

EPA Newsletter

**35th Annual conference of the European Prosthodontic Association, Berne, Switzerland
September 29th to October 1st 2011**



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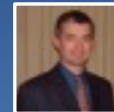
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Flights to Zurich or Geneva; www.swiss.com

There are direct flights to Bern from a limited number of destinations including Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, London, Munich, Paris; www.alpar.ch

Trains from the airports Zurich or Geneva to Bern leave every 30 minutes, approx 1 h 15 – max. 2 h travel time; www.sbb.ch.

Invitation by the EPA President Dr Regina Mericke-Stern

Dear colleagues,

First of all, I would like to thank our past president Prof. A. Islami for the hospitality and organisation of the EPA Meeting 2010 in his home country. Now, we are just two months ahead of the upcoming annual conference 2011 in Switzerland. This year, I cordially invite you to come to Bern and to join EPA again. The goal of EPA is to be a platform of discussion, understanding and learning from each other.

We have strived to make the scientific program attractive and provocative. The dichotomous basis of Prosthodontics is ..



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From the desk of the Honorary Secretary - Dr Jeff Wilson

May I take this opportunity to send my very best wishes to all EPA members and I look forward to meeting you at one of our future conferences.

2010 was an exceptionally important year for the EPA with the introduction of Recognition of Specialist Prosthodontist status in Europe. Bengt Öwall and his Specialisation Committee have been working exceptionally hard for several years to set up the recognition process and, despite all the pitfalls, set-backs and disappointments (especially from the European Union) managed to bring this idea to fruition for the 2010 conference. The Specialisation Committee examined applications from prospective applicants in Pristina and the first EPA Recognised Specialists in Prosthodontics gained their recognition and were included in the EPA Specialist List, which can be found on the EPA web-site. On behalf of the EPA, I would like to extend a special thank you to Bengt for the enormous amount of work he has done in setting up this initiative, and also to Dr Richard Welfare, Secretary of the EPA Specialisation Committee. Dr Welfare informs me that so far the EPA has received 26 applications for specialist recognition and that there are now 14 EPA recognised specialist names published on the EPA web site, with the others under consideration. I take this opportunity to congratulate all the successful Specialists.

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..biology (of mouth / body) and dental technology. Prosthodontics has to combine and unify both, rather than underscore their controversial aspects. Materials and technical quality have a strong impact on health of the tissues and their biological reactions.

Prosthodontics, unlike all other disciplines in dentistry, is characterized by its particular number of sub-disciplines. Many of these sub-disciplines became their own specialty, have their own associations and gatherings. Further, worldwide socioeconomic and demographic trends increasingly influence prosthetic therapy and services we provide to our patients. This leads to different conceptual directions and 'two class' dentistry has also become the reality in Prosthodontics. Many patients will not benefit from new developments and treatment modalities. Finally, we the provider of dental care, have to understand the patients' values, expectations and behaviour regarding prosthetic therapy.

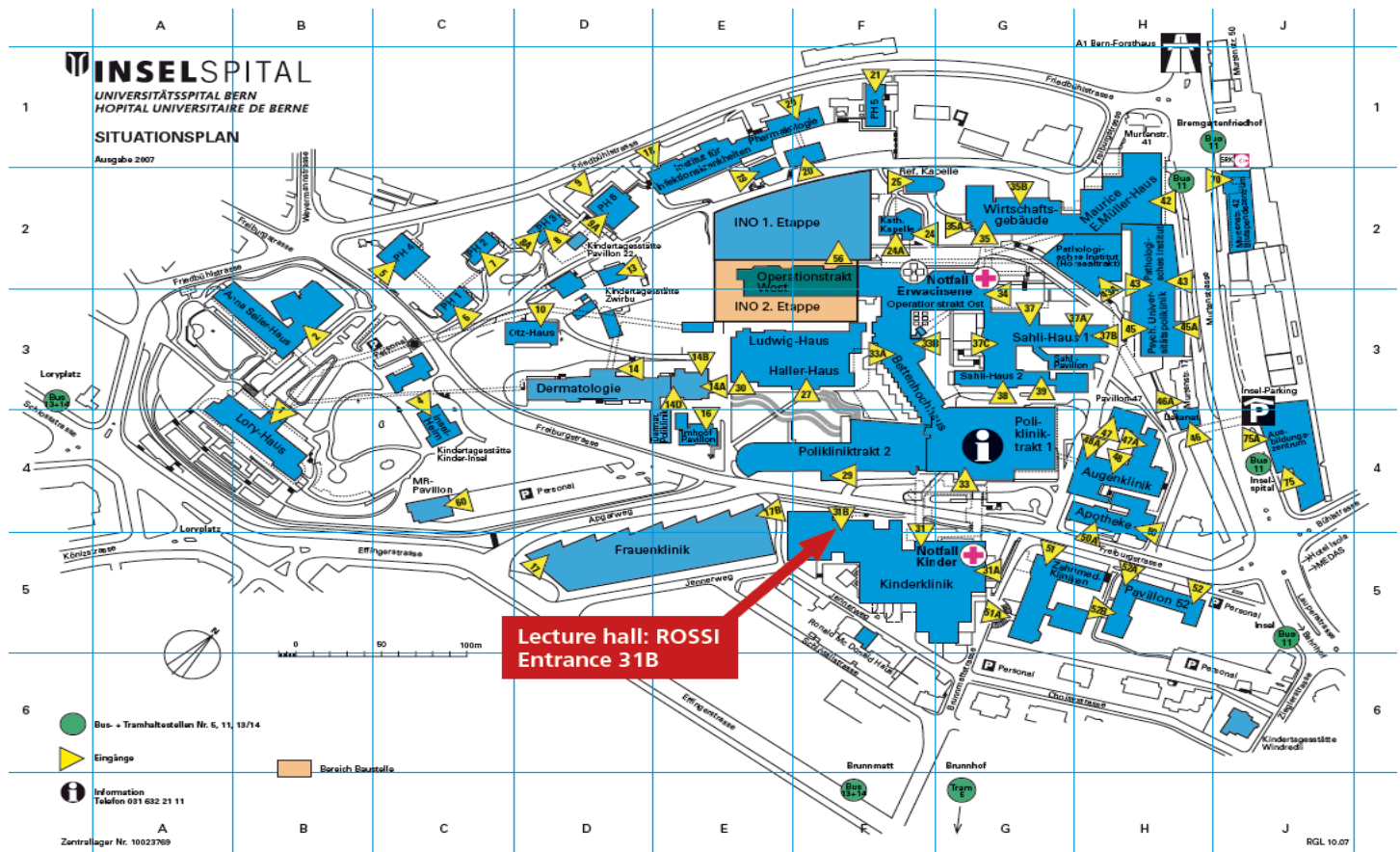
Each year, the EPA conference gathers a small but strong group of dentists who are interested in the multidisciplinary nature of Prosthodontics. EPA has definitely crossed the border of Europe and becomes more and more international. Internationalism means communication, an attempt at global understanding and a global view of the vast field of Prosthodontics. However, in the time between our conferences, our contacts are often sparse, and communication is meager at best. Members may get the impression that EPA is present only on occasion of the congress and then it disappears and is silent. We may wonder whether EPA really has an impact onto the world of dentistry, particularly of Prosthodontics. I strongly believe that we need to put more effort in promoting EPA and in getting better recognition. So far, I must acknowledge the excellent work carried out by the committee members who have worked tirelessly to implement Prosthodontics as a recognized specialty in Europe.

I encourage you to join the EPA conference 2011 in Bern and I am looking forward to meet you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Regina Mericske-Stern, EPA President





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2010 was also a very special year for the EPA as its annual conference was held in Pristina, Kosovo. President Agim Islami stepped into the breach 2 years previously, when the intended conference was cancelled at short notice, and was able to organise, at very short notice, an exceptionally successful conference. This conference embodied everything the EPA stands for – supporting and recognising newly emerging Prosthodontic associations in Europe. I was very disappointed when several EPA members scoffed at the choice of Kosovo for this conference – they said that no one would attend this previously troubled country, that it was not politically correct to hold an EPA conference there and that the conference would prove disastrous! However, Professor Islami, the EPA Trustees and Council proved these sceptics wrong with over 250 delegates attending from all over the world. I would like to thank Professor Islami, who was instrumental in creating the Kosovo Prosthodontic Association and was its first President, for inviting the EPA to Pristina and making us all feel so welcome.

It has been a great pleasure for me to be the EPA Secretary for the past 7 years, having met so many like-minded members from all over Europe and the World. In addition to valuable networking opportunities with Prosthodontic colleagues, I have made many friends and visited many different European Countries. It is important that, through the EPA, we strengthen our speciality and work towards gaining recognition for Prosthodontics throughout all the European Union, especially in those countries that do not yet officially recognise the speciality of Prosthodontics.

This year's conference will be held in Bern, Switzerland, under the Presidency of Professor Regina Mericske-Stern. I visited Bern as the guest of Regina last year and was impressed by the advanced stage of her organisation for this conference. Bern is a delightful and historic city with lots to see and do outside of the conference so, with an exceptional programme of international speakers this should be a not-to miss conference. I would encourage as many members as possible to support Regina by attending her conference, and look forward to meeting many of you at the conference.

Dr Jeff Wilson

Honorary Secretary, EPA



KEY LECTURES



T. Jemt



C. Marinello
Oxford Lecture



A. Pissiotis



J. Strub



A. Doukoudakis



C. Senay



D. Ettlin



M. Blatz



M. Kern



L. Gallo



A. Smidt

EPA Prizes and Awards

Awards made at the 34th EPA conference in Pristina under the presidency of Dr Agim Islami

EPA Oral Prize, sponsored by Dentsply, was awarded to:

Avrampou M, Mericske-Stern, Katsoulis J (Switzerland)

Virtual implant planning in the edentulous maxilla; Prosthetic criteria for decision making

EPA Poster Prize, sponsored by Quintessence, was awarded to:

Catic A, Volarevic M, Bergman L (Croatia)

Occlusal adjustment time consumption analysis of fixed partial dentures made using electronic and non-electronic articulator-related bite registrations

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

Future EPA conferences

1. 36th EPA Conference - 2012 - Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
2. 37th EPA Conference - 2013 - Turku, Finland.

**EUROPEAN PROSTHODONTIC ASSOCIATION****Application for Membership**

Title (Dr. Prof. etc.) _____ Surname / Family name _____

First name (s) _____

Degrees / Diplomas / Qualifications _____

Address for correspondence: _____

Country _____

Telephone number _____

Email (essential) _____

I wish to apply for membership of the European Prosthodontic Association. I am a member of my National Prosthodontic Association which is:

(If not a member of a prosthodontic association, please include a brief Curriculum Vitae that indicates your special interest in prosthodontics.)

I agree to my name and email address being placed on the EPA web page (please delete if necessary)

Signature _____

Membership of the EPA plus subscription to the European Journal of Prosthodontics and Restorative Dentistry (4 issues yearly) is 50 Euros

Membership of the EPA without the Journal is 20 Euros

Please return the completed form to the EPA Honorary Treasurer:

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N.B. Cheques or Banker's Drafts should be in pounds sterling equivalent including any bank charges and made payable to "European Prosthodontic Trust".

Payment may be made by credit / debit card via the EPA web-site. For details please contact the treasurer.

MEMORIES OF PRISTINA



Editor's note

Dear all,

This is the second edition of the European Prosthodontic Association newsletter. The previous edition was in electronic form and it was well received with highly favourable and encouraging feedback. This edition is being brought out in paper form due to the largesse of our current President Prof. Dr. Regina Mericke-Stern and her team.

In this edition, the focus is on the 35th EPA congress to be held in Bern, Switzerland from September 29th to October 1st, 2011. Under the able stewardship of Prof Mericke-Stern, the organisers have put together an exciting and stimulating scientific programme. For those of you who would like to explore Bern, the team have put together an exhilarating social programme of a voyage of discovery. And the highlight will be the Gala Dinner.

Last year's conference at Pristina was a huge success as is evident from our Hon. Secretary's article. I have put together a collage of the conference for you and this is titled "Memories of Pristina".

Any suggestions on new sections and/or articles or any matter for publication would be welcome. I welcome writers from all regions to submit their articles for publication.

Suresh Nayar
Hon. Web Editor, EPA