

EPA Newsletter

**36th Annual conference of the
European Prosthodontic Association,
Rotterdam, The Netherlands,
September 6 - 8, 2012**



The Netherlands lies between latitudes 50° and 54° N, and longitudes 3° and 8° E. It is a geographically low lying country with about 25% of its area located below sea level and 50% of its land lying less than one metre above sea level. Most of the country is very flat, with the exception of foothills in the far southeast and several low hill ranges in the central parts.



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Invitation by the EPA President Dr Cees de Baat

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the European Prosthodontic Association (EPA), the European College of Gerodontology (ECG), and several Dutch Scientific Societies, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the 36th Annual EPA Conference, which will be held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, from September 6-8, 2012.

The fields of Prosthodontics and Gerodontology are expanding because of the growing interest in good oral health until late in life. Prosthodontics is pertaining to the diagnosis, treatment planning, rehabilitation and maintenance of the oral function,...

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From the desk of the Honorary Secretary - Dr Jeff Wilson



Hello Everyone!

I am pleased to report that the 2011 EPA conference in Bern, Switzerland was an enormous success and I would like to personally thank all the delegates who attended. The feedback I received from all was that they had a wonderful time in Bern and that the scientific content of the conference was of an exceptionally high standard. Congratulations and a special vote of thanks must therefore go to Professor Regina Mericske-Stern for organising and hosting this conference. We must also remember to thank the organising committee who worked exceptionally hard behind the scenes to make this conference a resounding success. When I visited Regina in 2010 to inspect the conference facilities she expressed concerns that, with the current financial crisis in Europe and fluctuating currency rates, delegates might be reluctant to attend an international conference which could consequently make a financial loss. The fact that her conference was over-subscribed shows how much everyone appreciates and respects the EPA as the leading scientific conference in Europe and how eager they are to present their research findings there.

I am also pleased to report that the EPA membership continues to grow with individuals joining at conference and during the time between conferences. Last year saw a special new direction for the EPA. Since my last Newsletter the NVVRT (The Netherlands Restorative Dental Association) was welcomed into membership of the EPA. Consequently, over 300 new members joined at the Annual Business Meeting in Bern. Recently, we have had an application from the Romanian Dental and Maxillofacial Prosthetic Society to join as a body – so we will be welcoming their members at the forthcoming EPA conference in Rotterdam in September.

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..comfort, appearance and health of patients with clinical conditions associated with missing or deficient teeth and/or oral and maxillofacial tissues, using continuously improving biocompatible substitutes. During the last several decades we have been experiencing and still are experiencing an explosion of knowledge and skills for prosthetic intervening in oral diseases.



The 36th EPA Congress will be an excellent opportunity to realize the changes in Prosthodontics and Gerodontology and to envision new perspectives for basic and clinical research. The local Organizing Committee is setting up a programme with key note lectures, oral presentations, and poster presentations with a broad scope and the highest quality.

The impressive city of Rotterdam and its surroundings are ready to welcome many attendees. Museums, several places to visit, bars, and restaurants in the city will make this event a wonderful experience.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Rotterdam!

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. C de Baat

President of the European Prosthodontic Association (EPA)

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There are now 28 EPA Recognised Specialists in Prosthodontics whose names are published as such on the EPA website. The Specialisation Committee meets before the annual conference to assess applicants' eligibility for entrance to the Specialist List and to arrange an examination for those candidates who are not eligible for mediated entry. Professor Bengt Öwall has retired as Chair of the Specialisation Committee and I am pleased to announce that Professor Juergen Setz has agreed to become the new Chair. On behalf of the EPA I would like to thank Bengt for his efforts to establish this list and for being the first Chairman, and to welcome Juergen to his new role.

The above changes for the EPA have necessitated a review and alteration of the Constitution, and this will be considered at the next conference in September. There are moves within the EPA to modernise the Association and make it fit for purpose in the 21st Century. These exciting initiatives will be discussed and voted upon at the Annual Business Meeting in Rotterdam. Changes can only be made following a majority vote of the membership at an ABM – so I would urge as many EPA members as possible to attend the conference so that they can participate in the debate that will decide the future of the EPA.

I have mentioned Rotterdam several times so can now tell you all that our President, Professor Cees de Baat is looking forward to welcoming you all to his conference in September and there is more information about that elsewhere in this Newsletter. I visited Rotterdam in December 2011 to inspect the conference venues and can report that Cees has made huge efforts to ensure that the conference will be excellent scientifically and wonderful socially. I hope many of our members will be there to present their research and to enjoy the wonderful facilities Rotterdam has to offer.

Finally I am pleased to report that after 3 years of fruitlessly appealing to the membership for volunteers to replace me as Secretary that finally several volunteers came forward in Bern – so now we have to hold an election! I will be contacting members for the ballot – probably before you read this report – and hope to announce the new Secretary at the conference in September. The new Secretary will 'learn the ropes' by serving as Assistant Secretary for one year before taking over from me at the 2013 conference in Finland. I can also report that we are seeking a new Treasurer, as Trevor Coward will complete his term of duty and step down next year – so if anyone else would like to volunteer please let me know.

I look forward to meeting many of you in Rotterdam so with best wishes I can now sign off.

Dr Jeff Wilson

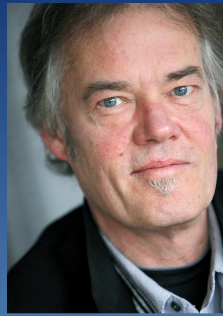
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KEY LECTURES



D. Wismeijer



Nico Creugers
Oxford Lecture



A. Pissiotis



P. Lambrechts



A. Doukoudakis



C. Senay



D. Ettlin



M. Blatz



R Mericske-Stern



D Bartlett



A. Smidt


Election of new Hon.Secretary of the EPA

As you would be aware, Dr Jeff Wilson is soon stepping down as the Hon.Secretary of the EPA after years of sterling service to the EPA. To elect his successor, we are proposing to carry out an online election. Only members in good standing who have registered for members only access on the website and have been given access, will be able to vote at this elections.


Dr Wilson has sent out a email to all members encouraging them to register for access to the Members only area on the website. This privilege is available to all paid up members of the EPA; however, members needs to register on the website to gain access.


Please can I encourage one and all members to register for the Members only area access soon so that we can conduct the online elections. Steps to register for access is available on page 8 of this newsletter. If any further query, you can use the "Contact us" page to enquire.


Suresh Nayar
Hon. Web Editor



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 6 - 8 September 2012
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The EPA welcomes to its membership anyone with an interest in Prosthodontics. At present we have members from 50 countries all over the world, with a membership of over 700 members.

Conferences

Each year, in Autumn, the Association holds an annual conference where members and others with an interest in Prosthodontics can meet, and make scientific and clinical presentations with the aim of fostering interest in the study and development of Prosthodontics as a speciality in Europe in its own right.

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Prosthodontic Specialisation in Europe

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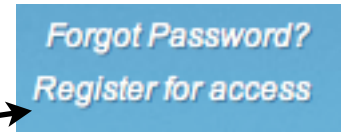
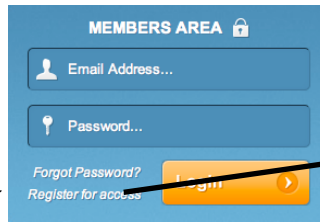

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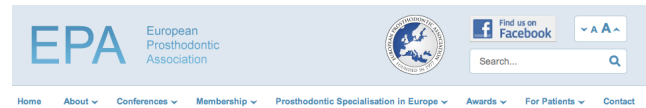
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Register

Use this form to register for the members area of the website.
All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

Your Details

* Your full name:
Mr.

* Your Email Address:

* Qualifications:

Clinical/research interests:

* Password:



On the home page - look for the Members area. On the bottom left hand corner of the Members area - look for "Register for access" and click this. This takes you to the registration page. Fill in your details and click "Submit registration" button on the bottom left hand side. This form is sent to the Web Editor.

The Members area access application is scrutinised and verified against a database of EPA membership. Paid up members are then granted access to the Members area.

Editor's note

Dear all,

This is the third edition of the European Prosthodontic Association newsletter. The previous editions were a huge success and it was well received with highly favourable and encouraging feedback.

One of my main role when I took charge as the Web Editor has been the development of a new website. It has always been my conviction that any professional organisation in this day and age requires a website to match its reputation on the world stage. And I have no hesitation in stating the premier ranking of our organisation on the world stage. I have toiled for the last 12 months and have developed and designed the new website which I dedicate to all members of the EPA. I hope that this marks a turning point in our Association and will usher in a new era. I would like to request all members to register for access to the Members only area. Facebook users can also link to the EPA facebook page and keep up with the latest news.

In this edition, the focus is on the 36th Annual EPA Conference, which will be held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, from September 6-8, 2012. Under the able stewardship of Prof Cees de Baat, the organisers have put together an exciting and stimulating scientific programme. More information on the conference can be obtained at www.epa2012.nl

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