

ESE Newsletter



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Dear Colleagues and ESE Members



Welcome to this 6th ESE newsletter – we trust you will find it's pages filled with interesting and informative news, views and features.

Our headline article comes from ESE President Claus Löst, who introduces new guidelines on the establishment and accreditation of endodontic

speciality training programmes within Europe. This represents the first fruit of a project spanning many years and expertly spearheaded by Kishor Gulabivala and his team. In promoting these guidelines, the ESE is responding to a public and professional need for consistently high standards of training and specialist clinical service within our discipline.

Added to this, we have a business summary from the February 2010 ESE Executive meeting in Tübingen, news from Congress President Marco Martignoni on our forthcoming 2011 Congress in Rome, and a note from Congress President-Elect António Ginjeira on the plans already in place for Lisbon 2013!

Research sits at the heart of our biennial congress, and we are eager to encourage able young investigators who will be the lifeblood of our discipline in the years to come. This

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newsletter features a reminder of the ESE Wladimir Advlankine research prize, a prestigious award made at each ESE congress for young researchers engaged in high quality research.

Encourage your bright young researchers to enter the competition, and do all you can to promote the basic and clinical research that underpins all we strive for. In a linked effort to flag-up research opportunities in Endodontology, we also publish details of the ESE Annual Research Grant; a not insubstantial sum of money to support the development of research.

Staying on the subject of research, we include a special report from Gunnar Bergenholtz on the recent IADR/ESE/AAE/Swiss Society of Endodontology supported symposium on tissue injury and pulp regeneration in Geneva – an exciting area for clinicians and basic scientists alike! Also likely to get clinicians and scientists excited, we feature a preview of the new ACTA dental school in Amsterdam and its forthcoming meeting for Postgraduate trainees in the Low Countries.

We follow this with a roundup of features from recent Society meetings and events, illustrating the vibrant and energetic work of enthusiastic colleagues and the promotion of international collaboration throughout the world endodontic community. As a new development, we have two short features from ESE member Societies, describing some key features of Society business during the previous year and highlighting some of the challenges and triumphs they have encountered. Perhaps some of these will resonate with your own situation? I hope to establish this as a regular feature, and trust that shared insights and experiences may enrich our mutual understanding as we progress our work in advancing this distinctive branch of healthcare at the local, national and international level.

We close this newsletter with a moving tribute to the life of our recently departed colleague Patricq Alliët, and celebrate his vision, his selfless commitment and love for Endodontology, for life, and for his family and friends.

I am grateful to so many of you for your willingness to share news, views and images and for making my task as Editor so straightforward and pleasurable. Please do not be shy to contact me if you have thoughts or ideas about the content or presentation of the Newsletter. It is developed as a resource to promote understanding and communication, and we welcome the opportunity to consider changes and development that members would find useful.

With all good wishes,

John Whitworth

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Headline article: On the future of Accredited Postgraduate Education in Europe, Claus Löst



President – Claus Löst

I am certain that many of you, like me, have come across an ample number of general practitioner colleagues who claim to be proficient in the entire spectrum of Endodontology – not to mention all other branches of dental practice.

Perhaps these colleagues significantly underestimate the great increase in knowledge and the mushrooming of therapeutic options within dental medicine?

Perhaps they lack some scientific foundation and/or the ability to self-critically assess their own dental skills?

It is perhaps not surprising that many colleagues in medicine and the politicians in healthcare perceive dental medicine as a stagnant scientific profession.

Imagine the surprise throughout the health authorities of Europe when the ESE files an application for the recognition of Endodontology as a distinctive, pan-European dental discipline!

Against this background I am pleased to announce the completion of what I think is an exceedingly significant ESE document: "Accreditation of postgraduate speciality training programs in Endodontology – minimum criteria for training specialists in Endodontology within Europe", published recently in the International Endodontic Journal (IEJ 43(9): 725-37) and also available through the ESE homepage.

This document serves a number of important purposes by:

- Making the case, and explaining in clear terms why Endodontology is entitled to be recognized as a distinctive dental discipline.
- Spelling out why ESE accredited postgraduate specialty training programs in Endodontology should be given status equivalent to those in other medical and dental disciplines.
- Presenting the prerequisites for creating a European network of high-quality, accredited postgraduate programs that will add greatly to the visibility of our discipline.

Almost a decade has passed since this project was initiated; not a task for the impatient, but one developed carefully and after much thought and debate.

In common with all complex, international projects, proposals and draft documents were discussed at all levels, within the Committees of our Full Member Societies, within the ESE

Executive Board and not least within the ESE General Assembly. Later iterations were repeatedly re-drafted, revised and edited following further comment - a true European consensual process, with very impressive results! The politicians of Brussels and Strasbourg know the process very well.

We are indebted to Professor Gulabivala and his committee for this achievement, accomplished by hard-work, paired with vast experience and exceptional attention to detail.

Just looking at the scale of this document, and bearing in mind that there are supplementary documents of similar size either already completed or still in progress, gives a sense of what has been achieved by selfless, honorary work. This is a major accomplishment that demands the highest respect.

By publishing this document, the ESE takes a big step forward. I know that some applicants for ESE accreditation have been waiting patiently for some time. Your waiting is over - here it is!

Claus Löst

Business summary: ESE Executive Committee, 25th-27th February 2010, Tübingen

The new ESE Executive Committee held its first major business meeting over three bright and crisp days during the early Baden-Württemberg spring. The group was hosted by the Dental School of Tübingen, with Claus Löst in the Chair, Paul Dummer as Secretary, Hakki Sunay as Treasurer, John Whitworth as Editor and Sue Bryant providing administrative support. Additional guests included Congress Past-President Bill Saunders, with British Endodontic Society Administrator Annabel Thomas (Edinburgh 2009), Congress President Marco Martignoni (Rome 2011), and Congress President-Elect António Ginjeira (Lisbon 2013) who were able to share their reflections and plans for the ESE biennial congress. António took first prize for the most lengthy and complex journey, suffering multiple flight cancellations, revised schedules and train changes before arriving immaculate and in good spirits – shaken but not stirred!

Key items of business included:

- De-briefing and receipt of draft reports and accounts from the ESE Edinburgh Congress (2009)
- Draft budgets for the Rome Congress (2011)
- Draft budgets for the Lisbon Congress (2013)
- Revised guidelines for the ESE Biennial Congresses
- A review of the ESE Executive Board structure

- A generic role profile for a proposed ESE Administrator
- A report on ESE bank accounts
- Opportunities for the collection of membership fees through the ESE web site
- A review of ESE membership fees
- A draft communication strategy
- Proposals for a potential public relations campaign on tooth preservation through endodontic procedures
- ESE membership databases
- ESE databases for Endodontic Departments/Units throughout Europe
- The support of Endodontic postgraduate taught and postgraduate research students throughout Europe
- Recognition of Endodontology as a speciality throughout Europe
- Draft guidelines for the accreditation of Endodontology specialist training pathways in Europe
- The strategic direction and activities of the ESE
- The award of honorary membership
- Exchange and shared projects with the American Association of Endodontists

a mixed and very full agenda, that occupied all daylight hours (though punctuated by a brief lunchtime stroll), and extending until the night-time call for sustenance became irresistible.



ESE executive members take the mid-day air in bright but chilly Tübingen



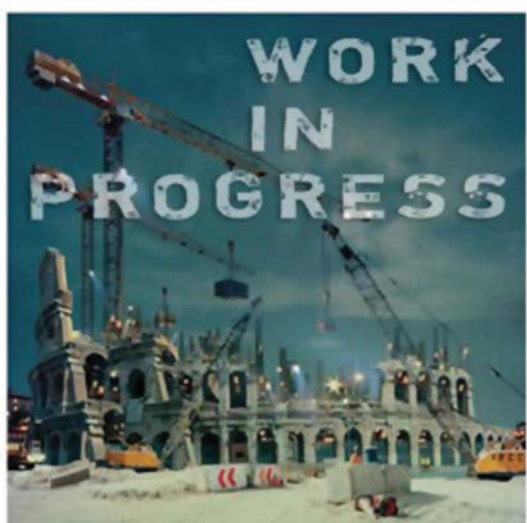
Claus Löst welcomes the group to an evening in traditional surroundings

ESE Congress, Rome, 14-17th September 2011

The local organising committee of the ESE 15th biennial congress looks forward to welcoming you at the Rome Cavalieri Hotel in less than 1 year! Rome was not built in a day, but our work is in progress to deliver a monumental meeting – embracing all of the scientific, clinical and social delights of our ESE Congresses, with the delights of late-summer in Rome! A warm welcome awaits you!

ESE ROME 2011

NOT ONLY ROOTS - 15th BIENNIAL CONGRESS
OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF ENDODONTOLOGY



ROME CAVALIERI HOTEL
ROME - 2011, SEPTEMBER 14th - 17th

The Congress web site: www.eserome2011.com is now open for submissions and registration.

Marco Martignoni

ESE Congress, Praça das Indústrias, Lisbon 12-14th September 2013

Henry the Navigator was the supreme example of an individual with his sights on exciting horizons. Not wishing to distract for one moment from our forthcoming 2011 Congress in Rome, Henry and his 'Monument to the Discoveries' will not be the only joys to discover during our 16th Congress in Lisbon.

Lisbon is no longer a city frozen in time, hanging onto old traditions and to the "saudade" of the past and glorious era of the discoveries. Instead, it is a lively, vibrant city where the narrow, winding cobble stoned streets, the historic buildings and Manueline style monuments stand alongside fashionable



boutiques, restaurants, bars and hotels – a place where old world heritage and culture meets the 21st century.

We are pleased to report that much of the infrastructure is already in place and that we are working tirelessly to bring you a very special Congress in Lisbon. We look forward to sharing the joys with you!

António Ginjeira

Calling young researchers – the ESE Wladimir Adlivankine prize

Our speciality is blessed by a strong body of young clinician scientists who seek answers to the questions we'd like to ask, and advance the evidence-base that underpins all we stand for. In an effort to encourage young endodontic researchers, the ESE offers the Wladimir Adlivankine ESE Research Prize, awarded in competition at each ESE biennial congress. If you're under 35 with research aspirations, or are mentoring bright young researchers who you could encourage to apply, then read on...

15th BIENNIAL CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF ENDODONTOLOGY Rome 2011

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTRY

The European Society of Endodontology is offering a biennial prize, to be administered and awarded by the ESE Research Committee for the encouragement of research related to Endodontology.

The regulations governing the award of the prize are:

1. The prize shall be known as the **WLADIMIR ADLIVANKINE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF ENDODONTOLOGY RESEARCH PRIZ**. The value of the award is 1,250 EURO and a certificate.
2. The prize shall be awarded for a paper delivered in English at the Biennial Congress of the European Society of Endodontology in accordance with the rules outlined below. More than one author can be associated with a paper but only the first author will be eligible for the prize.

3. Candidates will normally be no more than 35 years of age and have published no more than 5 full articles in international dental journals. Candidates must be a member of a national endodontic/dental society that is a Full or Associate member society of the ESE. No individual may win the prize more than once.

4. The Research Committee of the ESE will select from the submitted abstracts and papers, no more than five papers to be read. Oral presentations shall not exceed 15 minutes with an additional 10 minutes for discussion. Computer projection facilities will be available. Candidates selected to enter for the Research Prize will be exempt from the registration fee to the scientific section of the congress.

5. The prize shall be awarded by the Research Committee of the ESE on the recommendation of a panel of at least three assessors appointed biennially by the Research Committee. The assessors will take into account the originality of the research; its relevance to Endodontology; the methodology, results and discussion; the standard of the abstract; and the clarity of the presentation.

6. Candidates are required to submit the full paper that must be divided into a structured Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion and References not later than 1st March 2010 by e-mail to the address provided below. Submissions must be original, and neither have been published nor be under consideration by a scientific journal. An accompanying letter should confirm the first author wishes to apply for participation in the ESE Research Prize and that he/she conforms to the requirements under Point 3 above. The author should also indicate whether he/she wishes to be considered for a Research Poster should their application for the Prize be rejected.

7. The abstract must additionally be submitted via the internet by using the abstract form (www.e-s-e.eu) and be no more than 300 words. It must fulfil the requirements as set-out in the Instructions for Research Posters (available on the ESE web site www.e-s-e.eu).

8. The Research Committee of the ESE reserves the right to withhold the award of the Prize if the entries or candidates are of insufficient merit.

The full research paper that is to be entered for the ESE Research Prize along with the accompanying letter should be sent as attachments to: roland.weiger@unibas.ch

ESE Annual Research Grant

Although the 2010 deadline will have passed by the time you read this, we are eager to keep the ESE Annual Research Grant on your radar. If you haven't considered applying in the past, then please have a careful look at the regulations and think about crafting a strong submission in the months before the next call for submissions... good luck!

Regulations for applications

The European Society of Endodontology (ESE) is offering an annual research grant for a pilot research project or equipment for research in the field of Endodontology.

Rules

1. The applicant must be associated with a dental school or research institute in a country that is a full or associate member of the European Society of Endodontology.
2. The applicant must submit a protocol of the proposed research project; the method should be described in detail. The applicant should support the application with references to previous research in the field.
3. A letter of support from the Dental School/Institution should confirm that the applicant is to undertake the study at the school.
4. The applicant should submit details of the proposed costing of the project, the sources from which funds have already been obtained, and the sources to which applications for funding have been made. Details should be given of equipment or consumables for which the ESE Annual Research Grant is being sought.
5. The upper limit of the ESE Annual Research Grant is € 20,000. The ESE will not pay institutional overheads, and may split the grant between several applicants, according to merit. Payment will be made to institutions, and not to individuals.
6. On completion of the project a final report must be submitted to the Treasurer of the European Society of Endodontology. The Treasurer will only release the final increment of the grant (20% of the total award) upon receipt and evaluation of this report. The applicants will also be expected to submit a paper of the completed work to the *International Endodontic Journal* which will have first choice on accepting the paper for publication. The paper should meet the requirements as stated in the 'Instructions to authors' (www.blackwellpublishing.com/iej).
7. The applicant should submit his/her application with a curriculum vitae by e-mail. A single top copy with covering letter should be sent by post.
8. The closing date for applications is **1st September** of each year. The decision of the adjudicating panel will be final and all participants will be notified of the decision by **1st November**.

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