

“Caries Epidemiology and Surveillance in Europe: towards a harmonised approach”

Brussels, 1 July 2015

Venue: Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Rue Fossé aux Loups 49, 1000 Brussels – Belgium

From: 9.00 to 16.00 hrs; [breaks: 10.40-11.00 and 13.00-14.00]

Organised by:

- Alliance for a Cavity Free Future - Europe (ACFF Europe)
- European Organisation for Caries Research (ORCA)
- European Association for Dental Public Health (EADPH)
- Platform for Better Oral Health in Europe (PBOHE)

Target Audiences: dental public health and public health officers, epidemiologists, researchers, dental practitioners, health planners and politicians

Aims: *to help plan and evaluate effective caries prevention and control and assess both preventive and operative care needs across Europe by:*

- Facilitating the creation and regular updating of a reliable epidemiological caries landscape across Europe
- Identifying the most suitable metrics to assess and monitor caries prevalence, as well as caries inequalities
- Building on what we have, not reinventing the wheel, by learning from rich European experiences
- Devising an implementation plan

[The speakers will identify research and implementation needs in the field of each lecture]

#	Time	Title of lecture	Presenter
1	9.00 – 9.05	Welcome	Nigel Pitts, ACFF Andreas G. Schulte, ORCA George Tsakos, EADPH Paula Vassallo, PBOHE
2	9.05 – 9.20	Introduction : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ACFF in Europe• Symposium: history, aims and context	Nigel Pitts
3	9.20 – 9.40	The current caries landscape in Europe: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are we doing for 12 year olds?	Ken Eaton / Reena Patel
4	9.40 – 10.00	The burden of dental caries in Europe: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caries Impacts and Inequalities	George Tsakos
5	10.00 – 10.20	The burden of dental caries in Europe: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citizens with an immigration background	Andreas Schulte
	10.20 – 10.40	Discussion	All

Coffee Break			
Learning from experiences across Europe:			
6	11.00-11.15	A national survey on caries prevalence in Malta	Paula Vassallo
7	11.15-11.30	Caries Surveillance in Denmark - using routine data at different detection thresholds	Kim Ekstrand
8	11.30-11.45	Building up a national survey step by step in Germany	Klaus Pieper
9	11.45-12.00	The devolving UK picture – including latest 2013 National Child Dental Health Survey	Nigel Pitts
10	12.15-12.30	A new start in Portugal – surveys of adults and children	Paulo Mello
11	12.30-12.45	Challenges in Italy – how to fund and execute epidemiology	Guglielmo Campus
	12.45-13.00	Discussion	All
Lunch Break			
12	14.00 – 14.20	Prevalence and Severity of Early Childhood Caries and Severe Early Childhood Caries in Europe	Svante Twetman
13	14.20-14.40	Prevalence and Severity of Caries in Adults	Joana Carvalho
14	14.40-15.00	The Iceland-Child Dental Health Survey - an example of enabling data comparisons	Helga Agustsdottir, CDO
15	15.00-15.20	ICDAS / ICCMS™ tools available to help epidemiological surveys and clinical caries prevention and management	StefaniaMartignon
	15.20-15.40	Round-Table-Discussion	All
	15.40-15.55	Recommendations and next steps for dental public health and public health officers, epidemiologists, researchers, dental practitioners, health planners and politicians	Discussion and Joint Statement on recommended minimum standards and goals from, Nigel Pitts, Andreas Schulte, George Tsakos and Paula Vassallo
	15.55-16.00	Closing of the Symposium	