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2006 EADPH Conference

11th Congress of the European Association for Dental Public Health, Prague, Czech Republic, 7th - 9th September 2006

Just a reminder that if you are planning to come along to the 11th Annual Congress of the Association in Prague this September you ought to be submitting your registration form as soon as possible. The form is available online at <http://www.eadph2006.cz/> and once completed you can fax it or email it to the organizers using the information provided there. At the same web address you can look at the programme for the meeting and find out more about traveling to and staying in Prague. I am considering roaming the meeting with my digital camera to see if there is anything newsworthy that I can capture for your December Newsletter so be on your best behaviour (only kidding)!

EADPH Website - <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/eadph/>

The Association webpage is currently being updated. There you will find information such as the current membership of the EADPH board, membership information and reports of meetings which have taken place. For example, if you missed last year's EADPH annual conference which was held jointly with the International Association for Dental Research and the British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry under the auspices of the World Congress in Preventive Dentistry, you can access the Liverpool Declaration: Promoting Oral Health in the 21st Century - A Call for Action which arose from the meeting at the following internet address: <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/eadph/docs/livdec.htm>.

EADPH Special Interest Groups

The EADPH Special Interest Groups continue to have lots of interesting activity. The ***Oral Epidemiology Special Interest Group*** has been pursuing a European dimension to the International Caries Detection and Assessment System initiative. This has resulted in several elements of joint working across European member states and formed part of a successful bid for phase II of the European Global Oral Health Indicator Development Project co-ordinated by the University of Lyon.

The Oral Health Improvement Special Interest Group is leading a second application for EU funds around the theme of smoking cessation and reducing the risk of oral cancer. Further information about this can be obtained from Kenneth Eaton at keaton@rcseng.ac.uk.

Other meetings

The 2nd International meeting on "Methodological issues in oral health research" took place in Ghent, Belgium 19-21 April 2006. I spoke to a statistician who participated in this meeting and it seems that bringing together statisticians and dental health professionals proved to be a good opportunity for both parties to network and improve understanding of each other's work. If you would like to know more about this meeting go to:

<http://med.kuleuven.be/biostat/conferences/Dental2006/index.htm>.

Future meetings

There are two particular meetings of note coming up aside from the Association's own 11th annual congress. The first is taking place in Glasgow this year between the 5th and the 8th of

July. This **53rd Congress of the European Organisation for Caries Research** will bring together researchers from not only Europe but increasingly from all over the world. Information about the congress can be found at <http://www.orca2006.org/> - the bagpipe music alone makes this site worth a visit, but I could be biased.

Scotland is definitely the place to be this summer if your interest is in cariology as the ORCA meeting in Glasgow is being followed immediately by the **International Caries Detection and Assessment System (ICDAS) Workshop** in Dundee. This meeting will take place over the two days of Sunday 9th and Monday 10th of July. Although it will be a little late to book a place at this meeting by now, if you are interested to learn more about ICDAS then look at <http://www.icdas.org/> for background information about the system and feel free to contact me for further information at my address towards the end of this news page.

EADPH membership

The Association has asked me to issue an invitation to anyone that had not yet taken the plunge and joined EADPH. Membership is available to any person having a special interest in dental (or oral) public health and community dentistry and who has a dental or medical qualification registrable in the EU or another qualification approved by Council. Members include dentists, doctors, health professionals, statisticians, health economists, and epidemiologists with interests in the objectives of the Association. A [membership form](#) is available on the Association website and if you would like more information about becoming a member of EADPH, please contact our treasurer:

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