in order to be prepared for future requirements.

After the pandemic has subsided, there are strong concerns about negative consequences for children’s dental health in Germany. In the course of the contact bans and closures of schools and kindergartens, the usual group prophylactic activities there were cancelled. A decline in visits to dental practices has also been observed over a longer period of time. The extent to which this has a concrete effect on the caries burden of infants and children is currently being investigated.

The DGKiZ continues to be an attractive scientific society for paediatric dentists. This year we will welcome our 2000th member. In addition to the
major conferences, the DGKIZ organises numerous continuing education events as weekend courses or webinars. Scientific activities of the DGKIZ focus on the preparation of relevant guidelines.

DGKIZ is the owner and publisher of the journal "Oral Prophylaxis & Paediatric Dentistry". The international readership of the IAPD newsletter should be informed at this point that international English-language papers can also be published in this scientific journal. Submissions for publication from all fields of oral prevention in children and of paediatric dentistry are always welcome.

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schiffner
IAPD councillor Germany

Finally, conferences in presence again with attractive lecture rounds, discussions, poster presentations and award ceremonies (Hamburg 2022)

Hellenic Society of Paediatric Dentistry

Hellenic Society of Paediatric Dentistry (HSPD) welcomed 2022 with a fresh new board of directors while restriction measures were slowly giving space to pre-Covid habits. Even so, the first semester of 2022 saw many people being hesitant to meet in crowded places. Nonetheless, our paediatric dentist community was very anxious to return to its well-known in-person scientific events.

In May 2022, HSPD organized, in hybrid form, the 16th continuing educational meeting with the topic “Radiology, Oral Pathology and Oral Surgery Considerations in Children and Adolescents”. The meeting met great success with more than 70 in-person attendees, more than 75% of registrants.

In October 2022, the 24th continuing educational seminar took place, again in hybrid form. It was a two-day seminar and the invited speaker was Dr Serhat Köken, visiting Professor in the University of Siena, Italy. The topic was “Create your own composite masterpieces” and attracted a remarkable number of participants. It was more than encouraging that once again more than 75% of the participants chose to attend in person.

In November 2022, HSPD traveled to Rome for the 2nd IAPD Summit. The team enjoyed the congress and the beautiful city of Rome. HSPD was also represented at the networking meeting within the congress by the President and the General Secretary. Once again, it was a delightful opportunity to exchange ideas, catch up on news, meet old friends and make new ones.

2022 was a scientifically productive and very promising year regarding our come back to the pre-Covid era. Looking forward to upcoming scientific events. Our regards to all IAPD members!
Honduran Association of Pediatric Dentistry

Honduras is a country located in the heart of Central America, with a territorial area of 112,492 square kilometers, a population of 9 million inhabitants and a warm climate most of the year. We have an enviable geographical location because we have coastlines both on the Pacific Ocean and on the Atlantic Ocean. Above all, we are very kind, cheerful and sincere people.

The Honduran Association of Pediatric Dentistry (AHO) was founded in 1996 with headquarters in the city of Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras. We are a small association, made up of 18 active members, of which 5 members live in the city of San Pedro Sula. All the pediatric dentists who currently belong to the AHO are graduates from abroad. A year ago in the city of Tegucigalpa, the first post-graduate university program in Pediatric Dentistry began.

One of the objectives of our association is to project ourselves to the community, carrying out prevention campaigns and talks on dental care. Annually, the association holds a continuous education program involving both general dentists, postgraduate students and pediatric dentists, with the purpose of promoting the updating of professionals specializing in pediatric dentistry and general dentists who care for children.

As part of the group of Central American countries and Panama, once a year we hold updating congresses, taking place in a different country every year or year and a half or so, which allows us not only to increase our scientific knowledge, but also to strengthen our friendship bonds with our Central American colleagues.

The situation in terms of government management of oral health leaves much to be desired. Within the scheme of management of oral health in children, pediatric dentists are not included. We do not have fluoridation programs of any kind.

Indian Society of Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry

ISPPD organized the following events in 2021:

42nd Annual Conference "PEDODISHA-21; Curriculum Meet the Culture" was organized in November. The main highlights of the four-day conference included 6 foreign speakers, including Dr Marcelo Bönecker and Dr Jeffrey Dean, 12 pre-conference courses, along with 946 oral and 428 poster presentations. 1,965 delegates attended. Dr Susant Mohanty was the Organizing Chairman.

ISPPD continues to organize various national-level skill enhancement and public awareness events.

1. A Certificate Course on Special Healthcare Needs in Dentistry has been started by ISPPD as its flagship program. Upon completion of 40 hours of training in 3 modules, 30 participants were successful in achieving and receiving their certificates of completion.
2. 18th National postgraduate convention “Pedo Pulse” was held in April 2022 at King George Medical University, attended by more than 1,145 delegates. Eight pre-congress courses, 24 guest lectures, 473 orals, and 410 posters were presented during the 3-day convention.

3. A virtual “Faculty Development Program” for the faculty of pediatric dentistry was organized by Guru Nanak Institute of Dental Sciences and Research, Kolkata. More than 300 faculty members working in different dental colleges participated in the program and were given certificates.

4. An “Authors & Reviewer’s Training Workshop; an open secret” was organized at KSR Institute of Dental Sciences Tamil Nadu. The objective of the workshop was to enhance the peer review process of the Society’s Journal (JISPPD), which is PubMed indexed.

5. 43rd Annual conference of ISPPD “Pedotaal” was organized at People’s University Bhopal, attended by more than 1,600 delegates. The main highlights of the four days conference included 10 foreign speakers including IAPD President Dr. Jorge Castillo, past IAPD President Dr. Marcelo Bonecker, IAPD President-Elect Dr. Figen Seymen and Dr. Ramos Gomez.

6. Three national-level public awareness competitions were also held – Oral Health Day (20th March), “Children’s Day” (14th November), and “Teacher’s Day” (5th September). Various activities were conducted to increase awareness by children, their parents & school teachers about the importance of good oro-dental health. More than 100 dental colleges and more than 50,000 children participated in the programs, making them a huge success.

7. A national-level Essay Competition was organized on the topics – “Biomimetic materials in pediatric dentistry” and “Impact of social media in improving oral health status in children.” The prize winners were given prize money.

8. Four issues of the society’s journal (JISPPD) and four issues of the e-newsletter SmileTimes. Pedo have been released. Please visit www.isppd.org.in.

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**Israeli Society of Dentistry for Children**

The Israeli Society of Dentistry for Children (ISDC) includes 160 members (92 of them specialists in pediatric dentistry). It is a growing society; and this past year, 50 new members have joined.

The ISDC held three meetings in 2022 and at the beginning of 2023. The scientific meetings were held in June and December, and a joint meeting with the EAPD in February 2023.

The June meeting was dedicated to recent advancements in pediatric dentistry. Lectures included dental materials, orthodontics, maxillofacial surgery and endodontics. (Fig 1)

We had a meeting in December that was dedicated to children with special needs. It took place in “SHALVA” a center that provides transformative care for individuals with disabilities, empowering their families and promoting social inclusion. The social event included a musical show of the Shalva Band that is comprised of eight talented musicians with disabilities who perform to the highest musical standards. (Fig 2)

The 3rd EAPD Athena Master Class for Paediatric Dentists took place in Jerusalem. The topic of the Master Class was: “Let’s Go Digital in Paediatric Dentistry”, and the lecturers were experienced clinicians and academics from Germany, Belgium, Australia and Israel. The aim of this Master Class was to enable young European and local paediatric dental clinicians to understand and work with the new digital instruments available in our field. Internationally recognized clinicians provided an interactive Master Class, which covered all aspects of digital dentistry for children – namely effective diagnosis, advanced restorations and prostheses, and interceptive orthodontics. (Fig 3)

The ISDC ran a local campaign in the media (TV and social media) to raise the awareness and importance of prevention in pediatric dentistry.

The ISDC created a group of young pediatric dentists (mainly residents) who meet separately socially together with continuing education. (Fig 4)

ISDC is a proud member of the IAPD. Two of our members have served as Presidents, Prof. Chaim Sarnat and Ana Fuks!

Prof. Esti Davidovich
President of the Israeli Society of Dentistry for Children
Japanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry

The Japanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry (JSPD) was founded in 1963 and its 60th anniversary will be commemorated this year. In May 2022, the board of directors was changed and Prof. Seikou Shintani (Tokyo Dental College) became the 29th President. Additionally, new members joined the International Affairs Committee and Prof. Kazuhiko Nakano (Osaka University) took over the chair position.

In March last year, we were very sad to hear that Prof. Kenshi Maki (Kyushu Dental University), our 28th President, suddenly passed away. Then in April, Prof. Taku Fujiwara (Nagasaki University), previously Chair of the International Affairs Committee, also passed away. It is unfortunate that we lost two significant JSPD members in 2022.

In May, a general congress was held in Chiba, near Tokyo, with the resumption of in-person congress meetings, which had been suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic (Picture 1). The attendees enjoyed meeting and talking together, as the time felt much more productive than the online sessions held previously. Nevertheless, that congress was conducted in a hybrid style with participants also allowed to join online. The total number was still lower than seen before the pandemic.

The promotion of the globalization of the JSPD began in 2022, with a special focus on younger members. Fortunately, all six regional congresses, held in October and November, resumed an in-person meeting format, with a total number of participants nationwide of 2,150, many more than prior to the pandemic. During those congresses, important points about the IAPD and the benefits of becoming a member were provided, while details regarding participation at the IAPD 2023 Congress to be held in Maastricht were also available at information tables (Picture 2).

In November, we were pleased to offer a JSPD Travel Award for Young Researchers from Developing Countries to Ms. Nour Ammar, of Alexandria University, Egypt, at the 2nd Global Summit of IAPD held in Rome, Italy. We will continue to support young researchers who are eager to promote the oral health of children throughout the world.

Finally, we were recently delighted to learn that “The Pediatric Dental Journal,” the official journal of the JSPD and Pediatric Dentistry Association of Asia (PDAA), was selected to receive its initial journal Impact Factor notation next year. Submissions of both original articles as well as case reports from all over the world are welcome.
Kenya Association of Paediatric Dentists

The year 2022 was a great year for the Kenya Association of Paediatric Dentists (KAPD), albeit being amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. We strove to promote oral health education, with a focus on young dental practitioners who are venturing into the world of child dental care in both private practice and public service. We scheduled a number of continuous development talks under the guidance of the Council Head of Education, Dr. Maureen Macharia. Emphasis was placed on Minimal Invasive Dentistry, Silver Diamine Fluoride, Traumatic Dental Injuries and Early Childhood Caries.

The chair of KAPD, Dr. Marjorie Muasya, and president of IAPD, Jorge Castillo Cevallos, held one-on-one discussions. Both associations agreed to continue with their close alliance. IAPD's pledged support to KAPD has been a welcome pillar to the growing Kenyan Association.

In 2022, the government held a crucial policy-making meeting discussing the scope of practice of various cadres of oral health care workers. Professor Arthur Kemoli, Dr. Salome Iri and Dr. Eunice Mbaabu actively represented the association at the meeting, in regards to provision of services to children, adolescents and persons with special needs.

KAPD collaborated with Garden of Hope Children’s Home and the Edmund Rice Centre for free medical camps. The Garden of Hope Children’s Home is located in Ngong town, about 25 kilometers West of the capital city of Nairobi; while the Edmund Rice Centre is a community-based organisation located in Nairobi. Dr. Nduguuyu Kerre and Dr. Maureen Macharia led KAPD to offer dental checkups to children in these facilities, many of whom are unfavorably affected by dental caries and dental fluorosis. Two other medical camps – in Kisumu region in Western Kenya and in Sierra Leone in West Africa, were carried out by former KAPD chair, Dr. Nicholas Gichu. KAPD also collaborated with Concordia Solutions for a two-part series of an in-depth professional education on Infection Control in the dental clinic.

Most of our members continued mentoring junior colleagues, young dental interns, as well as dental students across the country in various dental schools and internship centers. The University of Nairobi, Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital and Maseno University are heavy centers of instruction through which council and other members offered instruction. A number of these birthed research projects and theses of value to the region and beyond.

KAPD is pleased to continue representing the needs of dental child patients in Kenya and across the region.

Korean Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

The Korean Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (KAPD) has more than 1,000 members since it was founded in 1959. KAPD has supervised the education of accredited pediatric dentists since 1996 and Korean government-approved pediatric dental specialists since 2008. We held the 2002 conference of the Pediatric Dentistry Association of Asia (PDAA) on Jeju island and the 2013 congress of the IAPD in Seoul. The 2022 PDAA Congress was also successfully held online in Seoul. Prof. Jong-Soo Kim from Dankook University has been elected as the President of KAPD from 2022 to 2024. Vice-presidents are Prof. Young J Kim, Prof. Nan-Young Lee and Dr. Min-Ho Song.

Please visit our website for more information. The official English Web site is http://www.kapd.org/welcome_en/.

PDAA 2022 and the 63rd Annual Scientific Meeting of KAPD were held online on April 12-24, 2022, hosted by KAPD. The meeting covered various themes related to pediatric dentistry and attracted more than 1,186 participants. 559 from 20 countries (China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, USA and Vietnam).

1. Workshops (2): Q-ray & PediDent Kids Files PRIMIUN/ NuSmile ZR Crown
2. Symposia (10): Pulp therapy, Special care, Oral surgery, Caries, Trauma updates, Molar incisor
PDAA 2022 Congress

The 56th Annual Autumn Conference of KAPD was held in Cheonan on October 21-23, 2022, hosted by Dankook University. Approximately 200 participants attended the conference, and 33 speakers gave oral presentations. The topics of the main presentations were as follows: “Pediatric Dentistry – Career Development in Clinical and Research Training” by Prof. Kyounga Cheon from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and “Recent Adhesion Theory and Esthetic Restoration using Composite Resin” by Dr. Sung-Wook Hwang from Cheongsan Dental Clinic.

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PDA and the 63rd Annual Scientific Meeting of KAPD was successful for academic exchanges and friendships for pediatric dental residents and specialists all over the Asia.

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**Malaysian Association of Paediatric Dentistry**

The Malaysian Association of Paediatric Dentistry (MAPD) has been leading the charge in advancing the conversation about paediatric dentistry with its engaging monthly online webinars. With over 100 participants joining each session, the webinars covered an array of fascinating topics. These topics included the relationship between paediatric dentistry and paediatric endocrinology, and mouth breathing and sleep disorders. Attendees were thrilled to learn from the best experts in the field, gaining valuable insights into the latest research and best practices.

Excitement and enthusiasm reached new heights at the MAPD 2023 biennial scientific conference and trade exhibition. This was held from 9-11 March at the stunning Berjaya Times Square Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Over 200 delegates, including traders, came together for three days of riveting talks, networking and learning.

The conference theme, “Dentition in Dilemma and Secret of Sixes,” set the stage for an informative and captivating event. The distinguished speakers, Prof. Ferranti Wong and Prof. Shakeel Shahdad from the Queen Mary University of London delivered thought-provoking talks on topics such as molar incisor hypomineralization and space management. Participants also enjoyed problem-based learning case discussions, and tabletop demonstrations on injection moulding, which added a hands-on, interactive element to the conference.

The conference also featured a scientific competition in seven categories. This allowed participants to showcase their research and engage in stimulating discussions with their peers. Categories included oral presentations for research and case reports and poster presentations, for dental trauma, systemic disease, oral pathology and oral medicine, audit and observational studies, and review categories.

The annual general meeting, held on 10 March, was also a momentous occasion. It saw the announcement of the new MAPD committee for 2023-2025, led by Associate Prof. Dr. Ahmad Faisal Ismail. The new committee is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of excellence. It fosters a collaborative community and provides participants with the latest research and best practices. The outgoing committee, led by Dr. Juanna Bahadun, was thanked for their unwavering commitment and hard work.

For many attendees, the conference was a chance to reconnect with old friends and colleagues and forge new connections. It was the first face-to-face event many had attended since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and the positive energy and enthusiasm were contagious.

Overall, the MAPD 2023 biennial scientific conference and trade exhibition was an enormous success, leaving participants feeling motivated, enlightened, and excited about the future of paediatric dentistry. The MAPD continues to be a vital platform for advancing the field and providing an avenue for meaningful discussions and exchanges.
Mexican Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

The Mexican Academy of Pediatric Dentistry held its 38th Magno Congress in the beautiful city of Merida, Yucatan from October 26-29, 2022.

The course included four days of updating under an atmosphere of fellowship among colleagues. Important national and international speakers, such as Dr. Prasad K Musale, Dr. Katrin Bekes, Dr. Luciano Zaffarano, Dr. Lourdes Santos Pinto, Dr. Paul Bahn, Dr. Marco Navarro and Dr. Abhinav Talekar, addressed issues such as MIH, early childhood caries, pulp therapy and orthopedics among other current topics in Pediatric Dentistry.

Within the framework of the congress, the Student Forum was also held as part of the activities for universities affiliated to AMOP. This forum had the participation of more than 30 universities from throughout the country.

The first social brigade to support the most vulnerable population was also implemented. More than 600 attendees enjoyed the event.

Nepalese Association of Pediatric Dentistry

Over the course of 2022 and the beginning of 2023, the Nepalese Association of Pediatric Dentistry (NAPD) conducted many scientific events.

- 4th Annual NAPD Conference was held on 8th-9th April, 2022 in Kathmandu, Nepal. On 8th April, a workshop on “Rotary Endodontics” was conducted with 36 participants. 9th April consisted of scientific sessions comprising lectures by eight keynote speakers on multidisciplinary topics and competitive presentations by postgraduate students. 70 participants attended the conference. The conference was highly successful and appreciated by attendees.

- Hands-on course on “Bioflex crown”, 7th January, 2023 at Kantipur Dental College and Hospital, Kathmandu

- 2nd post-graduate convention of NAPD with hands-on courses on “Ledge bypass of root canals” on 21st January, 2023 in Kathmandu

- Workshop on “Apical end plug” and “Single cone obturation technique” with bioceramics. 13th March, 2023, at Kathmandu University School of Medical Sciences, Dhulikhel.

- Online lecture on “Dental Traumatology for primary and young permanent teeth” by Professor Dr. Nil Altay on 30th March 2023.
The Nigerian Association of Paediatric Dentistry (NAPD) conducted several activities in 2022. In May 2022, Children’s Day was celebrated at various dental institutions and locations where Paediatric Dentistry is practiced. These activities took place in dental clinics, while others were organized in schools. The programs included preventative oral health talks, dramas, quizzes, debates, parties and the distribution of oral health souvenirs to children.

The association held its Biennial Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) from 3rd-4th August 2022 in Lagos, Nigeria. The main theme of the conference was “Paediatric Dentistry in Nigeria: The Past, the Present, and the Future.” The two sub-themes were ‘The Relevance of Forensic Odontology in Paediatric Dentistry’ and ‘The Role of the Paediatric Dentist in Reporting Non-Accidental Injuries’. During the conference, a day was set aside for a special school visit to Patrick Speech and Languages Centre (PSLC), Lagos where free oral health talks, dental check-ups and donations were made. This center caters to individuals living with autism and other related developmental disorders, and our association plans to maintain an ongoing relationship.

The election of new executives for 2022-2024 tenure was conducted at the AGM, and the members are listed below:

- **President**: Dr. Ifeyinwa Adegbulugbe
- **President-Elect**: Prof Joy Eminue
- **Secretary-General**: Dr Omobola Olanloye
- **Assistant Secretary-General**: Dr. Chizoba Okolo
- **Financial Secretary**: Dr. Yewande Adeyemo
- **Treasurer**: Dr. Olusola Ayebameru
- **Publicity Secretary**: Dr Ibiyemi Oduyemi
- **Membership Secretary**: Dr. Chioma Nzomiwu
- **Chairman, Education, and Scientific Committee**: Dr. Nneka Onyejaka
- **Editor**: Dr. Olubukola Olatosi
- **Immediate Past President**: Prof Omolola Orenuga

The official journal of the association, the Journal of Paediatric Dental Research and Practice (JPDRP), was launched in 2020 and has produced three volumes from 2020–2022. The journal’s official website is www.jpdrp-napd.org. The association also publishes regular newsletters to keep members updated.

The association is looking forward to having its 2023 webinar series, starting in Q2 2023. It is proposing to conduct a national survey of the Oral Health Status of the Nigerian Child. We also have experts who are engaged with Special Needs Children and Oral Health in Cleft care.

In conclusion, paediatric dentistry in Nigeria has come a long way and the future development of the specialty is positive.

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The Year 2022 was a tough year for officers of PAPD. The Governmental Agency that regulates medical/dental education and practice – the Pakistan Medical & Dental Council (PM&DC) – was dissolved and replaced with the Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC). The PMC immediately started a process of revising dental curriculum and training standards of PM&DC. Historically, after a long struggle spanning a couple of decades by pediatric dentists in the country, PM&DC in July 2019, had finally allocated 250 contact hours of teaching for Pediatric Dentistry in the final year of BDS training, and made it an independent examinable subject. However, the dental board of studies appointed by the new PMC recommended merging Pediatric Dentistry as a meager part of Operative Dentistry. Unfortunately, there was no representation of pediatric dentistry in the new dental board of studies. The senior PAPD officers tried to convince the dental board of studies to not reverse the status of the specialty, but in vain. The only dental member in the PMC eight-member Central Council was then engaged by the PAPD Senior Officers through personal meetings, emails and WhatsApp messages, to prevent the regression of the subject. He was informed that 40% of the country’s population consisted of children and, asked for the specialty to be allowed to evolve. Removing Pediatric Dentistry as a subject from the dental curriculum could mean international de-recognition of the Pakistani BDS degree. A legal course was also planned by PAPD in case the previous decisions of July 2019 by PM&DC were squashed. All those efforts resulted in allocation of 200 hours to the subject, 20 in the second year, 30 in the third year and 150 in the final year of BDS training. Though the final recommendations of the dental board were vague, the impression was that the status of Pediatric Dentistry as a separate, independent and examinable subject was maintained. The story did not end, as the Government, about three months back dissolved the
Peruvian Society of Pediatric Dentistry

The Peruvian Society of Pediatric Dentistry (SPO) has grown considerably during the pandemic years, with over 70 new members. We held the 2022 annual congress virtually on August 26th, which was a huge success, with nearly 300 online participants from all over the world. Our main international speakers were pediatric dentists with great expertise in their area, such as Dr. Suzana Lucio (Ankyloglossia in newborns) and Dr. Daniela Rios (Use of biomaterials) from Brazil, Dr. Kaaren Vargas (Indirect pulp capping) from the USA, and Dr. Prasad Musale from India (Pulp treatments on primary teeth).

Moreover, during the past year, our Association held monthly open scientific online seminars, including many issues of Pediatric Dentistry, in order to keep our associates updated.

We were able to finish our year with a face-to-face Christmas dinner, where we shared very special moments together.

In April 2023, after two very challenging pandemic years, the SPO board will change. We wish them continued success in leading our scientific Society with pride and hard work.
Philippine Pediatric Dental Society

On February 5-6, this year, PPDSI held its 30th Annual Convention on a hybrid platform. This was the first face-to-face activity that we organized since the country was placed on lockdown on March 15, 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The theme was Rated R: Revive, Reset, Reignite Pediatric Oral Care. The theme was especially intended to address the numerous challenges our membership and our colleagues in the Philippines faced when patients did not receive regular dental care during the past two years and dental health professionals experienced a decline in clinic appointments.

The convention started with a keynote speech delivered by the Chancellor of the country’s premier university, Dr. Carmencita Padilla, MD, MAHPS of the University of the Philippines (Manila). She gave a comprehensive discussion that encouraged the audience and specifically PPDSI officers to initiate advocacy to improve the oral health of Filipinos and to take collaborative direction with public and private stakeholders, especially the Department of Health. PPDSI is fortunate to have learned from the Zoom lectures of international experts led by IAPD President Jorge Luis Castillo Cevallos, DDS, MSD, Ph.D. He lectured on “How to Face the New Normality in Pediatric Dentistry” where he explained the rationale and indications for the use of Silver Diamine Fluoride. Justin Jae Cheoun Lee, DDS, Ph.D. gave a profound presentation on “Reading Children’s Faces”. Richard Chamberlain, DDS a US-based pediatric dentist elaborated on the topic “Revisiting the Pulp/Pulp Treatment Updates”.

Non-dental topics were also part of the program. Ms. Jacqueline Van Den Ende, CEO of Carbon Equity in the Philippines gave a passionate lecture on “Circularity of Materials”. PPDSI is trying to inject awareness of environmental issues into local dentists in the hope of spreading the urgent call to save our planet Earth. Mr. Frederick Fabella, a motivational speaker helped the audience realize and learn how to be happy through his talk on “Positive Psychology: The Science of Happiness”. The audience was left with positive and happy thoughts, something appropriate after surviving the difficulties during the pandemic.

Medical doctors were also invited to engage with dental professionals. Dr. Vanessa Cainghug a respected Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist gave an enlightening lecture on “Behavior Management” which pediatric dentists can apply in their practice. Dr. Royce Mangubat, a pediatrician gave a timely review of “First Line Management of Pediatric Pain and Infection.”

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Puerto Rico Pediatric Dental Society

Warmest wishes from Puerto Rico!

Our Society is small and gathers pediatric dentists from around Puerto Rico. Our Board of Directors is composed of a balanced mix of experienced practitioners and young entrepreneur pediatric dentists. We meet mostly through Zoom Video Conference every 2 months. It is our purpose to serve the community and our members.

During 2022, we still managed to meet the challenges of Covid-19. As our country opened, we had the opportunity to promote the well-being of our members by doing activities in which we enjoyed exercising together. Other social events included the welcoming of residents in pediatric dentistry into our professional organization. This opens the door for new members to embrace our mission of service.

As part of the Latino American Society of Pediatric Dentistry (ALOP), our President, Dr. Melba Esquilin worked in the Annual Congress held at Monterrey, Mexico in November 2022 and had the opportunity to present the management of a medical condition characteristic of Puerto Rican albino patients called Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome. This congress was a great opportunity to exchange ideas, to learn new topics, and to contribute to the development of new dental caries policies and management systems in Latin American countries. Also Dr. Esquilin became part of the Review Board for the publications of ALOP.

A Message from our Chair: Puerto Rico is facing the same issues of dental caries as a public health problem. As in many countries, the prevalence of oral diseases is between 30%-40%. This is why our Society is devoted to voluntary Community Outreach interventions like Give Kids A Smile to educate, prevent and treat dental diseases. Puerto Rico has a problem with access to dental care that we are trying to work on. School-based interventions, weekend clinics and back-to-school assessments with the application of SDF help children in need. Joining forces with the Puerto Rico Coalition of Oral Health, we are creating strategic plans for the future as part of our main goal to reduce disparities.

Access to direct counseling and education has also been achieved through social media. Our followers receive education, information on our directory and live interventions in collaboration with the PR Pediatric Society and other health care professionals. It is our commitment to reach out and educate our country for the good of our children.

The Portuguese Society of Paediatric Dentistry (SPOP) was established in 2010, and one of our main objectives is to promote and divulge scientific knowledge in paediatric dentistry. Our membership has steadily increased, and now we have approximately 170 active members.

The SPOP Executive Committee for 2022-2024 includes:

President: Ana Coelho
Vice-President: Teresa Vale
General Secretary: Elsa Paiva
Treasurer: Susana Morgado
Secretary: Clemência Vieira

In 2022, the Portuguese Society of Paediatric Dentistry held its XII annual reunion in Lisbon, from 15th to 18th June 2022. This scientific reunion was organized jointly and held with the 16th “EAPD Congress” as well as with the 44th annual Congress of the Spanish Society. The President of the congress was Professor Elias Berdouses and the main theme was “Discovering New Paths in Paediatric Dentistry”. Approximately 1,000 participants participated in this meeting, which included a number of international lectures, oral sessions, and poster presentations. Abstract books of these scientific works are now available at Eur Arch Paediatr Dent https://doi.org/10.1007/s40368-022-00771-1.

The SPOP annual meeting was held in Oporto, Portugal, on 11th February 2023, with a focus on the theme “Treatment of complications after dental traumatism.”

The SPOP continuously promotes activities, through the official website (http://www.spop.pt/) and social media sources. Our efforts will continue to focus on continuous education and promotion of Portuguese children’s oral health.

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2022 was another busy year for ANSPR members. Long-awaited in-person events were possible again and we all embraced this shift towards normality, while still keeping at hand the acquired experience of online and hybrid meetings with their advantages.

Numerous engagements in national and international events helped us keep up with novelties in the profession and share work results. Congresses of Bucharest College of Dentists, Carol Davila (Bucharest) and Gr. T. Popa (Iași) universities, Romanian Association of Excellence in Orthodontics (AREO) (held this year in Oradea), Transylvania Congress of Dental Medicine (hosted by Iuliu Hatieganu University, Cluj-Napoca), Symposiums of Bucharest Dentists’ Association (AMSMDB) and of the National Unified Associations of Stomatology (UNAS) (in Bucharest), The Apollonia University Days and WHO Days (hosted every spring in Iași), as well as the Conference of the Romanian Association of Private Dental Practitioners (AMSPPR) were some of the events in which ANSPR members participated this year. We were also honored to participate, as invited lecturers and attendees, in events organized and hosted by the Turkish and Moldavian Dental Associations (September). The ANSPR was represented in the iADH Congress (August, Paris) and the 16th EAPD Congress (June, Lisbon), where our colleague, dr. Konstantina Kritikou was the designated winner of the Young Researcher Travel Award. Congrats, K!

Last November, Rome saw a nice group of Romanian traditional blouses at the 2nd IAPD Global Summit (Photo 1). This latter event was a new opportunity for participants to share not only achievements but also their needs and fears and to understand, once again, that paediatric dentists worldwide face similar problems. A strong international PD community means better chances and support in finding adequate solutions.
Teaming with children’s families was another focus of the ANSPR in 2022. Our series of parent-targeted webinars on child oral health, created with the support of Colgate Romania, within the “Smile for the Future” program https://programscolarcolgate.ro/zambeste-pentru-future/ continued, as did the activity of our dedicated Facebook group “Teeth and parents”, now counting almost 5,000 members. Online and in-person meetings with families of children with special healthcare needs were organized within the OSCAR project in an attempt to provide timely and useful information to enable parents to become their children’s very first oral care providers. Special kids in special situations were targeted this year not only by the already traditional Special Smiles events, but also by the “Building Bridges”, in which our colleagues from Lucian Blaga the University of Sibiu were involved (Photo 4).

A busy year, that ended in a very optimistic way, with preparations for our first National Congress, scheduled for May 11-13, 2023. Go, ANSPR!

In 2022, the epidemiological situation related to COVID-19 made it possible for the Slovenian Society of Paediatric Dentistry (SSPD) to devote its main activity to the organization of its 13th traditional triennial meeting - live! This time, the meeting was entitled “Initial care of traumatic dental injuries” (Ljubljana, October 21st-22nd, 2022). Numerous Slovenian experts from various disciplines (paediatric dentistry, endodontics, physiology, education) discussed several aspects of initial care for children and adolescents experiencing traumatic dental injuries, and many case reports were thoroughly presented.

However, a very important contribution to the success of the meeting was rendered by three of the world leading experts in the field of dental traumatology, presenting the epidemiologic perspective of traumatic dental injuries and the contemporary approach to tooth avulsion and replantation (Prof. Lars Andersson, Malmö, Sweden), the importance of clinical and radiographic documentation in examination and diagnosis of luxation injuries and the biology of pulpal healing in relation to root- and crown fractures (Dr. Frances M. Andreasen, Copenhagen, Denmark) and the emergency treatment of traumatic injuries to primary incisors with emphasis on traumatic intrusion of primary incisors (Prof. Gideon Holan, Jerusalem, Israel). Each day, presentations were followed by interesting panel discussions, focusing on the 2020 International Association of Dental Traumatology Guidelines for the Evaluation and Management of Traumatic Dental Injuries. This gave almost 300 participants the benefit of sharing knowledge and experience with the distinguished experts. According to the conclusions of the meeting, SSPD will strive to proceed with the implementation of the presented practices of contemporary initial dental trauma treatment into the Slovenian health-care system, together with educating the lay and professional public on appropriate first aid measures, in addition to all the other regular activities, originating from the time of SSPD’s establishment in 1980.

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2022 was an amazing year with many “firsts”, milestones, and achievements for SAAPD. Highlights from our year include the following:

• Hosted the first AGM where we elected a new structured committee.
• We are purchasing our first mobile truck - to reach underprivileged areas without dental services for children.
• The SAAPD in collaboration with SADA and Colgate distributed 10,000 toothbrushes to schools and provided oral health care packs to paediatric cancer wards.
• Launched our “Give a smile back” campaign: providing dental care for children under GA!
• Hosted numerous continuing education events, including hosting Prof. Jorge Castillo in South Africa!
• SAAPD members represented the Association at the IAPD summit in Rome!

We can’t wait to share our wonderful country with you in 2025! See you in Maastricht in June 2023!!

Spanish Society of Pediatric Dentistry

The Spanish Society of Pediatric Dentistry (SEOP) is the reference organization for pediatric oral health care and in the promotion of preventive measures in children. It represents the specialty known as Child Dentistry or Pediatric Dentistry. SEOP is the main contributor to professional education programs in Pediatric Dentistry. The SEOP has 700 members.

During 2022, different training activities were carried out for the Society members. On June 15-18, Lisbon hosted the 16th EAPD Congress in collaboration with the 4th Iberian Meeting of Pediatric Dentistry, which, as in previous Meetings, is jointly organized by the Spanish Society of Pediatric Dentistry (SEOP) and the Portuguese Society of Pediatric Dentistry (SPOP). This year, its organization and location corresponded to the Portuguese Society of Pediatric Dentistry. The scientific program was shared with the EAPD, and communications were presented by the SEOP-SPOP and by the EAPD, with many attendees.

SEOP is a member of the Latin American Association of Pediatric Dentistry (ALOP), and last November, SEOP participated in the XXI Congress of the Latin American Association of Pediatric Dentistry (ALOP). The Congress was held online, with 5 conferences, which were requested on topics of interest in pediatric dentistry.

Parallel to the I SECIB-SEOP Joint Meeting, the XXI Meeting of Young Pediatric Dentists was held in Seville, which had a high participation of postgraduate students.

On December 17, the 23rd edition of the Pediatrics-Odontopediatrics Conference, organized by the SEOP and directed by Dr. Planells, was held with a very positive reception. On this occasion, topics such as maternal and child dentistry, prebiotics and oral health, adolescence and an update on vaccines were covered.

In turn, the 3rd edition of the Online Pediatric Dentistry course, organized by SEOP and sponsored by Colgate, has been held.
Sudanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry

The Sudanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry (SSPD) was established in 2008 as the first official gathering of pediatric dentists in Sudan; it was comprised of 5 members. The SSPD is a non-profit organization that represents the specialty of Pediatric Dentistry in Sudan. Its mission is to promote oral health of children as well as to enhance the science of this specialty in aspects of education, research and services according to professionalism, ethical standards, social accountability and best medical conduct.

The objectives of the Society are to: develop scientific thought in the field of Pediatric Dentistry, working to develop and revitalize it nationally and internationally; spread the health awareness of the specialty among doctors, citizens and educational institutions; encourage scientific research in the field of Pediatric Dentistry in cooperation and coordination with the relevant institutions and bodies; support scientific research inside and outside the country; participate in the development and expansion of pediatric dental services and provide theoretical and practical scientific advice; work to help organize and legalize the practice of the profession of Pediatric Dentistry in Sudan and raise its level in cooperation with official authorities and other competent authorities, local, regional and international organizations and bodies; raise the level of scientific and professional performance of the Society’s members and achieve scientific communication among them; preserve the ethics and traditions of the profession; strengthen and develop relations with other local societies; cooperate with Arab and African medical societies and unions; participate in the activities of the Arab Dental Federation; and enhance links with dentists and pediatric dentistry organizations in all countries.

The society has participated in the following professional conferences: the first Jordanian and seventh Arab conference for Pediatric Dentistry in December 2008; the Lebanon conference in August 2010; a pre-congress workshop within the activities of the twentieth Arab Union conference and the eighth Sudanese Doctors Union conference in 2011; the 4th EAPSN (European Academy of Pediatric Dentistry) and 1st ArAPD (Arabian Academy Of Pediatric Dentistry) congress in Egypt, held on 10th to 11th May 2017; as a member in the Arab society of pediatric dentistry in The 4th Egyptian, 9th Mediterranean, 12th Arab International Congress of Pediatric Dentistry Association on November 9 to 11, 2018 at the Hilton Alexandria Green Plaza – Egypt; the International Africa Meeting of the International Association of Pediatric Dentistry; and recently in the 10th International Congress of the Mediterranean Society of Pediatric Dentistry, 13th International Congress of the Arab Society of Pediatric Dentistry, 5th International Congress of the Egyptian Pediatric Dentistry Association on 18-20 November 2022.

The following are some pictures from conference participations.
Swiss Association for Paediatric Dentistry

The Swiss Association for Paediatric Dentistry (SVK-ASP) is a professional society of the Swiss Dental Association (SSO), with nearly 450 registered members. Its purpose is to promote pediatric dentistry in Switzerland by bringing together all dentists with a special interest in pediatric dentistry.

SVK also promotes the exchange of experience among professional colleagues. It maintains close cooperation with the pediatric dentistry departments of university dental centers and school dental clinics.

SVK facilitates professional development through lectures, courses and publications; this includes the well-attended annual conference held in mid-January, with challenging presentations and nearly 400 participants. Unfortunately, the year 2022 started as the year 2021, and the annual SVK-ASP congress in January 2022 was again online, just like 2021. Fortunately, the health restrictions soon eased, and we were finally able to live normally again.

As an SVK event, in the summer 2022, we had the first group of participants (27) who had completed and successfully passed the SSO postgraduate training certificate in pediatric dentistry of the SVK. This curriculum is designed with practical relevance in mind, and it is important that the knowledge can also be implemented in practice. The instruction language is German or English. Handouts are provided in German and/or French. Recognized and committed speakers from the fields of pediatric dentistry, orthodontics and periodontics address the various topics.

Kind regards

Dr. Laurent Daeniker
SVK-ASP Delegate for IAPD

Taiwan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Happy 30th Birthday to TAPD!!

Established in 1992, TAPD welcomed its 30th birthday in 2022. To celebrate this historic moment, TAPD hosted a series of activities with the main theme of “Children’s Power”, including a 2-day in-person Annual Congress. The Congress delivered the comprehensive knowledge of pediatric dentistry, a competition of academic presentations to provide young pediatric dentists with a stage to shine, an electronic special issue to record the history and achievements of TAPD, and a press conference to address the importance of children’s oral health to the public.

TAPD now has 662 members, of which 385 are Government-certified pediatric dentists. Certified training facilities will also were scheduled to increase from 16 to 19 facilities by 2022.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual CE courses have been the main trend of TAPD during this period. A total of 4 topics lectured by 7 specialists in different fields were aired: core exercise and daily use, four-handed dentistry and dental magnification, treatment of children’s mouth breathing in a multidisciplinary team, and usage of nitrous oxide in pediatric dentistry. To explore the perspectives of different specialists, TAPD organized an in-person meeting regarding microscopic esthetic operative dentistry and digital CAD/CAM, as well as co-hosted cases report presentations with the Taiwan Association for Disability and Oral Health.

TAPD worked with IAPD since 2019 on plans for the 2nd IAPD Global Summit. This was originally planned to be hosted in Taipei, Taiwan. However, because of COVID-19 and the strict regulations, IAPD and TAPD agreed that it was not suitable to have the summit in Taiwan last year. We TAPD will keep a positive attitude toward working with IAPD for hosting an international conference in the near future. We hope to see everyone in Taiwan one day.

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Thai Association of Pediatric Dentistry

Since May 2019, our Thai Society of Pediatric Dentistry (TSPD) has changed its name to Thai Association of Pediatric Dentistry (ThAPD). There are currently 500 pediatric dentists in the association.

In 2021, during the COVID-19 global pandemic, ThAPD organized online conferences in Preventive Dentistry. The topics of discussion included ‘Silver Diamine Fluoride’ on March 31, 2021, and ‘The Use of Fluoride in Caries Management’ on October 15, 2021, with a peak of more than 1,200 participants.

On November 18, 2021, we organized an annual online conference on ‘Pediatric Dentistry after Covid-19 Pandemic’. The topics included scientific knowledge about Covid-19 and panel discussions about infection control measures used in four different contexts; dental school, public hospital, private hospital and private clinic. A new infection control regimen was recommended.

In 2022, Covid-19 cases in Thailand decreased and infection control restrictions were loosened. Our on-site annual conference, themed ‘Pediatric Dentistry Reunion’, was held on November 10-11, 2022 with 234 on-site participants.

In 2024, ThAPD will host the 13th Biennial Congress of the Pediatric Dentistry Association of Asia (PDAA). It will be held on October 30—November 1 in Bangkok. We are ready to welcome you, dentists all over the world, to the 13th PDAA Congress. Be our guests. Our team is looking forward to meeting you all at PDAA 2024 in Thailand.
2022 was a very busy year for the Turkish Society of Paediatric Dentistry (TSPD), established in 1977. Young paediatric dentist candidates, presently working on their specialty training from all over Türkiye, have shown great interest and strengthened our society by applying for membership, which stands at more than 800 members currently.

The 22nd General Assembly was held on March 30, 2022. The members of the new Board of Directors that will serve between 2022-2024 started to work on the next congress immediately after their assignment (Fig 1).

The 28th International Congress of the Turkish Society of Paediatric Dentistry was held on 6-9 October 2022, with the theme “Voice of Innovations” in Susesi Luxury Resort, Antalya, Türkiye. More than 350 attendees and 11 international and local speakers participated in the congress.

Two pre-congress courses were held on the first day of the congress. Next-generation MTA-based biomaterials with Uğur Tokay and Early interceptive treatment of malocclusions with LM-Activator Eruption guidance appliance with Gioacchino Pellegrino (Fig 2).

As in previous years, the scientific program of our congress was enriched with the contribution of valuable speakers, including Alexandre Vieira, Christian H. Splieth, Luciano Zaffarano, Marcio Vivan Cardoso, Sinem Ceylanoglu, Alp Abidin Atesci, Mustafa Gundogar, Tunc Akkoc and Naci Murat. Lectures were presented on current and comprehensive topics such as dental caries, erosive tooth removal, MIH, restorative approaches in pediatric dentistry clinic, modern materials, and techniques in adhesive restorative dentistry, early orthodontic treatments, digital anesthesia, new generation endodontic treatments, stem cells in dentistry, and the importance of meta-analysis (Fig 3-4). The participants also contributed to the scientific program with 98 oral and 77 poster presentations and 12 full texts of the presented studies.

The congress participants had the opportunity to relax and socialize with their families and colleagues on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea whenever they had free time from the intensive scientific program. The congress social program was also delighted with the opening cocktail, outdoor activities provided by the hotel, and a bar night with live music (Fig 4).

At the 26th International Congress of the Turkish Dental Association, held between 8-11 September 2022, members of the Board of Directors of TSPD conducted a panel entitled "ECC, from Diagnosis to Treatment" under the moderation of Prof. Dr. Figen Seymen, president of TSPD. There was great interest in the panel from participants that consisted of both general practitioners and paediatric dentists (Fig 5).
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Fig 1. 22nd General Assembly of TSPD and 2022-2024 Board of Directors

Fig 2. Precongress Courses, Opening ceremony and Welcome Cocktail
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Fig 3. Speakers and participants of the 28th International Congress of TSPD

Fig 4. Speakers of the 28th International Congress of TSPD, Closing Ceremony and Bar Night
The Ukrainian Association of Preventive and Paediatric Dentistry was founded in 2007. Currently, we have over 100 members. Since its foundation, UAPPD has focused on pediatric dentists education and oral health promotion. Unfortunately, this year UAPPD had additional responsibility and duties.

24 February 2022 changed our lives. Due to Russian invasion and aggression in Ukraine, many pediatric dentists and anesthesiologists joined the Armed Forces of Ukraine or became volunteers. Some of our colleagues had to relocate and left their practice. Some of them lost their lives because of Russian missiles and bombs.

Children in Ukraine have experienced a year of horror. Over 1,000 children were killed or injured. Many children were moved or kidnapped by Russian military troops. There are still lots of children who need not only dental care, but also medical and phycological support.

Hundreds of hospitals and clinics are destroyed. The remaining ones work in very difficult conditions. There is a lack of staff, materials and equipment.

Nevertheless, Ukrainian pediatric dentists are still standing and maintain oral health of our children. Blackouts and air raid sirens are not the reasons to stop our activity. Students of medical universities continue studying, even in bomb shelters. Despite all the conditions, a few conferences and hands-on courses were organized in Kyiv and Lviv. Currently the members of UAPPD are working on creation of national guidelines devoted to the main oral diseases treatment in children.

Ukrainian dentists are grateful to all the countries for their support and help in these dark hours for our nation.

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Upcoming Events

51st Journées Internationales de la Société Francaise d’Odontologie Pédiatrique
Université Claude Bernard, Lyon
30 June - 1 July 2023
French Society of Paediatric Dentistry (SFOP)
Language: French

FDI World Dental Congress 2023
24-27 September 2023
FDI & Australian Dental Association
Language: English
The World Dental Congress (WDC) is a flagship event for FDI, strengthening ties and fostering collaboration within the global oral health community.

29th International Congress of Turkish Society of Paediatric Dentistry
Sheraton Ankara Hotel & Conference Center, Ankara-Türkiye
12-15 October 2023
Turkish of Paediatric Dentistry
Language: English
Children of the Republic - We Grow Together

39° Curso Magno Pachuca de Soto, Hidalgo, México
18-21 October 2023
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Thank you for joining us at the highly anticipated 29th IAPD Congress, a ground-breaking event set to take place in Maastricht from June 14-17. Delegates immersed themselves in the epicentre of the Paediatric Dental Universe, where renowned experts and enthusiasts gathered to share their insights and advancements.

With an overwhelming response, boasting over 1200 participants from more than 70 countries, we experienced an exceptional and fruitful congress!

The Venue, Location & More

IAPD 2023 was held at the newly renovated Maastricht Exhibition and Conference Centre (MECC). The centre underwent a significant upgrade and expansion, with the renovation being completed in June 2022. In recognition of its excellence, MECC Maastricht’s brand-new conference centre was awarded the prestigious Best Conference Location for 2021.

Congress Days

We take great pride in the program we have curated for IAPD 2023. The main program featured several engaging plenary sessions covering the following topics:

- Collaborative approaches to prevention and behaviour change
- Caries management techniques
- Combatting the effects of sugars on oral health
- Multidisciplinary care for oral anomalies in children
- Addressing oral health inequalities

Additionally, we had scheduled 15 different symposia that ran simultaneously in three parallel sessions, covering a wide range of topics. Participants had the opportunity to learn about the role of parenting and family factors in preventing childhood dental caries, explore ethical issues in paediatric dentistry, and gain insights into public health strategies from around the world aimed at improving children’s oral health.

Moreover, we are pleased to have offered Pre-congress Courses on Wednesday, June 14. These courses provided participants with an in-depth exploration of specific aspects of (paediatric) dentistry.

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We are looking forward to welcome you to our upcoming events.