

1. Date and location of Meeting of SIWG
17th September 2015 at the 20th Scientific Congress of the European Association of Dental Public Health, Istanbul, Kalyon Conference Center, Turkey.
2. Chairs: Prof dr Jacques Vanobbergen and prof dr Luc De Visschere University Gent – Belgium
3. Number, name and country of participants: 18 delegates participated in the SIG Gerodontology.

A comparison over the years is shown in the table below

■ Heidelberg (2008):	14
■ Tromsø (2009):	14
■ Constanta (2010):	9
■ Rome (2011):	29
■ London (2012):	15
■ Malta (2013):	17
■ Gothenburg (2014):	22
■ Istanbul (2015):	18

4. Programme:

First, attention was paid to discussing the revised mission of the SIGs and the long-term aims of the Special Interest Groups.

The Istanbul program wanted to explore the feasibility to develop guidelines for oral health care planning in frail elderly people.

It started with the case presentation of Mary (92 year old woman) illustrated by clinical and radiographic pictures.

An introduction was given on the biomedical aspects and the psycho-social-ethical aspects of oral health care planning.

Biomedical aspects were related to co-morbidity with focus on Diabetes, Cardio-vascular diseases, Aspiration pneumonia and Dementia.

Important psycho-social-ethical aspects in the decision making were found on patient level, on dental professional level and on oral health care organisational level.

On patient level Oral Health Condition (effect on general health), Dependency, Dignity (self-esteem), Mental capacity, Life expectancy, Financial aspects and Social context were mentioned.

On dental professional level Dental setting & equipment, Oral Health Care Goals, Seriousness of the oral health problem(s) and Consequences for the future were taken into account.

On organisational level Financial aspects, Reimbursement system, Communication, Legislation and feasibility of the Oral Health Care plan were discussed.

In the discussion in small groups additional aspects were reported and a hierarchy in the arguments was discussed.

In the conclusion the SIG Gerodontology expressed the intention to further develop guidelines including a decision tree.

A draft will be prepared by the chairs of the SIG and will be discussed further online during the year by the members of the SIG.

The aim is to present a final document in the next meeting of the SIG in Budapest in September next year (2016).