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There were lots of excellent meetings in 2007 for us to enjoy. Both *ORCA* and the *Annual International Caries Detection and Assessment System (ICDAS) workshop* took place this summer in Helsingor. This was a beautiful setting for the meetings and both went very well. For the first time the ICDAS group ran an international training session on the caries detection criteria attracting a capacity crowd from all over the world. The ICDAS Foundation announced that an e-learning package for the criteria system will be released early in 2008; check out the website www.icdas.org for the latest information.

Then just a couple of months later it was the *12th Annual Conference of the European Association of Dental Public Health*. The pre-congress held in the beautiful historic university building Het Pand in Ghent considered "Organisation of an Evidence-Based Oral Public Health" and the main congress in Leuven was on the topic of "Workforce Planning". It was attended by 120 professionals coming from 15 European countries, as well as Canada, Asia, South-America, and the USA. In addition to the presentations of the keynote speakers, 48 posters were presented during four poster sessions and during the welcome reception in the Leuven Town Hall, the lunches and the gala dinner, Belgian cuisine stimulated social contacts.

Meetings in 2008

WHOCC Symposium "Inequalities of oral health - challenge to public health", Jena (Germany) 23rd and 24th of May 2008.

The WHO Collaborating Centre "Prevention of Oral Diseases" (WHOCC) at the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2008 and Professor Dr Annerose Borutta invites you to this symposium on inequalities of oral health. Further details are available on the congress-website: www.conventus.de/whocc

55th European Organisation for Caries Research (ORCA) meeting, (25th – 28th June). Groningen in the Netherlands.

The *deadline for abstracts is the 7th of January 2008* (which is very close to my birthday if anyone wants to send a card). Registration for this meeting will be opening in February 2008 at www.ORCA2008.eu.

13th Annual Conference of the European Association of Dental Public Health. Next year's meeting will be in Heidelberg, Germany between the 4th and 5th of September 2008.

Special Interest Groups

Following suggestions from the EADPH meeting in Belgium the website has been updated - any other suggestions are very welcome, just [e-mail me](mailto:).

[Special Interest Group in Epidemiology](#). The *European Global Oral Health Indicator Development Project (EGOHID II)* is progressing well. The project is now entering an evaluation phase under the control of Work Package 9 collaborators; there will be testing of the newly developed data collection instruments. Dentists from 8 countries around the EU will be testing the clinical survey forms and the supporting guidance to give their feedback on how well it all works. An interesting aspect of this project is an innovative approach to shortening the time required to train and standardise inexperienced examiners. I have been involved in developing an interactive software programme to assist in training dentists to reliably collect

epidemiological information within dental practices. If you would like to know more [contact me by e-mail](#).

Other news

The popularity of our journal is such that there are a huge number of articles waiting to be published. In order to help address this problem, EADPH has agreed the purchase of 16 extra pages in this issue to help clear this backlog.

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