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## **7<sup>th</sup> EADPH Congress, Athens Greece 13-14 September 2002.**

The 7th Annual Conference of the Association will be held in Athens, Greece, on 13-14 September 2002. The venue for the meeting is the training and Conference Centre of the National Bank of Greece. The centre is located near the beautiful seaside resorts of Vouliagmeni and Voula which have been awarded the European blue flag for the quality of their bathing waters. Travel time from the New Athens International airport is 50/60 minutes. The Centre of Athens can be reached from the conference facilities in just 30 minutes.

The conference is being organised by the Co-president, Professor Thessaly Athanassouli and her team. The theme for this year's conference is "Prevention of Oral Diseases for all Ages". Full details of the conference venue, abstract submission information, registration and accommodation details can be found at [www.era.gr/eadph2002.htm](http://www.era.gr/eadph2002.htm).

Important dates for your diary are as follows:

- Conference dates : **September 13 & 14, 2002**
- Deadline for Abstract Submission: **March 15, 2002**
- Deadline for reduced registration fees: **June 16, 2002**
- Guaranteed hotel reservation: **June 30, 2002**
- Deadline for full payment of registrations and tours: **July 31, 2002**

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## **Other news**

### **News from Israel**

Dr Shlomo Zusman, has reported that between January and March 2002, a National Dental Health Survey of 12 year-olds is underway in Israel. This follows a previous survey of this age group carried out in 1989. Problems have been encountered over consent / dissent issues. This has now been resolved in respect of the current study, but negotiations are continuing with regard to achieving satisfactory consent procedures in relation to 5-6 year olds. Until this is achieved no survey of this age group will be undertaken. Dr Zusman is interested to hear from anyone who may be able to provide assistance with analysis of the study. His contact details are [shlomo.zusman@moh.health.gov.il](mailto:shlomo.zusman@moh.health.gov.il).

### **News from Hungary**

Professor Jolan Banoczy and Dr Zeno Ginter have provided details of a recent consensus conference held in Hungary on "Risk factors for oral cancer". The symposium which was organised by the Medical Department of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences involved delegates from the Hungarian Dental Association, the American-Hungarian Scientific and Technological Foundation, the University of Iowa and the Chief Medical Officer of Hungary.

Data presented to the meeting suggested that in a review of mortality due to oro-pharyngeal cancer, Hungary ranked highest amongst 46 countries. The oral cancer death rate has increased five-fold since the early sixties, largely attributable to a steep rise in tongue cancer in males. In a league table showing cigarette consumption per capita, of 111 nations, Hungary occupied third place.

The conference approved unanimously the following recommendations:

In relation to primary prevention:

- A survey of the smoking habits of dentists and dental students in Hungary
- The incorporation of tobacco and smoking cessation education into undergraduate, and postgraduate education
- Intervention studies on the role of the dental team in smoking cessation
- Developing government policy in this area

In relation to secondary prevention

- Providing training for practitioners in oral mucosal examination during dental examinations

These measures have been accepted by the Medical Department of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

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### **EADPH Working Groups**

At the recent meeting in Marburg, the future direction for the Working Groups within the Association was debated. The President, Dr Eeva Widstrom, is currently conducting a consultation exercise on this topic. Members are encouraged to respond and to provide their thoughts on how the work of the Association may best be progressed.

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**EADPH Newpage - information sharing.**

This newspaper 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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