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## **Progress of the Association**

The European Association of Dental Public Health EADPH was founded in 1996 and following discussion and circulation of documents among members over the last 18 months considerable progress has been made. EADPH adopted [Community Dental Health](#) as the journal of the organisation and the journal was re-launched in September 1997 to coincide with the first congress in Cittadella, Italy hosted by our Vice President, Dr. Roberto Ferro. EADPH's editor, Professor Gert-Jan Truin was appointed Associate Editor of [Community Dental Health](#). This September 1998 issue saw the publication of the congress [abstracts](#) for the second year and has proved to be an excellent method of communication both of EADPH and the journal. The constitution was ratified with minor amendments by the Annual Business Meeting in September this year at our second congress in Santander. This will be circulated to members and be on our web page. The September 1998 issue also provided the first opportunity to publish the Association logo which incorporates the stars to signify Europe and people of all age groups to indicate the central role of community to our Association. Thanks are due to Dr. Ferro for his work in this development. Working Groups met informally in Santander and will be developing a detailed programme for next year's congress, further details are given below. Membership is growing and interest in EADPH is manifest in the visits to our web site.

Thanks for all the development work involved must go to all members of the original Steering Group and the current Executive Board with particular thanks to Dr. Cynthia Pine, President, Dr. Roberto Ferro, Vice President and Professor Eeva Widström, Secretary.

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## **Web Page <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/eadph/>**

The Association is very grateful to Dr Zoann Nugent who maintains the EADPH web page. Since May 1996 to date it has been visited 2,498 times by people from 39 countries. On average more than 40 machines now visit the site every month. The web page contains abstracts from the last meeting, details of the Association and future meetings.

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## **Membership up-date**

There are now 303 members in 32 countries across Europe and beyond. In Europe distribution of the members is as follows Denmark 5, Finland 20, France 5, Germany 12, Greece 9, Iceland 2, Ireland 14, Israel 3, Italy 19, Norway 4, Poland 4, Portugal 3, Romania 3, Spain 26, Sweden 6, Switzerland 2, The Netherlands 12, Turkey 3, United Kingdom 135. The following European countries have one member : Belarus, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Russia and Slovenia. Outside Europe there are 3 members in the USA, 2 in Australia and 1 in Hong Kong, Mexico, South Africa and Thailand Therefore 44% of members come from the UK, 52% from other European countries and the rest from other continents.

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## **First meeting of EADPH Council**

During 1998, Councillors have been appointed in each country with members in Europe as described in the constitution and to-date the following are EADPH Councillors: Professor P Leous - Belarus; Dr Zdenek Broukal - Czech Republic; Professor Poul Erik Petersen - Denmark; Dr Ilpo Pietila - Finland; Professor Pierre-Michel Cahen - France; Professor Thessaly Athanassouli - Greece; Professor Jolan Banoczy - Hungary; Dr Inga Arnadottir - Iceland; Dr Helen Whelton - Ireland; Dr Schlomo Zusman - Israel; Dr Carlo Ghirlanda - Italy; Dr Ruta Bendinskaite - Lithuania; Professor Honorata Limanowska-Shaw - Poland; Dr Jose Bulhosa -

Portugal; Professor Vito Vrbic - Slovenia; Dr Christina Larrinaga - Spain; Professor Björn Söderfeldt - Sweden; Professor Gert-Jan Truin - The Netherlands; Professor Gulcin Saydam - Turkey; Dr Cynthia Pine - United Kingdom.

The Council of EADPH met for the first time in Santander, September 1997, and began its business by agreeing working methods and meeting times. Meetings will be annual to coincide with the EADPH congress. Several areas were highlighted which will be developed over the year and up-dates given to members through the Newpage and Web site. If you have any specific items you would like to raise please contact your EADPH Councillor.

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### **Notes from the Annual Business Meeting**

- EADPH will continue to be an association of individual members working in dental public health and community dentistry in Europe. However, we do welcome country associations with similar aims to become affiliated through Supporting Organisation Member status. The first Supporting Organisation Member was formally elected after recommendation by Council, the Italian Society of Dentistry for Children (SIOI) is welcomed as founder member.
  - In 1999 the Treasurer, Professor Klaus Pieper, is to establish EADPH under German law as an EV which is formally recognising the society for tax purposes.
  - In recognition of her contribution to founding EADPH, Dr. Cynthia Pine was elected the first Honorary Member which will come into effect at the end of her Presidential term in September 1999.
  - Professor Eeva Widström was elected as Vice President from September 1999, President 2001.
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### **Working Groups**

The Working Groups met informally in Santander to begin planning a programme for next year's meeting in Strasbourg. The first session of the EADPH congress in Strasbourg will be given over to the Working Groups. If you were unable to attend the meeting in Santander and would like to participate in Strasbourg, please contact the Chairmen of the Working Groups with your ideas:

- *Epidemiology & Health Services Research* : Professor Denis O'Mullane, Cork Dental School, Ireland. *Health Promotion* : Dr. Lars Petersen, Halmstad, Sweden
- *Specialization and Postgraduate Education* : Mr John Langford, Birmingham, UK.
- *Undergraduate Education* : Professor Falcolini, Sassari Dental School, Sardinia, Italy

We will write with their full contact details in our December mailing to you.

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### **2nd Congress EADPH 1998 in Santander, Spain**

This meeting was hosted by the Co-President 1997 Professor Javier Goiriena de Gandarias and was well attended with over 300 delegates. The Spanish team have our grateful thanks for being kind hosts and providing a lovely venue for our congress. The picture below was taken at the EADPH Banquet and from left to right shows Professor Pierre-Michel Cahen, Co-President 1998, President Dr. Cynthia Pine, kindly given a Basque cape for the musical occasion! Dr. Roberto Ferro, Vice President and our host, Professor Javier Goiriena.

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### **Future Meetings**

**1999 Strasbourg, France**

8th and 9th September, at the Council of Europe and hosted by Professor Pierre-Michel Cahen, Co-President 1999 and Dr. Anne-Marie Obry Musset. The installation of the new President, Dr. Roberto Ferro will take place at the EADPH banquet. Abstracts to be submitted direct to our Editor, Professor Gert-Jan Truin with a deadline of 15th March, 1999.

**2000 Cork, Ireland**

13th to 15th September hosted by EADPH Co-President 2000 and BASCD President, Professor Denis O'Mullane.

**2001 Malmö, Sweden**

Date to be announced and hosted by the Scandinavian members with Co-President 2001, Professor Björn Söderfeldt.