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President's Message

Dear friends and colleagues,

Warm greetings from Sydney, Australia, and my very best wishes to each of you. It is both an honour and a privilege to serve as President of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry and this is my first message in our Annual Newsletter. I officially assumed this role during our successful IAPD Congress in Cape Town in October 2025, a memorable occasion that reflected the vibrancy, diversity, and collective strength of our global community.

I step into this position with a deep sense of gratitude, humility, and responsibility. Having been involved with IAPD for many decades and having witnessed firsthand the remarkable evolution of our Association, I remain inspired by the dedication of our members and the enduring commitment to improving the oral health and well-being of children worldwide.

IAPD continues to stand as the leading global voice for paediatric dentistry, and it is a privilege to contribute to shaping its future.

Since the transition of leadership in Cape Town, the new Board and Executive Committee have been working actively and constructively behind the scenes to plan, refine, and implement a wide range of initiatives aligned with our strategic goals. These efforts span education, research, advocacy, member engagement, and global outreach. While much of this work is not always immediately visible, I wish to assure you that your Association remains dynamic, forward-looking, and firmly focused on delivering tangible value to its membership.

I am especially grateful for the outstanding assistance

and support I continue to receive from Dr Anna Maria Vierrou, our Secretary General, whose institutional knowledge, professionalism, and tireless dedication are invaluable to IAPD. I also acknowledge the strong partnership and wise counsel of our President-Elect, Dr Virinder Goyal, as well as the entire Executive Committee and Board. Their collective expertise, diverse perspectives, and collegial spirit provide a solid foundation for thoughtful governance and effective leadership.

Together, we are committed to strengthening IAPD's position as a truly inclusive and globally representative organisation. This includes enhancing educational opportunities across regions, supporting emerging



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leaders, fostering collaborative research, and ensuring that our scientific and professional activities remain of the highest standard. Equally important is our ongoing commitment to equity, access to care, and advocacy for children who are most vulnerable.

We managed to restart our Teach the Teacher Education Workshops (TTEW) and held it recently on 25-26 April 2026 in Manila, Philippines. The three member team was led by our SG, Dr Anna Maria Vierrou and supported by Dr Marina Papachroni and myself. The program was a great success and we look forward to running these workshops in different parts of the world.

Looking ahead, I am delighted to highlight one of the major events on our horizon: the IAPD Global Summit

to be held in Barcelona in November 2026. This Summit will provide a focused, high-level forum for dialogue, innovation, and collaboration on key themes shaping the future of paediatric dentistry and early orthodontics. I strongly encourage members to engage with this important event, which will complement our major congresses and further strengthen international exchange and cooperation.

As President, my aspiration is to serve with openness, transparency, and a genuine willingness to listen. IAPD's greatest strength lies in its members, and I warmly invite your ideas, feedback, and active participation. Whether through your national societies, committees,

Message from the Secretary General

Dear colleagues,

It is a pleasure to reflect on a year marked by meaningful progress, global collaboration, and continued growth for our Association.

I am proud to share that the IAPD family has expanded to 87 National-Member Societies, a clear testament to our shared commitment to building a truly global network of paediatric dentists—united in our mission to ensure a healthy smile for every child.

A major highlight of the year was the 30th IAPD Congress in Cape Town—our first Congress on African soil. With its warm and welcoming atmosphere, portraying the spirit of the South African people, the Congress truly embodied its theme—Refresh, Refocus, Renew. The scientific programme delivered four days of cutting-edge sessions and engaging discussions, while also creating valuable opportunities for connection. Among these, the IAPD Fellows Luncheon provided a special moment for colleagues to meet, exchange ideas, and strengthen professional ties.

The Congress also marked a landmark for our association, the launch of the new IAPD Awards,

educational activities, or research collaborations, your involvement is what sustains and advances our Association.

I thank you for the trust you have placed in me and for your continued support of IAPD. I look forward to working closely with all of you over the coming years as we build upon the proud legacy of our Association and continue to shape a bright future for paediatric dentistry worldwide.

With warm regards and best wishes
for a successful and fulfilling 2026,

Dr Soni Stephen

IAPD President

recognising excellence in research and clinical practice, and celebrating the ongoing advancement of paediatric dentistry worldwide. We are grateful to Shofu for sponsoring the IAPD Caries Management Case Report and Research Awards and to DMG for sponsoring the IAPD Case Report and Research Awards. We also warmly welcome Kids-e-Dental as the new sponsor of the Bengt Magnusson Award. We cordially thank our prestigious sponsors for their commitment and support.

During the Congress, we were also delighted to launch an exciting new initiative—The Fluoriders. Designed to engage children directly, this initiative encourages joyful toothbrushing through music and movement. I am especially pleased to announce that the Fluoriders campaign is now proudly supported by Colgate. Together, we aim to promote the important message of brushing with fluoride toothpaste across the globe. Since its introduction, the Fluoriders have begun their journey worldwide, with enthusiastic participation from our National-Member Societies. We have received inspiring videos which are being shared across our social media platforms and on the IAPD website, bringing this initiative to life.

Another important milestone this year was the successful revival of the Teach the Teachers Educational Workshop (TTEW), held on 25–26 April 2026 in Manila

in collaboration with the Philippine Pediatric Dental Society, Inc. After several years, the return of the TTEW was met with great enthusiasm and proved to be a great success. I extend my gratitude to Ultradent Products, Inc. and SDI Limited for their essential support.

I am equally pleased by the continued impressive growth of IAPD's social media presence, enabling us to share news, initiatives, and educational content directly with our global community.

Through these channels, we recently highlighted the important newly published consensus paper that was developed through the IAPD Summit process under the leadership of our Science Committee Chair, Prof. Vineet Dhar. Prof. Dhar also worked with our PR Committee Chair Dr. Marina Papachroni to introduce a new educational initiative, Big Evidence, Small Bites. This dynamic video series is designed to translate consensus recommendations into concise, practical insights that can be readily applied in everyday clinical practice, supporting busy clinicians around the world.

The IAPD Webinars continue to thrive with 10 webinars hosted over the past 12 months, with each session attracting an average of 300 to 500 participants from around the world. This remarkable level of engagement is a testament to the growing impact and global relevance of IAPD's educational initiatives. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Education Committee, whose dedication and hard work under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Luis Karakowsky, have made this success possible.

Looking ahead, preparations are well underway for the 4th IAPD Global Summit, which will take place in Barcelona from 13–15 November 2026. Under the theme Early Orthodontics Anchored in Evidence: An Integration Between Paediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics, the Summit will offer a high-level scientific programme designed to foster dialogue and

practical outcomes for clinical practice.

I am also pleased to share exciting news about our future Congresses. Following a successful site visit by CSS&C Chair Prof. Marcelo Bönecker and myself, we look forward to welcoming you to the 31st IAPD Congress in Osaka, Japan next year. In addition, the Council has voted to host the 32nd IAPD Congress in New Delhi, India, further strengthening our global presence.

Nothing of the above would have been possible without the input of our exceptional Board of Directors



We are delighted to launch our new Initiative, the Fluoriders Project, which has begun the journey with enthusiastic participation from our Members and our National-Member Societies.

and our Executive Committee with whom I am honored to work. I heartily thank each and every one of you Soni Stephen, Virinder Goyal, Figen Seymen, Norman Tinanoff, Vineet Dhar, Marina Papachroni, Luis Karakowsky, Gabriela Scagnet, Jorge Castillo, Marcelo Bonecker for your amazing dedication and leadership. Greatest gratitude goes to all our amazing, dedicated and enthusiastic committee members for their valuable work. Last but not least, I thank our wonderful Association Managers Loraine Lugasi and Isabella Mostert for their exceptional work, support and vision for IAPD.

Dear friends, as I conclude this message, I extend my sincere gratitude for your continued support and dedication. Your work across the world is vital in advancing children's oral health and ensuring brighter, healthier smiles for generations to come.

Anna Maria Vierrou
IAPD Secretary General



Honorary Editor's Report

The International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry (IJPd) is our global interface to paediatric dentists, oral health researchers/policy makers, and our International Association of Paediatric Dentists (IAPD) members. The Journal is committed to advancing the highest standards of research, science, and leadership in oral health care; as well as collaboration with others that are interested in children's oral health.

In the past year, the IAPD Board spent considerable effort to continue the excellence of the Journal by establishing a new contract with the publisher, John Wiley and Sons; as well as searching for a new Editor-in-Chief. The new contract addresses the shifting landscape of scientific journals concerning trends for "online only" journal distribution, and "open access" manuscripts. As you may recall from our past membership survey, 71% preferred online only journal distribution. Online and open access have required different financial provisions in the contract due to reduced costs of printing and mailing, but loss of publisher revenue due to authors not having to pay open access fees. Online and open access certainly have advantages of increasing a key metric for journals – influence of the published articles, as noted by number of citations of IJPd articles by others.

After an extensive search, we now have a new Editor-in-Chief of the IJPd, Dr. Nicola Innes, who started on January 1, 2026. The recruitment process began in June 2025 by assembling a list of potential candidates by criteria such as: service to the profession, scientific reputation, and collaborative style. Individuals were contacted regarding their interest in the potential open position of EiC, and eventually nineteen applied. A search committee narrowed the list to three exceptionally

qualified candidates that were interviewed regarding scholarship, vision for the journal, managing the workload, and leadership style. The search committee offered the position to Professor Nicola Innes, Dean and Head of Cardiff Dental School; and a well-recognized researcher in cariology, evidence-based, and patient-centered oral health care, with over 150 peer reviewed publications.

A note about the Journal and the IAPD Global Summits. The Summits are specifically themed conferences, held every other year, aimed at making a difference in our practice of dentistry, using the best evidence recognized by international expert teams. The last



The new contract with Wiley addresses the shifting landscape of scientific journals concerning trends for "online only" journal distribution, and "open access" manuscripts.

three Summit reports have been published in our journal and have been highly cited by others. The first Summit took place in Bangkok "Early Childhood Caries; epidemiology, aetiology, risk assessment, societal burden, management, education, and policy: A Global perspective" (doi.org/10.1111/ipd.12484) was published in 2019. The second, "Principles and care pathways for caries management in children: IAPD Rome forum" (doi.10.111/ipd.13192), was published in 2024. Upcoming in a 2026 issue of IJPd will be, "Consensus-based recommendation of pulp therapies in primary and permanent teeth: IAPD Porto Forum" (doi/10.1111/ipd.70068). This tradition of IAPD Summits with subsequent publication in our journal will continue with the November 2026 Barcelona Summit "Early orthodontics anchored in evidence".

Norman Tinanoff
IAPD Honorary Editor

The Fluoriders Are Here and We Want You In It

Be Part of Fluoriders!

- ▶ Visit the Fluoriders Corner at iapdworld.org/fluoriders-corner
- ▶ Join the dance challenge. Follow Fluoriders on TikTok, Facebook and Instagram and share our posts with your network using #Fluoriders and #HappyTeethSong
- ▶ Brush Together in Barcelona. Start identifying children in your community who can join us live on 13 November 2026

Something started in Cape Town that is going to change how children around the world think about brushing their teeth. Our goal is to make brushing fun for children!

At the IAPD Congress in South Africa, a group of children stepped onto a stage and performed a dance for the very first time. They brushed. They moved. They smiled. And just like that, the first Fluoriders were born.

The idea behind Fluoriders is beautifully simple: a child who brushes their teeth with an age-appropriate amount of fluoride toothpaste while dancing to the Happy Teeth Song is a Fluorider. No auditions. No pressure. Just music, movement, and two minutes that can shape a lifetime of healthy habits.

Since that Cape Town moment, Fluoriders has grown into a global initiative with its own song composed especially for IAPD, a full dance tutorial, a dedicated Fluoriders Corner on the IAPD website, and a growing social wall of children from around the world brushing and dancing together. National Member Societies can submit official Fluoriders videos from their countries, adding their piece to a picture that is becoming more global with every upload. There is also a professional



resource section designed to support dental teams in talking to parents about fluoride: clearly, confidently, and practically.

And now, we are taking Fluoriders further.

Join the Dance Challenge

Fluoriders is launching a social media dance challenge on TikTok, Facebook, and Instagram. Families, parents, and children are invited to film themselves doing the Happy Teeth Dance, post their video with the official hashtags #Fluoriders and #HappyTeethSong, and become part of the movement. The campaign is running now, and every share from our professional community makes a direct difference to how far it travels.

You do not need to create anything. Start by following Fluoriders on TikTok, Facebook, and Instagram and share our posts with your own networks. It takes seconds and puts the campaign in front of exactly the right people. If you want to go further, show the challenge to families in your practice, encourage them to film their own entry, or post your own Fluoriders moment. The community grows one smile at a time, and your voice as a paediatric dentist carries enormous

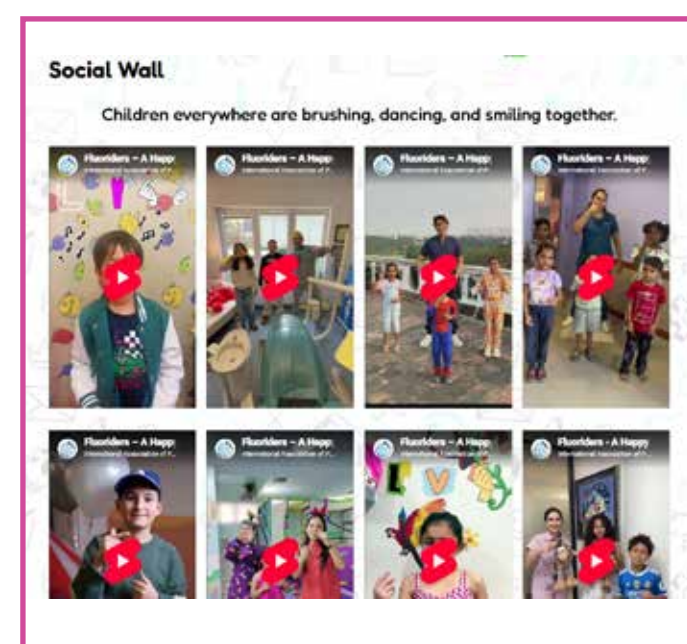
weight with the parents and children you see every day.

Brush Together in Barcelona

The moment we are most excited about is still ahead. On 13 November 2026, at 18:30, the Opening Ceremony of the 4th Global IAPD Summit will include something we have never done before. Twenty to thirty children will take to the stage in Barcelona with toothbrushes in hand, while children from around the world join through a live link from their own schools, clinics, and communities. For two minutes, every child brushes at the same time, connected across continents by one song and one shared belief in prevention. It is the Fluoriders spirit made visible on a global stage.

We want children from your country at that moment.

Start the conversation now with your local schools, clinics, and communities. When the time comes to register your participation, we want you ready. More details will follow, but this is the kind of moment that needs to be felt before it can be organised, and we hope you already feel it.



The IAPD is proud to share videos from our National-Member Societies, showing that brushing to the beat is fun!

Three ways to be part of Fluoriders right now:

- Visit the Fluoriders Corner at iapdworld.org/fluoriders-corner
- Follow Fluoriders and share the dance challenge on your social channels: #Fluoriders / #HappyTeethSong
- Start thinking about which children in your community will brush with the world in Barcelona on 13 November

Fluoriders began under the African sun with a handful of children and a song. It is heading to Barcelona with the world. We hope you will help us get it there.

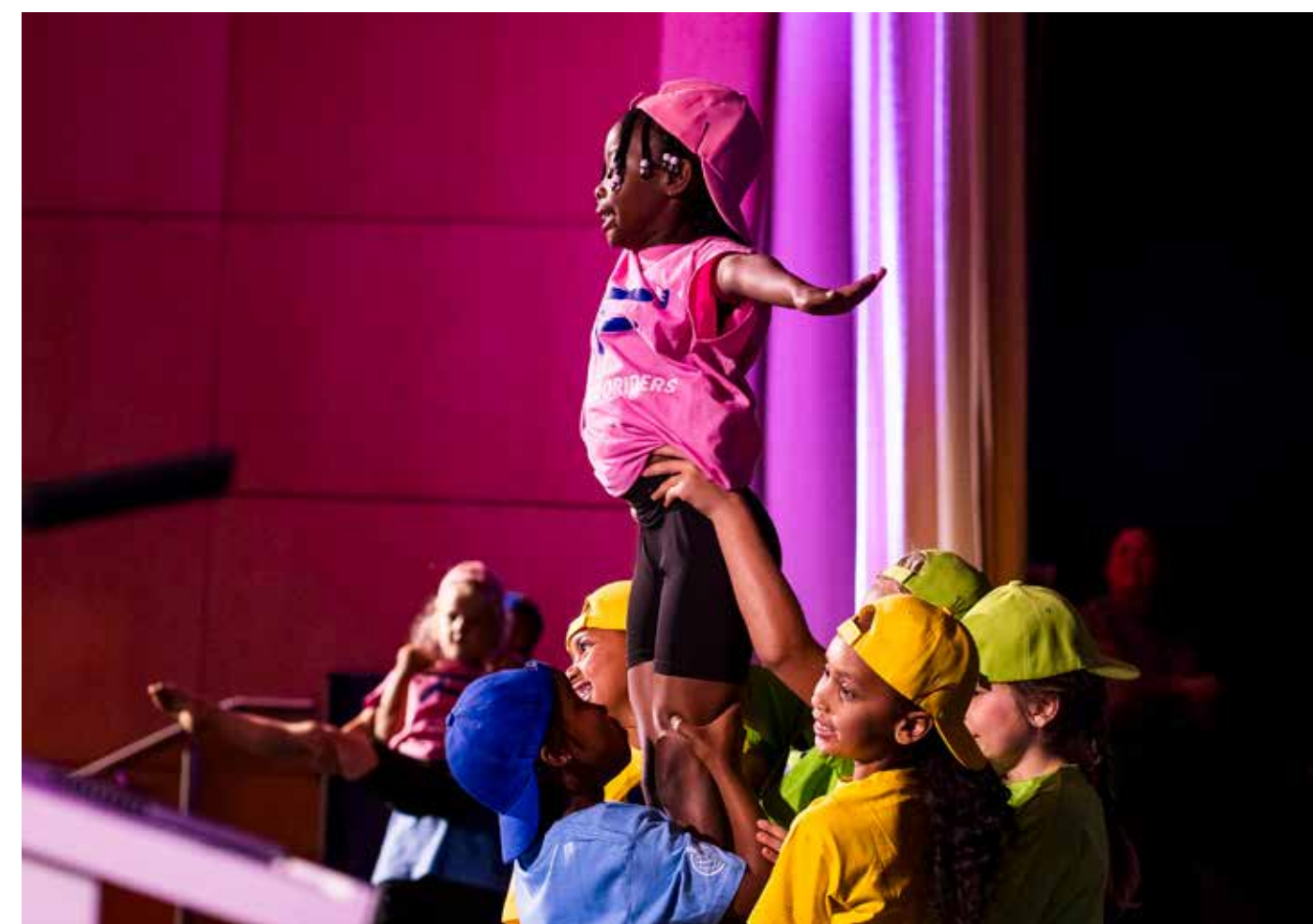
The Fluoriders campaign is an initiative of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD) designed to promote good oral hygiene habits in children.

The Fluoriders initiative is supported by an educational grant from Colgate's Bright Smiles, Bright Futures® programme. All educational content is developed independently by IAPD.

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Scan here to visit the Fluorider's Corner



The Fluoriders on stage in Cape Town, during the 30th IAPD Congress

Revisiting Great Memories: 30th IAPD Congress in South Africa

The 30th IAPD Congress in Cape Town marked a truly historic milestone: for the first time in IAPD history, the Congress was hosted on African soil. Delegates from more than 50 countries gathered in South Africa for an unforgettable celebration of science, culture, connection, and global friendship.

Centred around the theme “Refresh, Refocus, Renew,” the Congress offered four days of inspiring scientific sessions, interactive discussions, and pre-congress workshops. Speakers from across the world shared new research, clinical insights, and practical clinical approaches, creating a vibrant platform for learning and collaboration.

The spirit of Ubuntu — “I am because we are” — was felt throughout the Congress, from the Opening Ceremony to the social events and scientific sessions. The traditional IAPD roll call, led by Secretary General Dr Anna Maria Vierrou, celebrated the participation of countries from across the globe. Following ratification at the Council Meeting, IAPD proudly welcomed seven new National-Member Societies from Ghana, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Singapore, Slovakia, and Vietnam.

The Congress also provided an important forum for governance, with the IAPD Board of Directors Meeting and Council Meeting bringing together leaders and representatives to guide the Association’s future direction.

A special highlight was the first-ever outreach event held as part of an IAPD Congress. Hosted by the South African Association of Paediatric Dentistry, more than 75 volunteers came together at a local school to provide oral health education and care to hundreds

of children, bringing IAPD’s mission to life in the local community.

The Congress also featured the Global Leaders Forum, with representatives from AAPD, EAPD, PDAA, and SAAPD joining a dynamic discussion on strengthening international collaboration in paediatric dentistry.

Beyond the scientific programme, delegates enjoyed unforgettable social moments, including the Gala Dinner at Groot Constantia and a lively Farewell Party at Nikkei Restaurant. These events captured the warmth, energy, and joy that made Cape Town such a memorable host city.

The Congress also marked the exciting launch of The Fluoriders, IAPD’s new global initiative designed to inspire children everywhere to brush twice a day with fluoridated toothpaste and take pride in their healthy smiles.

IAPD extends sincere appreciation to the Local Organising Committee, Scientific Committee, Professional Congress Organiser, volunteers, speakers, sponsors, and every participant who helped make the 30th IAPD Congress a landmark success. Cape Town 2025 will be remembered as a Congress of unity, renewal, and shared commitment to improving children’s oral health worldwide.

Relive the highlights of Cape Town 2025 by exploring our official photo gallery.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/XBGLFRk3wfdFp5gY6>



Scan here to view the Photo Gallery of the 30th IAPD Congress



The IAPD and SAAPD ready to start the first IAPD Congress on African soil!



The Fluoriders in action



Japanese delegates at the opening ceremony



Nigeria and Vietnam making memories in Cape Town



Uphondo - A traditional call to start the meeting



Cape Town Minstrels in action

Barcelona Awaits: Looking Ahead to the 4th IAPD Global Summit

The International Association of Paediatric Dentistry is delighted to invite the global paediatric dental community to the 4th IAPD Global Summit, which will take place in Barcelona, Spain, from 13–15 November 2026.

Under the theme Early Orthodontics Anchored in Evidence: An Integration Between Paediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics, the Summit will bring together leading clinicians, researchers, educators, and industry partners to explore one of the most important intersections in children's oral health: the connection between paediatric dentistry and orthodontics in early intervention.

The 2026 Summit will focus on the point where prevention, growth, function, and technology meet. It will provide a unique opportunity to examine how evidence is shaping clinical decisions, challenging established approaches, and supporting more integrated care for children and adolescents.

As with previous IAPD Global Summits, this meeting will offer more than a traditional scientific programme.

It will provide space for meaningful discussion, direct exchange, and collaboration among colleagues who share a commitment to advancing paediatric oral health worldwide. The Summit's close international community remains one of its defining strengths, bringing together professionals who value scientific dialogue, practical learning, and long-term professional relationships.

The programme is expected to attract paediatric dentists, orthodontists, academic faculty, researchers, clinical educators, postgraduate students, general dentists with an interest in orthodontic care for children and adolescents, and allied health professionals. IAPD's National-Member Societies, key leaders, and partners will also play an important role in this global exchange.

Taking place in one of Europe's most vibrant cities, the 4th IAPD Global Summit promises to be an inspiring and impactful event — combining evidence, expertise, innovation, and international collaboration.

Barcelona awaits, and IAPD looks forward to welcoming delegates from around the world to a Summit that will help shape the future of paediatric dentistry and early orthodontic care.

Visit the 4th Global Summit page for more information: <https://iapdsummit.org/>



DATES:
June 2-5, 2027

LOCATION:
Osaka, Japan



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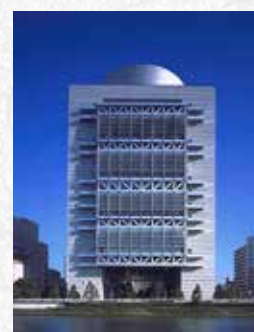
Osaka, Japan's first capital, still boasts numerous historic buildings and is cherished by the nation for its cultural heritage, including Bunraku, Noh, and Kabuki. The city is also renowned as Japan's premier 'gastronomic capital' and 'mecca of comedy'. Dental and oral care support the Osakans' way of life, namely hearty eating, drinking, and laughter. How about exploring the city for a "fieldwork"?

Congress Venue

Osaka International Convention Center (OICC)

OICC is a state-of-the-art international conference venue, a source of pride for Osaka, which has been chosen as the host city for numerous international events, including two World Expos.

Located in the Nakanoshima district, with excellent transport links, this facility offers extremely easy access to the city's main attractions, including major hotels, shopping districts, and entertainment areas.



Celebrating the IAPD Fellows

At the heart of the IAPD Fellowship is a global community of dental professionals brought together by a shared commitment to protecting and improving children's oral health. The Fellowship is a prestigious designation that reflects not only clinical knowledge and professional excellence, but also a deep dedication to advancing paediatric dentistry worldwide.

What makes the IAPD Fellowship unique is its broad vision of excellence. It recognises achievement in clinical and academic practice, while also encouraging international collaboration, shared learning, and the exchange of best practices across borders. IAPD Fellows become part of a worldwide network of paediatric dental professionals who are helping to raise standards and shape the future of children's oral health. More than a professional credential, the Fellowship represents an ongoing commitment to leadership, lifelong learning, service, and progress.

The Fellowship programme continues to develop and gain momentum. Following the successful completion of the second round of Fellowship Examinations during April 2025, the IAPD was proud to announce the newest group of paediatric dental professionals who passed the Fellowship Examination. The third IAPD

Fellowship Examination will take place on 20 April 2027, providing another opportunity for paediatric dental professionals to demonstrate the high level of clinical competence, ethical practice, and commitment to children's oral health that the Fellowship represents.

The new IAPD Fellows were formally recognised during a dedicated certificate ceremony at the 30th IAPD Congress in Cape Town. This special occasion marked their official entry into the global network of IAPD Fellows and celebrated their outstanding accomplishment. Their recognition in Cape Town highlighted not only personal excellence, but also the shared purpose and vision of the Fellowship programme.

The Fellowship community also came together during the 30th IAPD Congress for a special Fellowship Luncheon, held on Friday, 24 October 2025. This exclusive gathering offered IAPD Board of Directors and IAPD Fellows from the 2023 & 2025 Exam the opportunity to connect, share experiences, and strengthen the professional relationships that are central to the spirit of the IAPD Fellowship.

It was a valuable opportunity to strengthen professional relationships and reaffirm a common goal: improving the oral health and wellbeing of children through collaboration and leadership.

Together, IAPD Fellows are helping to build a healthier future for children - one Fellow, and one smile, at a time.



The IAPD Fellows Luncheon, an exclusive Networking opportunity

Ready to become an IAPD Fellow?

Applications are now open for the next IAPD Fellowship Examination, taking place on 20 April 2027. Find eligibility requirements, examination details, and application information on the IAPD Fellowship webpage.

<https://iapdworld.org/about-the-fellowship/>

IAPD Awards: Celebrating Big Ideas, Outstanding Research and Global Talent

Could Your Research Be Next?

Apply now for the JSPD Travel Award and take your research to the 4th Global IAPD Summit in Barcelona.

<https://iapdsummit.org/>

Looking ahead to IAPD 2027 in Osaka? Keep an eye on the Congress website for announcements about upcoming award and bursary applications.

<https://iapd2027.org/>

The 30th IAPD Congress in Cape Town gave us plenty to celebrate.

Researchers, clinicians and emerging leaders from around the world were recognised for work that is helping to move paediatric dentistry forward and improve children's oral health.

We warmly congratulate every 2025 award winner and bursary recipient. We also thank the sponsors and partners whose support helps outstanding ideas reach an international audience and gives talented professionals new opportunities to grow, connect and lead.

Awards, Fresh names, More Opportunities

We are pleased to announce that two of our awards, previously named after commercial companies, have been rebranded to better reflect the achievements they recognize and to encourage applications from a broader and more diverse group of candidates.

The former Morita Awards are now the:

- IAPD Case Report Award
- IAPD Research Award

These awards are proudly sponsored by DMG Chemisch-Pharmazeutische / Fabrik GmbH

The former NuSmile Awards, are now the:

- IAPD Caries Management Case Report Award
- IAPD Caries Management Research Award

These awards are proudly sponsored by SHOFU Inc.

We are also proud to announce that the Bengt Magnusson Memorial Prize in Child Dental Health Award is kindly sponsored by Kids-e-Dental.

Celebrating the 2025 Award Winners

Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Award by Colgate

Award Winner

Londiwe Sibisi-Maboye, South Africa

Saving Smiles in Africa: A Community-Based Initiative Advancing Access to Paediatric Dental Care

Finalists

Narmin Huseynova, Türkiye

The PaFein+ Project: Exploring Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices regarding Pain-Free Dentistry among Pediatric Dentists

Hafizah Mohammad, Malaysia

Refresh, Refocus, Renew: A Collaborative Oral Health Program for Children with Cerebral Palsy in Malaysia

IAPD Caries Management Awards

Supported by SHOFU Inc.

IAPD Caries Management Research Award

Winner: Ani Belcheva, Bulgaria

A Clinical Study of CPP-ACFP, SAP P11-4 and Caries Infiltration for the Treatment of Initial Carious Lesions on Smooth Surfaces

IAPD Caries Management Case Report Award

Winner: Sanchit Paul, India

Minimally Invasive with Maximal Success: A 4-Year Case Report on the Successful Long-Term Management of a High-Caries-Risk Child Using Silver Diamine Fluoride

Winner: Debarchhana Jena, India

Amalgamation of Non-Restorative and Restorative Caries Management of Severe Early Childhood Caries in an Infant: A 12-Month Follow-Up Case Report

IAPD Case Report and Research Awards

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IAPD Research Award

Winner: Sharath Asokan, India

Prediction and Profiling of Behaviour in Children During Their First Dental Visit: A Cross-Sectional Study

IAPD Case Report Award

Winner: Lisa Bowdin, Australia

Comprehensive Long-Term Management of Regional Odontodysplasia: A Case Report

Bengt Magnusson Memorial Prize in Child Dental Health

Supported by Kids-e-Dental

Presented in memory of Professor Bengt Magnusson of Gothenburg, Sweden, a pioneer of paediatric dentistry, this prize is awarded at alternate IAPD Congresses for an outstanding submitted essay.

Winner: Diana Monica Preda, Romania

From Scars to Seamless Smiles: How PRP Is Changing the Game in Cleft Reconstruction

Jens Andreasen Award

Winner: Senem Selvi Kuvvetli, Türkiye

Long-Term Follow-Up of a Complicated Crown-Root Fracture in a Young Patient with Dravet Syndrome

Sam Harris Travel Bursary

Recipients:

Nour Wahba, Egypt

Investigating the Bactericidal Effect of Oral Probiotics on Chromogenic Bacteria in Children: An In Vivo and In Vitro Study

Bikash Chaurasia, Malaysia

Piaget's Cognitive Traits and Their Relationship with Dental Treatment Outcomes in Malaysian Children Aged 3–11: A Cross-Sectional Study

Rana Yalçinkaya, Türkiye

Performance Comparison of YOLOv5 Models for the Detection of Mesiodens and Supernumerary Teeth in Paediatric Panoramic Radiographs: A Pilot Study

Paediatric Dentistry Working Group Travel Bursary

Recipients:

Zipporah Rop, Kenya

Caries Risk Profile and Associated Factors Among Children Attending Well-Child Clinics in Uasin Gishu County, Kenya

Jacqueline Michèle Lowe, Cameroon

The Impact of Oral Health Conditions on the Quality of Life of Children Affected by Sickle Cell Disease in Yaoundé

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Their partnership helps recognise excellence, support professional development and give researchers and clinicians from around the world the opportunity to share their work on an international stage.

To every winner, recipient, sponsor and supporter: thank you for helping IAPD celebrate new ideas, champion global talent and advance paediatric oral health.



iAPD Awards
REFRESH. REFOCUS. RENEW. 2025

Celebrating our award winners

-  Bengt Magnusson Award

-  Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Award

-  Jens Andreassen Award
-  IAPD Caries Management Award. Research & Case Report

-  IAPD Award. Research & Case Report


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Colgate BSBF Winner 2025!

Londiwe Sibisi-Maboye



A group of five people are standing on a stage. A woman in the center, Londiwe Sibisi-Maboye, is holding a blue award plaque and a South African flag. She is wearing a black blazer and a white headwrap. To her left is a man in a blue suit and glasses. To her right is a woman in a black blazer, a man in a blue suit, and a woman in a red blazer. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera.



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New home for the IAPD Consensus Documents on our website!

The IAPD is delighted to introduce the newly redesigned IAPD Consensus Recommendations page, offering a refreshed user experience with improved navigation and easier access to our growing collection of evidence-based guidance.

Developed by leading international experts in paediatric dentistry, the IAPD Consensus Recommendations are an important resource for members, clinicians, educators, researchers and oral health professionals around the world. They bring together the latest evidence-based guidance on key areas of children's oral health, supporting informed clinical decision-making and helping to promote high-quality care for every child.

The updated page has been designed to make these valuable resources easier to explore, download and share. Whether you are looking for guidance on preventive care, fluoride use, early childhood caries, or other essential areas of paediatric dentistry, the updated platform makes it easier than ever to locate, download, and share these valuable resources. We are also pleased to share that the **IAPD Consensus Recommendations are now available in Turkish**, further expanding access to these important resources and supporting their use by a wider global audience.

This update reflects IAPD's ongoing commitment to making trusted, expert-led guidance accessible to the international paediatric dentistry community. By improving access to the Consensus Recommendations, IAPD continues to support oral health professionals in delivering evidence-based, child-centred care across diverse clinical and community settings.

We warmly invite all members and colleagues to visit the updated page, explore the recommendations, download the documents, and share them within their professional networks. Together, we can continue working towards better oral health for every child, everywhere.

The Future of IJPD: Digital, Sustainable, Accessible

The International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry (IJPD) is entering a new and exciting chapter, marked by two major developments: its transition to a digital-first format and the appointment of Professor Nicola Innes as the new Editor-in-Chief.

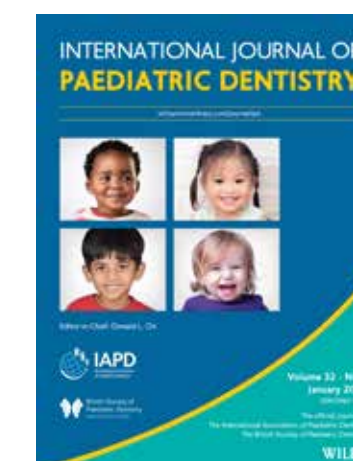
The move to a digital-first format marks an important step towards more sustainable and accessible scientific publishing. By reducing the need for printed copies, this transition supports a more environmentally responsible approach, helping to reduce paper use, printing, and international shipping, while ensuring that members continue to enjoy convenient access to high-quality research in paediatric dentistry.

IAPD members can access the IJPD through the IAPD Membership Portal, where the latest issues and articles are available online.

Members and readers who wish to receive the latest research directly in their inbox can also sign up for IJPD email alerts. Simply visit the journal homepage, enter your email address, and verify your email to begin receiving notifications when new content is published.

Together, these developments reflect a more modern, efficient, and eco-conscious future for the IJPD, while continuing to strengthen its role as a leading journal in paediatric dentistry worldwide.

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IAPD Webinars: See You Online!

The IAPD Webinar Series continues to provide members with valuable opportunities to learn from, connect with, and engage with experts from around the world. As part of the Association's commitment to advancing paediatric oral health, the webinar programme offers accessible, high-quality educational content that supports lifelong learning and professional development.

Over the past 12 months, IAPD has hosted 10 webinars, covering a diverse range of clinical, scientific and professional topics. Through live presentations, interactive discussions and practical insights, participants can engage directly with internationally recognised speakers and apply new knowledge in everyday practice.

Members in good standing receive certificates of attendance and can access all webinar recordings through the IAPD Membership Portal. Since the initiative began, the IAPD's on-demand educational library has grown to an impressive 58 webinar recordings, enabling members to learn wherever and whenever it suits them.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all speakers who have generously contributed their expertise throughout the year, and to the IAPD Education Committee for their ongoing dedication to delivering an engaging and impactful webinar programme.

We look forward to another year of learning, collaboration, and professional growth through the IAPD Webinar Series continuing to connect the global paediatric dental community.



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Dr. Antonina Getsman
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Dr. Rafael Beolchi
13:00 UTC | 12 April
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Zafer C. Cehreli
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Teach the Teachers Educational Workshop Returns: Manila, 2026

The IAPD, in collaboration with the Philippine Pediatric Dental Society, Inc. (PPDSI), successfully hosted the Teach the Teachers Educational Workshop (TTEW) on 25–26 April 2026 at the University of the Philippines College of Dentistry in Manila.

After several years, the return of the TTEW was met with great enthusiasm and proved to be a meaningful and successful educational event. Held under the theme “Elevating Pediatric Dentistry through Global Expertise”, the two-day programme offered participants a valuable opportunity for professional learning, exchange, and hands-on engagement.

Day one featured plenary lectures attended by 81 delegates from across the Philippines, including deans, faculty members, clinical instructors, academic lecturers, administrators, government dentists, specialists, and private practitioners. Day two focused on interactive hands-on workshops, attended by 44 participants, including 27 undergraduate faculty members representing dental colleges and universities from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

The programme covered a wide range of relevant clinical and educational topics, including behaviour guidance, topical and local anaesthesia techniques, diagnosis and treatment planning, vital pulp therapy, deep caries management, and minimally invasive strategies. Practical sessions included rubber dam placement, minimum intervention strategies, full coverage crowns, and pulp treatment.

Educational sessions were led by IAPD representatives Dr Anna Maria Vierrou (Secretary General), Dr Soni Stephen (President), and Dr Marina Papachroni

(Board Member). Their expertise, commitment, and engagement contributed greatly to the success of the workshop.

Participant feedback reflected the strong relevance and value of the TTEW, with appreciation expressed for the timely topics, global consensus recommendations, expert speakers, and practical applicability of the sessions. The workshop also strengthened collaboration among dental educators, with participating deans, vice deans, and faculty members expressing their commitment to implementing the knowledge and best practices gained within their own colleges and universities.

The event highlighted the importance of collaboration in advancing paediatric dental education. IAPD and PPDSI worked closely together to deliver a programme that supported the sharing of expertise, strengthened professional connections, and contributed to the ongoing development of paediatric dentistry education.

The TTEW was proudly powered by Ultradent Products, Inc. and SDI Limited, whose valued support helped make this important initiative possible.

A special highlight of the workshop was an exciting Fluoriders moment: participants in Manila became the first National-Member Society to dance together to the beat of the Happy Teeth Song at an official IAPD event. Their energy, enthusiasm, and team spirit brought the Fluoriders message to life in a joyful and memorable way, showing that promoting healthy smiles can be both educational and fun.

Congratulations to our amazing Fluoriders in the Philippines for leading the way!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DyJ_nFm2SE&list=PLSUcTYJTlyRqPTvGaPEQ0Q550nkqfLtMx&index=7



Drs Anna Maria Vierrou, Marina Papachroni and Soni Stephen, ready for action!



The Second day's workshops ensured practical education to all participants



The First day of the TTEW in Manila was filled with Educational Lectures

Strengthening Global Collaboration at AAPD 2026

The International Association of Paediatric Dentistry was proud to participate in the AAPD 2026 Annual Session in Las Vegas, USA, where members of the IAPD Executive Committee represented the global paediatric dentistry community and strengthened ties with colleagues from around the world.

IAPD was represented by Dr Anna Maria Vierrou (Secretary General), Dr Soni Stephen (President), Dr Virinder Goyal (President-Elect), and Dr Jorge Castillo (Past President).

During the meeting, the IAPD delegation held a productive discussion with the leadership of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD), reaffirming the strong relationship between the two organisations and their shared commitment to advancing children's oral health worldwide.

A major highlight of the meeting was a three-hour educational session presented by Dr Anna Maria Vierrou and Dr Jorge Castillo entitled "Decision Making in the Developing Dentition: Global Perspectives on Early Intervention." Designed as a highly interactive clinical decision-making programme, the session engaged participants through live polling, case discussions, and audience interaction, creating a dynamic learning experience.

IAPD was delighted to contribute to the scientific programme and to further strengthen its partnership with AAPD. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to share expertise, foster collaboration, and continue building connections across the global paediatric dentistry community.



Dr Jorge Castillo presenting



Dr Anna Maria Vierrou presenting



The IAPD Session in Las Vegas



Drs Soni Stephen, Anna Maria Vierrou and Jorge Castillo, spreading the news about the 4th Global IAPD Summit!



Leaders from the IAPD and AAPD together in Las Vegas

IAPD Symposia - FDI in Prague

The IAPD is delighted to announce a dedicated IAPD Symposium at the upcoming FDI World Dental Congress, taking place in Prague, Czech Republic, from 4–7 September 2026.

The symposium will be opened by Prof. Dr. Figen Seymen, IAPD Immediate Past President, who will introduce IAPD's expanding portfolio of educational activities. Her presentation will highlight key resources available to the global paediatric dentistry community, including the IAPD Foundational Articles, Consensus Recommendations, live and on-demand webinars, the IAPD Video Lecture Centre, the IAPD Fellowship, and the Fluoriders campaign. Together, these initiatives reflect IAPD's continued commitment to accessible, evidence-based education and professional development worldwide.

Prof. Seymen will also present on Minimal Intervention in Paediatric Dentistry, focusing on the shift from traditional restorative approaches towards a biologically driven, patient-centred model of care. The session will explore how caries risk assessment, fluoride therapies, silver diamine fluoride, behavioural strategies, parental engagement and motivational interviewing can be integrated into everyday practice to support long-term oral health outcomes for children.

The programme will continue with Dr Arina Vinereanu from Romania, who will address the important topic of Pain Management in Paediatric Dentistry. Her presentation will extend beyond immediate clinical outcomes to consider the long-term impact of early dental experiences on dental anxiety and future oral

health behaviour. By combining pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches with clear communication, behaviour guidance and parental involvement, the session will position pain management as both a clinical and preventive responsibility.

Representing the host country, Dr Jana Vašáková from the Czech Republic will present on Prefabricated Crowns in Paediatric Dentistry. Her lecture will explore the indications, contraindications and clinical protocols for the use of crowns in children, including their role in managing carious lesions, developmental defects, molar incisor hypomineralisation, post-traumatic conditions and other dental anomalies affecting primary and permanent teeth. The session will be supported by clinical documentation and will offer practical insights into both conventional and interceptive approaches.

The IAPD Symposium offers a valuable opportunity for dental professionals attending the FDI World Dental Congress to engage with current evidence, practical clinical strategies and the international perspective of paediatric dentistry. With a strong focus on prevention, child-centred care and professional education, the programme reflects IAPD's mission to support better oral health for children everywhere.

IAPD warmly invites colleagues attending the FDI World Dental Congress in Prague to join the symposium and engage with the global paediatric dentistry community, and take part in this important exchange of knowledge and expertise.

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Expanding Learning Opportunities Through New Collaborations

The International Association of Paediatric Dentistry is delighted to announce a new collaboration with Interdentale, an innovative online educational initiative supported by DMG Dental and designed specifically for young dentists and early-career professionals.

The initiative brings together leading experts from across the dental profession to support learning, professional development, and collaboration in a modern digital environment. This collaboration aligns closely with the IAPD's commitment to lifelong learning and professional growth. For colleagues pursuing the IAPD Fellowship pathway, the timing is particularly valuable, offering an additional opportunity to gain educational credits before the annual Fellowship application deadline.

We are excited to work with Interdentale and look forward to supporting this new educational platform that places young dentists and future leaders at the centre of the learning experience.

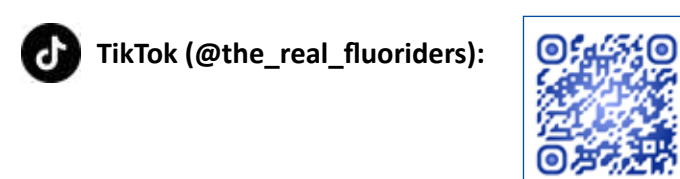
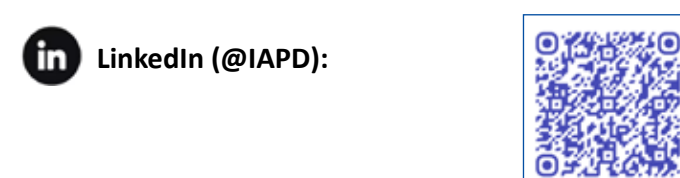
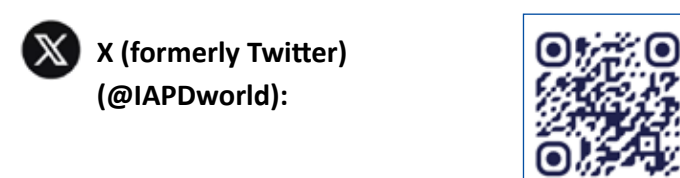
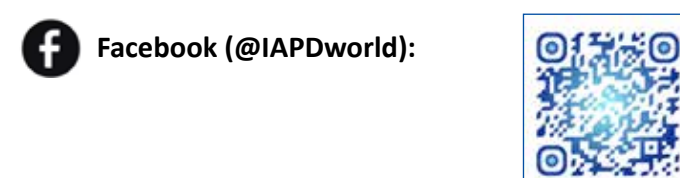
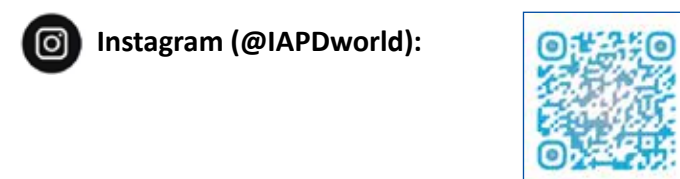
Further details about the programme, registration, member benefits, and post-event learning opportunities will be shared in the coming months. We encourage members to look out for more information through IAPD e-news, social media channels, and the Membership Portal as this exciting collaboration develops.

Join the Conversation: Follow IAPD on Social Media

Your Front-Row Seat to the IAPD Universe!

Join thousands of dental professionals and students from across the globe who are already part of the IAPD's vibrant online community! Be the first to hear about upcoming congresses, webinars, and new Consensus Recommendations.

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Follow. Learn. Inspire. That's the IAPD way.



The heartbeat of the IAPD lies in its global network of National Member Societies - each contributing unique perspectives, achievements, and innovations to the world of paediatric dentistry.

We look forward to continued collaboration and knowledge-sharing as we highlight updates from our vibrant National Societies around the world.

A Global Voice of Paediatric Dentistry Activities

We are honoured to share news from our Societies who kindly shared their reports with us.

Our worldwide family is growing, and we are very pleased to share the ongoing activities of our colleagues, for the benefit of children around the globe.

Together we are the Global Voice of Children's Oral Health.



American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) is marking an important leadership transition in 2026, celebrating the remarkable service of Dr John S. Rutkauskas while welcoming Dr Jessica Y. Lee as its next Chief Executive Officer.

Dr John S. Rutkauskas, DDS, MBA, CAE, will retire on 30 June 2026 following 27 years of outstanding service to the AAPD. His many accomplishments include growing membership to more than 11,000, increasing first-year residency positions from 180 to over 500, doubling Annual Session attendance to more than 6,000, developing the Leadership Institute at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, implementing the Public Policy Advocates programme, and much more. His contributions will be celebrated at the AAPD Annual Session 2026 in Las Vegas.

As announced in early 2026, the AAPD has proudly appointed Jessica Y. Lee, DDS, MPH, PhD, as its next Chief Executive Officer, with the transition beginning on 1 June 2026. A globally recognised leader in paediatric dentistry, health policy, and academic innovation, Dr Lee brings an exceptional record of achievement and vision to the nation's leading organisation dedicated to advancing optimal oral health for all children. As CEO, Dr Lee will lead the AAPD's mission to ensure that every child has access to safe, high-quality oral health care. She will also spearhead strategic initiatives in advocacy, education, and research, while fostering partnerships that advance innovation across the profession.

The AAPD is also pleased to welcome more than 5,300 attendees to Las Vegas for its Annual Session, 21–24 May 2026, with representation from more than 35 countries. Looking ahead, the AAPD invites colleagues to save the date for Annual Session 2027, which will take place in National Harbor, Maryland, near Washington, DC, from 27–30 May 2027. Further



AAPD President Dr. Tom Ison, West Virginia advocates, AAPD leadership and staff with U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito

information is available at:

<https://www.aapd.org/education/aapd-2026/>

The 2025–26 edition of The Reference Manual of Pediatric Dentistry – AAPD’s Oral Health Policies and Recommendations is available online and also in app format for Android and Apple devices:

<https://www.aapd.org/research/oral-health-policies--recommendations/>

The AAPD Safety & Quality Improvement Committee has also unveiled the new Clinical Practice Safety Guide, available at:

www.aapd.org/research/clinical-practice-safety-guide

Over the past year, the AAPD has been actively engaged in discussions on fluoride and affirms that consuming fluoridated drinking water is both safe and effective in preventing and controlling dental caries at the recommended levels in the United States. The AAPD is joined by colleagues at the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Dental Association, and many other partners in oral health, overall health, and research in this position. The Academy has voiced strong opposition to plans by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to remove fluoride supplements from the market, while also raising concern about the toxicity assessment plans announced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The AAPD encourages dentists, physicians, and public health officials to work with parents and caregivers to optimise total fluoride exposure. Community water fluoridation remains the only way to ensure that all people, particularly those at high risk for dental disease and those who may not have a usual source of dental care, can benefit from its cavity-preventing effects.

For colleagues interested in AAPD International Membership, further information is available at:
<https://www.aapd.org/about/about-aapd/membership-join/>

For membership questions, please contact:
membership@aapd.org

Additional AAPD resources:

Continuing Education:

<https://www.aapd.org/education/meetings-calendar-aapd/>

The Research & Policy Center Rundown:

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Webinars:

<https://www.aapd.org/research/policy-center/webinars/>

Instagram:

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Podcasts:

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Dr. Jessica Lee, AAPD CEO-Designee



Little Teeth Big Smiles (podcast)



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AAPD President Dr. Tom Ison and colleagues at Smiles Across the Globe



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Public Policy Advocates at the Pediatric Oral Health Advocacy Conference

Argentine Association of Pediatric Dentistry

The Argentine Association of Pediatric Dentistry (AAON), a branch of the Argentine Dental Association (AOA), carried out a broad programme of governance, academic, professional and member engagement activities during the period from October 2024 to September 2025.

During the reporting period, twelve meetings of the Board of Directors were held. The President also participated in all meetings convened by the Executive Board of the AOA.

In December 2024, the AAON Annual General Meeting was convened by the Board of Directors. During the meeting, a partial renewal of board members took place in accordance with current regulations. As a result, the new Board of Directors for the period December 2024 to December 2025 was established under the presidency of Dr María Elena Macucho.

AAON planned several postgraduate academic programmes for 2025, reflecting its continued commitment to high-quality professional education in paediatric dentistry. These included:

- Pulp Treatments in Young Permanent Teeth
- Dental Care for Children with Disabilities
- Updates on the Use of Silver Diamine Fluoride in Paediatric Dentistry
- Perspectives and New Challenges in Cariology: Minimal Intervention, SMART Technique, and New Materials

Continuing education was another important area of activity. On Saturday, 12 April 2025, the Postgraduate School of the AOA, in collaboration with AAON, held a successful continuing education event. that brought together approximately 500 specialist professionals. Following a welcome by the coordinators, Dr Lucía Nejamkin and Dr Paola Millán, Professor Dr Federico Hofer delivered a lecture entitled “Comprehensive Treatment of Dental Trauma with an Updated and Interdisciplinary Approach”.



Pediatric Dentistry Update Forum: Speaker-Coordinator and AAON Board Members

AAON also continued to strengthen its academic outreach through virtual activities, with a total of 15 lectures during the reporting period, approximately two per month, with both national and international speakers. To support communication and member engagement, AAON promoted its activities through social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp. Members also received the IAPD e-News newsletter by email. AAON was represented at the XXIII Congress of the Latin American Association of Pediatric Dentistry (ALOP), held in Guanajuato, Mexico, in 2025. Dr Salomón Alberto Cohen attended the Congress representing Dr María Elena Macucho, President of the AAON Board of Directors.

In June 2025, AAON held the XIX Student Academic Meeting and the 1st AAON Pediatric Dentistry Residents Meeting, aimed at students, residents and early-career professionals. A total of 130 participants registered, with 93 attending the in-person academic activities held at the AOA facilities. AAON also contributed to professional certification activities, serving as a member of the evaluation committee for the awarding of Specialist Certification in Paediatric

Dentistry and participating in the recertification process for specialists who applied.

The Association maintained an active digital presence throughout the reporting period, with the AAON website continuously updated to reflect current activities and institutional information. As of September 2025, AAON had a total of 345 members.



Opening of the 1st Latin American Congress on Pediatric Dentistry Education, the 1st Congress for Residents, and the 1st Symposium of Pediatric Dentistry Postgraduate Program Directors



19th AAON Student Conference 2025 – Young Presenters of Free Papers

**Respiración bucal en Paciente Pediátrico:
Abordaje Multidisciplinario**
Dra. Victoria Demarchi
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La atención neonatal en contextos de perspectivas transdisciplinarias. ¿Quién mira la boca del neonato?
Dra. Sandra Fettolini
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Intervención fonoaudiológica en la clínica odontopediátrica
Lic. Viviana Jamardo
Lunes 29 de Septiembre - 19:30 hs.
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Anestesia Local en Odontopediatria
Dra. Claudia Paredes Quiroz
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Innovación en Odontopediatria Restauradora. Flujo Digital: Escaneo, Diseño e Impresión 3D
Dr. Guillermo Martín Rosa
Dra. María Lidia Elizondo
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Consideraciones clínicas para la adhesión ¿Qué cambió en la actualidad?
Dra. Fiorella Sifontes
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Impacto de la dieta en la caries Odontopediatria
Dra. Carla Masoli
Jueves 17 de Julio - 19:30 hs.
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Sueño y trastornos respiratorios de sueños en niños
Dra. Graciela Bonfanti
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Endodoncia en dientes temporarios
Dra. Marta Paz Cortés
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Terapia pulpar en dientes permanentes jóvenes
Dra. María G. González Villar
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Dieta y Fluoruros en la Salud Dental Infantil
Dra. Constanza E. Fernández
Jueves 08 de Mayo - 19:30 hs ARG
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Maloclusiones transversales en pacientes en crecimiento
Dr. Alfonso Torres Urzoña
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Flyers for the 2025 Zoom Conference Series



Association of Paediatric and Preventive Dentists of Serbia

In 2025, the Association of Paediatric and Preventive Dentists of Serbia (APPDS) continued activities within the project "Support to the Implementation of Program Activities for the Improvement of Oral Health of Children and Adolescents in the Republic of Serbia" funded by the Government of the Republic of Serbia, Ministry of Health.

One of the key objectives of the programme is the preparation of the National Programme for Prevention of Oral Diseases in Children and Adolescents. Through this initiative, the APPDS actively contributed its professional expertise to the development of preventive strategies aimed at improving oral health and strengthening public health measures in Serbia. The association remains committed to supporting evidence-based policies and collaborative efforts that promote better oral health for children and adolescents across the country.

As a result of the project, new "Clinical Guidelines for Fissure Sealing" were published. As in previous years, educational brochures for patients and parents were also released. In 2025, the published brochure was "Molar-Incisor Hypomineralization". In addition, continuing the tradition established in previous years, the best student papers in the fields of dental public health and oral health promotion were selected. All of these materials are available on the APPDS website (<https://udps-srb.org/>).

APPDS organized several continuing medical education programmes during the year. The Association was also an organizing partner of the 29th Congress of the Balkan Stomatological Society, held in Belgrade, Serbia, April 24-26, 2025. The congress gathered more than 700 active participants and 73 lecturers from 22 countries. Several lectures, oral presentations, and poster sessions in the fields of paediatric dentistry, preventive dentistry,

dental public health, and education were organized within the Congress programme.

A particularly noteworthy event was the Round Table "Oral Health Promotion Programmes in the Balkan Countries", which brought together participants from six Balkan countries. Within the framework of the Round Table, a comparative analysis of national oral health programmes in the Balkan region was conducted, and key measures and activities in the existing programmes were examined. The discussion concluded with a set of recommendations that will serve as a basis for future collaborative efforts to improve oral health across the Balkan region.

In December 2025, Professor Dejan Marković stepped down after many years of dedicated service as President of the APPDS. The new President of the APPDS is Professor Tamara Perić from the School of Dental Medicine of the University of Belgrade.

New projects are already in the making- stay tuned!



Immediate Past President, Professor Dejan Markovic, and President of the APPDS, Professor Tamara Peric



Participants of the Round Table _Oral Health Promotion Programmes in the Balkan Countries_

Association of Paediatric Dentists of Ghana

Founded in 2024, the Association of Paediatric Dentists of Ghana (APDG) has quickly become a vibrant hub for academics and clinicians dedicated to children's oral health. It operates within Ghana's landscape, collaborating with the Ghana Dental Association to advocate for paediatric oral care. While the majority of our 15 members are based at the University of Ghana Dental School (UGDS) and Korle Bu Teaching Hospital (KBTH) in Accra and Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH) in Kumasi, our reach extends across the capital and into the regions, uniting professionals with a shared passion for paediatric care.

As practitioners in teaching hospitals, our members do more than just treat patients — they are mentors, lecturing and training the next generation of dental surgeons at UGDS and KATH.

Our mission is led by our Executive Board:

- President: Dr. Mamta Thadani
- Vice President: Dr. Gwendolyn Amarquaye
- Secretary: Dr. Daniel Brefo
- Treasurer: Dr. Eva Appiah-Denkyira
- Postgraduate correspondence: Dr. Mabel Delali Azumah

2025 Highlights:

From Local Classrooms to Cape Town:

Last year was a whirlwind of activities. Our World Oral Health Day celebrations in March took us to the airwaves, with members appearing on radio and television to champion oral hygiene. We hit the ground running with school outreaches, providing screenings, education, and referrals to those in need.

One of our favourite moments was hosting local pupils at the University of Ghana Dental School. The children got a firsthand look at what a dental clinic is really like, received souvenirs, and even showed off their moves by learning a dance to a trending oral health song!

On the global stage, a large delegation of our members attended the IAPD Conference in Cape Town, South Africa in October 2025. It was a historic moment as the APDG was formally welcomed into the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry. Our team had the incredible opportunity to network with global leaders and dive into the latest scientific breakthroughs in our field.

Global Guests

We kicked off 2026 by hosting esteemed international guests from the University of Ankara, Turkey. Professor Dr. Şaziye Sari and Professor Dr. Zeynep Ökte joined us at UGDS for a series of academic sessions, sharing expert insights on managing first molars with poor prognosis and paediatric caries.

Looking Ahead: "Sealant Saturdays"

We are also thrilled to announce our upcoming "Sealant Saturdays" initiative. For one full month, we will dedicate every Saturday to providing free fissure sealants to children. This program is a major step forward in our mission to prioritize prevention over treatment.

World Oral Health Day 2026

On March 20th, we celebrated World Oral Health Day under the theme: "A Happy Mouth is a Happy Life." To celebrate, we headed back into basic schools across Accra to conduct screenings and education sessions.

Our goal is simple: to make sure every child has a happy mouth and a healthy, happy life.

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Pupils of local school experiencing a "day in the life of a dentist" at University of Ghana Dental School (UGDS) during World Oral Health Day



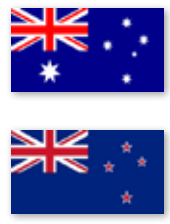
Poster presentation by residents of the Paedodontic unit of UGDS during a research week organised by UGDS



Academic exchange: Prof Sari and Prof Okte from the University of Ankara (Pediatric Dentistry department), Turkey visiting UGDS



The APDG delegation at the IAPD Conference - Cape Town, South Africa marking our official entry into the international association



The Australian and New Zealand Society of Paediatric Dentistry

The Australian and New Zealand Society of Paediatric Dentistry (ANZSPD) has enjoyed a productive and engaging year, with a strong focus on advancing paediatric dentistry and promoting education across the profession.

A highlight of 2025 was the 9th ANZSPD RK Hall Lecture Series in Brisbane, Queensland, held under the theme "Contemporary Paediatric Dentistry: Evidence-Based Care for Everyday Practice." The meeting attracted over 200 delegates from Australia, New Zealand and internationally. The program featured Colgate Keynote Speaker Dr Nick A. Lygidakis, alongside invited speakers presenting on behaviour guidance, dental trauma, special needs dentistry, and restorative care.

It is with pleasure that we congratulate some of our long-standing members: Professor Bernadette Drummond was appointed an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours, for services to dentistry and education. This is a significant achievement, and we are very proud of her. Professor Richard Widmer has been awarded Honorary Membership of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD), recognising his longstanding and significant contributions since the early 1980s, including service as Board member, President (1999), committee member, and congress organiser, and Dr Soni Stephen has been elected President of the IAPD for the next two years.

ANZSPD supports education and academic development through the Professor Louise Brearley Messer Undergraduate and Postgraduate Essay Competitions, named in honour of Professor Messer's significant contributions to paediatric dentistry, and the ANZSPD—

Colgate Postgraduate Research Award (2026).

The ANZSPD—Alistair Devlin Memorial Grant supports community-based initiatives and research aimed at improving child oral health. The 2025 grant was awarded to Dr Bethany Fisher for her project "Improving the oral health of preschoolers in Victoria's most disadvantaged communities."

ANZSPD members were well represented at the recent IAPD Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, with a strong cohort attending and presenting. The Society is also proud to have its Past President, Dr Soni Stephens, currently serving as President of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry.

Looking ahead, the ANZSPD 22nd Biennial Congress will be held in Sydney, New South Wales from 30 April to 2 May 2026 under the theme "Propel. Connect. Smile." The Congress will feature keynote speaker Dr Papimon Chompu-Inwai and a comprehensive scientific program spanning clinical paediatric dentistry, research, and multidisciplinary care. The meeting will provide opportunities for professional development, presentation of research, and collaboration across Australia, New Zealand and the international paediatric dental community.

Submitted by
Dr. Heather Anderson
President ANZSPD Inc



Members of the 2025 RK Hall Lecture Series Local Organising Committee



ANZSPD delegates at the 30th IAPD Congress in Cape Town, South Africa (2025)



University of Western Australia Postgraduate Paediatric Dentistry Students Presenting at a Local Branch Event



Dr Carmel Lloyd, Dr Heather Anderson and Dr Soni Stephen at RK Hall Lecture Series, Brisbane

Austrian Society for Paediatric Dentistry

The Austrian Society for Paediatric Dentistry (ÖGKiZ), established in 2005, has a current membership of about 220 dentists. Since its foundation, ÖGKiZ has focused on paediatric dental education and the promotion of children's oral health awareness in Austria.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Austrian Society for Paediatric Dentistry, held in Vienna on 10 November 2025, elections were held for the new Board. The following representatives will serve the interests of the association for the next four years: Prof. Dr Katrin Bekes, President; Dr Dinah Fräßle-Fuchs, Dr Marie-Therese Brenner and Dr Rainer F. Prugmaier, Vice-Presidents; Dr Nicola Meißner, Training; Dr Andrea Gamper, Treasurer; and Dr Katrin Schlögl-Klebermass, General Secretary.

Once a year, ÖGKiZ runs a one-year curriculum for dentists and also offers further education through webinars and in-person events. In 2025, the society also offered several webinars for paediatricians, as well as seminars focusing on different topics.

Every two years, a biennial conference is held in Salzburg in spring. The most recent congress took place in April 2026. On the first day, a number of workshops and seminars were offered, while on the second day, lectures were presented by internationally well-known experts. Topics included endodontics, MIH, orthodontics, caries prevention and SDF.

Prof. Dr Katrin Bekes
Vice President, ÖGKiZ



The new board of the Austrian Society (from left to right): Rainer F. Prugmaier, Andrea Gamper, Marie Therese Brenner, Katrin Bekes, Dinah Fräßle-Fuchs, Katrin Schlögl-Klebermass

Brazilian Association of Pediatric Dentistry

The year 2025 was very promising for the Brazilian Association of Pediatric Dentistry (ABOPED). The "TOWARD THE 100-YEAR MOLAR" project, a partnership between ABOPED and Colgate-Palmolive Brazil, coordinated by Dr Sandra Kalil Bussadori, President of ABOPED, was carried out in five Brazilian states: Ceará, the Federal District, São Paulo, Pará, and Paraná. In 2025, approximately 15,000 school-age children were treated as part of the project, with a focus on preserving and treating the first permanent molars.

In October, the 30th Brazilian Congress of Pediatric Dentistry took place, coordinated by ABOPED Regional Paraíba with support from ABOPED. Over 1,000 participants, including pediatric dentists from Brazil, Latin America, and Portugal, gathered in João Pessoa, Paraíba, to stay updated through the numerous activities that took place, including lectures, hands-on sessions, and seminars. One of the highlights was the participation of Prof. André Brandão as a speaker. Prof. Brandão is a Portuguese professor and pediatric dentist, and the founder and coordinator of the Lisbon Pediatric Dentistry Service (SOL) in Lisbon, Portugal, which provides free dental care to Portuguese children and immigrants.

ABOPED concluded its activities in 2025 with an online course, free to members, entitled "Dental Care for Special Needs Infants," which was also another great success.

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30th Brazilian Congress of Pediatric Dentistry. João Pessoa, Paraíba, Brazil.



Prof. André Brandão from Portugal with Prof. Sandra Kalil Bussadori, President of ABOPED, at the 30th Brazilian Congress of Pediatric Dentistry, João Pessoa, Paraíba, Brazil.



Activities of the "TOWARD THE 100-YEAR MOLAR" project in Santos, São Paulo, Brazil

British Society of Paediatric Dentistry

In September 2025, the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD) held its Annual Scientific Conference at the Royal College of Music, London, centred on the theme Foundations for the Future. Incoming President Dr Oosh Devalia opened the event by setting out her vision: ensuring that EVERY child in the UK can access good oral health. Her first intervention as President was the launch of the BSPD President's Charter 2025–2026, a refreshed policy framework building on the Society's 2023 Blueprint to improve children's oral health. With progress already made on supervised toothbrushing and community water fluoridation expansion, the new Charter outlines nine steps for policymakers, grouped into immediate aims, development areas and long term policy foundations.

Immediate priorities include integrating oral health into wider healthcare settings through initiatives such as Mini Mouth Care Matters (Mini MCM), securing effective Managed Clinical Networks, and ensuring children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) can access oral health programmes. Development areas focus on expanding the paediatric dental workforce, enabling Dental Care Professionals to work to their full scope, and reducing sugar consumption in under 16s. The long term foundations call for every child to have a 'dental home', implementation of Dental Check by One, and accessible oral health information for all children and young people.

BSPD is placing particular emphasis on improving care for vulnerable groups, including children with SEN, those in hospital or with complex medical needs, children living in poverty, asylum seeking families, and those for whom English is not a first language. A key priority for



Dr Oosh Devalia, BSPD President

Dr Devalia's Presidency is advancing the Mini MCM mission, advocating for mandatory oral healthcare for hospitalised children and ensuring their oral health needs are not overlooked. The Society has developed two resources for parents and carers of neurodiverse children – to help them maintain good oral health and to participate in supervised toothbrushing initiatives.

Alongside the Charter, BSPD has refreshed its Mission Statement and Strategy for 2026–2029, issuing for the first time a version specifically for children and young people. Co-created with children, this accessible, icon based infographic explains BSPD's purpose and is designed to be inclusive of neurodivergent children. The updated mission outlines eight aims, including prioritising children's wellbeing, promoting prevention, supporting workforce development, strengthening evidence dissemination, and enhancing BSPD's advocacy and visibility.

Recent BSPD work across the UK has included supporting colleagues in Scotland to strengthen Clinical Excellence Networks, particularly where Managed Clinical Networks are not yet funded. BSPD is also collaborating with CLAPA (Cleft Lip & Palate Action) to address cleft children's oral health needs. Dr Devalia recently represented BSPD at the BDA's All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) reception in the House of Commons, engaging with MPs, the Chief Dental Officer for England, and dentistry stakeholders.

Member engagement has grown significantly, with strong interest in contributing to the BSPD–RCPCH Oral Health Integration Toolkit and updated clinical standards. Work to revise the Clinical Standard for Paediatric Dentistry is progressing rapidly, with agreement to broaden its scope to reflect the contributions of the wider healthcare team across all care settings.



Mission Statement 2026-29

Who we are and what we want to do

Paediatric dentistry means the dentists and their teams who help keep children and young people's teeth and gums healthy. Having a healthy mouth is important. If your mouth is sore, it can stop you from eating and sleeping and make it hard to concentrate at school or college. We want every child and young person to have a healthy start in life and to get really good care for their teeth.

This is our plan for the next three years. We will:



BSPD Mission Statement for CYP 2026-29

Canadian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Established in 1965, CAPD/ACDP has a membership of 360 and represents 90% of paediatric dentists in Canada. The Academy is actively involved with the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS), Canadian Dental Association (CDA), Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC), Canadian Dental Specialties Association (CDSA), Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC), and with our international colleagues, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) and the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD).

2025 CAPD/ACDP Annual Conference - Calgary, Alberta, 18–20 September

The theme was “Navigating the ‘Rocky’ Road to Mental Health” and the conference was very well attended by colleagues from Canada and the United States. Featured speakers included Dr Michael Swetye, who spoke on “10 Concepts Every Pediatric Dentist Should Know about Youth Mental Health”; Dr Jamil Jivraj, who presented “Behind the Smile: What Every Parent and Dentist Should Know About 13-Year-Olds Today”; the Calgary Police Service Child Abuse Unit, which presented the session “Talk on the Street”; Dr Jaimie Beveridge, who spoke on “Supporting Parents to Support their Child During Dental Procedures”; Dr Meggie Livingstone, who presented “Optimizing Acute Pain Management in Pediatric Dental Care”; and Dr Nivez Rasic, who spoke on “Insights and Evidence into Pain and its Management for Children”. Dr Denis Bedard delivered the keynote address. In the post-conference survey, the conference received an “excellent or very good” rating of 94%.

2026 CAPD/ACDP and RCDC/CRDCD Joint Conference – Winnipeg, Manitoba

The 2026 Joint Conference will take place in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from 17–19 September, with scientific sessions directed toward the profession of pediatric dentistry.

Continuing education will be offered for the conference sessions, in addition to an optional conference pre-course. A stellar line-up of companies will be featured at a two-day Trade Show.

The Scientific Committee, the National Annual Conference Committee, and the Local Organising Committee, chaired by Drs Brad Klus and Amanda Huminicki, have planned exciting social networking events, including a Friday evening Welcome Reception and a Saturday evening President’s Dinner and Dance. Both events will celebrate Winnipeg’s history, culture, and attractions. Registration opens on 15 April at www.capd-acdp.org/conference.

2024-2025 Executive

President: Dr. Duy-Dat Vu

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IAPD Liaison: Dr Sarah Hulland

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Duy-Dat Vu

President

Dr. Sarah Hulland

IAPD Liaison



The CAPD_ACDP and RCDC_CRCDC 2026 Joint Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba, September 17-19, 2026

Chilean Society of Paediatric Dentistry

The Chilean Society of Pediatric Dentistry (SCHOP) closed the second half of 2025 with a packed and diverse programme that underscored the Society’s commitment to lifelong learning and interdisciplinary collaboration. Five major activities were held between August and November, drawing clinicians, researchers, and students from across Chile and the wider Latin American region.

The semester opened on 1 August with a full-day course dedicated to the comprehensive dental management of children under two years of age, held at the Campus Alameda auditorium in Santiago. Covering topics from Chile’s national Baby Dentistry Zero Programme to myofunctional therapy and lingual frenulum assessment, the course was offered free of charge to members in good standing and attracted one of the highest attendances of the year. September brought the 2025 Annual General Meeting, followed by SCHOP’s participation in the inaugural Latin American Congress of Pediatric Dentistry Residents — a milestone event for the region’s growing community of young specialists.

October’s scientific meeting addressed a topic of growing clinical importance: the dental management of patients with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), exploring pharmacological, behavioural, and interdisciplinary strategies for neurodivergent care. The semester culminated in November with a landmark two-day interdisciplinary course, “Specialties in Dialogue: Pediatrics and Pediatric Dentistry,” which convened pediatricians, cardiologists, oncologists,

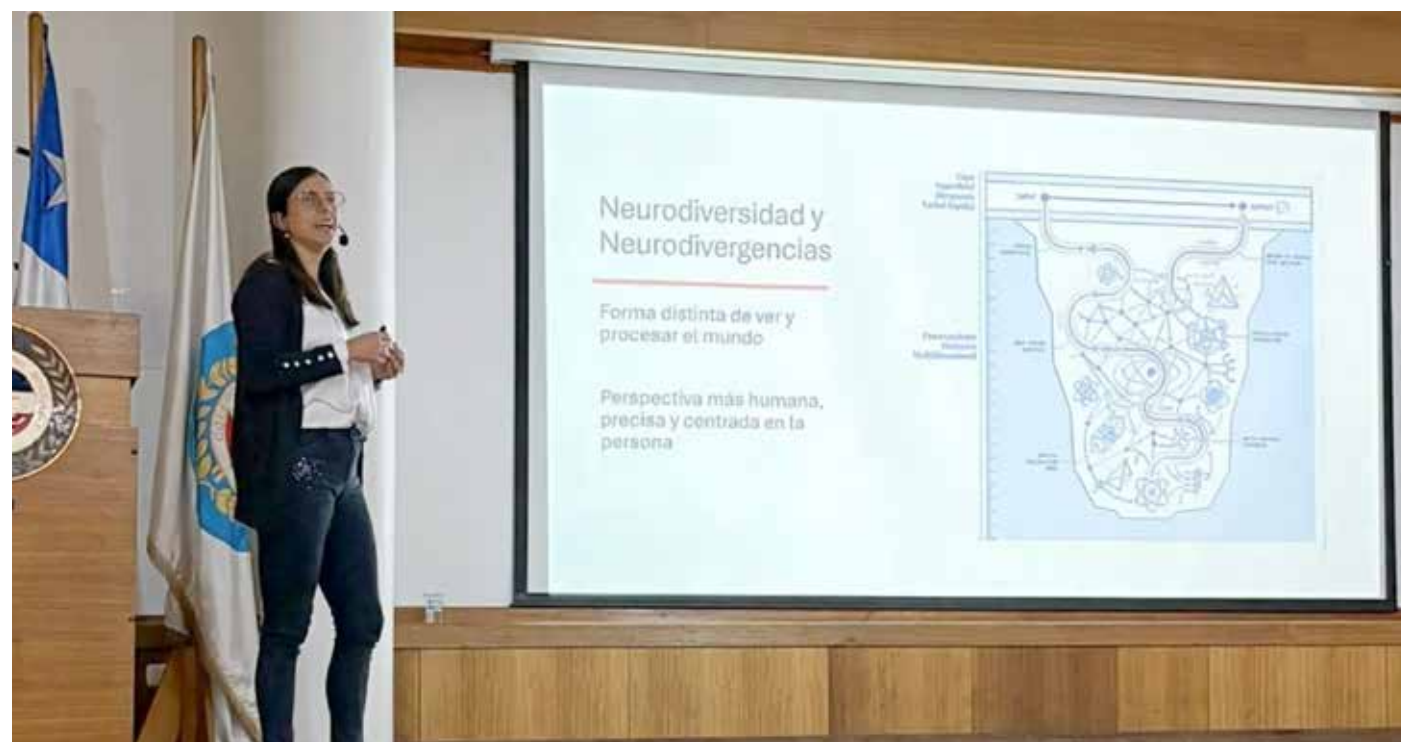
ENT specialists, and orthodontists alongside pediatric dentists to explore shared clinical challenges in a truly collaborative format.

The new year began with strong momentum. SCHOP’s first scientific meeting of 2026, held on 25 March, centred on the theme of neurodivergence — exploring how pediatric dentists can better understand and support patients who experience the world differently. Dr. Ernesto González Mallea, President of SCHOP, opened the session, which featured lectures on stannous fluoride safety (Dr. Ana Lanz Ramírez) and a compelling keynote on neurodivergence as a spectrum of human potential (Dr. Carolina Giadach Cassis, Pediatric Neurologist). A second scientific meeting on bruxism, temporomandibular disorders, and orofacial pain is scheduled for 29 April 2026.

Looking ahead, SCHOP invites the international community to mark their calendars for the XIV International Congress of Pediatric Dentistry on 30 July 2026 in Santiago. This biennial flagship event will gather world-leading specialists and promises to be the most significant gathering of pediatric dental professionals in Latin America this year. Full details and registration will be available at odontopediatria.cl.



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Cyprus Society of Paediatric Dentistry

The Cyprus Society of Pediatric Dentistry is proudly celebrating its most significant achievement since its establishment in 2010. As of April 2026, our specialty has finally received official recognition following a unanimous vote in Parliament. We take immense pride in this milestone, which follows two decades of advocacy. This recognition will empower us to become a stronger association and further enhance our community initiatives.

Our society currently comprises 26 active members and continues its campaign this year in elementary schools to combat the excessive consumption of sugar in various beverages. Our members are visiting schools to present a dedicated programme featuring a video story about Prokopis the donkey. The aim is to raise awareness regarding the free sugar content in numerous drinks, including juices, and to highlight the health risks associated with them. Our campaigns have

received approval from the Ministry of Education and are funded by the European University Cyprus.

Additionally, our society has initiated a biannual scientific meeting for its members, inviting local specialists to discuss various topics relevant to pediatric dentistry. The most recent lecture focused on the role of artificial intelligence in dentistry. Following each lecture, a complimentary lunch is provided to members, offering a wonderful opportunity for networking and socialising.



Pictures from our last seminar on AI in dentistry showing our members attending the biannual seminar



Seminar on AI in dentistry showing our members attending the Biannual Seminar

Dental Association of Russia, Section of Paediatric Dentistry

In 2025, the Russian Section on Pediatric Dentistry organised an extensive programme of scientific, educational, and professional activities, with events held in Moscow, St Petersburg, Minsk, and across several Russian regions, as well as online. These included activities within the XXIV Congress of Pediatricians of Russia, the Russian Dental Forum, the Russian Scientific and Practical Conference of the Russian Dental Association, the XXIV Russian Congress "Innovative Technologies in Pediatrics and Pediatric Surgery" with international participation, and the III Russian Congress on General Medical Aspects of Oral Health.

A number of dedicated pediatric dentistry events were also held, covering topics such as modern endodontic technologies in pediatric dentistry, the use of stainless steel crowns in children, complex clinical cases in pediatric dental practice, diagnosis and treatment in pediatric dentistry and orthodontics, current issues in pediatric dentistry, and modern approaches to children's oral health.

Highlights of the year included:

- The Symposium "Dentistry of the XXI Century. Problems. Solutions".
- Dental Review 2025 master classes on endodontics and stainless steel crowns in Paediatric Dentistry.
- World Dental Health Day, marked on 20 March 2025.
- The International Student Olympiad in Pediatric Dentistry.
- The XIII International Forum of Pediatric Dentistry.
- The scientific competition "Pediatric Dentistry Through the Eyes of the Young".
- The the best regional programme for the prevention of dental diseases in childhood, named after T.I. Chebakova.
- The quarterly school-seminars on the digital platform "Moscow Medicine. Events".
- The young scientist competitions and student scientific conferences supporting the next generation of pediatric dental professionals.

In addition to its scientific and educational programme, the Section continued its work to improve the quality of dental care for children with autism spectrum disorder. The programme "Friendly Dentistry for Children with ASD" is being implemented in Moscow and the Moscow Region, including Khimki and Korolev and Lipetsk Region; and the Republic of Bashkortostan, including Ufa, the Republic of Tatarstan, Kazan, and the Voronezh and Novosibirsk regions.



Conference on Pediatric Dentistry

Dutch Society for Paediatric Dentistry

2025 has been a year of renewal, strategic goal setting, and innovation for the Dutch Society for Paediatric Dentistry (NVvK).

This year has been firmly focused on refining our vision and developing new ways of sharing knowledge and expertise with our members. The Board has welcomed new members and seen several board members take on expanded roles, forming a dynamic and forward-looking team. Together, they have been working with great dedication and enthusiasm to realise our ambitions.

A key priority is engaging and inspiring young and prospective dentists to become actively involved in paediatric dentistry and our society. At the same time, we are shaping our objectives for 2026, including safeguarding and strengthening high-quality education in paediatric dentistry, and securing sustainable support for the invaluable work of our paediatric dentists.

We have proudly supported several projects dedicated to the prevention of oral health problems in very young children, underlining our continued commitment to early intervention and public health.

National and international collaboration remains an essential pillar of our work. We were honoured to contribute to the IAPD congress in Cape Town with presentations of cases and research, and to have representatives present at meetings of the EAPD in Madrid and Edinburgh, as well as at AMIT-MIH. These international exchanges foster valuable cross-fertilisation of knowledge and strengthen our professional network.

Our own national congresses focussed on the latest developments in paediatric dentistry and special aspects of child development. These are organised together with VMBZ (Dutch Association for Special Needs Dentistry).

We look forward to building on this momentum as we continue working towards excellence in paediatric oral healthcare.

Warm regards,

Karin van Nes

President Dutch Society for Paediatric Dentistry

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Carlijn Kok, Lea Kragt, Karin van Nes, Sabine Poirters,

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Board Dutch Society for Paediatric Dentistry



IAPD Dutch child

Ecuadorian Association of Paediatric Dentistry

The Ecuadorian Association of Paediatric Dentistry (AEOP) presents its academic plan for 2026, aimed at strengthening scientific updates and the development of clinical competencies in paediatric dentistry.

The agenda has been strategically organised so as not to interfere with international events such as the ALOP Congress and the IAPD Teachers' Congress.

Among the in-person activities are the course on Regenerative Paediatric Dentistry, focused on innovative therapies; the Comprehensive Update Course in Evidence-Based Paediatric Dentistry, including hands-on training; and the III AEOP International Congress of Paediatric Dentistry.

Virtual courses will be held in February, May, July, and December, promoting access to quality continuing education.

In addition, AEOP promotes integration meetings among colleagues, strengthening collaborative work, as well as social service initiatives aimed at vulnerable communities, promoting prevention and access to quality dental care.

"AEOP not only trains professionals; it builds community, inspires vocation, and transforms smiles through science and social commitment."

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Egyptian Society for Pediatric Dentistry and Children with Special Needs

The year 2025–2026 has been another milestone period for the Egyptian Society for Pediatric Dentistry and Children with Special Needs (ESPSN), marked by strong international representation, impactful scientific contributions, and continued dedication to community service.

Building on the success of ESPSN'25/ArAPD'4 International Congress in Cairo, ESPSN expanded its

global presence through active participation in the 30th IAPD World Congress in Cape Town, where Prof. Dr. Osama El-Shahawy represented Egypt as a keynote speaker and ESPSN members also contributed with scientific poster presentations, reflecting the society's growing research footprint and engagement within the global pediatric dentistry community.

On the national level, ESPSN demonstrated a strong commitment to continuous education and collaboration through impactful participation in major scientific events, including Galala International Dental Congress 2025 and EDSIC 2025. The society delivered specialized workshops and lectures, while also establishing a roadmap for future educational initiatives, including advanced clinical courses, clinical



ESPSN at Galala 2025 & EDSIC 2025 — commitment to continuous education



ESPSN at the 30th IAPD World Congress, Cape Town (2025). Keynote participation, national representation, and scientific contributions on the global stage.



ESPSN at Galala 2025 & EDSIC 2025 — commitment to continuous education

attachment programs, and collaborative scientific activities across Egypt and the region.

A landmark achievement this year was the official launch of the international journal “Advancements in Pediatric Dentistry (AdPD),” developed in collaboration with the Arabian Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (ArAPD). Led by Editor-in-Chief Prof. Monty Duggal. The journal represents a major step forward in promoting evidence-based research and innovation, providing a global platform dedicated to pediatric dentistry and care for children with special needs.

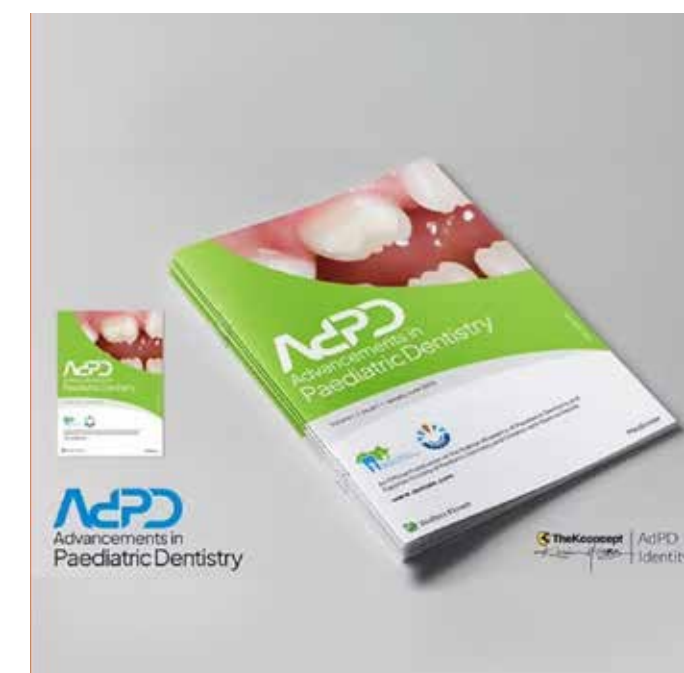
ESPSN has also strengthened its community outreach initiatives. Through collaboration with the Ibrahim A. Badran Charitable Foundation, the society organized dental care to underserved areas, including treatment for approximately 200 children in a single outreach event. These activities complement the ongoing flagship initiative, “Their Smile Means the World,” which since 2017 has provided comprehensive dental treatment under general anesthesia for more than 2,000 children with special health care needs, bridging the gap between advanced clinical care and community impact.

Looking ahead, ESPSN continues to expand its vision through international collaborations, scientific innovation, and educational excellence. Future plans include the development of more specialized training programs, strengthening partnerships with regional and global organizations, and further advancing research through the new journal, AdPD.

Through its integrated approach—combining science, service, and collaboration—ESPSN continues to play a leading role in shaping the future of pediatric dentistry, both regionally and globally, ensuring better oral health outcomes for all children.



SPSN community outreach program. Providing dental care to underserved children in collaboration with the Ibrahim A. Badran Charitable Foundation



Introduction of “Advancements in Pediatric Dentistry (AdPD),” a collaborative international journal supporting research and innovation in pediatric oral health.

French Society of Paediatric Dentistry

2025 was a busy but exciting year for our society. The Board worked throughout the year to play an active role in improving the oral health of young patients in France.

We continued to expand our communication tools. You can follow the French Society of Pediatric Dentistry on our website, <https://sfop.asso.fr>, and on various social media platforms, including Facebook and Instagram. We are also thankful to our growing number of partners for their support.

Furthermore, we were delighted to bring together the French pediatric dentistry community during our annual events. The annual course in Paris, focused on oral functions.

2025 ended with our session during the ADF meeting

in Paris in November, on the topic of pulp therapies in primary teeth. We also released four issues of our journal, RFOP, allowing the French-speaking community to communicate about their activities throughout the year.

The year 2026 begun with the annual course in Paris, held in January. The chosen theme, "What should we have or keep in our drawers?", attracted a large number of participants. We are pleased to announce that the 54th Annual Congress will take place in Bordeaux on 12–13 June.

Additionally, our society will organise a session during the Association Dentaire Française (ADF) meeting in Paris at the end of November. The session will focus on minimally invasive approaches for caries management in children.

We warmly invite all interested colleagues to attend our upcoming events in Bordeaux and Paris.



Speakers at the SFOP session during ADF congress in Paris



Annual course in Paris



Annual congress in Lille



Gala dinner during the annual congress in Lille



SFOP session during ADF congress in Paris



Board of the SFOP



German Society of Paediatric Dentistry

The German Society of Pediatric Dentistry has a current membership of about 2200 dentists.

From May 15 to 17, 2025, around 580 pediatric dentists, practice teams, and experts gathered at the World Conference Center Bonn for the 32nd Annual Meeting of the German Society of Pediatric Dentistry (DGKiZ). Under the motto "The smile of our future," the focus was on professional exchange, current challenges, and the future of pediatric dentistry. The conference took place in the historic plenary hall of the former Bundestag. The conference presidents were Prof. Dr. Katrin Bekes (Vienna) and PD Dr. Michael Wicht (Cologne). The pre-symposium focused on aesthetic treatment for front teeth affected by MIH. The first main day of the conference was all about communication. The second day of the congress focused on modern endodontic concepts. The meeting impressed with its scientific depth, innovative approaches, and strong communicative

theme. It offered interdisciplinary exchange at the highest level and emphasized the importance of child-centered communication in practice. The high level of participation and the historic atmosphere in the plenary hall made the congress a special and, at times, very emotional event.

The 33rd DGKiZ Annual Conference (September 9–12, 2026, in Kassel) has already been announced, with the motto being "Networked thinking – successful treatment."

Twice a year the DGKiZ is running a 18 months continuing education curriculum for dentists. In addition, DGKiZ offered attractive webinars and training courses in Würzburg on different topics.

Furthermore, there are currently two master degree programs in pediatric dentistry offered in Germany and supported by the DGKiZ (University of Greifswald, University of Gießen / Marburg).

The DGKiZ's own Facebook, Instagram, and Threads accounts continue to enjoy growing numbers of followers.



The board of the German Society_ Christian Hirsch, Julian Schmecke, Norbert Krämer, Isabell von Gymnich, Katrin Bekes, Julia Winter, Peter Schmidt, Julia Hinrichs-Priller, Ulrich Schiffner, Antje Geiken, Alexander Rahman



32nd Annual Meeting of the German Society of Pediatric Dentistry (DGKiZ).



Guatemalan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

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The Guatemalan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAGOP) is honored to present a summary of its recent activities and ongoing commitment to advancing pediatric oral health, as well as to express how meaningful it is to be part of the International Association of Pediatric Dentistry (IAPD). Being integrated into this global community has strengthened our mission, expanded our professional network, and inspired us to continuously elevate our standards in education, research, and service.

Throughout the past year, AAGOP has organized a wide range of scientific activities aimed at promoting excellence in pediatric dentistry. These included continuing education seminars, hands-on workshops, and virtual conferences that addressed current topics such as minimally invasive dentistry, behavior management, and preventive care strategies. These initiatives have provided valuable opportunities for our members to stay updated with the latest evidence-based practices and to enhance their clinical skills.

In addition to scientific advancement, AAGOP has remained deeply committed to outreach programs focused on improving access to oral healthcare for underserved communities. Our members have participated in community brigades, school-based prevention programs, and oral health education campaigns targeting children and their families. These efforts reflect our dedication to reducing inequalities in oral health and fostering a culture of prevention from an early age.

One of the highlights of the year was our Annual Congress, which successfully brought together national and international experts. We were especially privileged to host distinguished speakers and colleagues from pediatric dentistry societies in Peru and Spain. Their participation enriched the scientific program and encouraged valuable exchange of knowledge, experiences, and perspectives among attendees.

Being part of the IAPD has been instrumental in motivating AAGOP to grow both academically and institutionally. The collaboration and support from this international organization continue to guide us in our efforts to contribute meaningfully to the global pediatric dentistry community.

We look forward to further strengthening this relationship and continuing to promote high standards of pediatric oral health in Guatemala and beyond.



Hellenic Society of Paediatric Dentistry

2025 proved to be highly active for our Society marked by significant scientific events and productive collaborations. For the first time, HSPD co-organized a two-day Seminar entitled “Prevention from Conception to Adulthood”, held on April 5–6, 2025, in Thessaloniki, in collaboration with the Hellenic Society of Preventive Dentistry, as the two organizations share a common vision on prevention and the lifelong maintenance of optimal oral health. Current topics on the pivotal role of preventive care, from as early as the prenatal period through childhood and into adulthood, were presented by well-known lecturers, who delivered high-quality, evidence-based presentations and stimulated scientific discussion. The Seminar received an overwhelmingly positive response, attracting many participants who praised the scientific content and overall organization.

In this year, the 47th biannual Panhellenic Congress of Pediatric Dentistry, the most important scientific event of the Society, took place in Athens, held at the end of September. Paediatric dentists and general practitioners attended the meeting, with a rich scientific and social program. International and Greek, well known speakers, from the dental and medical fields engaged all participants with presentations on contemporary topics. The “Apostolos Vandas award” for the best research project in the field of paediatric dentistry was given to Dr. Victoria Katechi and Dr. Adamantia Fillipou., and the recipient of the “HSPD Award” for best clinical case, was Dr. Ektoras Fousekis.

HSPD members joined the 30th IAPD Congress in Cape Town and had the opportunity to exchange knowledge, reconnect with colleagues and establish new professional relationships across the globe. The President Dr. Andreas Agouropoulos and the Secretary

General Dr. Sofia Gkourtsogianni represented HSPD at the Council meeting. Significant moments for HSPD and Greece were the election of former HSPD President, Dr. Anna Maria Vierrou, as Secretary General of the Board of Directors of IAPD and the re-election of Dr. Marina Papachroni as a Representative for National Member Societies in the Board of Directors. Being entrusted with this role underscores their remarkable commitment and professional excellence and is a great honor for our country.

HSPD continued the publication of the official open access journal “PAIDODONTIA” that allows the Greek paediatric dentists to consult scientific articles, reviews, case reports, and abstracts of current paediatric dental research. Our social media presence



HSPD Board of Directors at the 47th biannual HSPD



Closing ceremony of the Seminar “Prevention from Conception to Adulthood”

increased, strengthening interaction with members and the public and offering accessible updates on engaging news, scientific events, and information on children’s oral health. Moreover 13 new members joined the Society in the past year expanding the national paediatric dentistry taskforce.

At the end of this year, the General Assembly elected the new Board of Directors for 2026-2027 and welcomed Mrs Tina Lambrinaki as the new President of HSPD. The new Board and all the members of the society eagerly anticipate the year ahead, along with the upcoming scientific events and the opportunities to socialize and collaborate both nationally and internationally. Our regards to all IAPD members, our friends from all over the world!



HSPD members at the 47th biannual Congress



HSPD delegation at the 30th IAPD Congress in Cape Town

Indian Society of Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry

The year 2025-26 marked significant academic and professional advancements for ISPPD, reinforcing its commitment to excellence in pediatric dentistry. The ISPPD Research Grant 2025 was successfully launched to promote innovative research and received an enthusiastic response from postgraduate students and life members, thereby strengthening the evidence-based foundation of the specialty.

Oral Health Month was conducted nationwide through school dental camps, public awareness drives, webinars, and community outreach programs, reflecting a collective dedication to improving children's oral health.

Academic initiatives such as PediaRare 6 and the Reviewers' Workshop were conducted successfully, fostering scientific exchange, critical appraisal, and research integrity. Programs including the Interceptive Orthodontic Program and Rapid Revision Program further supported clinical proficiency and postgraduate exam preparedness.

The 46th ISPPD Annual National Conference, held in Bhubaneswar under the able leadership of Organising Chairman Dr. Sushanth Mohanty, served as a major academic milestone, featuring scientific sessions, hands-on workshops, the Dr. B.R. Vacher Oration, award ceremony, Pedodontist's Day and Founders' Day were also commemorated, honoring the legacy of the specialty.

The 22nd National Postgraduate Convention (ISPPD Convene 2026), held in Visakhapatnam under the theme "Ped-AI" and led by Organising Chairman Dr. Chaithanya Ram, highlighted advancements in digital

pediatric oral healthcare. The SCHN Certificate Course further strengthened competencies in managing children with special healthcare needs.

Under the leadership of Dr. Sudhindra Baliga, President, Dr. Shashikiran N.D. Past President, Dr. Rahul Hegde, Member DCI and Dr. Varinder Goyal, Secretary General, the "Fit Pediatric Dentist" unique initiative was launched to promote physical and mental well-being among Pediatric Dentists and practitioners.

Notable achievements included Dr. Nikhil Srivastava being conferred the prestigious FAMS, Dr. Baby John receiving the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow, and Dr. Nikhil Marwah being honored with the Star Pedodontist Award. ISPPD also recognized distinguished life members, including Dr. Brinda Suhas Godhi, Dr. Rupesh Suresh, and Dr. Dhananjaya, with the ICON Award for their exemplary contributions.



Glimpses of Pedodham 2025, 46th ISPPD National Conference, Bhubaneswar



Glimpses of Pedodham 2025, 46th ISPPD National Conference, Bhubaneswar



Glimpses of 22nd ISPPD PG Convention- CONVENT 2026, Vizag



ISPPD Initiative -Fit Pediatric Dentist



Irish Society for Dentistry in Children

The Irish Society of Dentistry for Children had an active and successful year in 2025, delivering high-quality scientific, clinical, and professional development opportunities for members across Ireland. The Society continues to promote excellence in paediatric dental care through education, collaboration, and engagement with both national and international stakeholders.

Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) 2025

The ISDC Annual Scientific Meeting took place in Portlaoise, Ireland on 1st May 2025, bringing together dental professionals from across the country, including clinicians from the HSE, hospital services, academia, and private practice.

The programme provided a comprehensive and

clinically relevant agenda, including:

- Early Orthodontic Treatment - focusing on interceptive strategies, management of compromised first permanent molars, and space management
- Emotional Intelligence in Dentistry - highlighting communication, behavioural management, and clinician wellbeing
- Aesthetic Concerns in the Growing Child - addressing restorative and cosmetic considerations in paediatric patients
- Allergy in Dentistry – practical guidance on managing paediatric patients with food and drug allergies
- Dental Trauma in Permanent Teeth- evidence-based approaches to diagnosis and management

The meeting also included networking opportunities, trade exhibitions, and engagement with industry partners, contributing to a collaborative and interactive learning environment.



ISDC Committee 2024-25

Education and Professional Development

The Society maintained its commitment to continuing professional development through additional educational initiatives, including:

- An online lecture in December 2025 on Practical Use of Inhalation Sedation in Children, delivered via Microsoft Teams
- Ongoing dissemination of clinically relevant topics aligned with contemporary paediatric dental practice

These activities ensured accessibility for members across different regions and supported flexible learning.

Engagement and Collaboration

ISDC continues to strengthen its role within the Irish dental community by:

- Supporting clinicians working in public dental services and specialist care

- Promoting evidence-based paediatric dentistry
- Facilitating interdisciplinary dialogue across healthcare sectors

Looking Ahead to 2026

The Society is preparing for its next Annual Scientific Meeting on 30th April 2026 in Portlaoise, with a strong programme focusing on:

- National oral health updates
- Pulp therapy guidelines
- Minimum intervention dentistry
- General anaesthesia in paediatric dentistry
- Behavioural and developmental topics in early childhood

This upcoming meeting aims to build on the success of 2025 and continue advancing paediatric dental education and practice in Ireland.



ISDC O_Mullane Prize entrants and judges 2025

Israeli Society of Dentistry for Children

Unity and Growth in Times of Challenge

The past year has been one of the most complex in Israel's history, marked by profound political, social, and security challenges. Amid a prolonged war and the heart-wrenching reality of hostages, the Israel Society of Dentistry for Children (ISDC) has remained a beacon of resilience and coexistence.

Our society is a unique tapestry of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian dentists, including general practitioners, residents, and specialists. Together, across hospitals, private clinics, public community health centres, and academia, our members have shown that professional dedication and mutual respect can transcend barriers. Notably, despite the external challenges, we are proud to report a consistent positive trend in our membership, with the number of ISDC members steadily growing over recent years, reflecting the strength and relevance of our professional community.

Leadership Transition: Honouring the Past, Embracing the Future

This year also marked a significant transition in our leadership. We expressed our deepest gratitude to the outgoing Board: Chairperson Dr Tal Ratson, together with Dr Shada Fadila and Dr Dora Shechter, for their dedicated service and leadership. At the same time, we warmly welcomed our incoming Board: the new Chairperson, Dr Moran Rubanenko, accompanied by Dr Anat Davis and Dr Joumana Hassan.

Highlights of 2025–2026

Despite the turbulent environment, our academic and social calendar remained vibrant:

- **May 2025 – Professional updates and tribute:** We held a comprehensive seminar focused on the latest updates in pediatric dentistry. A particularly moving event was the special seminar honouring Professor

Diana Ram upon her retirement, recognising her decades of invaluable contribution to the field through multidisciplinary lectures.

- **June 2025 – Empowering our residents:** Our residents enjoyed a unique team-building day that combined a professional hands-on workshop with a refreshing cultural tour of Tel Aviv's vibrant Carmel Market.
- **December 2025 – Annual Conference:** This flagship event centred on the close partnership between pediatric dentistry and pediatrics, emphasising the holistic care of the child.
- **February 2026 – Focus on adolescence:** A specialised seminar explored the medical, developmental, and psychological aspects of treating adolescents.
- **Professional support:** To assist our members in their clinical management, we also hosted a dedicated webinar regarding relations with tax authorities.

Looking Ahead: 2026 and Beyond

The coming year promises to be equally impactful. We are excited to host a webinar with the world-renowned Professor Stanley Malamed on sedation in pediatric dentistry. Additionally, we look forward to our next seminar in September 2026 and our Annual Conference in December.

Our strategic focus for the upcoming year will centre on two critical pillars:

1. Establishing and promoting national guidelines for caries prevention and management in Israel.
2. Advancing protocols for the identification and prevention of dental neglect, ensuring a safety net for our most vulnerable patients.

Summary

The ISDC continues to grow as a professional family. By sharing knowledge and maintaining our unwavering partnership across all sectors of Israeli society, we ensure a healthier future for the children of Israel.



Congratulations to the outgoing board



Annual conference 2025



Honoring Prof Diana Ram on her retirement



The incoming board at a seminar regarding adolescence 2026

Italian Society of Paediatric Dentistry

The SIOI Spring Meeting was held on 8–9 May 2026 in Milan and marked a very special occasion: the celebration of the Italian Society of Pediatric Dentistry's 70th Anniversary.

Since 8 May 1956, SIOI has brought together a collective commitment to children's oral health, guided by a shared vision of achieving the best outcomes and the highest standards of care for the overall well-being of young patients.

We now look forward with excitement to 2027, when the SIOI International Convention will take place, offering education, activities, connections, and memorable experiences. Stay tuned!

Matteo Beretta
SIOI President



Japanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry

The Japanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry (JSPD) is one of the largest professional organizations dedicated to children's oral health in Asia, with approximately 5,000 members, including pediatric dentists, researchers, educators, and dental hygienists across Japan. By promoting scientific research, professional education, and clinical collaboration, the society actively contributes to the advancement of pediatric oral health both nationally and internationally.

A wide range of academic activities are organized by JSPD each year to promote professional development and the sharing of knowledge among its members. The national annual congress is typically held in May, while six regional scientific meetings across Japan are organized in autumn. These meetings provide excellent opportunities for both clinicians and researchers to present new findings and share clinical experiences, which strengthens collaboration within the pediatric dentistry community.

In May 2025, the 63rd Annual Congress of the JSPD was held in Niigata under the theme "Toward Building a Reliable Foundation for Lifelong Oral Health." Approximately 2,000 attendees participated in the congress, including pediatric dentists, dental hygienists, and researchers, as well as students from across Japan. The scientific program featured keynote lectures, symposia, and numerous research presentations addressing such topics as preventive dentistry, oral microbiology, developmental dentistry, and interdisciplinary approaches to the oral health of children. This congress stimulated dynamic discussions regarding current challenges and future perspectives in pediatric dentistry, while strengthening professional networks across Japan.

During the congress social gathering, the organizing committee formally announced that the 64th Annual

Congress of the JSPD will be held in Okinawa in May 2026. Located in the southernmost region of Japan, Okinawa is widely known for its warm climate, beautiful ocean scenery, and unique cultural heritage. The upcoming congress is expected to provide an excellent setting for academic exchange and professional networking.

Looking ahead, a major international event for the pediatric dentistry community will be held in Japan. The 31st Congress of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD) will take place in Osaka from June 2–5, 2027. The congress theme, "Looking to the Future of Paediatric Dentistry," highlights a shared commitment to advancing scientific knowledge, strengthening global collaboration, and improving the oral health of children worldwide.

Osaka is one of Japan's most vibrant cities and offers

visitors a unique blend of historical heritage, modern culture, and renowned hospitality. The organizing committee is actively preparing an engaging scientific program that will bring together leading clinicians and researchers from across the international pediatric dentistry community.

The official congress website is now available and will continue to provide updates regarding the scientific program, registration, and travel information.

The JSPD sincerely appreciates the leadership and international collaboration promoted by the IAPD. We warmly welcome colleagues from around the world to join us in Osaka in 2027, where the global pediatric dentistry community will gather to share knowledge, strengthen professional relationships, and shape the future of pediatric dentistry.



Members of the organizing committee promoting the 64th Annual Congress of JSPD in Okinawa, May 2026



Official website of the 31st Congress of the IAPD, Osaka, June 2–5, 2027. <https://iapd2027.org>



JSPD participants and board members at the 63rd Annual Congress in Niigata, Japan

Kenya Association of Paediatric Dentists

2025 was an exciting year for the association. During our annual general meeting, new officials were elected to run the association for the next two years. The new officials are Dr Nduguyu Kerre-Chair, Dr Zipporah Rop-Vice Chair, Dr Diana Okello-Secretary, Dr Maureen Macharia-Treasurer, Dr Thomas Munyao-Deputy Treasurer and Dr Aisha Mohamed-Education coordinator.

KAPD continued its strong emphasis on professional development and held several webinars on various aspects of paediatric dentistry and early orthodontic treatment.

Some of the topics included: Paediatric Airway Assessment, Paediatric Speech Development and Therapy, Management of Molar Incisors Hypomineralization.

Our officials also participated in meetings with the country's health regulator - Kenya Medical Practitioners' and Dentists' Council. Senior members of our association also participated in our Ministry of Health's meetings discussing amalgam phasedown in the country. The chair also represented KAPD in the Kenya Dental Association's lobbying and advocacy campaigns to improve the dental profession in the country.

KAPD was well represented during the annual IAPD scientific conference held in October in Cape Town, South Africa. The delegation was led by the current chair and former chair Prof Kemoli who gave a presentation. The Vice Chair, Dr Zipporah Rop won an award for best presenter and Dr Aisha Mohamed was inducted as an IAPD fellow. It was a wonderful conference where many fruitful connections with fellow professionals and industry representatives were made.

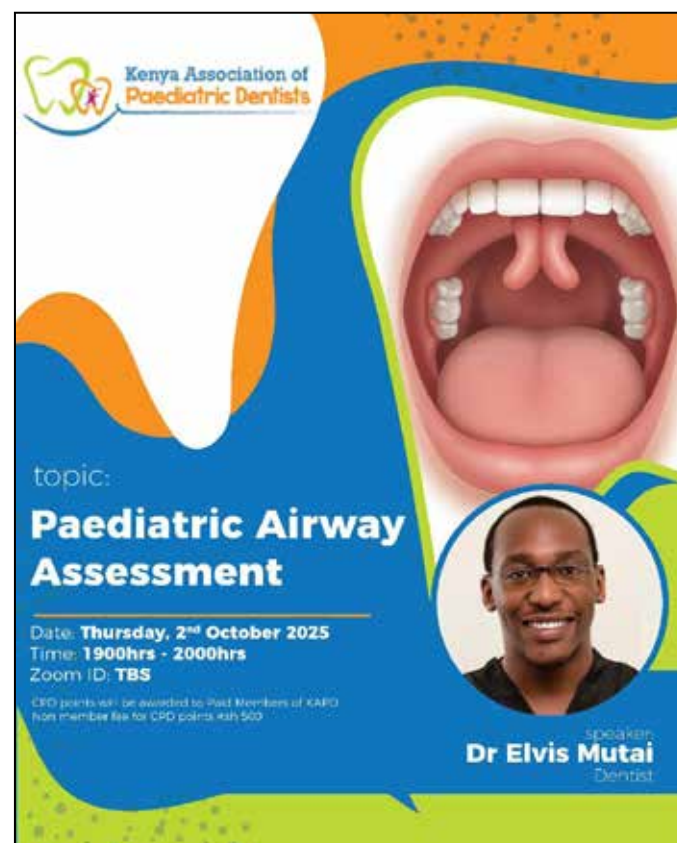
KAPD plans to conduct at least two hands-on courses in 2026, hold more webinars, and participate in more community outreach programs targeting the underserved children.. Additionally, the association

will seek to partner with Paediatric Dentists in neighbouring countries to spread awareness of the specialty and share knowledge and experience.

Dr Nduguyu Kerre
KAPD Chairperson



Dr Zipporah Rop doing her presentation



Poster for one of the webinars held in 2025



Kenyan Delegates at the 2025 IAPD Scientific Conference, left to right Dr Mohammed Noor, Dr Kevin Gitau, Dr Benjamin Induswe, Dr Freda Chepkwony, Dr Maureen Macharia, Dr Nduguyu Kerre and Dr Nick Gichu

Korean Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

The Korean Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (KAPD), founded in 1959, continued an active and productive year dedicated to children's oral health, academic exchange, and professional education. KAPD remains one of the leading dental societies in Korea, with more than 1,100 members and six regional branches. Under the leadership of President Prof. Nan-Young Lee, the Academy has continued to promote scientific advancement, specialist education, and collaboration among clinicians, researchers, and educators in pediatric dentistry.

A major highlight of 2025 was the 66th Annual Scientific Meeting and General Assembly, held on 26-27 April 2025 at the COEX Conference Room, 4th Floor, Seoul. The spring congress featured young researcher competitions, poster presentations, and a broad scientific program. Major sessions included a Rare Disease Symposium, with presentations on oral health and dental treatment trends in pediatric patients with rare diseases and on the analysis of dental treatment costs for developmental dental diseases. The meeting also included special lectures on hypophosphatasia, foreign bodies in the mouth, and best clinical practice guidance for clinicians managing children with molar-incisor hypomineralisation (MIH). Additional sessions addressed pediatric dental research, orthodontic outcomes after Phase 1 treatment, safe sedation and pediatric advanced life support, composite resin restorative solutions, myofunctional therapy, digital dentistry, and hospital consulting for pediatric dentists.

KAPD's 59th Autumn Scientific Meeting (Resident Scientific Meeting) was held on 17-18 October 2025 in Iksan, with sessions at Wonkwang Health Science University WM Hall and Son Oe-Su Hall, Wonkwang University College of Dentistry. The autumn meeting and related advanced education program focused on practical clinical topics in pediatric and adolescent dentistry, including temporomandibular disorders in children and adolescents, child development and behavior guidance, sedation for pediatric patients, pulp therapy in primary teeth, and treatment strategies for impacted teeth. These programs reflected KAPD's strong commitment to clinically relevant education and resident training.

International exchange also remained an important part of KAPD's activities. The 2025 spring congress welcomed overseas invited speakers including Dr. Rena Okawa and Dr. Ruixiang Yee, helping strengthen academic dialogue and friendship beyond Korea. In addition, KAPD continued its year-round educational activities through programs such as the 19th New Resident Training Course and other society-based academic events, while maintaining close relationships with international colleagues and partner societies.

Looking ahead, KAPD will continue its academic mission through future scientific meetings, specialist education, and international cooperation. We are honored to share our society's work through the IAPD newsletter and remain committed to improving children's oral health through education, research, and global friendship.



KAPD members at the 66th Annual Scientific Meeting and General Assembly, Seoul



Scientific sessions during the 2025 KAPD Spring Congress

Latvian Association of Paediatric Dentists

The Latvian Association of Pediatric Dentists (LBZA) is a professional organisation founded at the end of 2024, which became a member of IAPD in 2025. The Association unites pediatric dentists with the shared goal of promoting high-quality dental care for children in Latvia.

The Association brings together certified pediatric dentists in the country, currently 24 out of 27 specialists who have completed a formal residency programme. In addition, LBZA welcomes general dentists with an interest in pediatric dentistry as members without voting rights, encouraging broader professional collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Since its establishment, LBZA has actively contributed to both professional development and public health initiatives. The Association has participated in community outreach activities, including family festivals, where it educates parents and children about the importance of oral health, preventive care, and healthy habits from an early age. Alongside public engagement, LBZA has organised a winter conference for pediatric and general dentists, addressing key topics such as modern approaches in pediatric dentistry, artificial intelligence, evidence-based prevention, and burnout in the healthcare profession.

The President of LBZA has also represented the Association in high-level professional discussions. She was invited to participate in a panel discussion at a conference dedicated to the implementation of evidence-based strategies in clinical practice. During this discussion, particular attention was drawn to the alarmingly high prevalence of dental caries among children and adolescents in Latvia. The panel

emphasised the urgent need for coordinated and evidence-based actions to improve oral healthcare, including strengthening preventive measures, improving access to dental services, and ensuring the consistent application of scientific evidence in everyday practice.

Looking ahead, LBZA is focused on continued growth and impact. The Association is organising an international summer conference featuring guest lecturers from around the world, as well as a national conference with international lecturers in late autumn for Latvian dental professionals. In addition, LBZA plans to continue developing educational and networking events for its members, while remaining actively engaged in raising public awareness about oral health across Latvia. Through these efforts, the Association aims to support both dental professionals and the wider community in improving children's oral health outcomes.



Dr Zipporah Rop doing her presentation



LBZA 1st Winter conference "Modern pediatric dentistry"



LBZA president dr. Protasa (4th from left) participated in the panel discussion about oral health improvement in Latvian children. Discussion and conference held by LBZA member ass.prof. Ilze Maldupa (1st from right)

Lebanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry

Under the patronage of the Ministry of Health, the Lebanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry (LSPD), in collaboration with the Lebanese Dental Association – Beirut and the Lebanese Dental Association – North, launched the campaign “February, the National Month for Oral Health in Children” for the third year. This year, the campaign was held under the slogan “Peace for Teeth”, as the Lebanese population had suffered from attacks and displacement by the end of 2024.

In support of this initiative, several activities were held to raise dental awareness across the country. These activities included:

1. The release of an awareness video featuring a famous Lebanese artist on the LSPD social media platforms, including Instagram and Facebook.
2. Public dental health events and community activities organised in collaboration with the pediatric dentistry departments of the three dental schools in Lebanon: Saint Joseph University of Beirut, the Lebanese University, and Beirut Arab University.
3. A free consultation day with free fluoride application in private dental clinics and universities.
4. The preparation and posting of educational dental awareness posts on the LSPD social media platforms, including Instagram and Facebook.
5. A panel discussion including a pediatric dentist, an environmental toxicologist, an educational psychologist, and a TMD specialist, to discuss the effects of the 2024 war and mass displacement in Lebanon on children’s oral health.
6. Post-panel recommendations, provided by the panel speakers and shared widely to help minimise the effects of war and mass displacement on children’s health.

In May, the LSPD Board organised a lecture followed by a hands-on workshop entitled “Smart Spacing: Practical Chairsides Approaches to Preserve Arch Integrity in

Children”. This event, addressed to all pediatric dentists in the country, was a great opportunity for networking, learning, and staying updated on the latest trends and advancements in pediatric dentistry.

On the occasion of the LSPD’s 33rd anniversary on 22 October, the Board revived the history of the LSPD and commemorated its former presidents by launching a project to release short monthly video messages from them to the community.

The LSPD also aims to strengthen social interaction between its members by organising social events in addition to scientific activities. For this purpose, an annual Iftar dinner was held during the holy month of Ramadan in March 2025, and a Christmas breakfast was held during the holiday season in December 2025.



From the Workshop organized by the LSPD, January 2024



Community awareness in Lebanese Universities



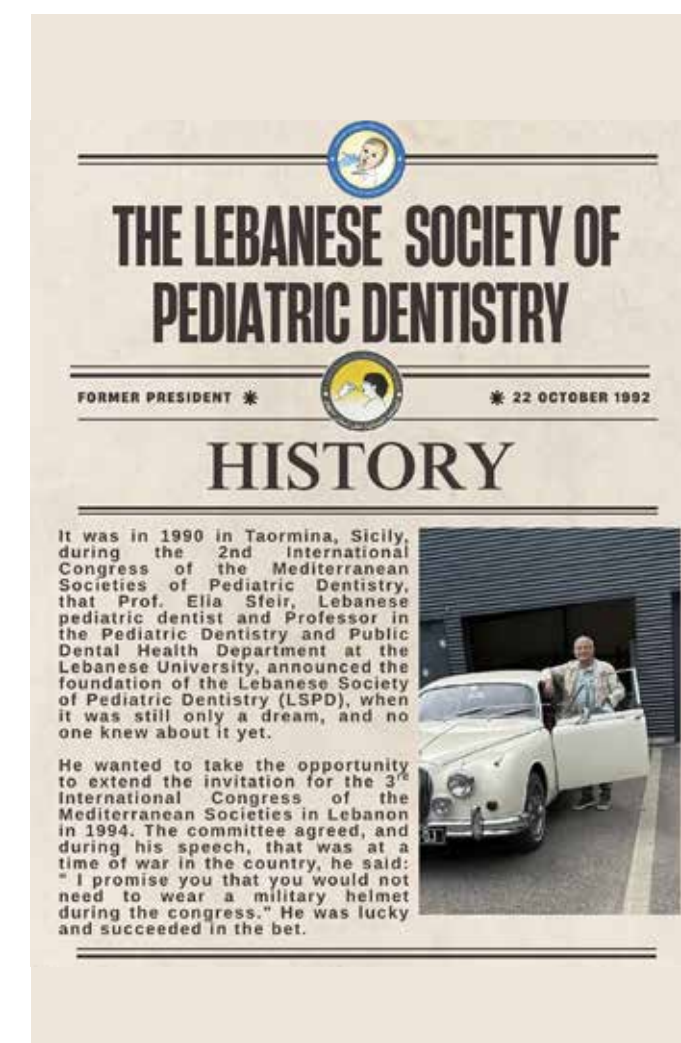
Panel discussion-discuss the effects of the recent war and mass exodus in Lebanon on children’s oral health



Christmas Breakfast Gathering 2025



Peace for Teeth: National campaign 2025



LSPD History

Lithuanian Society of Paediatric Dentists

The Lithuanian Society of Paediatric Dentists had an active and productive year in 2025, marked by a range of professional events, educational initiatives, and continued collaboration within the wider dental community.

A key highlight of the year was the jubilee 50th conference held on May 9–10, which explored the synergy between orthodontics and paediatric dentistry in the context of children's growth and development. The event brought together specialists to share knowledge and discuss interdisciplinary approaches to patient care. Alongside the conference, a practical hands-on seminar gave participants the opportunity to enhance their clinical skills in the application of space-maintaining appliances under the guidance of an orthodontist.

The Society also introduced a mentoring programme aimed at supporting young specialists. This initiative connects experienced paediatric dentists with newly qualified practitioners, fostering knowledge exchange, professional growth, and confidence among early-career dentists.

In addition to organising its own events, the Society actively participated in the national congress of the Lithuanian Chamber of Dentists. Members attended meetings and lectures, contributing to professional dialogue at a national level. Notably, one of the Society's members took part as a lecturer, reflecting the organisation's growing academic and professional presence.

In November 2025, the Society hosted an online conference dedicated to minimal intervention and regenerative biomimetic approaches in paediatric dentistry. The programme focused on the management of dental caries and molar-incisor hypomineralization (MIH), highlighting modern, minimally invasive treatment strategies. The event featured both local and

international lecturers, ensuring a diverse exchange of current knowledge and best practices.

Looking ahead, the Society is preparing for a live event in April, which will cover endodontic and restorative treatment of primary teeth. This event aims to further strengthen members' clinical competencies. During this meeting, elections for a new board will also take place, marking an important step in the Society's continued development.

Overall, 2025 has been a year of growth, education, and collaboration, reinforcing the Society's commitment to advancing paediatric oral healthcare and supporting its professional community.



Jubilee 50th conference held on May 9–10, which explored the synergy between orthodontics and paediatric dentistry



Society actively participated in the national congress of the Lithuanian Chamber of Dentists.



We take myofunctional therapy seriously - association is focused on long-term oral health and function.



Board of Lithuanian association of paediatric dentists



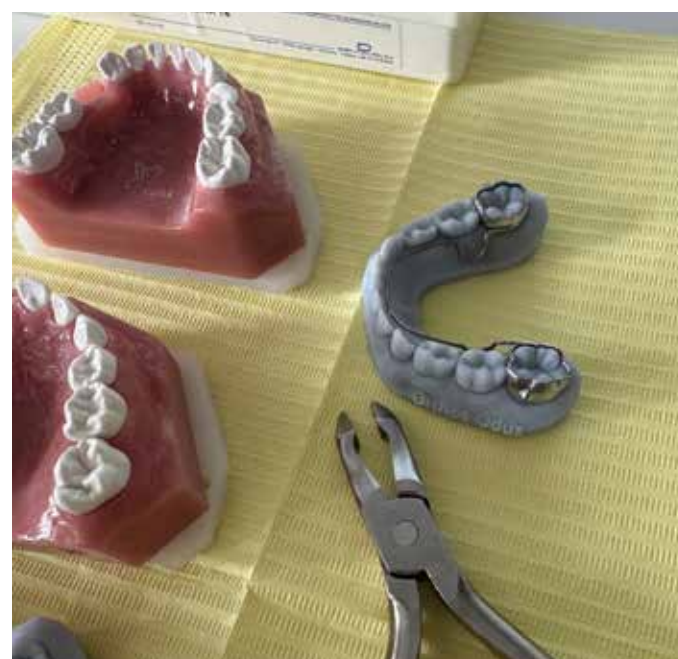
Board spends time together in Christmas spirit



Time spent together and creating new ideas



Our collaboration with orthodontists



Hands-on course on space maintainers



Malaysian Association of Paediatric Dentistry

The Malaysian Association of Paediatric Dentistry (MAPD) is dedicated to promoting excellence in paediatric oral healthcare through education, collaboration, and community engagement. As a leading professional body, MAPD continues to play a vital role in advancing knowledge, setting clinical standards, and advocating for improved oral health outcomes for children in Malaysia.

1. Professional Development and Clinical Excellence

MAPD remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing paediatric dental education, clinical excellence, and professional development among its members. These initiatives aim to foster continuous learning and ensure practitioners remain up to date with the latest developments and emerging trends in paediatric dentistry.

In the past year the MAPD successfully organised two online webinars and a national-level conference: The Global Dental and Oral trauma Day Webinar, the Special Care Webinar, and the Biennial Scientific Conference and Trade Exhibition

In addition, MAPD is currently developing two national Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) focusing on nitrous oxide sedation in children and autotransplantation. These guidelines aim to provide evidence-based recommendations to support safe, effective, and standardised clinical practice, while enhancing patient care and treatment outcomes. They will also serve as an important reference for practitioners, contributing to consistency in clinical decision-making and aligning local practices with international standards.

2. Industry Partnership and Collaboration

The MAPD is equally committed to fostering meaningful industry partnerships in promoting good oral health among children. A collaboration has been established with Southern Lion Sdn Bhd, the company behind Kodomo Lion toothpaste. This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to improving preventive oral healthcare at the community level.

3. Community Service for Underprivileged Children

The MAPD also continues to play an active role in community outreach initiatives. The Association was awarded the Malaysian Dental Association (MDA) World Oral Health Day (WOHD) Community Service Grant 2025. In conjunction with this, a community project entitled CAREs (Creating and Restoring Smiles) for the Orphans was carried out in March 2025 at an orphanage in Kuala Lumpur. The programme included dental screenings, oral health education, and oral hygiene instruction, with the aim of improving oral health awareness and access to care among underprivileged children.

Looking ahead, The MAPD is pleased to announce its upcoming Symposium for 2026, themed "Precision in Paediatric Aesthetics: From Infiltration to Restoration." The symposium will explore contemporary techniques ranging from minimally invasive interventions, such as resin infiltration, to comprehensive restorative strategies tailored to the paediatric population.

The symposium is expected to provide an engaging platform for knowledge exchange, professional networking, and discussion of emerging trends and innovations in paediatric dentistry.

MAPD remains dedicated to its mission of advancing paediatric oral health through education, collaboration, and community service. The Association looks forward to continuing its efforts to empower dental professionals and improve the oral health and well-being of children across the nation.



Webinar in conjunction with Global Dental And Oral Traumatology Day 2025 - Professor Madya Dr Annapurny Venkiteswaran



MAPD Webinar Series - Professor Madya Dr Annapurny Venkiteswaran



Community Service - Professor Madya Dr Annapurny Venkiteswaran



MAPD Biennial Conference 2025

Mexican Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

41st Master Course of the Mexican Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

The traditional Master Course of the Mexican Academy of Pediatric Dentistry celebrated its 41st edition in October 2025 in Mexico City. This event featured 18 international speakers with distinguished academic careers who presented high-level scientific lectures, resulting in a large attendance from Academy members.

Among the most memorable aspects were the tribute to Dr. Stanley Malamed, with a video message of gratitude from his Mexican colleagues and friends, demonstrating great affection and admiration for the Emeritus Professor. Additionally, Dr. Stefania Martignon and Dr. Ruth Santamaría delivered brilliant lectures on their scientific findings in the field of Cariology. Furthermore, Dr. Adrián Gómez spoke about dental care for patients with disabilities.

For the traditional Gala Dinner, Academy members chose a "pajamas" theme, enjoying a fun and relaxed evening with a Mexican taco dinner. The Master Course concluded with a vibrant closing ceremony and a present giveaway for members. At the end of the Course, Dr. Ana Paulina Morán Alarcón concluded her term as President of the Academy, and the 2025 Board of Directors bid a warm farewell to the Master Course attendees.

Attendance to the IAPD Congress in Cape Town

The Mexican Academy sent a representative group of members and past presidents to Cape Town, South Africa, in October 2025 to attend the 30th Congress

of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD). The Mexican group enjoyed a rich international experience, reconnecting with friends from other countries and meeting new colleagues. Notably, the Mexican group celebrated the awarding of the Fellowship to Dr. Claudia Hernández Porras, as well as the appointment of Dr. Luis Karakowsky (former president of the Academy) as Chair of Education Committee. In addition to gaining scientific knowledge, the Mexican group also had the opportunity to explore some of the wonders of the African continent.

Appointment of new 2026 Board of Directors

During the General Assembly held at the 2025 Master Course, Dr. Magdalena Poblano Cruz was appointed as President of the Academy, along with her new 2026 Board of Directors, thus committing to work together to protect the smiles of Mexican children. The further reception took place on November 10th 2025, at the Academy's office located in the World Trade Center (WTC) in Mexico City. The new Board expressed great joy at formally beginning their duties, which they will carry out with great effort and dedication throughout 2026.

Continuing Education Program with monthly webinars

The Scientific Committee of the new 2026 Board of Directors, continuing its commitment to promoting academic and professional development for students and members of the Academy, has selected key health-related topics and commemoration of world days. To this end, it has invited leading academic and professional experts to deliver online lectures, beginning in November 2025. The webinars have been a great success, exceeding 100 attendees connected in real time for each session. Efforts are underway to schedule the next monthly lectures.

2026 Opening Course of the Mexican Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

The 2026 Board of Directors has worked actively to assemble a high-level scientific program for the Opening Course, which took place in March 2026 on the iconic Paseo de la Reforma in Mexico City. The lectures that attendees enjoyed comprehend topics such as Dental Traumatology, developmental defects of the dentition, metabolism, sensory routes, and contemporary caries management. The speakers were eager to meet the members and share their expertise.

42nd Master Course of the Mexican Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

To conclude the activities of the 2026 Board of Directors, a surprise has been prepared for the students and members of the Academy: an exceptional

lineup of national and international speakers for the 42nd Master Course, to be held in October 2026 in the historic and cultural city of Querétaro, located in the heart of Mexico. This will be an extraordinary event that will delight all attendees.

Thank you for reading our news! We look forward to seeing you at our events.

Sincerely,

2026 Board of Directors of the Mexican Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Magdalena Poblano Cruz

President

Dr. José Alberto Hachity Ortega

Secretary

Dr. Hiram Daniel López Santacruz

Scientific Committee



2025 Master Course: Photos with speakers, former presidents of the Academy and members of the 2025 Board of Directors



2025 Master Course: Photos of the Gala Dinner in pajamas, presentation with speaker and farewell of the 2025 Board of Directors



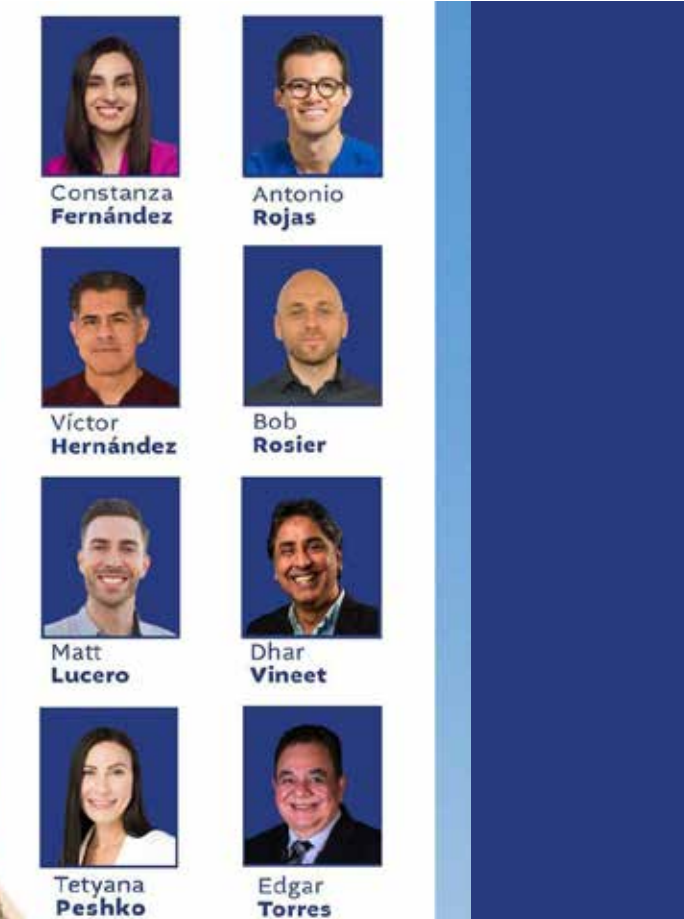
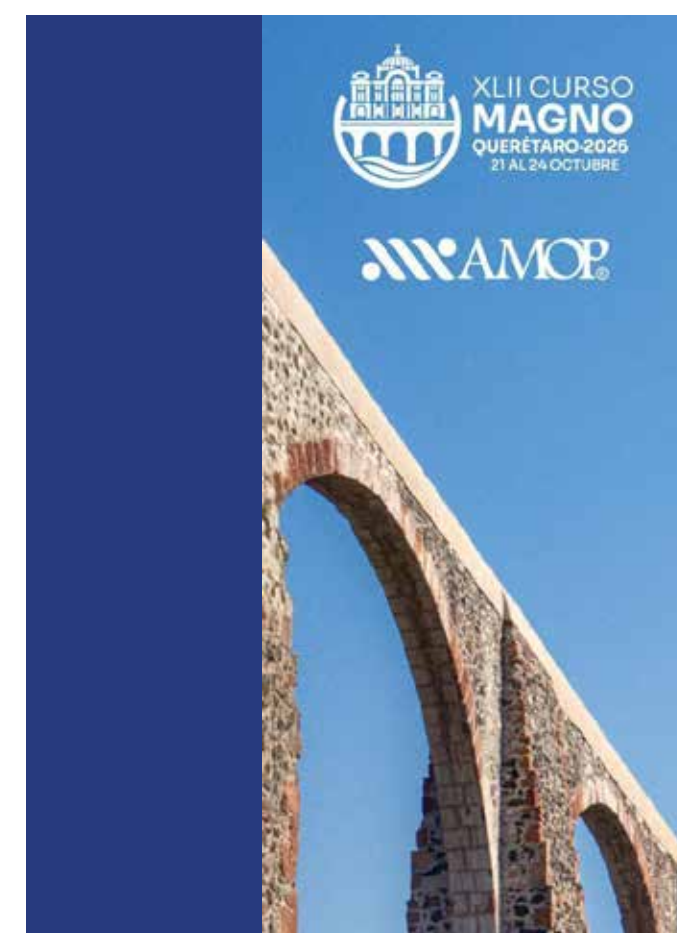
Mexican group's attendance to the IAPD 30th Congress in Cape Town. Appointment and reception of the new 2026 Board of Directors



Continuing Education Program with monthly webinars



Program for the 2026 Opening Course, featuring internationally renowned speakers



Program of the 2026 Master Course, with 8 internationally renowned speakers

Nepalese Association of Pediatric Dentistry

NAPD proudly organised its 6th Annual Conference and 4th Postgraduate Convention on 17th May 2025 in Kathmandu under the theme “Pedo-Realm: A hub for tiny pearls”. Organizing chairperson Prof. Dr. Sanskriti Khanal and Scientific Chairperson Assoc. Prof. Dr. Priyanka Shah along with their team lead a successful conference where nearly 100 participants from diverse backgrounds, including paediatric dentists, postgraduate students, researchers, and dental professionals engaged into scientific sessions which provided a valuable platform for knowledge sharing, professional growth, and discussions on the latest advancements in paediatric dentistry. Two pre-congress workshops were scheduled on 16th May 2025. “Making Pediatric Dentistry Easier” where hands on was conducted on preformed space maintainer and bioflex crown with great success. The next workshop titled “From Scan to Smile: Pediatric CBCT interpretation workshop” offered participants valuable insights into use of CBCT (Cone beam Computed Tomography) in the pediatric population. This year NAPD initiated the “Best Student of the year” award among undergraduate students around Nepal under the academic excellence award in Pediatric Dentistry.

This year NAPD collaborated with various dental associations in Nepal to lobby for vacancies of pediatric dentists in government hospitals. The association also participated in formation of patient consent and assent form to be used for the general population of Nepal.

The Medical Education Committee of Nepal started the Curriculum revision based on competency where NAPD President (Prof. Dr. Parajeeta Dikshit), Vice president (Prof. Dr. Sumita Upadhyay) and General

Secretary (Prof. Dr. Megha Pradhan) along with few senior pediatric dentists (Prof. Dr. Bandana Koirala and Prof. Dr. Sunanda Sundas) of Nepal formulated the new curriculum for Postgraduate students.

Representing the Nepalese Association of Paediatric Dentistry (NAPD), Dr. Bikash proudly served as a delegate for Nepal’s national member society during the Member Societies sessions and broader congress activities. His presence highlighted Nepal’s active and growing role within the international paediatric dentistry community. Adding to this remarkable achievement, Dr. Bikash was formally inducted as an IAPD Fellow for 2025 and also received the “Best Presentation” under the bursary category which was a proud moment for NAPD.

NAPD continues to support academic and clinical advancement through its biannual publication. The journal serves as a vital platform for scholarly research, original articles, and case studies in paediatric dentistry.

NAPD remains deeply committed to its mission of promoting better oral health among children throughout the country. Through continued education, research, and community engagement—including school screening programs, awareness camps, and preventive dental initiatives—the association aims to elevate paediatric dental care standards and ensure a healthier future for younger generations.



Representation at IAPD by Dr. Bikash Chaurasia



6th Annual Conference and 4th Postgraduate Convention under the theme “Pedo-Realm: A hub for tiny pearls”



NAPD representation at Dental Patient Consent Workshop by Dr. Khumba Joshi



Representation at National Curriculum Framework Workshop

Nigerian Association of Paediatric Dentistry

The Nigerian Association of Paediatric Dentistry (NAPD) marked its 20th anniversary in 2025 with a series of impactful initiatives led by its President for the 2024–2026, Professor Joy O. Eminue. Over the past year, the Association intensified its commitment to improving the oral health of children across Nigeria through nationwide outreach, education, research, and professional engagement. A major highlight of the anniversary celebrations was a comprehensive school-based oral health awareness campaign conducted throughout the country. The campaign was both educational and symbolic, featuring practical tooth-brushing demonstrations and friendly competitions among selected pupils. Every student and teacher in the participating schools received oral hygiene kits containing toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss. These activities extended beyond schools into surrounding communities, reinforcing the importance

of preventive oral health practices. Special attention was given to children and adolescents with special needs. In addition to oral health education, they received preventive and restorative dental care where required. Cleaning aids were also distributed to support continued oral hygiene at home. These targeted interventions reflected NAPD's inclusive approach to paediatric dental care.

Professional development and knowledge-sharing were also central to the year's activities. The Association hosted engaging webinars on topics such as sedation, fluoride use, and interdisciplinary collaboration with paediatricians. A virtual mini-conference was held in July 2025, featuring a lecture by Prof Obafunke Denloye titled "Improving the Nigerian Oral Health Sector: One at a Time," followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Public enlightenment efforts included multiple radio appearances on Healthline at Jordan FM, where topical oral health issues were discussed to raise awareness among listeners. Television campaigns further amplified these messages. As part of the 20th anniversary celebrations, NAPD launched its first National Essay

Competition for junior and senior secondary school students across all 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory. Winners received cash prizes in recognition of their outstanding contributions. A call has been made for the second edition of this essay competition.

NAPD awarded a research grant to an early-career researcher, underscoring its dedication to advancing evidence-based paediatric dentistry. The Association is also implementing a nationwide project to train primary and secondary school teachers on oral health education, engaging members across Nigeria's six geopolitical zones.

Through these diverse initiatives, NAPD continues to strengthen its impact, promoting optimal oral health and overall well-being for Nigerian children and their families.

The 8th NAPD Biennial Conference and Scientific Session will take place on 23rd and 24th July, 2026 in Ibadan, Oyo State, under the theme "Smiles for the Future: Advancing Paediatric Dental Care in a Changing World."



Cross section of Participants in the training on oral health education in Kano, Nigeria



Oral prophylaxis being carried out in a child



Children receiving oral health education



Oral health screening of children

Pakistan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

2024 was a great scientific year for the Peruvian Society of Pediatric Dentistry (SPO). We started off in April with a joint Symposium with the Peruvian Society of Periodontics and Osseointegration: “Integrating oral health and general health: evidence and recommendations”. In this symposium, important issues were discussed, such as the available evidence between systemic and oral health, oral health related quality of life in adults and children, inter-professional collaboration, and the IAPD Bangkok Declaration. The symposium concluded with an expert panel discussion on strategies that could be applied in the Peruvian scenario, where representatives of the Ministry of Health actively participated.

First, we would like to convey all the best wishes to our colleagues around the globe for the Year 2026. Our salutations to all those working hard for enhancement of our specialty and provision of quality training in Pediatric Dentistry and oral health services to pediatric dental patients. The Year 2025 was overall a good year for PAPD. Our membership grew by 34% that included new qualified pediatric dentists and postgraduate students in Pediatric Dentistry. In



Lake Saiful Malook, the House of Fairies, in Northern Pakistan, 10,577 ft above the sea level. - Amjad H. Wyne

all the dental colleges under the parasol of a large university in Pakistan “the National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS)”, Pediatric Dentistry is now being taught and examined as a major separate subject rather than previously as a meager component of operative dentistry. As the number of qualified pediatric dentists in the country grows (from local and international postgraduate programs), many dental teaching institutions are recruiting them as faculty members, consequently developing separate Pediatric Dentistry Departments. A 4-year Fellowship Program in Pediatric Dentistry has been approved by the College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (CPSP). The Pediatric Dentistry Core Committee of CPSP worked hard to complete the syllabus and examination sets for the Fellowship. It is expected that the Fellowship training program will commence from July 2026. Once the Fellowship is in place, it is likely to provide a large number of Pediatric Dentist in future for the country. The PAPD deeply appreciates the cooperation and support of CPSP administration for initiation of the Fellowship Program. As reported before, more than 44 percent of the country’s population consists of children, who are our greatest future resource. The PAPD is seriously concerned about the provision of quality oral health care to these children. The ultimate goal of PAPD is inclusion of Pediatric Dentistry as a separate major subject nationally in undergraduate dental training. It also includes developing Pediatric Dentistry Departments and recruitment of Pediatric Dentistry faculty in all the teaching dental institutions in the country. The PAPD likes to use this opportunity to deeply appreciate the efforts of IAPD officers and various IAPD committees towards oral health care of children and training in the specialty of Pediatric Dentistry. In conclusion, the PAPD wishes to play an active role in the development and progression of the specialty nationally, regionally and internationally.

Prof Amjad H. Wyne

President, Pakistan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Peruvian Society of Pediatric Dentistry

2025 has been a year of hard work for the Peruvian Society of Pediatric Dentistry (SPO). The new Board of Directors (2025–2027) carried out various academic activities aimed at its members and students. In June, a webinar on the management of traumatic injuries in young permanent teeth was delivered by Dr. Carlos Rioseco (Chile). In August, a “Innovation in Pediatric Dentistry: Advances and Clinical Challenges” International Symposium took place in the city of Lima, featuring Dr. Bruna Moro (Brazil), Dr. Daniela Ríos (Brazil), and Dr. Luis Martagón (Mexico), and bringing together more than 270 participants from across the country. The speakers addressed topics related to clinical decision-making in the treatment of caries lesions, repair/replacement protocols for restoration failures, minimally invasive and aesthetic management of MIH, and behavioral and rehabilitative approaches in early childhood and in pediatric patients with special needs. Additionally,

within the framework of this International Symposium, a research poster competition was held with the participation of professionals and graduate students. This academic event concluded with a ceremony and cocktail reception celebrating the 72nd anniversary of the SPO.

In October, five professionals, including members of the SPO Board and society members, participated in a comprehensive health campaign organized by the Peruvian Society of Pediatrics (SPP), providing preventive treatments to 60 children and promoting oral health care in early childhood. Also in October a Symposium “Fluorides: Myths, Facts, and Their Role in Oral Health” was held, featuring Dr. Constanza Fernández (Chile) who addressed the use of fluorides in public health, clinical practice, and individual care based on scientific evidence, as well as myths and facts regarding their effects on humans; Dr. Rita Villena (Peru) presented on the national reality of community fluoride methods and dentifrices; and Dr. Juana Salas (Peru) who discussed the perspectives and challenges of fluorides in Peru. Also, in October, the workshop



Board Members of the Peruvian Society of Pediatric Dentistry

“Non-invasive management of dental caries: from ICDAS to university curriculum transformation” was developed by Dr. Constanza Fernández (Chile), with the objective of discussing the current approach to the diagnosis and management of dental caries in clinical teaching.

With the aim of promoting research, the SPO organized a series of Master Classes in Paediatric Dentistry research throughout 2025. Topics such as research study design, statistical analysis, scientific

writing and publication, artificial intelligence, and health economic analysis were presented by Dr. Roxana López, Dr. Kamila Sihuyay, Dr. Katherine Atoche, and Dr. Evelyn Álvarez.

As members of the IAPD, in 2026 we reaffirm our commitment to continue growing as a society by actively participating in events and promoting continuing education and research for the benefit of children's oral health.



Dra. Evelyn Alvarez (President of SPO) and Professors from Peruvian universities



Health campaign. Members of the SPO Board and society members



Symposium “Fluorides: Myths, Facts, and Their Role in Oral Health” . Board Members and Dr. Constanza Fernández (Chile) , Dr. Rita Villena (Peru), Dr. Juana Salas (Peru)



Professors from Peruvian universities participating in the workshop



International Symposium "Innovation in Pediatric Dentistry: Advances and Clinical Challenges", Lima -Peru



Internacional Symposium - Dr. Bruna Moro



Workshop "Non-invasive management of dental caries: from ICDAS to university curriculum transformation". Dr. Constanza Fernández (Chile)



Philippine Pediatric Dental Society

It has been a banner year for the Philippine Pediatric Dental Society, Inc.

One of the Society's significant milestones was its contribution to the Joint 46th Asia-Pacific Dental Congress & 116th Philippine Dental Association National Convention held May 11-15, 2026. The Congress provided a valuable platform for a Pediatric Dentistry Plenary Session and Interdisciplinary lectures where international speakers and regional leaders shared insights that are shaping the future of children's oral healthcare.

The Society also partnered with the Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation Philippines last July 27, 2025 to bring the Cleft Forum to medical & dental delegates, speech pathologists & stakeholders involved in the care of cleft lip & palate patients. This multi-disciplinary conference-workshop featured speakers from Taiwan, USA & South America. The programme allowed delegates to understand the collaborative efforts required for comprehensive cleft care.

Equally noteworthy was a joint conference with the Association of Philippine Orthodontists (APO), Endodontic Society of the Philippines (ESP) and PPDSI, held last Sept. 10, 2025. The conference saw experts from different dental disciplines come together to address complex oral health issues. It was a landmark collaboration between three Specialty Societies and stands as a testament to interdisciplinary partnership & teamwork!

Continuing its commitment to expanding access to learning opportunities beyond major urban centers, the Society also organized a Regional Conference. This impactful collaboration was another first--a collaboration between a Specialty Affiliate and a local dental chapter, the Cagayan de Oro-Misamis Oriental Dental Chapter. The 2-day event consisted of a first day of lectures aligned with primary care and a second day of hands-on and live patient workshops.

Beyond professional development, the Society made a remarkable impact through an unprecedented national oral health campaign aimed at reaching children and families in communities across the country. The "Clean After Feeding" campaign towards "Ngiting Bulilit 3-20!" (Little Smiles 3-20!) aims to start oral care from the very beginning so that by the age of 3 years old, every Filipino child should have a complete set of 20 healthy baby teeth!

By partnering with medical organizations, local governments, rural health centers, media outlets and community organizations, the initiative is helping raise awareness about the importance of early care and proper oral hygiene habits and is aligned with the WHO's advocacy of Ending ECC. The campaign represented one of the most extensive outreach efforts undertaken by the Society, reflecting its strong commitment to public health.

The campaign was highlighted at the National Oral Health Summit held last Feb. 26, 2026 and received overwhelming support and acclaim from various stakeholders spearheading the upliftment of oral health in the country. There are currently english & tagalog translations of the Clean After Feeding posters and translations to regional dialects are currently underway.

The Society's 33rd Annual Convention, held last March 5, 2026, remains a cornerstone event that brings together delegates from across the nation.

Centered on the theme "Shaping Children's Smiles Today: What's New, What Works, What's Next," the convention offered an unparalleled platform for dental professionals to explore challenges and solutions for pediatric oral care.

Looking ahead, the Society continues to prioritize education and innovation and is thrilled to host the Teach the Teachers Educational Workshop (TTEW) in Manila on April 25-26, 2026. We are honored and humbled to welcome Dr. Soni Stephen, Dr. Anna

Maria Vierrou and Dr. Marina Papachroni as esteemed facilitators for this 2-day event. Designed to further enhance clinical competencies among faculty members teaching undergraduate dental education, this upcoming program will focus on emerging techniques and evidence-based practices, ensuring that teachers and students remain equipped to meet the evolving needs of pediatric patients.

Through these initiatives, the Philippine Pediatric Dental Society, Inc. reaffirms its role as a leader in pediatric oral health—promoting excellence in dental education, strengthening professional collaboration, and ensuring healthier smiles for the next generation.



33rd PPDSI Annual Convention



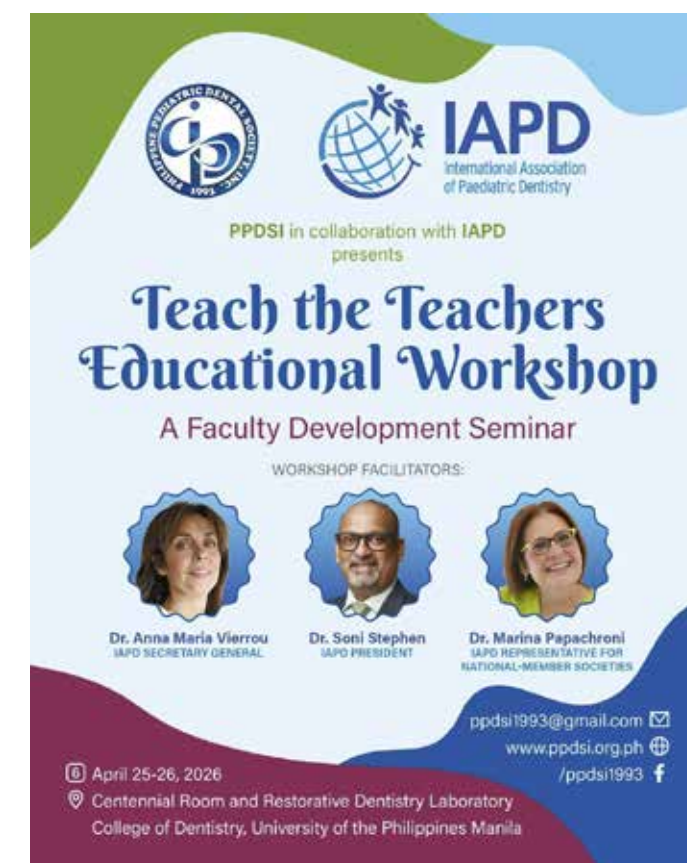
Tri-Society Joint Scientific Conference (APO-ESP-PPDSI)



PPDSI members at the Cleft Forum



National Oral Health Summit: Clean After Feeding campaign presentation



Teach the Teachers Educational Workshop (TTEW)



PPDSI members at the Joint APDC & PDA Convention



Clean After Feeding campaign posters

Portuguese Society of Paediatric Dentistry

The Portuguese Society of Paediatric Dentistry (SPOP) was founded in 2010, and one of our main objectives is to promote and disseminate scientific knowledge in the field of paediatric dentistry. Our membership has grown steadily and we now have approximately 200 active members.

The current SPOP Executive Committee comprises:

President: Ana Coelho

Vice-President: Teresa Vale

General Secretary: Elsa Paiva

Treasurer: Susana Morgado

Secretary: Clemência Vieira

Recently, the Portuguese Society of Paediatric Dentistry held its 13th annual meeting in Viseu on 8 February

2025, under the theme "Innovation in Paediatric Dentistry". This congress brought to Portugal prestigious international speakers who are experts in the main theme of the congress, such as Falk Schwednicke, Zoe Marshman, and Max Cenci. This meeting attracted approximately 150 participants and also included poster presentations and oral presentations.

The Portuguese Society of Paediatric Dentistry worked hard to collaborate and organise, jointly with SEOP- the Spanish Society of Paediatric Dentistry, the 5th Iberian meeting, which took place in Zaragoza, Spain, from 14 to 16 May 2026.

The SPOP has consistently promoted activities via its official website (<http://www.spop.pt/>) and social media channels. Our efforts will continue to focus on continuing education and the promotion of children's oral health in Portugal.



5th Iberian Meeting - a joint organization SPOP and SEOP



SPOP annual meeting held in Viseu, Portugal



SPOP annual meeting scientific program

Romanian National Association of Paediatric Dentistry

In 2025, the Romanian National Society of Paediatric Dentistry (A.N.S.P.R.) continued its mission to improve children's oral health across Romania through education, collaboration, and global engagement. Members took part in major professional events like those hosted by dental colleges and universities in Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Iași, Târgu Mureș, Oradea, building stronger links between paediatric dentistry and the wider medical field.

A major highlight of the year was the Second A.N.S.P.R. National Congress, held in June in Cluj-Napoca. The program featured leading national and international speakers, alongside inspiring oral presentations from practitioners across the country. The event created meaningful opportunities for networking, collaboration, and cultural exchange within a fun, energetic atmosphere.

Internationally, A.N.S.P.R. representatives took part in the 30th IAPD Congress in Cape Town and the 2025 IADR/PER General Session & Exhibition in Barcelona, further strengthening our international visibility and partnerships. Prizes were won, old friendships were rekindled, and new collaborations began. The Erasmus+ PaFein+ Project was also featured at both events, sharing its intermediate results of its curriculum development journey.

Through engaging seminars and workshops held across the three participating countries—Turkey, Italy, and Romania—PaFein+ gave dental students and paediatric dentistry residents new opportunities to explore the link between anxiety and pain, develop effective behavioral management techniques, and deepen their understanding of minimally invasive dentistry. Hands-

on sessions focused on pain-free injection techniques allow participants to confidently apply their newly acquired skills.

An important step toward standardizing paediatric dental care in Romania came with the Romanian translation and adoption of the official IAPD Recommendations. Endorsed by the Romanian College of Dental Physicians as the national Best Practice Guides in Paediatric Dentistry, these guidelines provide practitioners with direct access to evidence-based international protocols—raising the standard of care for young patients nationwide.

Getting closer to children and involving them in fun, educational activities about oral health is one of our main goals—something we believe will make a real difference in the long run. The “Little Dentists” program, a partnership between the Romanian Red Cross, Carol Davila University, and ANSPR, continued into 2025. So far, 888 teachers have been trained by paediatric dentists and have shared oral health lessons with more than 17,000 school children.

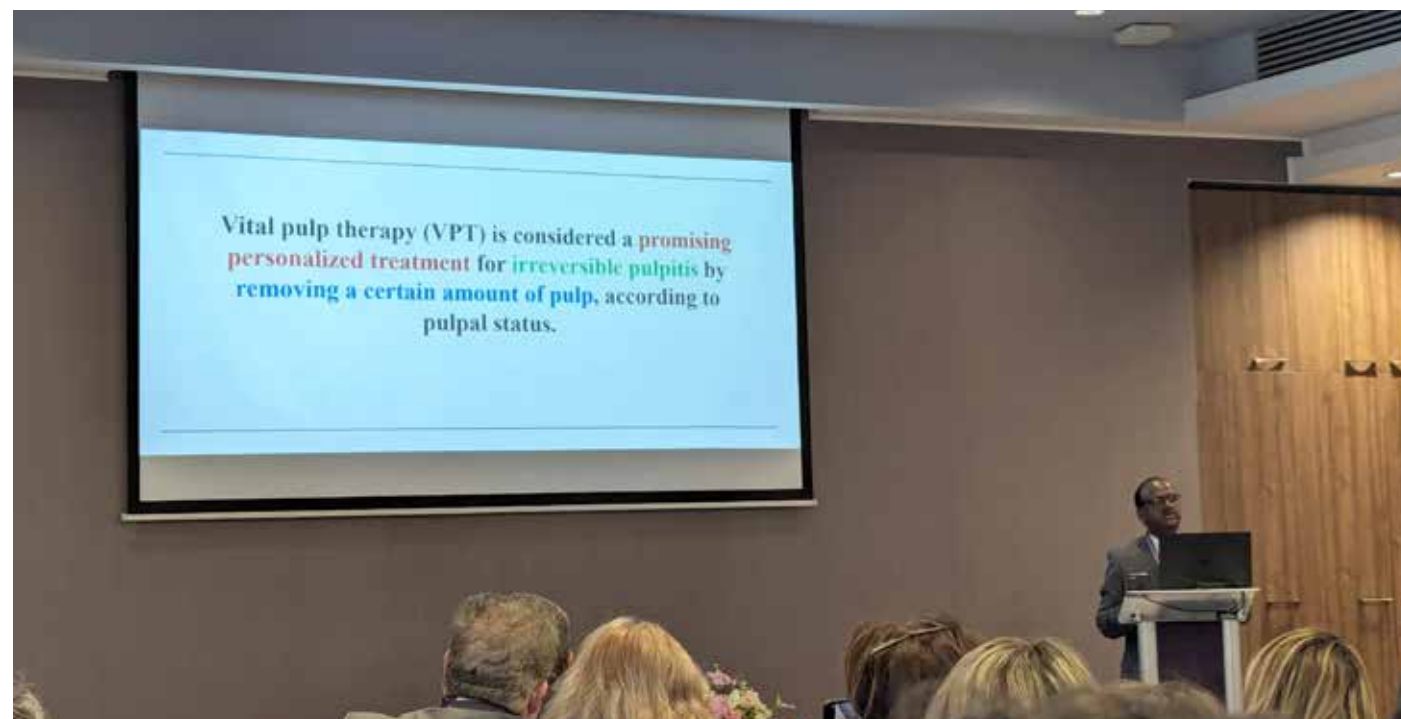
Another milestone came through the “Healthy Little Teeth” community project, supporting children with special educational needs. In partnership with the University of Oradea's Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, A.S.S.O., and A.N.S.P.R., volunteers delivered interactive oral health workshops to children across three Education Centres. Using oversized dental models, visual aids, and step-by-step guidance, this community-driven health education program aimed to help reduce dental anxiety and promote lifelong brushing habits.

Finally, 2025 marked the 20th anniversary of the Special Olympics – Special Smiles program in Romania. The celebration in Bistrița offered free dental check-ups and glass ionomer sealants to more than 300 children and young adults with intellectual disabilities, continuing A.N.S.P.R.'s strong commitment to accessible and inclusive oral healthcare.

In every project, every event, and every smile, 2025 reminded us why we do what we do: building a brighter, healthier future for children, one tooth at a time.



Paediatric dentists from eight countries came together in Cluj-Napoca for the ANSPR Congress



Paediatric dentists from eight countries came together in Cluj-Napoca for the ANSPR Congress



CapeTown: part of PaFein+ international team. Award included



PD is also about having FUN!



CapeTown awards: happy and proud!



International PaFein+ workshop in Bucharest



Special Olympics-Special Smiles 2025: for 20 years in Romania



"Healthy Little Teeth" for happy little children



"Little Dentists" working hard



Oral health knowledge is empowering!



Slovak Association of Paediatric Dentistry

During 2025–2026, SAPD focused strongly on preventive dentistry and public awareness. Members of the association participated in campaigns and educational initiatives highlighting the importance of early dental visits, oral hygiene from infancy, balanced nutrition, fluoride prevention, and regular check-ups. These messages remain particularly relevant as early childhood caries continues to be one of the most common chronic diseases affecting children worldwide.

SAPD also emphasizes that oral health is inseparable from general health and overall wellbeing. Healthy primary teeth are essential not only for chewing and speech development, but also for facial growth, self-confidence, school performance, and quality of life.

Preventive care in childhood creates the foundation for healthier adulthood.

Professional development remains a key pillar of the association's activities. Slovak paediatric dentists and general practitioners treating children regularly participate in national and international educational events, congresses, and hands-on training courses. Priority topics in recent years have included minimally invasive dentistry, dental trauma management, pulp therapy, behaviour guidance, treatment under sedation or general anaesthesia, and care for children with special healthcare needs.

Interdisciplinary collaboration has become increasingly important. SAPD supports close cooperation between paediatric dentists, orthodontists, paediatricians, speech therapists, oral surgeons, dental hygienists, and family dentists. This team-based approach helps ensure comprehensive and timely care for growing patients.



Nelson Mandela International Day



Society for Paediatric Dentistry Singapore

The year 2025 has been one of progress and momentum for the Society for Paediatric Dentistry Singapore (SPDS), marked by leadership renewal, impactful academic collaborations, and continued engagements to strengthen professional connections across the wider Paediatric Dentistry community. Membership growth remained steady, with increasing participation in society activities from both established specialists and trainees. The Society currently has 5 student members and 45 full members.

SPDS continued its involvement with the Paediatric Dentistry Association of Asia (PDAA), and formally joined the Global IAPD Family in October 2025. These developments underscore SPDS's dedication to fostering regional partnerships and its aspiration to contribute more actively to the global paediatric dental community in the future.

A key milestone for the SPDS in 2025 was the biennial General Meeting held in August, where the Executive Committee (EXCO) elections took place. The Society welcomed its Executive Committee for the 2025–2027 term. Dr Yee Ruixiang was re-elected as President, ensuring leadership continuity alongside a refreshed leadership team that brings renewed energy and perspectives through the inclusion of younger, dynamic members.

SPDS Executive Committee (2025–2027):

- President: Dr Yee Ruixiang
- Vice-President: Dr Doris Chua
- Secretary: Dr Kwek Yan Xiu Vanessa

The association also values academic progress and the education of future generations. Slovak dental faculties continue to modernise undergraduate training with stronger emphasis on prevention, communication skills, evidence-based treatment planning, and child-centred care. Interest in paediatric dentistry among younger colleagues is steadily growing, which is an encouraging sign for the future of the specialty in Slovakia.

Looking forward, SAPD aims to expand educational outreach, support young dentists, strengthen research activities, and deepen cooperation with international partners, especially the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry.

The Slovak Association of Paediatric Dentistry remains committed to one shared mission: improving oral health and quality of life for every child through prevention, knowledge, and compassionate care.



Nelson Mandela International Day

- Treasurer: Dr Sim Ying Sarah
- Committee Members: Dr Liew Yuqin, Dr Quak Sulin, Dr Nicole Ann Lee

Another major highlight was the Inaugural Dentofacial Trauma Symposium, jointly organised with National University Centre for Oral Health Singapore (NUCOHS). Held in July 2025, this two-day event focused on dentofacial trauma management in children and adolescents.

The symposium brought together a multidisciplinary panel of specialists in Paediatric Dentistry, Endodontics, Orthodontics, and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. Lectures addressed contemporary trauma management principles, including practical applications of the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT) guidelines, pulp management

strategies, recognition of non-accidental injuries, and the management of complex sequelae. Interactive case discussions with an expert panel encouraged cross-specialty dialogue, reflecting real-world clinical decision-making.

Complementing the lectures were hands-on workshops, which provided participants with practical training in soft tissue management, suturing, splinting, Cvek pulpotomy, and composite resin strip crowns. Specially designed 3D-printed models simulating crown fractures and avulsion injuries were created to enhance realism and clinical relevance during the hands-on training. The event received strong participation and positive feedback, highlighting the demand for more future structured interdisciplinary trauma education.



Colgate School Project

Alongside these events, SPDS maintained an active calendar throughout the year, co-organising Continuing Dental Education (CDE) programmes and journal clubs for the local paediatric dentistry community, while fostering professional learning and collegial networking opportunities. The Society also strengthened its digital presence through website updates and social media outreach, enhancing communication with members and the public.

Moving forward, SPDS remains committed to advancing education, promoting evidence-based practice, and supporting clinicians in delivering optimal care for children and adolescents in Singapore.

Dr Huei Jinn Tong

SPDS's representative for IAPD



Hands-on simulation of management of traumatic dental injuries



Hands-on dentofacial trauma workshop

South African Association of Paediatric Dentistry

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The 30th Congress of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry

South Africa had the honour of hosting the 30th Congress of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry from 22–25 October 2025 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) in Cape Town, South Africa. The congress marked a historic milestone as the first IAPD World Congress hosted on African soil, bringing together leaders, researchers, clinicians, and students in paediatric dentistry and related disciplines from across the globe.

The congress programme featured a wide range of activities, including a pre-congress outreach initiative, pre-congress workshops and lectures, a vibrant opening ceremony, and three consecutive days of scientific lectures and presentations. Social events

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The opening ceremony offered international delegates a rich introduction to South Africa's cultural diversity. Representatives from paediatric dental associations around the world experienced elements of local heritage, including a lively showcase inspired by the Kaapse Klopse Carnival. The delegates enjoyed performances from the Flouriders, African dancers, Cape Minstrels and Marimba band.

SAAPD Booth

The South African Association of Paediatric Dentistry (SAAPD) hosted a dedicated exhibition stand that celebrated South African culture and hospitality. Delegates were invited to participate in activities such as creating South African-coded bracelets, enjoying traditional face painting, and learning to tie doeks (a culturally significant head wrap). The stand also offered a selection of sweet treats and popcorn, adding a welcoming and interactive element to the exhibition space.

Exhibition and Sponsors

The congress exhibition featured leading international and regional dental companies showcasing innovations in paediatric dental care. Many compaines supported the congress through sponsorship and exhibition participation from: Colgate, NUK, Dr Cvetý, Kids-e-Dental, Curaprox, NuSmile, Shofu, Ivoclar, Medi Loupes, Kids-e-Dental, GoodX Software, Ortho Emporium, Nedbank, VOCO, Wrights Dental Supply Co, MedDent, Ivodent, Medequip Dental Rental, SciVision, DMG, Lypana Trading, Zumax, Wright Millners, Edelweiss

Dentistry, SDI, DURR Dental, the South African National Convention Bureau, Henry Schein and Dentsply Sirona. Delegates enjoyed engaging with the latest products and technologies while sampling a variety of delicious foods and desserts provided throughout the exhibition.

Outreach

Prior to the congress, the SAAPD organised a meaningful community outreach programme at a Emfuleni Primay School in Cape Town. Approximately 75 local and international volunteers participated in the initiative, spending the morning providing oral health education and clinical care to school children.

The programme was supported by generous sponsorship from: the UWC Faculty of Dentistry; the Healthy Teeth Foundation; Dental Wellness Foundation; Orel Plus; Colgate; Pieter and his team from Power Bush donated helping to make the day both impactful and enjoyable.

Hands on Lecture

During the pre-congress programme, delegates had the opportunity to attend hands-on workshops. These sessions provided participants with valuable practical insights and advanced clinical techniques.

Topics addressed key areas including diagnosis and care planning, behaviour management, holistic oral healthcare, pulp therapy, dental trauma, and surgical management in children.

Social events

A highlight of the congress was a fantastic Gala Dinner at Simon's Restaurant, sponsored by Ivoclar, located on the beautiful Groot Constantia wine estate, one of the oldest wine farms in South Africa.

The SAAPD also organised an initiative called "Smiles in Motion," a wellness event featuring a

5 km walk and 10 km run along the scenic promenade of Sea Point Promenade in Cape Town. The event encouraged delegates to connect in a relaxed setting while enjoying one of the city's most iconic coastal routes.

Congress Media Engagement

Throughout the congress, Drs. Andrea Pestana Giuricich and Nana Netshimboni conducted interviews with delegates from around the world. These conversations captured reflections on the congress experience and the global impact of paediatric dentistry. Recordings of the interviews are available on the SAAPD's Instagram and Facebook platforms, allowing the wider community to engage with highlights from the event.



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Spanish Society of Paediatric Dentistry

The Spanish Association of Paediatric Dentistry (SEOP), which currently has 773 members, is the benchmark in the field of children's oral health, and the main contributor to professional education programmes in paediatric dentistry.

Board of the Spanish Association of Paediatric Dentistry:

President: Dr. Miguel Hernandez

Vice president: Dr. Juan Ramon Boj

The Annual Meeting of the Spanish Association of Paediatric Dentistry, May, in May was the 46th Annual Meeting of the Spanish Association of Paediatric

Dentistry held in Toledo. The congress had several renowned speakers, national and international, with topics that addressed the advances of new preventive, therapeutic and diagnostic techniques and was attended by more than 350 professionals including congressmen and hygienists.

Among the speakers was Dr. Juan Fernando Yepes, whose talk was as educational as it was inspiring.

In December, the 26th edition of the Paediatrics-Paediatric Dentistry Meeting was held, The opening session was led by, José I. Salmerón, at the Gregorio Marañón University General Hospital in Madrid. The scientific program began with a lecture by Dr. Gloria Saavedra, who provided an update on the management of dental trauma emergencies in young patients.

This was followed by a presentation on the applications

of new technologies in maxillofacial surgery, delivered by Dr. Carlos Navarro Cuéllar.

Dr. María Salmerón, paediatrician at the Ruber International Hospital in Madrid, and Dr. Juan Antonio Ortega, of the Spanish Association of Paediatrics, delivered a presentation on the benefits of digital disconnection for children in contact with nature.

To conclude the session, Ms. Elena Salcedo outlined key guidelines on nutrition and its importance for oral and dental development from early childhood.

The Spanish Association of Paediatric Dentistry (SEOP) participated in September on the first Latin American Congress on Education in Paediatric Dentistry that brought together leading specialists in the field. Representing SEOP, Dr. Mónica Miegimolle delivered the lecture entitled "Minimally Invasive Dentistry

through Chemical Caries Removal." In her presentation she emphasized the importance of promoting minimally invasive dentistry.

In addition, the Spanish Association of Endodontics (AEDE), together with the Spanish Association of Paediatric Dentistry (SEOP), organized the 4th Symposium on Dentoalveolar Traumatology, which took place in September with the slogan "I save teeth." More than 150 dentists from all over Spain attended this event, where the latest traumatology techniques for both permanent and primary dentition were discussed.

The annual congress was held in Zaragoza, from May 14th to 16th, 2026 with the participation of important national and international speakers. See the program at www.odontologiapediatrica.com.



President and collaborators of the 45th Annual Meeting of the Spanish Society of Paediatric Dentistry in Girona



22nd Meeting of Young Paediatric Dentists Dr. Planells and Dr. Hernández from the SEOP Board with the winners in the different categories



Taiwan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Academy Overview

Founded in 1992, the Taiwan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (TAPD) currently boasts a membership of nearly 730 professionals, including over 470 government-certified pediatric dentists. By 2026, the TAPD had successfully accredited 20 specialized training facilities.

Throughout 2025, the TAPD remained dedicated to professional excellence, hosting an annual congress alongside 5 webinars, 4 in-person seminars, 3 hybrid seminars, and 1 hands-on course. These educational programs covered a diverse range of critical topics, including health insurance policies, clinical guidelines, early orthodontics, special needs dentistry, and child abuse and neglect.

International Collaborations & Knowledge Exchange

The TAPD continues to foster strong international academic ties, featuring renowned experts from Asahi University (Japan), Pusan University (Korea), and various domestic speakers. These insightful presentations have significantly enriched our members' understanding and motivated them to pursue clinical excellence.

Key highlights of our regional and domestic partnerships include:

- **Special Needs Dentistry:** Since 2024, the TAPD has maintained a steady collaboration with the Taiwan Association for Disability and Oral Health (TADOH), co-hosting 10 webinars to enhance members' skills in providing dental services for children with special needs.
- **Triangular Partnership:** Following partnership agreements with the Japanese Society of Pediatric Dentistry (JSPD) in 2023 and the Korean Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (KAPD) in 2024, a "triangular" relationship was established. The leadership of

these three academies now meet three times a year to enhance mutual cooperation.

Regional Congress Participation:

- **Seoul, Korea:** 9 TAPD members attended the 64th KAPD Annual Congress in April 2025, learning from esteemed Singaporean and Indian speakers.
- **Niigata, Japan:** Nearly 20 TAPD members participated in the 63rd JSPD Annual Congress in May 2025. During the International Symposium, speakers from KAPD and TAPD shared insights on oral health policies, while JSPD experts shared efforts to support children with caries amidst a declining birthrate.
- **Taichung, Taiwan:** The TAPD Annual Congress hosted 38 international attendees and 17 poster presentations from JSPD and KAPD. Participants updated their knowledge on tooth eruption disturbances and myofunctional therapy through lectures by Prof. Saitoh and Prof. Shin.

Global Engagement: IAPD 2025 Cape Town

In October 2025, a delegation of 19 TAPD members traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, for the 30th

Biennial Congress of the IAPD. For most, this was their first experience in Africa, offering a unique blend of cultural immersion, sightseeing, and academic recharge.

Representing Taiwan on the global stage:

- **Leadership:** Vice President Dr. Hsuan-lu Alicia Ko and Chair of International Affairs Dr. Cheng-Wei Yen attended the IAPD Council Meeting to welcome new member societies and strengthen ties with global counterparts.
- **Fellowship:** As 2023 FIAPD fellows, Dr. Ko and Dr. Yen attended the Fellow Luncheon to share the benefits of the fellowship and discuss professional growth with the 2023 and 2025 cohorts.

Looking Forward

The TAPD remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing existing partnerships and forging new connections with dental societies worldwide. Together, we strive to elevate the standards of pediatric dentistry and make a meaningful impact on the oral health of children globally.



Prof. Shin from Pusan University, Korea, sharing clinical insights at the TAPD Annual Congress



Prof. Saitoh from Asahi University, Japan, presenting at the TAPD Annual Congress



TAPD Chair of International Affairs, Dr. Yen, delivering a speech at the International Symposium of the 63rd JSPD Annual Congress



Members of JSPD, KAPD, and TAPD attending the Gala Dinner of the TAPD Annual Congress



TAPD members gathering at the 63rd JSPD Annual Congress in Niigata



TAPD President, Dr. Tsai (left) and Immediate Past President, Dr. Lee (right), invited to the "Japanese Night" at IAPD 2025 Cape Town



TAPD Vice President, Dr. Ko (left), and Chair of International Affairs, Dr. Yen (right), attending the Council Meeting at IAPD 2025 Cape Town.



The TAPD delegation attending the 64th KAPD Annual Congress in Seoul



The TAPD delegation attending the IAPD 2025 Congress in Cape Town.

Thai Association of Pediatric Dentistry

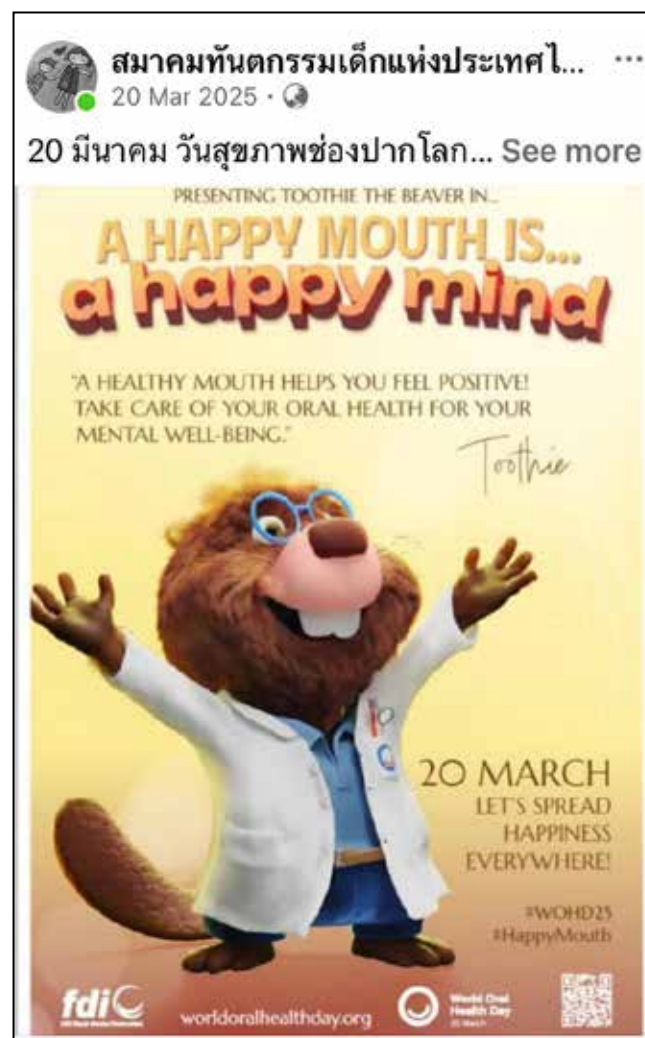
In 2025, the Thai Association of Pediatric Dentistry continued its mission to promote pediatric oral health, support professional development, and provide educational resources for both dental professionals and the public through several key activities throughout the year.

On 20 March 2025, the Association participated in promoting World Oral Health Day by sharing educational media through the Association's official social media platforms. This initiative aimed to raise public awareness and encourage people to pay greater attention to their oral health under the global campaign theme "A Happy Mouth is a Happy Mind," emphasizing the important connection between good oral health and overall well-being.

On 30 May 2025, the Association organized the academic conference titled "Bite, Breath and Beyond", together with the Annual General Meeting of the Thai Association of Pediatric Dentistry, held at Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai, Bangkok. The meeting brought together pediatric dentists and dental professionals to exchange knowledge, discuss current developments in pediatric dentistry, and strengthen professional collaboration. The conference was well attended.

In addition, the Association developed and distributed a "Chairside Buddy Desk Calendar" to members of the Association. This educational tool was designed to assist dentists during chairside communication with parents. The calendar includes information on tooth eruption patterns, potential dental problems and their management, a caries risk assessment chart, illustrations of age-appropriate tooth-brushing techniques, and images of common pediatric dental treatments. The material helps dentists explain oral health concepts to parents more clearly and effectively.

Throughout the year, the Association also continuously disseminated oral health knowledge and preventive dental care information to the public through its social media platforms, reinforcing its commitment to improving children's oral health awareness in the community.



The Thai Association of Pediatric Dentistry promoting World Oral Health Day through the Association's online media



The Chairside Buddy guide distributed to members of the Association



The Annual Academic Conference of the Thai Association of Pediatric Dentistry

Turkish Society of Paediatric Dentistry

2024 was a very active year for the Turkish Society of Paediatric Dentistry (TSPD). The Society continued to recruit members from colleagues all over Türkiye, and by the end of the year, the number of members had approached 1,000. The 23rd General Assembly was held on 5 April 2024. The newly elected Board of Directors, who will serve from 2024 to 2026, began work immediately on preparations for the 30th Congress of the TSPD (Fig. 1).

The year 2025 was both intense and remarkable for the members of the Turkish Society of Paediatric Dentistry (TSPD). In line with its ongoing commitment to advancing professional development and scientific excellence, the Board of Directors has taken a further strategic step by establishing an Education Committee under the society's umbrella. Volunteers from diverse academic and clinical backgrounds were elected to the committee and have already begun organizing a comprehensive educational framework for the coming months. Planned activities include developing and disseminating scientific resources, a structured webinar series, updated clinical guidelines, and interactive educational programs to be delivered both online and in person. Through these initiatives, the Society aims to further strengthen evidence-based practice, support continuous professional development, and enhance the quality of paediatric dental care nationwide.

The 31st International Congress of Turkish Society of Paediatric Dentistry took place in October 2025 at Cornelia Diamond Golf Resort & Spa Hotel, Antalya, Türkiye. More than 325 attendees and 11 international and local speakers participated in the Congress. One pre-congress hands-on course, "Root-to-Crown Practical Applications: R2C," with

Gökhan Dokumacıgil and Hayrullah Kaya, and a scientific award session were held on the first day of the congress. At the opening ceremony a memorial presentation was held and scientific awards were presented in the name of Dr. Kubra Tonguc Altin, who was tragically lost in a fire accident with her daughter and her husband. The ceremony concluded with the president of the Turkish Society of Paediatric Dentistry, Figen Seymen's speech and opening remarks.

The speakers included: Derya Germeç Çakan, Esra Ergin, Gökhan Dokumacıgil, Hayrullah Kaya, Jorge Casian, Nikhil Marwah, Sergio Uribe, Sinem Ceylanoğlu, Şule Çıldır, Taha Ozyurek, and Vineet Dhar.

The program included 87 oral and 64 poster presentations.

The social program provided the congress participants with a joyful time with their colleagues through the opening cocktail and the bar night with live music after the closing ceremony of the congress.

A significant number of TSPD members participated in the 30th Congress of the IAPD, held in Cape Town. Turkish delegates made valuable contributions to the congress, both scientifically and socially, further strengthening their international presence. Selin Ayşe Bakan, who successfully completed the 2025 Fellowship Examination, was presented with her certificate during the Opening Ceremony. The Turkish delegation returned home with four prestigious scientific awards, received by Narmin Huseynova, Rana Yalçinkaya, Elif Sepet, and Senem Selvi Kuvvetli. This strong representation and remarkable success once again highlight the growing impact and international visibility of the Turkish Society of Paediatric Dentistry.



Fig 1. Precongress courses and the opening ceremony of the 31st International Congress of TSPD



Fig 2. Speakers of the 31st International Congress of TSPD



Fig 3. Participants and the closing ceremony of the 31st International Congress of TSPD



Fig 4. Bar night after the closing ceremony of the congress



Fig 5. Turkish Delegates at the 30th IAPD Congress at Cape Town South Africa



Fig 6. Award winner and runner-up participants at the 30th IAPD Congress

Ukrainian Association of Preventive and Paediatric Dentistry

The year 2025 remained challenging for healthcare professionals in Ukraine as the country continues to face the consequences of the ongoing war. Despite these difficulties, paediatric dentists across Ukraine have remained committed to protecting and improving children's oral health. Members of the Ukrainian Association of Preventive and Paediatric Dentistry (UAPPD) continued their clinical, educational, and preventive work, demonstrating resilience, solidarity, and professional dedication.

One of the key achievements of the year was the implementation of updated national clinical guidelines for pulp therapy in primary teeth and immature permanent teeth. The association organized a series of educational activities aimed at helping paediatric dentists integrate modern evidence-based approaches into clinical practice. Training courses and professional discussions focused on vital pulp therapy and contemporary management of young permanent teeth, supporting the standardization of treatment approaches and improving the quality of paediatric dental care in Ukraine.

Prevention and oral health education remained a central focus of the association's activities. Throughout 2025, UAPPD members actively participated in oral health promotion programs for children and parents. Educational visits and preventive initiatives were conducted in schools, hospitals, and kindergartens in different regions of the country. These programs aim to raise awareness about oral hygiene, encourage healthy habits, and reduce the burden of dental diseases among Ukrainian children.

Professional education and scientific exchange also continued despite the difficult circumstances. Several conferences and professional meetings were organized during the year, addressing current topics in paediatric dentistry. Particular attention was given to multidisciplinary care of children with cleft lip and palate, as well as contemporary challenges in preventive and paediatric dental care. These events brought together clinicians, researchers, and educators, strengthening professional collaboration and supporting the development of paediatric dentistry in Ukraine.

Even during wartime, the Ukrainian paediatric dental community continues its mission to care for children and to advance professional knowledge. The Ukrainian Association of Preventive and Paediatric Dentistry remains grateful to international colleagues for their continued support and cooperation.



Congress in Lviv



Uruguayan Society of Pediatric Dentistry

2026 is a very special year for Dentistry in Uruguay. The Uruguayan Dental Association (AOU) is celebrating its 80th anniversary and plans to mark this milestone with a major congress in November, to be held at the Exhibition Park of the Technological Laboratory of Uruguay. The Uruguayan Society of Pediatric Dentistry (SUOP) is actively working together with AOU authorities to ensure that Pediatric Dentistry will have a strong presence at this event, with distinguished national and international speakers. We see this as the social event of the year: a wonderful opportunity for colleagues to meet, reconnect, and enjoy both a high-level academic program and a commercial exhibition organized by the dental business chamber.

Breathing 360° is a scientific meeting being organized jointly with the Uruguayan Society of Orthodontics and will take place on May 23 in Montevideo. As its name suggests, Breathing 360° aims to provide a multidisciplinary and comprehensive view of the airway and its impact on child growth and development. The meeting will bring together professionals from several relevant disciplines, including ENT specialists, speech therapists, surgeons, physiotherapists, orthodontists, and pediatric dentists. The central focus of the event is to strengthen teamwork in order to provide comprehensive care for patients with breathing disorders. More recently, SUOP, through the Professional Affairs Department of the AOU, was consulted regarding the mandatory assessment of the lingual frenulum in newborns, which will be implemented by legal decree in all maternity units

across the country. In line with one of SUOP's main roles, namely advising the AOU, a document was prepared together with experts in the field in order to work jointly with the authorities of Uruguay's Ministry of Public Health.

Following the progress mentioned in previous reports regarding the national regulation of nitrous oxide/oxygen use, training activities will be carried out in the coming months for faculty members from Uruguay's two universities, with the aim of beginning implementation in a safe and standardized manner. This stage will allow the technique to start being used under clearly defined criteria while also making it possible to report the experience gained to the Ministry, as a basis for future expansion and broader national implementation.

A very demanding and active year lies ahead, with many different kinds of activities, all sharing one common purpose: to work with passion for the well-being of children.




Vietnamese Society of Paediatric Dentistry

The year 2025 has concluded with historic milestones for the Vietnam Association of Paediatric Dentistry (VAPD) with a profound transformation of Vietnam's pediatric dentistry specialty regionally and internationally. Centered around our philosophy, "Happy smiles, bright futures," VAPD has continuously strived to connect our expert network, promote breakthrough research, and elevating the quality of clinical care for pediatric patients. Despite being a young organization founded only in 2024, VAPD has experienced remarkably rapid growth. Within just its first year, the Association has expanded to nearly 300 members and successfully executed a wide array of impactful activities throughout 2025.

The brightest highlight of our 2025 operations was the successful organization of the 1st International Conference and Exhibition of Paediatric Dentistry (VAPD 2025). Held in June 2025, with the theme "Paediatric Dentistry: New Breakthroughs in the Globalization Era". The event gathered over 1,000

delegates, including professors, doctors, clinicians, healthcare workers, and researchers from various countries. Another defining highlight of 2025 was the prominent participation of the Vietnam Association of Paediatric Dentistry (VAPD) in the 30th Congress of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD), held in Cape Town, South Africa. It was at this global gathering that VAPD achieved the breakthrough of being officially admitted as a member of the IAPD.

In addition to participating in major forums, VAPD actively collaborated with the National Hospital of Odonto-Stomatology and various dental schools across Vietnam. Partnering with allied organizations, the Association hosted a series of specialized scientific seminars and hands-on clinical training sessions. These educational initiatives focused on highly prevalent pediatric dental issues, most notably Molar Incisor Hypomineralization (MIH) and dental trauma, ensuring that practitioners are equipped with the latest evidence-based treatment protocols.

VAPD will continue to a place that gathers knowledge, shares experiences, and creates happy smiles for millions of Vietnamese children.



Our 1st conference in June 2025

In 2026, VAPD will prioritize the acceleration of high-quality scientific research. To bridge the gap between academic theory and clinical practice, the Association will organize a series of specialized pediatric dental workshops and symposiums. Furthermore, VAPD

remains committed to strengthening its international presence by preparing a delegation for the Pediatric Dentistry Association of Asia (PDAA) Conference in Taiwan in October 2026, continuing to bring Vietnamese expertise to the global stage.



VAPD team at Cape Town 2025

The IAPD Board of Directors would like to take the opportunity to thank all National Societies and Members for their ongoing support.

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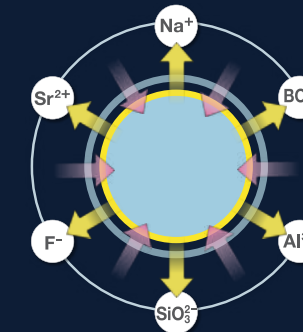
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