

Report for the EADPH Membership and to be published on the EADPH Website



1. Title of Special Interest Group

Oral Health and Special Care Dentistry

2. Chair of SIG

Professor Andreas Schulte

3. Date, Location and Number of Meeting

18 October 2018, Palma de Mallorca, Spain. First Meeting.

4. Participants

Country	Number	Frequency of Attendance
Germany	3	1
Belgium	1	1
total	4	

5. Program

The chair of the SIG welcomed the participants of this SIG which had its first meeting after inauguration by the EADPH General Assembly 2017. He underpinned that so far there is no European Group for Special Care Dentistry. He proposed to use the EADPH congresses and the SIG Oral Health and Special Dentistry as an opportunity for dentists interested in this topic to meet and exchange knowledge and results of research. In particular, this opportunity should be used in the years between the biannual congresses of the International Association for Disability and Oral Health (IADH).

The members of the group welcomed this proposal. They agreed that insufficient data is available about oral health status of persons with disabilities or special healthcare needs from nearly all European countries and that there is a need to stimulate research in this field. In addition, the participants agreed, that it would be very helpful to collect data about the provision of dental care and preventive dental care in the European countries. Thus, the participants agreed to start a project to collect these data by using a specific questionnaire which has to be developed in the months to follow. Furthermore, the participants agreed to identify names of persons who are experts in Special Care Dentistry from all countries of the European Union and other European countries in order to contact them and ask them to complete the questionnaire just mentioned.

It was also agreed that the chair of this SIG will inform as many European colleagues working this field about the next meeting of this SIG and invite them to join this.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SIG Oral Health and Special Care Dentistry will take place on the occasion of the next EADPH congress which will be held in September 2019.