

## The Norwegian Endodontic Society Annual Meeting 2010

The Norwegian Endodontic Society Annual Meeting was held in Larvik, Norway from June 4th till June 6th 2010. More than 50 dentists attended the meeting, mainly specialists in endodontics, but also general practitioners. This year we also had a delegation from Germany attending the meeting and some colleagues from other Scandinavian countries. The meeting was held in beautiful surroundings, in the new Farris Bad Hotel in Larvik.



Beautiful people at the beautiful Farris Bad Hotel, Larvik



George Bogen in full-flight

**George Bogen** DDS, Lecturer, Post graduate Endodontic Departments, USC, UCLA, Loma Linda, VA Long Beach, USA was lecturing about Changing Endodontic Concepts and Outcome: the multifaceted use of mineral trioxide aggregate and conservative restoration of endodontically treated teeth.

**Erik Aasland Salvesen**, DDS, Specialist in Periodontology, Hafrsfjord, Norway was lecturing about implant supported teeth in the aesthetic zone.

**Bertrand Khayat**, DDS, Specialist in Endodontics, Paris, France gave a lecture about a new vision of endodontic surgery.

**Dag Ørstavik**, DDS, Ph.D. was lecturing about single visit endodontics: where do we stand today?

We also had presentation of clinical cases by post-graduate residents in endodontics.

The business meeting of the General Assembly of the Norwegian Endodontic Society discussed policy matters of the society and we also had election of the Executive Board for the next three years.

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## Portugal

A collection of happy images show our tireless Congress President-Elect António Ginjeira hard at work as always, welcoming Sergio Kuttler as Society keynote speaker, and undertaking a series of hands-on events for dentists.

Ever active and on the go, António and the Portuguese group



Happy course delegates with António Ginjeira

recently hosted two lectures by Jan Berghmans; on the 8th June in Lisbon, on "The cracked tooth syndrome: really a syndrome?" and on the 10th June in Coimbra on "Science fiction".



Antonio welcomes Sergio Kuttler to Portugal



Enjoying the sea breeze with Jan Bergmans

## Spanish Association of Endodontics

### The Spanish Association of Endodontics held two major events in the last year.

On October 29th - 31st 2009, Alicante (Spain) held the Spanish Annual Meeting with no less than 450 participants and a list of well-known international clinical speakers including Stephen Buchanan (USA), Gary Glassman (Canada)



Steve Buchanan thrills the audience in Alicante



The President of the annual meeting, Dr. Miguel Miñana-Gómez with the President of the Spanish Association of Endodontics, Dr. Rosa M. Suarez-Feito

and Javier Caviedes Bucheli (Colombia). This important selection of speakers was combined with 16 keynote speakers from all over Spain.

We had a very pleasant meeting with gratifyingly local gastronomy and culture.

The next annual meeting of the Spanish Association of Endodontics will be in Córdoba, in the south of Spain this coming October. Information can be found at: [www.aede2010.com](http://www.aede2010.com)

Every two years, we have a winter symposium. This year the meeting was held in the capital of Spain, Madrid, on February 19th and 20th 2010. This meeting was again very well attended, and was a great success.

## Swiss Society for Endodontology

### HiEndo – scoop in Zurich

The Swiss Society for Endodontology (SSE) held its annual conference in Bern in January 2010. More than three hundred dentists with a special interest in endodontology attended the conference, entitled HiEndo – New Technologies.



More than 60 microscopes were provided for the hands-on sessions; here Dr. Clark preparing for his course on post-endodontic restorations.

Under this banner the conference focussed on both the presentation of new technologies in endodontology and their practical use. Three practical courses were offered for participants: PathFiles (Prof. Elio Berutti), "EndoVac" (Dr. John Schoeffel), and post-endodontic restorations (Drs. David Clark and Eric Herbranson). We are proud to say, that – thanks to the Zeiss company – more than 60 table-mounted operation microscopes were supplied for the hands-on courses. This was an unprecedented collection of 'mics' at a single event in Europe and so sets a new record.

Aside from the practical sessions, world-renowned speakers made their way to snowy Bern. This was even more remarkable, since due to unforeseen events several essential



PD Dr. Serge Bouillaguet presented his research results on antibacterial properties of different chromophores.

bits of their kit got lost during the journey: shoes, Powerpoint presentations, but fortunately not their good mood...



Dr. Beatrice Siegrist-Guldener lectured on the management of endodontic emergencies in the dental office.

This year, speakers from Switzerland included firstly, Dr. Serge Bouillaguet (Geneva), who presented his research results on photoactivated disinfection of root structures, and secondly, Dr. Beatrice Siegrist-Guldener (Bern), who summarized the essentials of endodontic emergency treatment strategies for the dental office.



Those responsible for the newly accredited curriculum for specialist training in Endodontology in Zürich (from left to right) PD Dr. Matthias Zehnder (Endodontology Programme Director), Prof. Dr. Thomas Attin (Head of Department), Dr. Frank Paqué and Dr. Monika Marending.

Last but not least, we are delighted to announce that in November 2009, the specialist training programme for endodontology at the University of Zurich was the first such postgraduate course of study to be accredited by the Swiss Dental Association. Those responsible were: Prof. Dr. Thomas Attin (Head of Department), PD Dr. Matthias Zehnder (Endodontology Programme Director), Dr. Frank Paqué, and Dr. Monika Marending. At present, three post-graduate students are enrolled in the specialty training in Zurich. The universities of Basel, Bern and Geneva are trying their best to keep pace and to promote their own specialist programmes.

by Klaus W. Neuhaus

## A window on National Endodontic Committee business

### British Endodontic Society Council activity, 2009/10

British Endodontic Society Council continued to meet in London at approximately 6 weekly intervals during the 2009/10 session. Council brings together endodontic clinical specialists, clinical academics, specialist trainees and general practitioners, and provides representation to major governing and training bodies in UK dentistry. Permanent administrative support is provided by Mrs Annabel Thomas.

Our dominant business throughout the year was of course the ESE Edinburgh Congress, and this workstream remains on our agenda as we complete the necessary business and accounts. Congratulations are due once again to Bill Saunders, Annabel Thomas and the entire organising team.

#### Standing items of activity for BES Council include:

- The organisation of two major meetings each year.
- The administration of a range of Society prizes to encourage endodontic interest and clinical excellence among dental students, recently qualified dentists, general practitioners and the research community.
- The support of regional endodontic study groups.
- Liaison with the International Endodontic Journal Editor and Publisher.
- The promotion of Endodontics and the BES at a national level.
- Engagement with national regulatory bodies for dental training.
- The support of teachers of Endodontics.

#### Special items of business and notable developments for 2009/10 have included:

- Major input into revised national guidelines for 3 year specialist training programmes in the 'component specialities' of Restorative Dentistry, including endodontics.
- Major input into revised national guidelines for 5 year specialist training programmes in Restorative Dentistry. It is worth noting that the overwhelming majority of dental-school academics who wish to obtain senior clinical academic posts in Restorative disciplines are required to undertake a broad, 5 year Restorative training pathway, rather than focussing on a single discipline.
- Ongoing input into competency assessments for 3 year endodontic and 5 year restorative training pathways.
- Contributions to a national workforce planning review for

specialist medical and dental services. No review of this sort has previously been undertaken, and figures provided were not based on a formal needs-based assessment. It is not known if any European nation has undertaken a formal needs-based assessment for specialist dental services. Estimates submitted were based on helpful information from Norway and Sweden, indicating a projected need for 1 endodontist per 130,000 or so of adult population. The UK currently has approximately 200 registered endodontic specialists, with more than a third likely to retire in the next 10-15 years and few currently in training.

- Contributions to the Steele report, a formal review of general dental services in the UK. Currently, UK general dentists working within the National Health Service receive the same fee for a simple amalgam or composite restoration on a molar as they do for a root canal treatment and restoration of the tooth. There are currently no quality or longevity requirements for root canal treated teeth. New legislation following the report is likely to recognise the skills involved in endodontic provision, but to place defined guarantees on the survival of teeth following root canal treatment.
- The establishment of dental nurse representation on BES Council. Dental nurses and therapists are now registered dental care professionals in the UK, with mandatory needs for continuing professional development to maintain their registration. The BES recognises the key role of dental care professionals that support endodontic service and are committed to providing quality continuing professional development for dental care professionals at its annual meetings. In the fullness of time, it is hoped that a specialist training programme may be developed for the development of accredited Endodontic Dental Nurses, and the BES is committed to supporting and promoting this process.
- The development of a BES Facebook site. Council has become increasingly aware in recent times that younger dentists in particular may be contacted and informed about the Society more effectively through contemporary media. A Facebook pilot has therefore commenced. We'd be pleased to hear of your experiences.
- Planning for a 'Pan-Society Congress', bringing together Specialist Endodontic, Periodontic, Prosthodontic and Restorative Societies for a festival of learning and exchange with a trauma theme. Check out the BES web site or Facebook site for more details.

It's been a busy year, and I'm sure this is a pattern that is echoed throughout the European region. Think about giving us a window into the work of your own Committees and Councils. I'm sure we have much to share and to learn from each other.

**John Whitworth**

*BES Vice President*

## DGEndo Committee News

### Annual Meeting 2009

From 12th to 14th November 2009, an innovative event with more than 400 participants was conducted in Wiesbaden, Germany. The meeting brought together for the first time the three coexistent German expert associations for endodontics, AGET, DGEndo and VDZE for a First Joint Scientific Conference of the German Endodontic Expert Societies, and offered a top-class programme with international speakers.

On Thursday 12th, it was possible to attend various pre-congress workshops, while the main programme followed on Friday and Saturday, featuring numerous renowned speakers. These included internationally known experts such as Meetu R. Kohli (University of Pennsylvania), Dr. h.c. Jens Ove Andreasen (Copenhagen), Prof. Wilhelm J. Pertot (Marseille), Dr. Domenico Ricucci (Cetraro) and Prof. Dr. Paul Dummer (Cardiff). High-profile German speakers also contributed, including Dr. Frank Setzer (currently teaching at the University of Pennsylvania), Dr. Helmut Walsch (Munich), Prof. Dr. Detlef Heidemann (Frankfurt am Main) and Dr. Edgar Hirsch (Leipzig), who fascinated the audience with their exciting presentations.

After this event, it was clear that many participants wished for such a high-quality, diverse event in the field of Endodontology to be offered again in the future. Thus the responsible committees of the AGET, DGEndo and VDZE intend to join forces again in the near future, in order to support the interests of endodontics and of the unconditional conservation of teeth.

We hope this first joint annual conference will provide a new stimulus to German endodontics and set the foundation stone for fruitful collaboration in the future.

### Spring Academy 2010

In co-operation with the University of Zurich, DGEndo conducted its Spring Academy in the Clinic for Preventative Medicine, Parodontology and Cariology at the ZZMK on 18th and 19th June 2010.

This event has taken place several times in recent years, and follows a very special concept of being hosted by a University. In numerous practical workshops, a limited number of participants worked on various topics in and around the area of endodontics.

In view of the excellent equipment of the University of Zurich, this year, the main focus was on treatment organisation with the dental microscope. More than 150 Dentists and their assistants were trained in different aspects of microscopic dentistry.

The programme offered up to five practical courses in each session. One example to be named is the course on

endodontic retreatment. For the first time, its results were evaluated by means of a micro-CT. Five teeth that had been retreated on Friday, were scanned over night and the images presented the next day.

Of course, the DGEndo conferences always offer an evening programme where all participants continue their discussions in relaxed and convivial gatherings.

#### Active Member Status is a Thorough Success

At the request of many members, the DGEndo introduced an Active Member Status several years ago. Study groups are also thriving, with more than 130 members regularly sharing their experiences in nine study groups all over the country. The format of individual groups is varied, but include the presentation of cases and the discussion of current literature. Some groups have invited guest speakers to their meetings in order to get more detailed insights into specific topics, for example, fractured instrument and other fragment removal.

#### Curriculum of DGEndo

For almost five years, DGEndo has been facilitating curricular advanced training. Experienced speakers share their knowledge and experience with the participants over nine weekends. The participants have the opportunity to become comprehensively informed about the topic of modern endodontics and to organize their knowledge properly. The Curriculum of the DGEndo is an event with practical orientation, focussing on quality endodontics and particularly considering its adequate implementation in dental practice. After successful completion, the attendant is granted the Active Member Status. With that he/she is allowed to contribute fully in the DGEndo study-groups.

#### Public Relations

Informing the German public about the possibilities of modern endodontics is the goal of DGEndo's programme, initiated three years ago and now being implemented in a commendable manner by the public relations work group.

In the first year, the DGEndo was able to reach about 11,000,000 readers with information; in 2009, the information reached no less than 34,000,000 readers. Additionally patient information brochures on the topics of "Endodontic Treatment", "Retreatment" and "Endodontic Surgery" have been created and distributed. They make it easier for dentists to inform their patients comprehensively about the respective topics. These brochures also are used widely outside of DGEndo.

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## In memoriam Patricq Alliët:

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From his early student days, and throughout his life, Patricq proved to be special. During his dental training, he managed to combine playing high-level soccer at his club, La Gantoise, with all aspects of student life, both academic and leisure activities.

Simultaneously, he developed a lifelong fanaticism for the profession.

Immediately after finishing his studies, he started a practice. Aware of the shortcomings in Belgian dental education, he chose to close his practice for several weeks a year, travelling through Germany, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, in order to improve in all the fields of modern dentistry. Eventually he even visited the States, where his intention was to specialise in periodontology, a brand new discipline at the time.

Having successfully completed this training, through different contacts (meeting H. Vande Voorde) Patricq became bewitched by Endodontology, and the spell that had been cast would not be broken for the rest of his professional life. His friendship with Huub led to the publication of a Textbook on Endodontology, as well as several articles in the Belgian Journal of Dentistry.

He attended courses in Endodontology at Loma Linda University in California and finally in Boston, where he met the world famous Herbert Schilder.

I met Patricq for the first time almost 30 years ago, during my fourth year at university. Our faculty had invited Patricq as a visiting lecturer and he appeared somewhat stressed, being aware that not every member of the academic world was equally open-minded. Although he tried very hard not to be haughty, his message was revolutionary according to Belgian terms. Our profession at that time was not ready to accept the new insights of this man who was decades ahead of his peers.

A few years later I met Patricq again to attend some of his courses. I was utterly impressed by this man, who – though being twenty years older than me – showed an enthusiasm and inspiration which I as a young dentist had never been able to feel! He never tried to impose his conviction upon me, but it was clear that the profession gave him huge fulfilment - one simply had to ask for his secret. He explained that he had been treating his patients throughout the years, continuously imagining someone watching over his shoulder. Time after time, the two of them found room for improvement. Although this imaginary visitation *avant la lettre* seemed threatening to me, to Patricq, the discrepancy between his performance and the ideal was a stimulus to improve, to try things in a different way.

In the meantime Patricq was the first (and probably the only) Belgian dentist ever to become an Active Member of the AAE. He was also the first Belgian Active Member of the ESE. For years he has been the only representative of our country at international congresses on Endodontology.

He published several articles in national and international journals.

At first, no one in Belgium seemed very interested, but Patricq's infinite passion for quality was contagious to others. After a few years, he was the founding President of the first Endodontic Society in Belgium, the former 'VVT-endo', now the independent 'Flemish Society for Endodontology', FSfE vzw. It proved to be a very vivid organisation, where a group of colleagues sharing the same specialism fraternised under Patricq's supervision.

Patricq became famous, but he would never attract attention. On the contrary, his international fame never upset him. He would not keep his knowledge or experience to himself, but generously shared it with so many of us, who thought of him as of a hero without pretence.

Patricq never embarrassed anyone through his expertise. Thus he managed to keep the fire alive, especially in his study club in Bruges.

Amongst us colleagues, the feeling of dismay is enormous.

We know that the international professional recognition was only of secondary importance to Patricq; he did not need it to be happy. Only last February, we enjoyed a glass of wine with

him in a charming restaurant near his home. He had just been told his illness had progressed again, and his condition was visibly deteriorating. But even though the cancer took his breath away, it could not temper his enthusiasm: his eyes twinkled as he told us once more how he learned to bypass a ledge. A few minutes later, he spoke with the same enthusiasm about the wonderful trips he made, the wine he and his wife Ludwina loved to enjoy, the many happy moments with his family.

The image of Patricq as a broken man, on the funeral of his beloved wife, less than a year ago is printed in my memory.

Patricq and Ludwina adored life, they loved people, and no one requested their help in vain.

But most of all Patricq loved his wife Ludwina, his daughters Kathy and Valérie and his four grandchildren.

**Jan Berghmans, April 24th, 2010**