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Dear Friends,

I am very pleased to write my second letter as President for the Summer edition of the iADH magazine. Winter has arrived, for people as me living in the South Hemisphere, time of strong work, to begin new projects, to think, to write near chimneys in a warm environment inside our homes. The opposite thing to the explosive summer that most of you are enjoying!

First of all, on behalf of the iADH, I would like to express our sadness to all the members of the Japanese Association for Disability and Oral Health concerning those natural disasters – earthquake and the giant tsunami – suffered on March in their country. I personally like to express my deep sympathy to all Japanese citizens and we have no doubts Japan will overcome this setback with courage and dignity. My personal best wishes to Prof. Susumu Huehara, Ischi Morisaki and Junichi Mega, it was my pleasure to work with all of you the latest years.

I would like to tell you news of what we are doing nowadays:

Educational Committee: it is impressive the great job that is being done by the Group: our meeting will be in less than 2 month in Antalya, Turkey and we hope it will be a milestone in the history of iADH. I am proud of being part of the Committee and my deep recognition for the great job Alison, Shelagh and Clive are doing. It is an important goal as president to accomplish this important task.

The Executive Board has met in Athens Greece, before the IAPD Congress. It was a very productive meeting hosted at the Dental School of the University of Athens. It was nice to meet the members who has participated there and for the way of solving matters concerning our association., one important matter is all the activities done concerning treasure with all the changes we had to do, especially Martin, and the main objective is to have the organization still in good financial shape. I would like to thank Dr Sheldon Pernick from the US regarding how much he has help us in this special matter.

Indeed a lot of action points came out of the meeting and we would like to have your participation sending us your ideas, news, all what you think will help in the growing of our association. I am enthusiastic to take all the initiatives.

It was so nice to see lot of sessions of the IAPD Congress dedicated to Special Care Dentistry, especially the Pre Congress day with lots of attendances - highly skilled clinicians, dental nurses, caregivers and specialized academics. All the activities coordinated by Prof June Nunn and Clive Friedman.

Warm greetings from South America

Gabriela Scagnet
President iADH

Nice phrase to encourage everybody in order to work together!

"Don’t walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don’t walk behind me, I may not lead. Walk beside me and be my friend."
- Albert Camus-
Dear iADH Members,

It has been a long time since we published the Winter issue of IADH Magazine. Now it's Summer time to enjoy sunny days and get ready for business in Fall.

Unfortunately 2011 (Do you also have obsessions with even numbers?) is not the year that we will get together for IADH congress. Considering 2012 Sydney Congress, it looks like we have almost 15 months to see each other in Australia (don’t worry it will be summer there:). Although it looks like we have lots of time for the congress, I suggest you to check the website of the congress for the deadlines and progress scientific and social in the program.

The good news is that, some of the IADH members (SCIPE) will be meeting in Antalya, Turkey soon. It looks like IADH Education Group (SCIPE) will be bringing many people all around the world to work on undergraduate and postgraduate educational curriculum development at ADEE congress. They've already started working on this curriculum development months before via online surveys and collecting the data by using the Delphi concept. Of course no need to mention that they will be in Antalya during the best time of the year and you can imagine how the social activities will be boring:) after spending the whole day on workshops...Anyway, once again I would like to thank Shelagh and Alison for the great effort that they are generating to keep this group up and running. Please follow them on IADH Edu-blog.

It's summer time for North hemisphere—this means hot and long days. One of my favorite stuff during these days is cycling and swimming. As I used to swim in sea/ocean for the rest of my life, it was totally an unusual experience for me to swim in fresh water in Canada. I do love cold water and I enjoy so much observing people standing beside sea thinking of whether to jump or not...It’s not an easy task especially if you move few steps into water and feel the bitter cold. Now it happened to me for the first time in my life - the lake was extremely cold and I was in water up to my knees. At that time I was thinking whether I should go back to my comfortable sun-bed on beach or to jump and feel this ocean like looking lake-challenge. It seems to be a very simple question for most people as they never intend to swim in cold water - they prefer lying on the beach having their cold drinks, chatting with friends and never wondering how it would be like jumping into cold sea/ocean/lake...I think this is the point somehow we differ from many people. This doesn’t mean that the rest of our colleagues are those who are lying on the beach—this is not my intention. What I’m trying to explain is; special care dentistry is like the cold water in dentistry and we all preferred to jump into this cold ocean. Well I’m very happy that I jumped in. It was almost a year since I didn’t have the chance to treat special needs patients here in Canada and finally I accepted my first special needs patient last week—just like I experienced how good it is to swim in cold fresh water recently—in fact you can literally drink and swim at the same time:))). Now there is one more thing to go...Cycling or riding a motorbike? I think I need to wait one more year for that:))

Anyway, I would like to thank all of you for your input for the iADH Magazine. And please keep on sending me your photos, news and any information that you want to share with us.

Have fun...Enjoy Summer...

All the best.

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I recently came across an article in the *New York Times*, about a child with a motor neuron disease who had discovered a great new world of communication, thanks to his mother and her IPad. At first the story seemed to me an unnecessary advertisement for an Apple product, but as I read on my mind drifted back to a form of communication that is simple yet effective; the communication chart.

My first experience with communication charts was while working as a volunteer at a school for special needs children in Chennai, India. Most of the children in the school who could not communicate verbally were given a cardboard sheet with different pictures stuck on them, some even had a QWERTY keyboard stenciled on the board. Most of the children could communicate with a stranger (i.e. me) with a series of simple easy to understand symbols. A hand wave to say hi, signs for food, water, stop. The older children even knew how to spell out words. The list was limited to what could be fit on a 12 inch x 24inch cardboard sheet and teaching the children required endless patience.

How does a Communication Chart Work?
Communication Charts are a part of a technique called Alternate and Augmentative Communication or AAC. AAC systems can include:
- object choice boards
- picture communication boards (examples provided)
- chat books
- request cards
- social stories
- timetables/daily schedules
- computerized and voice output AAC systems
- gestures and signing

The basic principle behind this system is that children who have difficulty in verbal communication can through symbols gain a better awareness of their environment. Most parents of children with special needs invariably develop their own means of communication with the child, a communication chart merely standardizes that communication and allows outsiders the same advantage.

A typical chart ideally would be simple and easy to understand, and would easily overcome many cultural barriers. The biggest drawback of the traditional chart however is that it is limited to the space available on the board. This requires the fabrication of several charts causing them to be difficult to carry.

Computer Based Charts
Ever since the advent of computers efforts were made to computerize communication charts. The computer facilitated the storage of multiple images and with a click of a mouse the child could indicate what she/he wanted. While computer based charts found their way into many special schools the inability to carry them around meant that these charts could not be carried around. many children also did not possess the dexterity to move a mouse around.

Enter the touch screen cellphone
The touch screen cell phone overcomes all the above mentioned limitations. Parents can condense charts onto their phones. It also makes sense for the special care dentist to possess a simple communication chart on phone. The charts need no real training to master, and can serve as a useful tool in establishing a reliable means of communication.
Celebrating 15 Years..

Mun-H-Center in Göteborg, Sweden, celebrated their 15 year anniversary May 12th at Ågrenska, Lilla Amundön. The day offered a symposium with prominent guests that have been important for Mun-H-center during the last 15 years. Professor Christopher Gillberg from University of Gothenburg, Dr. Kari Storhaug from TAKO center in Norway and Anders Olauson, the founder of Ågrenska, National Competence Centre for Rare Diseases all gave lectures. Professor Peter Hammond from UCL, Institute of Child Health in London presented his use of 3D face shape modelling in describing dysmorphology in rare diseases. The president and the chairman of the Board of the Public Dental Health made the introduction underlining the importance of Mun-H-Center as a resource center for oral health in individuals with rare diseases. As has been a trademark for Mun-H-Center over the years, patients, parents and representatives for Lay organisations gave their view of living with a rare disease. Mun-H-Center has played a major role in developing treatment methods and increasing the knowledge of orofacial function in persons with special needs. Surrounded by the beautiful archipelago of Gothenburg in the sweet May evening a celebration dinner followed.

Mun-H-center is a Swedish national orofacial resource center for rare diseases and was founded in 1995 by Dr Jan Andersson-Norinder, who now has retired for health reasons. Jan Andersson-Norinder had been working with patients with special needs since the mid 70s and was upset by the fact that the patients in need of the most advanced care received the least. Wanting to change this he created Mun-H-center and gathered a successful team to make his vision come true. Mun-H-center has a multi-professional approach where dental personnel and speech-language pathologists work together with both assessment and treatment. Mun-H-Center also arranges several educational courses every year for dental teams other professionals, and care givers. The website www.mun-h-center.se is another significant tool for spreading information about rare diseases and orofacial devices. It includes a web shop. At the website there is also information about many rare diseases and the information is written in both Swedish and English. Now we are all looking forward to the next coming 15 years!

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"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success"
Let’s keep in touch!!!
It’s just one click...
Report from the Danish Spring-meeting of NFH (Nordic Society of Disability and Oral health)

The Spring-subject this year was: Get grip of the oral physiology. The inspiration to this session came from the Post Congress Celebration Symposium in Gent, where representatives from our Board heard Professor Göran Dahlhöf introduce temporomandibular disorders in a very manageable survey. The Board meant that our members should have the chance too to profit of this survey as the board-members did themselves in Ghent.

At the Celebration Symposium the survey was very quickly reviewed, but at our Spring meeting Professor Dahlhöf had the double time, which gave possibility to a lot of discussions on the different cases of patients, he brought to discuss in plenum. It is always a great success when our meetings gets the possibility to use this interactive form in discussing patient-cases. Beside the withdrawal of the audience, Göran Dahlhöf once again delivered the most pedagogical structural survey over the different temporomandibular disorders. We all got a very eminent tool to bring home to the clinics to use steadily in case of diagnosing any symptoms from both muscles and joint in the oral region.

After lunch our President, Pia Svendsen held a farewell-lecture about one of her favorite topics (she has several), oral motor therapy. The members were given a summarize of what a challenge normal oral functions as chewing, swallowing, speaking, breathing but also smiling and blowing is for those of our patients, who suffer from oral dysfunctions. The Board planned this lecture as a oral-motor-therapist-light-model but we still didn’t get therapist-licenses at this meeting, even if Pia Svendsen knew heavily much about this topic. Instead we are all aware of the different dysfunctions our patients might suffer from, which we do have to refer to the oral motor teams in our country. And the Board had to this meeting collected a list over the different teams spread over the Danish country, a list which now are lying at our website.

At last we said a very sad goodbye to our long lasting-attending-contributing-engaging-experienced through many years President, Pia Svendsen. Some of our members fear that the Danish Section of NFH will disappear together with her, but she has indeed shown the way and equipped the rest of us at the Board to continue her great work in the Nordic Society of disability and oral health – even if it’s got be kind of a challenge. We appointed her as past president in hope of not loosing her at once, and wished her all possible luck with her future life.
The 23rd Annual Meeting on Special Care Dentistry

The Special Care Dentistry Association’s (SCDA’s) 23rd Annual Meeting on Special Care Dentistry was held April 1-3, 2011 at the Swissotel in Chicago, Illinois. The theme of the meeting, Total Patient Care, reflected the broad and deep educational content developed for dentists and dental professionals who provide oral health care for patients with special needs.

The meeting offered over 20 specialty sessions on topics of interest to the over 350 dental professional attendees, a mix of practitioners who specialize in care for patients with special needs, as well as general dentists wanting to provide effective care to the special needs patients they may encounter in their practice. The keynote presentation was delivered by Carlos Salinas, DMD. Dr. Salinas spoke on Malformations and Pathologies Observed in Pre-Columbian Art: A Medical Encyclopedia in Three Dimensions. This engaging presentation examined Pre-Columbian art, using visual images to suggest that a large number of malformations and pathologies were well known to several of the Pre-Columbian civilizations and reflect the independent and complex cultural patterns from which the figures originated.

A variety of other sessions were offered on topics appealing to a wide range of practitioners:

- The Relevance of the Interdisciplinary Care Approach to the Special Needs Patient
- Educating dental providers to deliver effective care to patients with developmental disabilities
- Special Care Dentistry in the Real World: A Practical Approach
- Development and Operation of In-Office General Anesthesia with an Anesthesiologist
- Oral Manifestations of Connective Tissue Diseases
- How to Get around Treating the Home-bound without a Van Set-up

The meeting also included the SCDA exhibit gallery, featuring products and services such as dental equipment and supplies, educational material and more. The SCDA Gala and other networking events honored SCDA award winners and created an atmosphere conducive to networking.

Information on the 24th Annual Meeting on Special Care Dentistry, scheduled for April 27-29, 2012 in Scottsdale, Arizona, will be available soon.

President of iADH; Dr. Gabriela Scagnet has attended this meeting and met our North American colleagues in Chicago, IL.

Special thanks to all friends at SCDA for their great hospitality,

And congratulations to Dr. Clive Schneider-Friedman and Dr. Carlos Salinas who were awarded during SCDA Meeting...

Dr. Gabriela Scagnet
Report 2010 from ISDH in Ireland

This was a second successful year of office for our President, Ms Tina Gorman whose enthusiasm kept the executive committee and the Society very busy working through a variety of issues. The 2010 Spring lecture received deserved appreciation due to the initiative it re-presented. Delivered by Dr’s Colleen O’Neill and Emma Corrigan, the undertaking of Dental Services for the Homeless in Dublin against great odds was admirably described. Another theme than ran though our meetings during the year was Oral Cancer. ‘Mouth Cancer Awareness Ireland’ first invited us to partner their efforts and this led to meetings involving patients and medical & dental professionals with a vision to raise the profile of Oral Cancer Awareness. This patient group was founded by patients who suffered and survived Oral Cancer, wished to promote awareness and in addition provide support to patients and their carers. Our input was to have Dr Vinod Joshi, Founder & Chief Executive of the Mouth Cancer Foundation, UK lecture on “Oral Cancer The Patient At the Centre”. Over 100 attendees - medical & dental professionals and more importantly, patients, were present. Members of the ISDH also collaborated in September 2010 with the Public Awareness Day & Mouth Cancer Check Up that took place in both Dublin & Cork Dental Hospitals at which over 4000 members of the public benefited. We felt this year the ISDH had made a considerable contribution to supporting Mouth Cancer Awareness.

Our summer Conference on the 18th June 2010 took up the topic of Wet Mouths V’s Dry Mouths’ and covered a range of medical and dental implications for patients with either of these two conditions. Something that perhaps other societies like ours may be finding effective to interest post graduates and young members of the dental team in Special Care Dentistry is the award of research bursaries to assist travel to international meetings. At this year’s Annual Conference the Bursary Winning Entry was submitted by Dr Kevin MacGiolla Phadraig a post graduate student at the Dublin Dental School & Hospital. Kevin’s topic was “Train the Trainers: A randomised controlled trial of a multi-tiered health promotion programme to improve the oral health of people with intellectual disability”. Kevin was delighted to use the award to attend and present at the IADH meeting in Ghent. Our thanksgoes to the Dental Health Foundation for the financial support to award this bursary and advance research among the younger members of the special care dental team.

Pheena Kenny, Dental Health Foundation, presenting the 2010 winner of the DHF/ISDH Bursary Dublin

Dr Adrianne Dolan has now taken up her role as President of the Society and is opening some new horizons. There’s always an interest in getting us back to basics so the winter lecture will feature ‘The A-Z of Oral Conditions of Children’ given by two women colleagues - Fellows in Paediatric Dentistry Drs Kirsten FitzGerald and Eleanor McGovern. Meantime Dr Sinead Murphy reports back to ISDH on the findings of the Fissure Sealant Guideline Development Group where she represented the Society. These guidelines will be an asset in supporting special care patients and in our lobby for their oral health services.

Antoinette Nolan
ISDH International Representative
Annual Meeting of Argentinean Association for Disability and Oral Health

Dr. Gabriela Scagnet

“8vas. JORNADAS NACIONALES INTERDISCIPLINARIAS DE AAODI – XV ENCUENTRO NACIONAL DE SOCIO” - Annual Meeting of Argentinean Association for Disability and Oral Health (ARGENTINA) was held in Ciudad de la Punta – San Luis Province, Argentina on May, 6 and 7.

This annual meeting was organized by the San Luis AAODI members: Dr Andrea Sabatini – President 8th Annual Meeting of AAODI. Organizing Committee: Dr.Carolina Galetto, María José Galetto, Dario Ramis, Yamile Karam, Sonia Galvo, Andrea Silva, M Eugenia Chandia and Alejandro Callejas.

Invited speakers gathered to deliver lectures during the two-day period of the congress, with delegates attending from all parts of the country, and professionals from different disciplines have participated the congress with oral presentations. People could get new information and scientific evidence by many lectures presented in this meeting.

The Association has had the change of authorities. Dr. Teresita Ferrary has finalized her excellent presidency and passed on her presidency to Dr. Nilda Nobile.

One important issue was the exchange of information between different groups from Argentina and the social activities in a beautiful province. Next National Meeting will be held in Formosa City, north of Argentina.
IADH Edu-Blog

We have been trying to figure out the ways for effective communication between the members of IADH for years.

I think IADH is one of the most up-to-date dental associations in the world when compared with others, as we have so many social networking tools available online.

But I personally believe that none of them was as effective as IADH Edu-Blog site. You have everything there-discussions, sharing experiences and useful information for special care dentistry education.

Thanks for everyone who was involved in this blog as writer but special thanks to Alison and Clive - who make this happen...

http://iadh-scipe.blogspot.com/

Important Message from Treasurer !!!

Important to all the treasurers of national organizations, for those of you who paid or are planning to pay through AMEX account (#2292033933) soon will be closed. All the information about paying the subscription dues could be found on www.iadh.org/membership. And those who have paid this year and last year through the AMEX account please send a mail to treasurer@iadh.org given the information about payments, name, country, amount and date of payment.

Thank you.

Martin Arts
Treasurer of IADH
Sydney, Australia is the host city for the 21st Congress of the International Association for Disability and Oral Health. Sydney is without a doubt one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It has a reputation for friendly people, a cosmopolitan lifestyle, wonderful shopping and world-class entertainment. Sydney offers a wide range of activities for those who love the beach and water sports, the countryside or cultural pursuits. October is the middle of spring in Australia and is a wonderful time of year to visit. Sydney, Australia – a city of sophistication, fascinating variety and a unique destination for the 21st Congress of International Association for Disability and Oral Health in 2012.

IADH 2012 will be a very exciting and productive Congress. The Scientific Program is being designed to facilitate the exchange of ideas, knowledge and information on special needs dentistry.

The current program is already available for viewing online: [http://www.iadh2012.com/program.html](http://www.iadh2012.com/program.html)

Importantly, the scientific program will span the latest developments and best practice in this field and will be delivered by renowned international, national and local speakers.

See online for the list of confirmed keynote speakers: [http://www.iadh2012.com/speakers.html](http://www.iadh2012.com/speakers.html)

We are expecting many of the leaders from around the world to attend with over 800 dentists, therapist, dental nurses and other dental professionals expected to participate.

The IADH Congresses have consistently attracted the participation of internationally recognised and critically influential clinical researchers and practitioners, providing all delegates with tremendous networking opportunities. We encourage you to support this important international event and to show your support to this critical foundation capability within the Australian and Global healthcare system.

Get in early to gain the best exposure for your organisation - See online for sponsorship and exhibition opportunities: [http://www.iadh2012.com/sponex.html](http://www.iadh2012.com/sponex.html)

I look forward to seeing you in Sydney!
10 June 2011 -- New York,

The first ever World report on disability, produced jointly by WHO and the World Bank, suggests that more than a billion people in the world today experience disability. People with disabilities have generally poorer health, lower education achievements, fewer economic opportunities and higher rates of poverty than people without disabilities. This is largely due to the lack of services available to them and the many obstacles they face in their everyday lives. The report provides the best available evidence about what works to overcome barriers to health care, rehabilitation, education, employment, and support services, and to create the environments which will enable people with disabilities to flourish. The report ends with a concrete set of recommended actions for governments and their partners.

This pioneering World report on disability will make a significant contribution to implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. At the intersection of public health, human rights and development, the report is set to become a "must have" resource for policy-makers, service providers, professionals, and advocates for people with disabilities and their families.

About 15% of the world’s population lives with some form of disability, of whom 2-4% experience significant difficulties in functioning. The global disability prevalence is higher than previous WHO estimates, which date from the 1970s and suggested a figure of around 10%. This global estimate for disability is on the rise due to population ageing and the rapid spread of chronic diseases, as well as improvements in the methodologies used to measure disability. The first ever WHO/World Bank World report on disability reviews evidence about the situation of people with disabilities around the world. Following chapters on understanding disability and measuring disability, the report contains topic-specific chapters on health; rehabilitation; assistance and support; enabling environments; education; and employment. Within each chapter, there is a discussion of the barriers confronted, and case studies showing how countries have succeeded in addressing these by promoting good practice. In its final chapter, the report offers nine concrete recommendations for policy and practice which if put in place could lead to real improvements in the lives of people with disability.

Upcoming Events

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