



MINUTES of the 15th European Orthodontic Teacher's Forum

Adult learning in blended learning environments

Virtual Zoom meeting, June 10th, 2021.
There were 51 registered participants.

Chairpersons: Pertti Pirttiniemi; Guy Willems; Vaska Vandevska-Radunovic; Andreu Puigdollers;

1. (GW) Opening, announcements

Professor Guy Willems introduce the EOTF and welcomes the delegates. He provides a background of the Educational Forum of the EOS. Both EOTF and NEBEOP constitute the educational forum of EOS. For more information the web site of the NEBEOP was provided: www.nebeop.org.

The EOTF aims to be an open forum for everybody involved in strengthening orthodontic teaching. In the past some interesting discussions on several pedagogical themes, trying to improve the quality of postgraduate education in orthodontics, have been held in both plenary and break-out sessions.

The topics of the EOTF since its start in 2006 until the last one in Nice in 2019 were:

- 2006 Strengths and weaknesses of orthodontic education in Europe
- 2007 Development of NEBEOP and collaboration between programmes
- 2008 Self-assessment for quality control
- 2009 The minimum requirements for the undergraduate orthodontic curriculum
- 2010 How do we learn? Adult learning
- 2011 New ways of learning
- 2012 E-learning
- 2013 Competency based postgraduate education
- 2014 Quality assurance in postgraduate education
- 2015 Final examination assessment procedures
- 2016 Adopting a coaching approach to teaching
- 2017 Short courses leading to a "Master". A new era in orthodontic education?

- 2018 Interprofessional Collaboration and Education
- 2019 Communication between postgraduate schools in Europe
- 2020 Canceled due to covid-19 pandemic

2. Charles Bolender Award

The Charles Bolender award was given to both speakers of the Teachers' forum. Prof Jan Elen, Leuven, Belgium and prof Birgitte Schoenmakers, Leuven, Belgium, both chaired the 2021 Charles Bolender award. This award is funded in common by EOS and EFOSA.

3. Adult learning in blended learning environments

The invited speakers for the EOTF 2021 were:

- **Prof Dr. Jan Elen** (Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium). "Adult learning in blended learning environments". The topics were:
 - Adult learning.
 - Blended learning environments.
 - Designing blended learning environments for adult learners.
- **Prof. Dr. Birgitte Schoenmaekers** (Head of Academic Teaching Practice Leuven, professor at the KU Leuven, Department of Public Health and Primary Care). "Start to blend and teach: A practice format from the master in Family Medicine". The topics were:
 - Introduction to a new educational model.
 - Step by step designing of a blended learning program.
 - Pitfalls.

After the invited speakers, Professor María Cadenas introduced the assignments for the break-out session: "To develop Erasmus course C2 following a blended learning format".

The audience was split in different breakout groups, each hosted by a chairperson. Afterward a deep discussion was organised in plenum with reporting of findings of the individual breakout groups and chaired by both speaker in an interactive way. Finally, prof. Guy Willems presented a summary of the discussions and findings.