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An interview with Nobel Biocare’s Yanela González Hernández.



▲ Yanela González Hernández.

■ As a key participant at EuroPerio11, Nobel Biocare is presenting its latest innovations aimed at advancing clinical excellence, and Dental Tribune International spoke with Yanela González Hernández, the company’s director of global clinical education and professional relations, about its event offering. In this interview, she discusses the company’s presence at the event, touching on innovation, digital workflows and the importance of education in implantology.

Ms González Hernández, how is Nobel Biocare participating in EuroPerio11, and what can attendees look forward to at your booth?

EuroPerio represents a premier opportunity to connect with dental professionals dedicated to periodontics and implantology. It provides an ideal setting in which to present our expanding portfolio, which focuses on supporting soft-tissue preservation and enhancing biological integration around implants.

At our booth this year, we are highlighting our enhanced solutions

designed to respect biological principles, maintain soft-tissue integrity and promote soft-tissue integration after implant procedures. Featured elements include a new emergence profile for our recently launched multi-unit abutments, our core abutment concept and the Xeal surface—all supported by robust clinical data.

A product becomes a true solution when seamlessly integrated into a digital workflow. We are therefore pleased to present our comprehensive end-to-end digital offering for aesthetic full-arch treatments. This includes diagnostic and treatment planning capabilities powered by the new artificial intelligence-driven DTX Studio Clinic, flexible surgical execution—whether free-hand, guided or navigated via X-Guide—and efficient provisionalisation through photogrammetry and high-precision 3D printing using SprintRay technology. These advancements are designed to increase precision, predictability and efficiency in everyday clinical practice, ultimately improving patient outcomes.

We will also be showcasing our comprehensive regenerative portfolio, designed to support clinicians across a range of indications and reconstruction requirements. Our goal is to offer a broad and effective set of regenerative tools for the preservation, regeneration and rehabilitation of both soft and hard tissue.

Could you tell us more about the corporate forum you’re hosting at EuroPerio11?

We are particularly enthusiastic about this year’s corporate forum. For this session, we have collaborated with leading experts in soft- and hard-tissue management: Drs Istvan Urban, Luca De Stavola and Giacomo Fabbri.

Session info

- » **Title:** Advanced augmentation protocols and product innovation for optimizing the bone volume and interdental papilla
- » **When:** 16 May, 12:30–14:00
- » **Where:** Hall A2
- » **Moderator:** Dr Ewa Bednarek
- » **Speakers:** Drs Luca De Stavola, Giacomo Fabbri and Istvan Urban

During their 90-minute presentation, they will explore advanced approaches to implant therapy, including a novel technique for augmentation of the inter-implant papillae, as well as discuss the influence of abutment surface properties on soft-tissue integration and the impact of implant positioning on long-term peri-implant tissue health. Participants will not only have the opportunity to engage with these internationally recognised clinicians, but will also gain valuable insights into surgical innovation, the latest biomaterials, and biomechanical strategies for optimising both aesthetic and biological results.

Nobel Biocare is widely recognised for its digital solutions. How are you leveraging digital workflows to improve clinical outcomes?

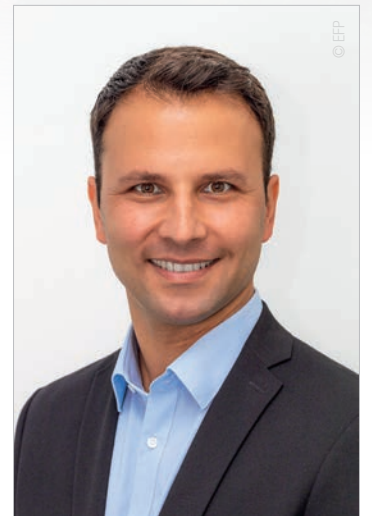
The pace of change in digital dentistry has been extraordinary, and Nobel Biocare has been at the forefront of this transformation.

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“EuroPerio11 embodies the modern spirit of periodontics”

An interview with Prof. Hady Haririan, Austria.

■ As the global periodontics community gathers in Vienna to partake in a rich scientific programme, the minds behind EuroPerio11 can see the fruits of their labour ripening. Dental Tribune International spoke to one of the members of the organising committee, Prof. Hady Haririan, whose positions as secretary-general of the Austrian Society of Periodontology and head of the Department of Periodontology at Sigmund Freud Private University in Vienna have helped him to create a strong connection between the congress programme and the local periodontics community. He speaks in this interview about the value he has gained from his involvement and about the programme, which features over 150 speakers and holds much to be discovered.



▲ Prof. Hady Haririan is the secretary-general of the Austrian Society of Periodontology.

Prof. Haririan, how did your professional roles influence the planning and execution of EuroPerio11?

It has been a great honour to be part of the organising committee, and I have appreciated the respectful and fruitful exchange within the organising team. As the secretary-general of the Austrian Society of Periodontology, and in the thick of organising the biggest congress of periodontics and implant dentistry worldwide, I have truly felt the spirit of the European Federation of Periodontology. We really came together like an extended family. Additionally, as the head of the only independent department of periodontics

in Austria, I was able to integrate our clinic at the Sigmund Freud Private University into the congress by having it host the live surgeries. This makes me very proud, and I feel very humbled to be in this position.

Hosting a congress of this magnitude is a significant undertaking. What have been the most rewarding and challenging aspects of organising the event?

The core scientific committee was responsible for organising the

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▲ Impression from EuroPerio10 in Denmark.



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programme—particularly Prof. Anton Sculean but also Prof. Lior Shapira and Dr Elena Figuero. This was a very challenging task with so many abstracts to review. Considering the sheer number of participants, it was also challenging to address all areas of professional interests and to find ideal locations for the supporting events. The fact that our organising partner has extensive expertise gained from arranging numerous EuroPerio events has been a great help. It has been gratifying to see everything evolve and ultimately come together in the final weeks before the congress.

What are you most looking forward to at EuroPerio11?

I am very much looking forward to the live surgeries. The dental clinic is located next to the congress centre, so the surgeries are taking place

within walking distance. This means that the surgeons can lead the post-operative discussions in person and not via a video call. This is a unique

opportunity in the history of EuroPerio! I am also looking forward to the congress party, which is being held at a beautiful location with breathtaking views over the city.

discover for clinicians, also in terms of the interplay between oral and systemic health.

With dental professionals from over 100 countries in attendance, what impact do you think the congress will have on the global periodontics community and the Austrian Society of Periodontology?

The congress is a unique opportunity to bring greater visibility to the Austrian Society of Periodontology and the discipline of periodontics as a whole. We are very much looking forward to welcoming dental professionals from so many different countries to Vienna. Personal exchange among peers is of utmost importance, and EuroPerio11 provides the ideal platform to embody the spirit of periodontics. ◀

Your research addresses topics such as salivary biomarkers and the interplay between stress and periodontitis. How do you see the themes of EuroPerio11 reflecting current trends and advancements in periodontal research and clinical practice?

EuroPerio11 embodies the modern spirit of periodontics and dentistry by exploring current topics. For instance, this year, special sessions are being held to address the topics of artificial intelligence in periodontics and of women’s oral health, and a special series will focus on navigating clinical crises. There is a lot to

today ◀ page 1 “Boundaries”

We have made significant investments to integrate digital workflows from start to finish—including scanning, diagnostics, treatment planning, surgical execution, provisionalisation and final restoration.

Our DTX Studio suite incorporates artificial intelligence-powered tools that support clinicians in achieving precise implant placement, whether they opt for free-hand, guided or navigated approaches using X-Guide. In collaboration with SprintRay, we also offer chairside 3D printing, enabling the rapid production of provisional restorations. This reduces the number of patient visits and streamlines the clinical experience.

By offering a fully digital ecosystem, we aim to enhance predictability, reduce chair time and increase patient acceptance—particularly in full-arch cases, for which digital workflows can substantially accelerate treatment timelines.

Regenerative products seem to be an important part of your portfolio. What are some of the latest developments on that front?

Regenerative therapies are often key to the long-term success of implant

treatments. Since acquiring Osteogenics, we’ve significantly expanded our portfolio in this area. This includes an extended range of PTFE membranes—some of which are titanium-reinforced—as well as the Urban membrane, designed for advanced augmentation. Additionally, we provide a selection of dedicated suture materials and fixation pins and screws to ensure optimal membrane stabilisation.

Throughout the three-day event, visitors have the opportunity to explore our regenerative solutions in detail at our booth. It is an excellent occasion to develop a deeper understanding of our offerings and how they support clinicians in diverse clinical scenarios.

Nobel Biocare has a storied history, beginning with Prof. Per-Ingvar Brånemark’s work on osseointegration. How does this legacy influence your current approach to innovation?

Our roots can be traced back to the 1950s, when Prof. Brånemark’s groundbreaking discovery of osseointegration transformed the field of dentistry. Nobel Biocare was privileged to be part of that foundation, and his pioneering spirit continues to inspire everything we do. From the Brånemark System to today’s advanced digital solu-

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tions, we remain committed to pushing the boundaries of what is possible.

This legacy encourages us to continuously ask: How can we make clinicians’ workflows more efficient and predictable? How can we keep improving patient outcomes? We focus on reliability, innovation and adaptability, always seeking to translate scientific research into tangible clinical value. Whether through next-generation digital technologies or comprehensive regenerative systems, we are committed to providing practical, effective solutions that build on decades of expertise.

Do you have any parting thoughts for readers attending EuroPerio11?

We are very much looking forward to welcoming visitors to our booth and to the corporate forum. We have taken great care to present

our portfolio in a way that follows the patient journey—from initial consultation to long-term implant maintenance.

Whether you are exploring new digital techniques, deepening your knowledge of regenerative therapies or learning how to support peri-implant health, there will be plenty to discover.

EuroPerio11 is a remarkable gathering of professionals who are shaping the future of periodontal and implant care. Nobel Biocare is proud to contribute to that dialogue, continuing a legacy of innovation that began more than 50 years ago. ◀

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“Still being actively involved is a tremendous source of pride—perhaps one of the greatest of my career”

An interview with Prof. Giovanni Zucchelli.



▲ Prof. Giovanni Zucchelli speaking at EuroPerio10 in Copenhagen in Denmark.

■ Ahead of EuroPerio11, Dental Tribune International spoke to the well-regarded researcher and clinician Prof. Giovanni Zucchelli, who will be presenting this year in Vienna. He is professor of periodontics and implantology at the University of Bologna in Italy and globally recognised for his clinical research in periodontics and his soft-tissue surgical techniques. In this interview, he explains the significance of EuroPerio generally and this year in particular and shares the reasons participants should attend his lecture.

Prof. Zucchelli, EuroPerio is widely regarded as the most important global congress in periodontics and implant dentistry. What does being part of such a renowned event mean to you personally and professionally?

On a personal level, it unfortunately reminds me of how long I've been around! I've spoken at every edition of EuroPerio, starting with the very first one in Paris at what was then the Euro Disney Resort. This is now the 11th edition, and the congress is held every three years—well, I'd rather not do the maths!

Professionally, it means a great deal to me. EuroPerio is, in my view, the most important congress in the world, and still being actively involved is a tremendous source of pride—perhaps one of the greatest of my career. This edition is particularly special for me because one of the live surgeries will be performed by a former student of my school. That gives me an immense sense of pride, both professionally and personally, for all the reasons I've just mentioned.

EuroPerio is considered a global reference in periodontics and muco-

gingival surgery. What are you most looking forward to this year? Are there particular areas—such as scientific advancement, clinical inspiration or interdisciplinary practice—that you're especially excited to see explored?

Given that the congress only takes place every three years, expectations for innovations are understandably very high. I believe that we will see the growing influence of digital technologies and, in particular, artificial intelligence—

something I am personally very curious about, even though I don't think that it has reached its full potential just yet.

From a clinical perspective, I am certain that we will also witness the emergence of talented young clinicians. For many of them, speaking at EuroPerio marks a significant milestone—a true moment of recognition in their careers and personal journeys.

Your lecture at EuroPerio will focus on managing intra-operative complications in mucogingival surgery, where even small errors can have a significant impact on outcomes. In particular, you'll address challenges such as flap perforation and working near the mental nerve. What key decision-making principles or surgical techniques will you be sharing to help clinicians prevent and manage these complications effectively?

I truly love the topic of my lecture. Having years of experience allows you to anticipate where the difficulties will lie, and this knowledge is essential for preventing errors and managing complications effectively. I believe that this is especially important to share with clinicians with less experience.

Session info

» **Title:** Navigating clinical crisis—muco-gingival therapy

» **When:** 16 May, 14:30–16:00

» **Where:** Plenary Hall C

» **Moderator:** Prof. Phoebus Madianos

» **Speakers:**

Prof. Giovanni Zucchelli,

Drs Ion Zabalegui and

Francesco Cairo

I also think that my lecture will be quite engaging, especially because it's reassuring to know that even experienced dental professionals face complications.

This can be very encouraging for younger colleagues—it reminds them not to feel disheartened when they encounter challenges early on in their careers.

Your insights are highly valued, not only at EuroPerio but also through your extensive work at conferences and in your publications. How do you hope your lecture will influence clinicians' approach to managing intra-operative complications in mucogingival surgery, and what long-term impact do you envision that this will have on patient outcomes?

Details make the difference in mucogingival surgery—perhaps even more so than in other types of surgery—because patients are often quick to notice when something isn't quite right. We work for our patients, and congresses like this one play a key role in improving the way that dental professionals care for them.

This focus on delivering exceptional outcomes for our patients is sometimes mistakenly reduced to aesthetic concerns, which are often thought to apply only to certain patients or areas of the mouth, but in reality, we must strive to deliver the highest standard of care for every patient, in every case.

When we do this consistently, we're well prepared—even when treating highly demanding patients in aesthetically sensitive areas—because it has become part of our daily routine.

I hope, and I'm quite confident, that this congress will highlight the importance of patient expectations and patient-reported outcomes. That, in my view, represents the true future of dentistry. ◀



▲ More than 7,000 people from 110 countries attended the tenth edition of EuroPerio in 2022.

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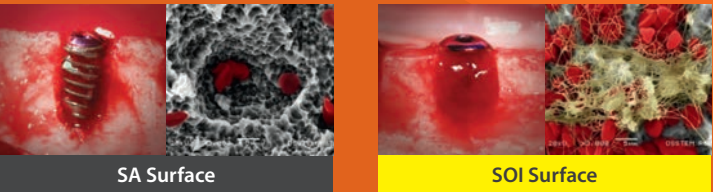


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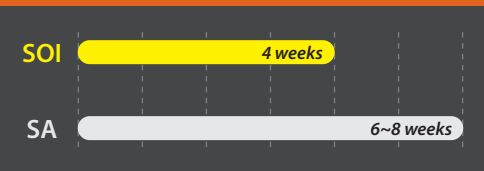
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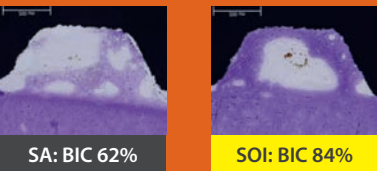
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Spotlight on global advocacy

Special WHO oral health session at EuroPerio11.

■ On Saturday, a special session at EuroPerio11 will highlight recent global developments shaping the future of oral health policy. Set against the backdrop of growing international momentum, this focused symposium will spotlight efforts to elevate oral health on the agenda for global non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

Since the adoption of the World Health Organization's (WHO's) global resolution on oral health in 2021, the profile of oral health has risen significantly among governments and global health stakeholders. For the first time, oral healthcare is being integrated into broader healthcare strategies, in recognition of its relevance to NCDs. WHO's call for the inclusion of oral health services within universal health coverage and for their integration into primary care has served as a crucial advocacy lever for national and regional policy-makers.

The momentum continued with the first WHO global oral health meeting, held in November last year, which required member states to submit road maps for implementing the WHO's *Global Oral Health Action Plan 2023-2030*. The outcome of this



meeting—the Bangkok Declaration—was endorsed by numerous countries and civil society organisations, marking a key milestone in international cooperation.

However, challenges have emerged. Recent reductions in WHO funding,

notably after the withdrawal of support by the current US administration, have raised concerns about the sustainability of recent gains. In the WHO European Region, approximately 17% of funding was reliant on the US, prompting calls for renewed commitment and support across all sectors.

Civil society has a pivotal role in this context. The WHO action plan outlines specific responsibilities for non-governmental stakeholders, underlining the need for a united front. The Platform for Better Oral Health in Europe—a coalition of professional and civil society organisations—has worked to ensure that oral health remains high on the EU policy agenda. Ahead of the 2024 European Parliament elections, the platform released its 2024-2029 manifesto, calling on EU institutions to back the WHO strategy and advocating for coordinated implementation efforts across Europe.

In light of the next United Nations high-level meeting on NCDs scheduled for September, the EuroPerio11 symposium aims to reinforce this advocacy. The special WHO oral health session will explore how the periodontal health community and the wider dental community can support global efforts and ensure that oral disease receives equal attention alongside other major NCDs.

Dr Dymna Kavanagh, chief dental officer for Ireland and chair of the Platform for Better Oral Health in Europe, will present on the current

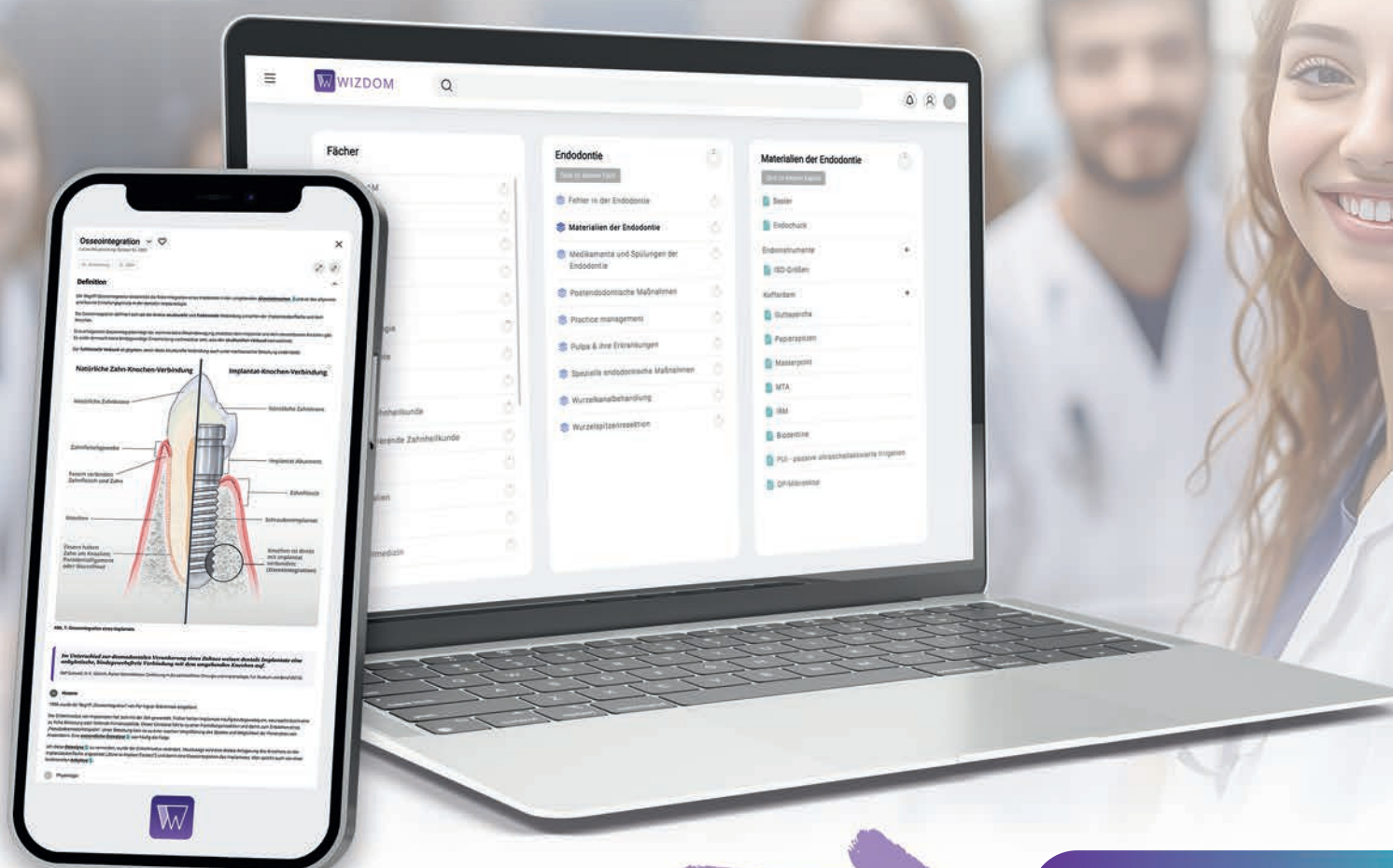
Session info

- » **Title:** Breaking news from the World Health Organization: What in the world is going on? How we can advocate for better oral health for all
- » **When:** 17 May, 10:30–11:00
- » **Where:** Strauss 1–2
- » **Moderator:** Prof. Iain Chapple
- » **Speakers:** Dr Dymna Kavanagh and Prof. Georgios Tsakos

status of the WHO agenda. Drawing on her extensive experience in health policy development and cross-departmental collaboration, Dr Kavanagh will provide a comprehensive update on ongoing initiatives and the role of dental professionals in advancing them. Her talk will reflect on strategic EU collaborations and national implementation pathways aligned with WHO objectives. Overall, this session is expected to offer critical context and insight for those committed to shaping a healthier future through integrated oral health policy. ◀

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Highlights on Friday and Saturday at EuroPerio11.

■ From landmark anniversaries and inspiring alumni stories to collaborative care models, EuroPerio11 continues to showcase the breadth and depth of periodontology today. Friday and Saturday's sessions offer a diverse mix of scientific reflection, clinical innovation and interdisciplinary exchange—each highlighting the community's shared commitment to progress and education in the field.

Session info

- ▶ **Title:** 50 years of the Journal of Clinical Periodontology
- ▶ **When:** 16 May, 08:30–10:00
- ▶ **Where:** Strauss 1–2
- ▶ **Moderator:**
Prof. Panos N. Papapanou
- ▶ **Speakers:** Profs. Maurizio Tonetti, Drs Jan Cosyn and Flavia Teles

Celebrating 50 years of the Journal of Clinical Periodontology

Founded half a century ago by Europe's leading societies of periodontology, the Journal of Clinical Periodontology has established itself as the foremost scientific publication in the field. Initially led by Prof. Hans Mühlemann and subsequently by Prof. Jan Lindhe, the journal has been instrumental in disseminating high-impact research and advancing global periodontal science. It remains the official publication of the EFP.

In tribute to its remarkable legacy, a special 50th anniversary issue was published in December 2024,



featuring a curated selection of standout articles from the past 18 months. This dedicated EuroPerio11 session will open with a conversation between immediate past editor-in-chief Prof. Maurizio Tonetti and current editor-in-chief Prof. Panos N. Papapanou, reflecting on the journal's evolution and its influence on modern periodontology and implant dentistry.

The session will continue with presentations from three lead authors of featured studies, offering insights into recent advancements—ranging from biomarkers and their role in disease progression to innovations in alveolar ridge preservation and the integration of digital health tools such as artificial intelligence-enabled toothbrushes. Presenters will discuss the clinical significance of their findings and the real-world impact on patient care.

Session info

- ▶ **Title:** EFP alumni session
- ▶ **When:** 16 May, 16:30–18:00
- ▶ **Where:** Lehar 1–2
- ▶ **Moderator:** Dr Ed Madeley
- ▶ **Speakers:** Drs Cavid Ahmedbeyli, Alexander de Greef, Morta Stasikelyte, Javier Calatrava, Ryan Ho and Ioanna Politi

EFP alumni session

This year's EFP alumni session combines forward-thinking presentations with community involvement, offering participants a chance to elect the new Alumni Committee while enjoying a vibrant programme of short talks.

The session opens with Dr Cavid Ahmedbeyli sharing his personal and professional journey from postgraduate student to chair of the Perio Master Clinic, offering inspiration to early-career clinicians. Five other alumni will then take the stage for rapid ten-minute presentations that span clinical and academic themes—covering novel grafting methods, contemporary approaches to treating intra-bony defects, long-term implant strategies, and multidisciplinary management of complex periodontal cases. Presentations will also explore the challenges of crown lengthening procedures in periodontology-prosthodontics workflows.

Closing with discussion and live voting for committee members, this session is a unique opportunity to engage with emerging talent and shape the future of the EFP alumni network.

Session info

- ▶ **Title:** Periodontology and orthodontics
- ▶ **When:** 17 May, 09:30–11:00
- ▶ **Where:** Hall A1
- ▶ **Moderator:** Dr Virginie Monnet-Corti
- ▶ **Speakers:** Profs. Gil Alcoforado, Karin Jepsen, Drs William Papaioannou and Tali Chackartchi

Focus on multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary treatment on Saturday

Bringing together the fields of orthodontics and periodontology, this session explores how coordinated treatment strategies can dramatically improve outcomes in patients with severe periodontal disease. With contributions from leading experts, the session emphasises the critical role of interdisciplinary care in preserving teeth once deemed unsalvageable.

Presenters will address the challenges of orthodontic therapy in patients with fragile periodontal conditions, particularly the risk of gingival recession and mucogingival complications. They will offer practical, evidence-based approaches for risk assessment and management, supported by real-world case studies. The session also highlights the synergy between regenerative periodontal surgery and orthodontics, demonstrating how this combination can restore function and aesthetics in complex cases involving bone loss and tooth migration.

In addition, attendees will gain insight into the influence of orthodontic appliances on oral hygiene and the microbiome, and the implications for long-term periodontal health. This session promises valuable clinical guidance for practitioners seeking to integrate multiple disciplines into patient-centred treatment plans. ◀

Leadership transitions at the EFP

Profs. Anton Sculean and Andreas Stavropoulos appointed to new roles.



▲ Prof. Anton Sculean served as EFP president from 2018 to 2019.



▲ Prof. Andreas Stavropoulos held the EFP presidency from 2022 to 2023.

■ The EFP has announced the appointments of Prof. Anton Sculean as secretary general and Prof. Andreas Stavropoulos as treasurer. These leadership transitions mark a new chapter for the EFP as it continues to implement its strategic *Vision 2030: Better Oral Health for All* plan.

Prof. Sculean brings extensive experience in periodontal research and education to his new role. A globally recognised figure in the field, he is professor and chairman of the Department of Periodontology and head of the Dental Research Center at the University of Bern in Switzerland.

He will oversee the coordination of the EFP's strategic initiatives with the support of the EFP executive committee.

"The EFP has significant potential to become the leading organisation in promoting oral health across all continents," said Prof. Sculean. "I am

fully committed to supporting the federation in achieving this vision through effective leadership and collaborative engagement."

Prof. Stavropoulos will serve as treasurer and be responsible for safeguarding the federation's financial

health and ensuring its long-term sustainability. He is a professor of periodontology at Malmö University in Sweden, with a strong background in clinical practice and academic leadership. He will help guide financial planning and resource development to support the EFP's growing global impact.

"I am very humbled to have been elected treasurer of the EFP," said Prof. Stavropoulos. "My role is to ensure a financial environment that supports the federation's long-term strategic objectives. Responsible financial management will be essential as the EFP continues to grow and expand its global reach."

Profs. Sculean and Stavropoulos will work closely with EFP President Dr Spyros Vassilopoulos and the executive committee to strengthen the federation's mission of promoting oral health through science, education and advocacy. ◀

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