

EPA Newsletter

40th Annual conference of the
European Prosthodontic Association
September 15 - 17, 2016
Halle, Germany



Halle is a city in the southern part of the German state Saxony-Anhalt. It is an economic and educational centre in central-eastern Germany. Together with Leipzig, Halle is at the heart of the Central German Metropolitan Region. The city of Halle owes its development to the existing salt springs – the name Halle means “place of salt production”.

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The nearest airport is Leipzig / Halle International Airport. At the airport please take the train (regional train or Intercity) to Halle (Saale).

City central station offers international train connections. At City central station please take tram line “7 - Kröllwitz” (at Gleis A) and please exit at “Neues Theater”. Your journey from the central station to the venue will take approximately 10 minutes.



Invitation by the EPA President Prof. Dr. Jürgen M. Setz

Dear colleagues!

From September 15th to 17th we'll have our annual meeting in Halle. The last EPA meeting in Germany was exactly 20 years ago in September 1996 in Tübingen and like the EPA meeting in Tübingen the meeting in Halle will be a joint meeting with the German Society of Prosthodontics and Biomaterials. During the 20 years since Tübingen meeting many new methods and materials have developed in Prosthodontics. CAD/CAM, now a standard technology in fabrication of dentures, was just on the horizon, but



more a matter of interesting talks than presenting data. In 1996 fantasy was necessary to foresee the development of the coming 20 years. But not only technology offered new challenges. One of the great challenges is the increase of the older parts of the population and their specific needs.

With reference to these developments of the last 20 years the executive committee of the 2016 meeting decided to focus on three main topics: dental technology for the elderly, options for a cost effective and reliable treatment and teaching prosthodontics focusing on new technologies of prosthodontics and teaching. Aside from these main topics, free topics will certainly be given as lectures or posters too.

I am happy that experts from Europe and the world followed our invitation. In particular, I am proud that Prof. Yuji Sato from Showa University Tokyo will join us. He is not just one of the leading Japanese experts in treating old patients but one of the leading members of the Japan Prosthodontic Society (JPS). JPS and EPA signed a letter of cooperation last year in Prague. Therefore the presence of Prof. Sato is the expression of this new cooperation and will fill it with life.

The meeting will take place in the lecture rooms of the Martin-Luther-University just a few steps from Halle's central market place. The University of Halle has one of the oldest Dental Schools in Germany. Teaching dentistry began in 1868 and the first dental school was opened in 1883.

Halle is a medieval city. It became member of the European trade organization "Hanse" already in 1280. The musician and composer Georg Friedrich Händel (born 1685) is probably the most famous son of the city. The city shares its international airport with Leipzig, which is about 50 km from Halle. Dessau with its School of Design and Architecture ("The Bauhaus") is not far away either. Aside the professional aspects of the meeting we will try to show our guests Halle and the surrounding part of Germany.

For me it is a great pleasure and honour to invite you to Halle and I look forward to welcoming you in Halle.

Prof. Dr. Jürgen M. Setz

EPA President 2015 -16

Congress President

Chairperson of Organising Committee





Welcome reception

Thursday 15 September @ 1900hrs

Meet your colleagues and other participants with drinks and snacks in the Löwengebäude, right next to the congress venue.

Fee - included for conference participants, 35 EUR for accompanying person



Conference Party

Friday 16 September @ 1930hrs

Enjoy a great evening with your colleagues with an extensive buffet and shake a leg to stirring party music played by the DJ

Fee - 65 EUR

Invited Speakers

Oxford-Lecture: Frauke Müller (Geneva/CH)

Reiner Biffar (Greifswald/DE)
Pophi Kamposiora (Athens/GR)
Guillermo Pradies (Madrid/ES)
Jeremy Rees (Cardiff/UK)
Yuji Sato (Tokio/JP)
Bernd Wöstmann (Giessen/DE)

Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg Auditorium The Conference Venue

The Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (German: Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg), also referred to as MLU, is a public, research-oriented university in the cities of Halle and Wittenberg within Saxony-Anhalt, Germany.

The University was created in 1817 through the merger of the University of Wittenberg (founded 1502) and the University of Halle (founded 1691). The University is named after the Protestant reformer Martin Luther, who was a professor in Wittenberg. It is the

largest university in the state of Saxony-Anhalt, and is located in one of Germany's greenest cities. The University has an academic orchestra, founded in 1779, and a rather prestigious choir, founded in 1950, which together constitute the so-called Collegium musicum.



From the desk of the Hon. Secretary – Prof. Dr. Mutlu Özcan

Dear EPA members,

I am pleased to report that the 2015 EPA Conference on the theme “Implants Hand in Hand with Conventional Prosthodontics” in Prague, Czech Republic was a great success with the participation of 354 registered delegates from all over the world of which 92 were EPA members. The conference was realized under the auspices of Charles University in cooperation with Czech Society of Prosthetic Dentistry and Czech Dental Chamber. After an outstanding Oxford lecture given by Prof. Thomas Salinas from the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, we had the chance to listen to 26 invited speakers, 60 oral presentations and discuss 176 posters. We would like to thank the President of the conference, Prof. Hana Hubalkova and her team for the excellent organization of both the scientific and social programme. Furthermore, during the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in Prague we could welcome 30 new EPA members and 15 EPA recognized specialists in Prosthodontics. We would like to acknowledge the EPA Specialization Committee Chair, Dr. Khee Hian Phoa, and committee members for their efforts during the evaluation of the candidates. As for grants, this year Dr. Irakli Dzigua from Georgia and Dr. Smriti Basnyat from Nepal were found eligible for the Sidney Barrett Travel Grant.

The 39th Annual Conference in Prague has also undersigned an important occasion, namely recognition of corporate membership of the Japanese Prosthodontics Society (JPS). With the initiatives of Prof. Chikahiro Ohkubo, past-president of International Liaison Committee of JPS, and Prof. Kiyoshi Koyano, current president, a mutual agreement has been signed with the objectives of holding joint meetings, organizing workshops, promoting cooperative research projects and exchanging researchers from both associations. The annual registration fee for the JPS participants would be kept the same with the regular EPA members. Last year in Istanbul, 66 and this year in Prague, 26 delegates of JPS participated the EPA conference.

At the ABM, our treasurer, Dr. Ransom Altman reported that the finances have been audited successfully. We would like to thank Dr. Trevor Coward for being one of the auditors in 2016, although he has retired from the EPA. Currently, one vacancy is open for the audit position, which will be discussed at the next ABM. With great efforts of the editor-in-chief of European Journal of Prosthetic and Restorative Dentistry (EJPRD), Dr. Will Palin, online submission to this journal became feasible this year and the editorial board has been completely revised. EPA members are encouraged to send their high quality scientific work to the EJPRD as we do our best to get an impact factor for the journal soon.

During the EPA Conference in Prague, we could not announce the venues and the dates of the following EPA Conferences. However, after subsequent meetings and communications, we could

now declare that the 2017 EPA Conference will take place between September, 28-30th in Bucharest, Romania. Detailed information will be soon available at our website: <http://www.epadental.org>.

On April 23rd 2015, I did my site visit to Halle in order to examine the congress venue and discuss the scientific and social program of the EPA 2016 Conference. Prof. Jürgen Setz, the president of EPA Conference in 2016 and his team prepared this conference with a focus on three interesting themes: dental technology for the elderly; cost effective and reliable treatment options; teaching prosthodontics using new technologies. The 40th EPA Conference in Halle will be a joint event together with the 65th Annual Conference of German Society for the Prosthetic Dentistry and Biomaterials (DGPro) and will take place at the Martin Luther University. The University of Halle is one of the oldest dental schools in Germany that started teaching in 1868. Moreover, Halle is a medieval city where the musician and composer, Georg Friedrich Händel, was born in 1685. Thus, we are confident that there will be also a lot to discover for the accompanying persons in Halle.

Dear EPA members, there is evident progress within the EPA organization and I would like to take the opportunity and thank you all for your contribution!

We are looking forward to the upcoming EPA Conference in September and seeing you all in Halle!

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Dr. Mutlu Özcan
EPA Honorary Secretary



FUTURE EPA CONFERENCE

2017 41th EPA Conference Bucharest, Romania



Editor's note

Dear all,

Ruby anniversary!!!

The 40th Annual Conference is upon us! To be held in Halle, Germany under the presidency of Prof. Dr Jürgen M. Setz it promises to be inspiring with world class speakers and exciting social programs.

As we celebrate 40 years of the existence of EPA, i think it is time to pause and to reminisce the EPA through the ages. We have in our fold members of all eras and to whom tributes need to be paid for their contributions and also to those members who continue to nurture this glorious organisation.

In the large scheme of existence of the EPA, the newsletter is but a child of seven years. And as a child, we have to nurture and nourish it. This is the seventh edition of the European Prosthodontic Association newsletter. On its seventh birthday, I put this call out to the membership to forward to me, items you feel are newsworthy for consideration for publication in the newsletter.

I hope to see you all at the conference in Halle soon!

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Hon.Web Editor, EPA

