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### **EADPH Congress, Strasbourg, 8th-9th September 1999.**

The third Congress of EADPH was held in Strasbourg under the auspices of the Council of Europe, the local organising team being led by Professor Pierre-Michel Cahen, Dental Faculty of Strasbourg, and EADPH Co-President 1999.

Attended by 118 delegates, the imposing buildings of the European Parliament and Council of Europe, coupled with the historic city of Strasbourg, proved a fitting setting for the conference. The first morning was devoted to Working Group activities. Three parallel meetings: Epidemiology and Health Services Research Group; Health Promotion Group and a combined meeting of the Teaching and Development of the Speciality Groups respectively considered, collection of dental survey data, key issues facing oral health promotion and postgraduate courses offered in European Community Dentistry including Dental Public Health.

Both afternoons of the congress were devoted to viewing, presentation and discussion of posters. A total of 60 posters were displayed from 16 countries, describing on-going work across many aspects of community dental practice and dental public health in Europe.

The third element of the congress comprised a symposium co-hosted by the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). The symposium aimed to identify key areas of research needed in dental public health and community dental practice over the next 5 years. Keynote speakers were Dr Lois Cohen (NIDCR); Prof. Eeva Widstrom, Chief Dental Officer, Finland; Dr Susanne Ziesenitz, ILSI, Europe and Prof. Robin Davies, Director of Clinical Dental Research Europe, Colgate Palmolive. The following discussion groups and plenary session identified a number of key areas for research including, effectiveness of different healthcare systems, inequalities in oral health, implementation of evidence based practice, guidelines on fluoride usage, the benefits of collaborative research, modern indices for treatment need and the implications of "the new biology" for oral health and dentistry.

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### **Notes from the Annual Business Meeting Strasbourg 9th September 1999**

The President, Dr C. Pine, noted that the membership of the Association had grown to 300 members in some 32 countries. The Treasurer, Prof. Klaus Pieper reported that the Association had now been formally established as a non-profit organisation under German Law.

The officers of the Executive Board for 1900/2000 – 2001/2002 were presented:

President	Roberto Ferro, Italy
Vice President	Eeva Widstrom, Finland
Secretary	Anne-Marie Orby-Musset, France
Treasurer	Klaus Pieper, Germany
Editor	Gert-Jan Truin, The Netherlands
Executive Officer (Membership)	Montserrat Barranquero, Spain
Executive Officer (Eastern Europe)	Annerose Borutta, Germany

The following new members were elected to the Executive Board;

Executive Officer (Communications)	Ivor Chestnutt, United Kingdom
Executive Officer (Working Groups)	Kenneth Eaton, United Kingdom

The President thanked Kathryn Neville for her excellent work as communications officer during the establishment of the Association.

The work of Professor Cahen, Dr Orby-Musset and Dr Brisset of the local organising team was

recognised and Dr Pine thanked them for their efforts in organising a successful congress, in magnificent surroundings.

The annual business meeting also saw the formal hand over of the Presidency from Dr Cynthia Pine to Professor Roberto Ferro. Professor Ferro paid tribute to all the hard work carried out by Dr Pine in establishing the Association and hoped for her continued support. He then discussed the different conditions under which dental public health and community dental practitioners operated in individual member countries and emphasised the importance of networking and of the role of the Association in sharing ideas and good practice.

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#### **4<sup>th</sup> Congress EADPH 2000 in Cork, Ireland.**

The next congress of the European Association for Dental Public Health (EADPH) will be held in conjunction with the British Association for the study of Community Dentistry (BASCD). This joint scientific conference will be held in University College Cork, Ireland on the 14th and 15th September 2000. The theme of the meeting is, "The European experience and future plans in the use of fluorides in promoting oral health".

Subjects covered will include use of water, salt, and milk fluoridation in the control of dental caries, measurement of total fluoride absorption and measurement of enamel fluorosis. Also included will be the collaboration, past present and future, between the oral health industry, dental public health and dental research. The development of fluoride toothpastes and mouth rinses will be covered. The role of fluoride absorption in osteoporosis will be discussed. Invited speakers include Prof Gary Whitford, Prof. Jan Ekstrand, Prof Cor Van Loveren, Prof Bob ten Cate, Prof. Mike Lennon, Prof Dennis O'Mullane and Dr. Judith Cochran.

The local organising committee have competed successfully for funds under the E.U. 5th Framework Research Programme to sponsor the attendance of 30 young dental public health researchers or workers from each of the 15 E.U. member states and the 15 Associate States.

Further information about the conference is available at: <http://www.ucc.ie/dru/confer/index.html>

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#### **EADPH Newpage – information sharing.**

This newpage is designed as a forum whereby members of the Association can share information which may be of interest to those in other states. All contributions will be considered and should be forwarded to:

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