I have been looking forward to taking over as President of the European Federation of Periodontology and thank you all for the confidence you have placed in me. I believe that my last few years on the Executive Committee have prepared me well for this role. I have found the experience, enthusiasm and friendship of the other members of the Executive extremely valuable and it has been a pleasure to meet the representatives of the National Societies at the General Assemblies over the last few years. The last GA in Munich was superbly organised by our Immediate Past President Joerg Meyler. This was highly successful and the competition between Societies to hold Europerio 7 very hotly contested. We should be very thankful to all those who put in a tremendous amount of work in these elegant and detailed bids, any of which would have provided a first class venue for Europerio 7. Congratulations go to Vienna and hopefully we will see the Societies who were not selected resubmit bids in the future. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Birgitta von Troll, who was the successful candidate for the new elected member.

The next year should be an exciting time with a number of new initiatives and potential changes in emphasis. I believe that the Strategy document that has been prepared and commented on by member Societies will be an excellent way of focusing our activities. Under my Presidency I will be very keen for the Executive to re-evaluate some of the existing committees and in particular see how they fit with our strategic plan and priorities. I am sure we will finally be able to activate our EFP Partnerships during my Presidential year and this we hope will provide financial stability necessary to underpin many of the strategies we hope to implement over the next 3-5 years.

We are very aware of the need to improve communication with the member Societies and to develop themes that will enhance the reputation and status of Periodontology in Europe.

The EFP website is an essential part of our communications and we are very pleased to see a new look website developed by our webmaster Edwin Winkel, who has given tremendous service over many years to our organisation.

Joanna Kamma has continued to promote the EFP through the newsletter which we hope will be changing to an electronic format this year. Maurizio Tonetti has exciting plans for the Journal of Clinical Periodontology, which I am sure, will make a real difference to both researchers and clinicians. The Postgraduate Committee under the Chairmanship of Ubele Van der Velden has done a tremendous job in promoting and recognising Specialist training in Periodontology and developing young clinicians and researchers who will play a crucial role in the future of our Specialty. The Conference Committee under the wise guidance of Jean Louis Giovannelli has been instrumental in promoting one of the largest, most scientific and clinically relevant conferences in dentistry in Europe. Europerio 6 in Stockholm has a very exciting programme devised by Pier Paolo Cortellini, with an extremely good representation of speakers from throughout the member Societies and will prove to be a great success on all counts. The amount of work by the members of the Europerio Committee, in particular Stefan Renvert and the local organizing committee is always enormous and we owe them a great deal. We also owe a great debt to Klaus Lang who concluded his final fitting workshop in February of this year. This was as usual superbly organised and will result in publications of great scientific merit and clinical relevance. We are fortunate to have Mariano Sanz take over this important role and we are confident that he will maintain the high standards set by Klaus, maybe with a more Spanish than Swiss approach.

I apologise that I have not included all of the members of the Executive who all do tremendous work for the EFP, but I must acknowledge the enormous amount of work done by our Secretary General Pierre Baehni, the relatively new Treasurer Iain Chapple and last but not least our European Coordinator Monica Guinea.

Richard Palmer
President of the EFP

London, March 2008
The General Assembly was held in Munich on Saturday 23 February, 2008. Members of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly met at the Festival Hall of the Munich House of Artists (Künstlerhaus). This unique early 19th century building portraying the style and society models of its origin in time, is conceived as a place of convergence between culture and society and has become a part of the history of Munich.

The culture and tradition of this fabulous ambience offered the appropriate atmosphere for this significant gathering, which was greatly enhanced by the excellent organization of the German Society of Periodontology.

The EFP Governing Body, the Chairmen of the Committees, the EFP representatives and the Board representatives from the National Societies (51 people in total) attended this important meeting.

Numerous issues were addressed, discussed and approved. Among items on the Agenda were: Reports from the President, Secretary General, the Treasurer; and the Chairmen of the standing committees.

The President, Joerg Meyle, pointed out the need to strengthen the link with the national societies and to implement some of the objectives identified by the Strategic Planning process.

The Secretary General, Pierre Baehni, advised of actions taken to improve communication with the national societies by sending them a memo in September ’07 and another in January ’08 keeping them informed about main EFP issues and current activities.

Liam Chapple, EFP Treasurer reported about the new payment system established on October and advised about the new accountants and auditors hired in Brussels.

After a meeting with Mike Bak (of Willey Blackwell) it had been agreed that the 2008 JCP subscription price (print/ on-line) would remain the same as for 2007.

Ubele van der Velden, Chairman of the Postgraduate Education Committee, informed the GA about the new Undergraduate Education Committee chaired by Joerg Meyle. This committee is working towards the establishment of minimal requirements in periodontology for undergraduate dental students.

In 2008 the document “Quality Standards for Graduate Programmes in Periodontology” will have to be adjusted in order to be in compliance with the specialist program of Periodontology. This will be done in conjunction with the Undergraduate committee.

The Austrian Society of Periodontology was voted as the best candidate for the organization of EuroPerio 7, which will take place from June 1-3, 2012 in Vienna.

On the departure of previous Chairman, Klaus Lang, the EC recommended Maurizio Tonetti as new Chairman of the European Academy of Periodontology Committee. The GA welcomed the proposal.

Mariano Sanz will form a new EAP committee and will write the guidelines for the organization of future workshops.

Maurizio Tonetti presented proposals to increase the membership value of the Journal of Clinical Periodontology and asked the national societies if they could develop an actionable plan to support the Journal. He requested that he receives feedback on this issue from the national societies before the next General Assembly.

At the end of the General Assembly, the President Joerg Meyle, expressed his gratitude, and that of the EFP, to the German Society of Periodontology, for the excellent organization which greatly contributed to a very successful and enjoyable General Assembly. He also thanked Biomet 3i and Dexcel Pharma for co-sponsoring the EFP meeting.

Dear EFP Members,

Welcome to the new EFP News – a significant advancement in technology and communication, allowing us to disseminate news, your views and other important information at the touch of a button.

We sincerely hope you will enjoy “leafing” through the electronic pages of this new edition, which naturally has also enabled us to decrease the production and distribution costs, allowing the EFP fund to concentrate more finances on the strategic plans so vital for the future of our Federation.

The EFP wants to maintain a close liaison with all its members, and we are relying even more on your feedback, so that we can have a contemporary, lively and very interesting newsletter that will be accessible to all members in a timely fashion. We would like to send email bulletins to our members, advising them of the latest site updates, so you can access the website to see the next edition. In order to do this, we shall need you to sign up by clicking the link on the website: email bulletin.

Another important aspect of this EFP News is that you will be able to view previous issues of the newsletter which can be accessed within the on-line archive. There will also be a “search” option for easy access to the subjects of most interest to you.

We look forward to hearing from you, and to sending you our news directly to your desktop!

Sincerely – Joanna Kamma

Joanna Kamma >>>Editor of the EFP News
Fellow Member Note Post

Periodontal Infections

A previous note to EFP News drew attention to the increasing need to direct at least as much attention to periodontal medicine as to periodontal surgery, the latter, after all, being but a treatment option, and an unusual one at that, for an infection, as John Hunter noted a while ago. As a corollary, many if not most periodontal specialists would be as offended if our specialty were considered to consist largely of implants as many if not most dentists would be were their practice to be considered as comprising mainly tooth whitening.

As a step towards combating this dichotomy/misunderstanding, perhaps it is opportune to reconsider that aspect of periodontal pathology classification that concerns infection, as it yields most of our practice activity. Even taking that into account, it is surely of concern that ours differs from most if not all other specialties that comprise the faculty of medicine in that here, too, we use a succession of arcane systems with little reference to classical, accepted methods of classification. And while we await with professional concern and attention the outcome of efforts to explain the basis of each and every one of the periodontal infections, perhaps the following may serve as a working template.

After all, treatment outcome in the past has often been determined by careful case selection, a poor basis for any doctor, who cannot choose the cases for whom their particular expertise might be expected to provide overwhelming success. An accurate clinical diagnosis might reasonably be expected to help with treatment outcome. At the same time, it should be remembered that even this list, to which others may add, does not refer to the vast range of other diseases, local and systemic, that may affect the periodontal tissues;

Infectious Inflammatory Periodontal Diseases

Gingivitis

Acute
Specific
Gardinia, C Helicobacter, Cytomegalovirus
Gonorrhoea, Herpes simplex, Herpes zoster
Myasis, Necrotizing ulcerative, Streptococcal
Varicella

Non-specific
Abscess, Acute necrosis, HIV
Pericoronitis

Chronic
Specific
Actinomycosis, Aspergillosis
Blastomycosis, Coccioidiomycosis
Cytococcosis, Epstein Barr virus
Histoplasmosis, Leprosy,
Paracoccidioidomycosis
Sporotrich, Tuberculosis

Non-specific
Hypertrophic, including drug-related
Minimal inflammation, Oedematous

Periodontitis Lateral

Acute
Specific
None

Non-specific
HIV/Lateral(combined lateral and apical abscess

Chronic
Specific
Actinomycosis, Glanders Histoplasmosis,
Leishmaniasis, Leprosy, Tuberculosis

Non-specific
Rapidly progressive/aggressive - Child onset
Acatalasia, Aplastic anemia, Cytotoxic drugs, Diabetes
mellitus, HIV infection, Papillo-Lefevre Syndrome,
Ticorom

Rapidly progressive/aggressive - Adult onset
Diabetes mellitus - HIV infection, Idiopathic/stress-related
Leukemias, Neurological disorders, Plaque enhancing factors
(e.g. anatomical, iatrogenic, poor oral hygiene)

Periodontitis Apical

Non-specific
Acute and chronic abscess, Acute and chronic periodontitis,
Apical granuloma
Combined apical and lateral abscess

Students graduated from EFP accredited graduate programs in 2008

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**Spring & Autumn Meetings of the British Society of Periodontology**

The Spring Meeting of the BSP was held on 13-15 April 2008. The theme was “Confusion, Confounders and Compliance” and it was attended by 260 delegates. The line-up of speakers included a science journalist (Robert Matthews), a microbiologist (Philip Marsh), a smoking cessation researcher (Andy McEwen), two psychologists (Andrew Stemplo and Lynn Myers), a litigation expert (Rupert Hoppenbrouwers) and several dental clinicians and researchers (Philippe Hujer, Gernot Wimmer, Bernie Kieser and Veronique Benhamou), the combination of which ensured a highly stimulating two days of debate and discussion. The setting of the West Road Concert Hall in the heart of Cambridge, a venue favoured by radio broadcasters for its superb acoustics, was just the right size and provided an intimate setting for the scientific sessions.

The Autumn Meeting 2008 was held in London on 25 and 26 September with the theme “From Research Concept to Clinical Application”, preceded by a meeting to discuss “Specialisation in Periodontology. The present problem, suggested solutions and how we should look at the future...”

Both meetings were very well attended and lively discussions took place on both days. During the AGM on Friday 26 September 2008 Professor Gareth Griffiths was installed as President of the Society, and gave his presidential address entitled “Choosing a Career”, during which he shared with his audience the various choices he made from his earliest school years, which seemed to have been spent mostly on the cricket pitch, up to his present day position as Professor of Restorative Dentistry, with a special interest in Periodontology.

**Prizes for Graduate Research in EFP approved Graduate Programs**

The EFP Research Committee is pleased to announce Graduate Research Prize competition. This prize is aimed with the objective of promoting graduate research in EFP approved programs. The prize is awarded once a year. It is open to all graduate students of the EFP approved graduate programs. The research work must be published between January and December of 2008 in the Journal of Clinical Periodontology or in another internationally recognized peer reviewed journal. Original research articles should be sent to EFP European Coordinator Monica Guinea (monica@efp.net)

**Deadline for manuscript submission is 5th of January, 2009.**

The winner will receive a monetary prize award of 1,000€ for the 1st prize and 500€ for the 2nd prize together with a certificate of award.

**Croatian Society • Full EFP Member**

The Croatian Society of Periodontology was accepted as a full member of the EFP as it had successfully fulfilled all the relevant criteria.

**Autumn meeting of the Dutch Society of Periodontology and Peri-Implantology**

The autumn meeting was held on 14 November 2008 in Utrecht with over more than 600 participants. All the new aspects and findings on evidenced based periodontology and peri-implantology of the Dutch Periodontal Screening Index (DPSI) were thorougly discussed.

Maren de Wit / EFP Board Representative Dutch Society of Periodontology

Mrs Maren de Wit left the board of the Dutch Society of Periodontology after a period of 8 years.
The success of this second congress, which gathered more than 3,700 delegates including sponsors, further underscored the positive potential of the EuroPerio Congress. Prof. van der Velden reported that applications for approval of their Post-Graduate programmes had been received from the Universities of Gothenburg, Bern, Amsterdam and Nijmegen. Each university was sent a quality questionnaire and visits of 11-12 days were organised for the evaluation process. The qualifying status would be decided by the General Assembly. The Austrian, Czech, Hungarian, Israeli, Polish and Slovenian Societies of Periodontology were accepted as Associate Members of the EFP. Gil Alcoforado reported on the meeting with AAP board during the 83rd AAP annual meeting in San Diego 5-8 October, 1997 and the correspondence that followed the meeting. Although no clear action plan had been made, it was agreed to pursue this relationship with the AAP.

to be continued... Joanna Kamma
Dear friends and colleagues,

I am very pleased to inform you about the latest news of EuroPerio6. The scientific program is now ready and available online. Register now to EuroPerio6 for best prices and largest selections of hotels. If you register before February you will save money.

The abstract submission is also opened online. You are invited and encouraged to send your scientific communication before 15 December. During the last months we have worked actively with EuroPerio6 sponsors to set up the Industry Forum.

We are very pleased with the collaboration with our industry partners that have put together a great program within the framework of the Industry Forum.

I would like to stress the support from the dental industry.


Finally I would like to thank the sister organisations for their support. We have been invited in September to three big meetings: AAP (Seattle), EAO (Warsaw) and FDI (Stockholm). In November we will be at FIPP (Buenos Aires) and at the end of January we will be at Quintessenz meeting in Berlin. If you plan to attend any of these meetings, do not forget to visit the EuroPerio6 exhibition.

Prof. Dr. Stefan Renvert
EuroPerio 6 Chairman
EuroPerio 7
Site visit to Vienna by the Congress Committee

At the last General Assembly of the EFP, Vienna was selected as the site to host EuroPerio 7 in 2012. In agreement with EFP guidelines, the selected place was submitted to a site visit in early May. The delegation was composed of Jean-Louis Giovannoli and Pierre Baehni, members of the Congress Committee, and Monica Guinea, EFP European Coordinator. Gernot Wimmer, delegate of the Austrian Society of Periodontology and future Chairman of EuroPerio 7, hosted the visit.
The visit focused on the Austria Convention Center (ACV), where EuroPerio will take place. The Convention Center, located near United Nation headquarters, is easily accessible from city center by metro. Vienna, with its charming flavor, offers all the necessary facilities to host a successful meeting.

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"To be updated with the contributions of experts during the AAP meetings...to receive the *Journal of Periodontology*...to have the opportunity to know other members and to exchange knowledge is why I belong to the AAP." Lavin Flores-de-Jacob, Marburg, Germany, member since 1985.

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Perio Societies Meetings and Conferences Calendar

- **6-7 November, 2008**
  - Meeting of the Swedish Society of Periodontology
  - Venue: Gavle, Sweden
  - Information: www.parodontologforeningen.org.se

- **12-16 November, 2008**
  - 43rd Annual meeting of the Spanish Society of Periodontology and 50th Annual Anniversary of SEPA
  - Venue: Las Palmas Gran Canaria
  - Information: www.sepa.es

- **13-14 November, 2008**
  - Autumn Meeting of the Dutch Society of Periodontology
  - Venue: Jaarbeurs, Utrecht, the Netherlands
  - Title: DPSI (Dutch Periodontal Screening Index) -reconsidered-
  - Information: www.NVAP.org

- **5-6 December, 2008**
  - Meeting of the German Society of Periodontology, the Austrian Society of Periodontology and the Austrian Association of Periodontal Research
  - Venue: AKH Hoensaalzentrum, Vienna
  - Information: www.dgaapo.de

- **30-31 January, 2009**
  - Meeting of the French Society of Periodontology and Implantology
  - Venue: Nice
  - Information: www.sfparo.org

- **14 February, 2009**
  - Meeting of the German Society of Periodontology
  - Venue: Frankfurt
  - Title: Implantate oder Zähne im parodontal kompromitzierten Patienten
  - Information: www.dgparo.de

- **5-7 March, 2009**
  - XIV International Congress of the Italian Society of Periodontology
  - Venue: Bologna, Italy
  - Information: www.eipd.it

- **13-14 March, 2009**
  - Spring Meeting of the British Society of Periodontology
  - Venue: Hallam University, Sheffield, UK
  - Title: "Aggressive Periodontitis" plus hands-on courses for specialists and generalists
  - Information: www.bspero.org.uk

- **24 April, 2009**
  - Annual meeting of the Finnish Society of Periodontology
  - Venue: Helsinki, Finland
  - Speaker: Prof. Tord Bengtsson
  - Information: www.APOTERIA.HT

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- **3-5 December, 2008**
  - 9th Annual Meeting of the Global Forum on Biometrics in Research
  - Venue: Auckland, New Zealand

- **22-24 January, 2009**
  - 60th Anniversary of Quintessence
  - Venue: Berlin, Germany
  - Information: www.quintessenz.de

- **1-4 April, 2009**
  - 87th General Session of the IADR
  - Venue: Miami, Florida, USA
  - Information: www.iadr.org

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