

EPA Newsletter

34th Annual conference of the European Prosthodontic Association & 1st conference of the Association of Prosthetic Dentistry of Kosovo



The Republic of Kosovo is in the center of southeastern Europe, between the Northern hemisphere parallels 42° and 44°, and located in the central Balkan.

Pristina is capital of Kosovo is up about 600m above sea level, with a mild continental climate, where days are hot and nights are fresh.



By plane

Pristina's modern international airport (PRN, www.airportpristina.com) is 15 km from the city centre. There are direct flights from the most European cities: Berlin, Budapest, Cologne, Copenhagen, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hamburg, Hannover, Istanbul, Ljubljana, London, Munich, Stuttgart, Tirana, Verona, Vienna, Zagreb, Zurich.

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Limelight on Kosovo



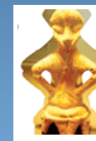
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Invitation by the EPA President Dr Agim Islami

Dear colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the 34th Annual Conference of the European Prosthodontic Association (EPA) in Prishtina-Kosovo, from **23-25 September 2010**.

Organizing EPA Conference here is of great importance for the dental practitioners of Kosovo and for the countries in the region, which will enjoy the privilege of learning the newest achievements in Prosthetic Dentistry today, presented by distinguished invited speakers and lecturers from different parts of the World.

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From the desk of the Honorary Secretary - Dr Jeff Wilson

Greetings to all EPA members!

I am delighted to announce that the EPA has a new Web-Master, Dr Suresh Nayar, who is based in the UK. This is the first EPA newsletter to be published since 2002 and I hope to see many more in the coming years. Suresh attended EPA Council last year where he outlined his plans to keep the membership informed and intends to introduce some exciting new initiatives, mainly through the EPA website.

It has been a busy time for the EPA over the past few years. Last year the Annual Conference was held in Innsbruck under the Presidency of Professor Ingrid Grünert. The conference was held in a brand new conference centre and was well attended. Professor Grünert provided a top class scientific programme together with an excellent social programme, and the EPA is grateful to her for the efforts made together with a very generous donation to EPA funds from the proceeds of her conference.

This year the conference will be held in Pristina, Kosovo, with Professor Agim Islami as President. This should be a very interesting conference as it is being held in conjunction with the first conference of the newly established Kosovo Prosthodontic Association. We are hoping that many EPA members will attend to support our Kosovan colleagues. Pristina is fast emerging as a modern city after the recent troubles, and I would encourage those of you who have not yet registered for this conference to do so. Professor Islami and his conference organising team are making huge efforts to ensure that the conference will be one to remember.

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The Conference theme will be “Contemporary Prosthodontics, how far can we go?”, which is the starting point of all our thoughts when planning one prosthetic work.

For the colleagues from all over the world it is a unique opportunity to visit Kosovo, a peaceful country, rich with historic heritage and beautiful landscapes.

Univ. Prof. Dr. Agim Islami

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Elected President of EPA 2010



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KEY LECTURES



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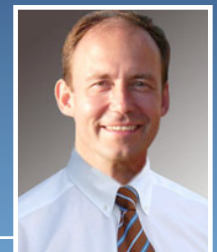
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EPA Recognition of Specialisation in Prosthodontics

Now live – Visit website for more details



The EPA Speciality

Considering the urgent need for raising the status of the speciality of Prosthodontics, the EPA has decided to introduce an Association Recognition of Prosthodontic Specialists based on the following principles:

- 1. Automatic recognition of any prosthodontic specialist legally authorised by a government or professional body in a European country (in the same way as EC (EU) now recognises a medical or dental specialist in the listed specialities - for dentistry only Orthodontics and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery).
- 2. "Direct recognition" of prosthodontic specialists that have passed well-documented training programs (minimum 3 years or equivalent) that have been judged by the EPA to have a standard that is of the same level as those in countries with legal recognition.
- 3. Individual recognition after evaluation by the EPA Specialisation Committee.

A certificate will be given for Recognition as an EPA Specialist in Prosthodontics.

To obtain recognition, membership of the EPA is mandatory and administrative costs must be paid.

A list of "active specialists" will be published on the EPA website, of those who are members of EPA.

Recognition is for life, unless the dentist is erased from the register or loses specialist recognition in any European country.

EPA Recognised Specialists will be expected to follow the legal and dental association regulations in the respective countries in which they practice. Specialist status will be named "EPA Recognised Specialist in Prosthodontics". Equivalent terms to Prosthodontics are allowed according the standard in the individual countries (e.g. Prosthetic Dentistry, Oral Rehabilitation). A Recognised Specialist may advertise their status in English or a relevant European language.

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Future conferences will be held in Berne (2011), The Netherlands (2012), and Finland (2013), and there have been invitations to host further conferences in Turkey, Greece Latvia and the Czech Republic.

The launch of the EPA Recognition of Specialisation in Prosthodontics initiative finally took place this year. Professor Bengt Öwall, Chair of the Specialisation Committee, and his team have worked hard over several years to create this initiative and we are hoping that many EPA members will apply. Full details of the initiative can be found on the Specialisation page of the EPA website. Anyone wanting to apply should first visit the website for full details and the application form. Any queries about this initiative or an application should be directed to Dr Richard Welfare, Secretary to the Specialisation Committee.

Last year Honorary Life Membership of the EPA was awarded to Professor Warner Kalk, the highest honour that the EPA can confer. Professor Kalk, a former President, has worked tirelessly for the EPA over many years and is responsible for bringing the entire membership (over 300) of the Dutch Restorative Dentistry Association (NVVRT) into membership of the EPA. We welcome our Dutch colleagues and hope that many of them will attend our conferences, especially in The Netherlands in 2012.

As Honorary Secretary to the EPA it is my privilege to attend every annual conference. Since taking up this post I have met a lot of EPA members from all over the world, made many wonderful friends and have enjoyed the conferences both for their high standard of scientific content and wonderful social events. EPA conferences are unique in that they welcome anyone and everyone with an interest in Prosthodontics to membership. Every conference is very different, but a common factor is the warmth and friendliness of the membership. I look forward to meeting you all at one of our future conferences.

With very best wishes, Jeff Wilson, Honorary Secretary, EPA.

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROSTHODONTIC CONFERENCES/MEET

- British Society for the Study of Prosthetic Dentistry - April 18, 19, 2011 - B'ham, UK
- Turkish Prosthodontic and Implantology Association - Oct 4 - 5, 2010, Istanbul, Turkey
- International Society for Maxillofacial Rehabilitation - April 15-16, 2011 - Santiago, Chile
- International College of Prosthodontics - Sept 8 - 12, 2011 - Big Island of Hawaii
- Polish Prosthodontic Association Conference - October 14 - 15, 2010 - Mazowiecka (Warsaw)

EPA Prizes and Awards

The President, Professor Ingrid Grünert had secured very generous sponsorship for the EPA prizes this year, 600 Euros for each of the prizes (EPA Oral Presentation Prize and EPA Poster Prize).

There were 28 entries for the EPA Oral Prize, sponsored by Dentsply, of which 12 met all the criteria by the start of the conference. There had also been 118 poster presentations, all will be considered for the EPA Poster Prize, sponsored by Quintessence. The prize winners for 2009 were:

EPA Oral Prize, sponsored by Dentsply, was awarded to: **Joannis KATSOULIS**, Christian SPYKER, Marko STIPIC and Regina MERICSKE-STERN, of the University of Bern, Switzerland, for their presentation entitled: Comparison of implant stability by means of resonance frequency analysis for flapless and conventionally inserted implants.

EPA Poster Prize, sponsored by Quintessence, was awarded to: **Pinar TURKOGLU**, D SEN and M AYDIN, of Istanbul University, for their presentation entitled: *In vitro* marginal fit of different all-ceramic systems.

There had been no applications for the **Rowland Fereday Award** this year.

The **Sidney Barratt Travel Grant** (500 Euros) had been awarded to **Dr Judit Dobsa** (Hungary) who made a poster presentation entitled: 'The effect of mechanical stress on periodontal fibroblast cells' at this year's conference. The President, Professor Ingrid Grünert and the membership at the ABM congratulated Dr Dobsa.

Judges for the EPA prizes at this conference were:

EPA Oral Prize: Professor Warner Kalk; Professor Agim Islami; Professor Betul Tuncelli

EPA Poster Prize: Professor Erdal Poyrazoglu; Professor Gyula Szabo; Emeritus Professor Jaime Pietrokovski.

Honorary Life Membership

Having been elected to Honorary Life Membership of the EPA at last year's conference, **Professor Warner Kalk** was presented with his certificate by the President. The members present warmly congratulated Professor Kalk.

Future EPA conferences

1. 35th EPA Conference – 2011 - Bern, Switzerland.
2. 36th EPA Conference – 2012 – Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
3. 37th EPA Conference – 2013 – Turku, Finland.

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