

# Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> European Orthodontic Teachers' Forum Helsinki, 10.06.2009

**Chairpersons:** A.M. Kuijpers Jagtman, S. Kiliaridis

**Attendees:** 63, see attendance list

**Apologies for absence:** 7 apologies for absence, see attendance list

## 1. Words of welcome

Professor Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman welcomed the participants. This was the fourth time European teachers in orthodontics could meet under the umbrella of the EOS that sponsors the meetings of the Teachers Forum. She introduced the aims of the Teachers Forum summarized the results of the earlier meetings.

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting (Lisbon, 2008)

The minutes were discussed and approved.

## 3. Network of Erasmus Based European Orthodontic Programmes

Professor Kiliaridis gave an overview of the Network (NEBEOP) activities during the past period. The handout of the presentation has been attached to these Minutes.

## 4. ESAS – EFOSA's Self assessment System

A video on ESAS was shown, followed by a short discussion on the possibilities to use this tool in postgraduate training. ESAS is an on-line application to measure the quality of the treatment process and outcomes. The practitioner (or postgraduate student) can then compare his/her treatment regimes and outcomes with colleagues throughout the EFOSA community. This may help to continuously improve the service provided to the patients. ESAS applies the principles of process control developed by EUROQUAL. Details can be found on <https://www.esas.nu/main/start.php>

## 5. ADEE Profile and competencies for the European dentist

Professor Winfried Harzer, who is the new president of the Association for Dental Education in Europe ADEE, presented the 2008 update of the profile and competences for the graduating European dentist (attached to the minutes). More information can be found on the website <http://www.adee.org/cms/> The Assembly was then divided into breakout groups to discuss the competencies related to orthodontics. The group chairpersons reported the results of their group discussion to the plenary session. These are summarized as follows.

Basically the participants agreed on the minimum requirements for theoretical education. In the undergraduate program the ability to diagnose orthodontic problems is the main issue. Dependent on the geographical location in Europe some minor orthodontic clinical training could be provided in the undergraduate program, mainly related to interceptive treatment and first aid for fixed appliances. Supporting competencies on interdisciplinary orthodontics were missing in the profile and competencies.

After the meeting: the update 2009 can be downloaded from the website of ADEE on [http://www.adee.org/cms/uploads/adee/TF\\_1\\_V2\\_September2009.pdf](http://www.adee.org/cms/uploads/adee/TF_1_V2_September2009.pdf)

## **6. Future follow-up**

It was felt to be important to continue with the Teachers Forum, which is an open forum for all universities and institutes providing orthodontic education in Europe. The EOS Teachers Forum should also try to keep on board programmes that need assistance to raise their quality further. Participants mentioned some topics for future meetings: exchange of teachers, exchange of students, research, educational techniques.

Professor Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman will bring the results of the EOS Teachers Forum Meeting to the Council of the EOS.

Professor Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman concluded the meeting and thanked all attendees for their active participation. The next meeting will take place in Portorož in June 2010, prior to the EOS meeting.

Nijmegen and Geneva, December 2009

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