



## **Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> European Orthodontic Teachers' Forum Santiago de Compostela, 19.06.2012**

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

**Attendees:** 63 attendants

### **1. Words of welcome and announcements**

Professor Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman opened the meeting at 9.00hr and welcomed the participants. This was the 7<sup>th</sup> time European teachers in orthodontics could meet prior to the EOS Annual Congress. She introduced the co-chairpersons and briefly outlined the aims of the Teachers Forum. Since we were unable to secure a room for more than 60 participants, we therefore had to limit the number of participants.

The European Orthodontic Teachers Forum now has its own discussion group on the professional social network Linked In [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). This is a closed discussion forum for all who are involved in orthodontic teaching within the boundaries of Europe. Search on the LinkedIn website under the tab 'groups' for EOTF. If you are not yet a member of Linked In, please do so and then send a request to join the EOTF group through the Linked In website.

The position of the Teachers' Forum under the umbrella of the EOS is still a matter of debate. Last year the participants of the EOTF unanimously felt that promoting high quality postgraduate education in Europe is an important task of the EOS and that this Forum should function under the umbrella of the EOS. The chairpersons will write a letter to the EOS to further clarify this point.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting (Istanbul, 2011)**

The minutes were approved.

### **3. Progress report of NEBEOP**

Professor Stavros Kiliaridis presented a report on the progress of the NEBEOP (Network of Erasmus Based European Orthodontic Programs) and the advances towards a harmonization of the Orthodontic specialist education in Europe since its start in 2008.

The first site visits have taken place (Amsterdam, Geneva, Oslo). 14 assessors from all over Europe, not involved in any of the programs that will be assessed, are doing the site visits. The EOS supports 12 of these site visits financially.

Furthermore a Task Force was established to update the contents of the 1992 Erasmus program. This group consists of Jan Huggare (Sweden, chairperson), Kathryn Derringer (UK), Ted Eliades (Greece),

Marie Filleul (France), Roberto Martina (Italy), Pertti Pirttiniemi (Finland), Sabine Ruf, and Rainer Schwestka-Polly (Germany). This year the Task Force's proposal on competency levels will be discussed in the NEBEOP this afternoon.

Furthermore professor Kiliaridis outlined how a program director could become a provisional member of NEBEOP and how a provisional membership can become full membership.

The handout of the presentation can be found on the EOS website.

#### **4. UDEnte – Universal Dental E-learning**

Professor Corrado Paganelli of the University of Brescia (Italy) presented the European portal for Dental E-learning, called UDEnte. UDEnte is the successor of IVIDENT (International Virtual Dental School). UDEnte addresses the shortages in teaching staff by supporting the complete dental education cycle through a flexible learning environment. UDEnte is a not-for-profit online publishing facility, the purpose of which is to disseminate information for teaching and learning to colleagues and students from a central database.

More information can be found on [www.udente.org](http://www.udente.org) and in the publication of Reynolds (2011) to be downloaded from <http://www.girso.eu/journal/index.php/girso/article/view/184/185>

#### **5. EPSOS: Quality in Education Project: aims, ideas, and outcome**

The Vice-President of the European Postgraduate Students Orthodontic Society (EPSOS) Dr. Carlos Suárez Martínez, postgraduate student at the University of Geneva (Switzerland) presented on the progress of the 'Quality in Education project' of EPSOS. The Quality in Education Project is based on a two-fold questionnaire developed with the aim to gather information about various aspects of education and to identify existing disparities in European Orthodontic Postgraduate Education. Preliminary results were presented. The project is still continuing. Information can be found on the website of EPSOS [www.epsos.info](http://www.epsos.info)

#### **6. ADEE report**

Professor Winfried Harzer, who is the past-president of the Association for Dental Education in Europe ADEE, gave a report on the activities of ADEE. 160 out of 200 European dental schools are member of ADEE. All information and documents regarding ADEE can be found on the website of the ADEE [www.adee.org](http://www.adee.org)

#### **7. Project learning**

Professor Kuijpers-Jagtman introduced the topic that evolved from last year's Teachers' Forum. We have to take into consideration new ways of learning especially in adult learning. Dr. Raija Lähdesmäki, University of Oulu (Finland) was invited to address the topic. Dr. Lähdesmäki is a teaching expert in new learning principles. She highlighted the principles of project learning. This could help to make the students more active in their own learning process.

## **8. Closure of the meeting**

Professor Pertti Pirttiniemi concluded the meeting at 12.30hr and thanked all attendees for their active participation. It was suggested to have assessment of competencies and skills as a topic for next year. The next meeting will take place in Reykjavik in June 2013, prior to the EOS Annual Congress.

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