

# International Association of Dental Traumatology

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## IADT Newsletter

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## 1- President's Message: Dr. Liran Levin

Dear colleagues and friends,



It is with great honor and pleasure that I write this message to you as I start my term as the president of the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT). I am humbled to lead this exceptional international group of dental professionals who share a passion and knowledge of preventing and managing traumatic dental injuries. Your enthusiasm, care, dedication and hard work make this field one we all can be proud of. As we leave behind several very difficult years of global pandemic and

isolation, I sincerely hope we will be able to meet each other more frequently to exchange thoughts, knowledge and experiences as we previously did. This amazing group is distinguished by its compassion, extraordinary care for patients' wellbeing, and dedication to treating the long-term consequences of oral and maxillofacial trauma.

Working with the extraordinarily talented and devoted professionals on the IADT's board of directors and executive team during the last several years, I have witnessed how our organization is managed with thoughtfulness, enthusiasm and a clear vision for the future. We are offering not only more and more resources and benefits for our members but also to the wider lay and professional communities and countless patients.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the board for their tremendous work and efforts in the last two years and welcome our

new board members, who I am sure will work tirelessly to promote and accomplish the mission of the IADT.

A special thanks to the outgoing executive team, led by our Past-President Anne O'Connell, Treasurer Lamar Hicks and Secretary Cecilia Bourguignon. Although we will continue to work closely with them in the future, I would like to commend them now for dedicating countless hours, days and sleepless nights for the IADT.

I welcome our new executive team, President-Elect Zafer Cehreli, Treasurer Bill Kahler and Secretary Fabricio Teixeira. Together we will continue to move the IADT forward!

Last but not least, I would like to thank each and every one of you, the members of the IADT, for supporting the association and for being a part of this warm and caring family. I encourage you to be on the lookout for great upcoming activities, meetings, resources and benefits.

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead!

Yours sincerely,  
Liran Levin

## 2 - Recollections from IADT Past President Dr. Anne O'Connell



Let's work together!

I am now looking back over my time as President of IADT. There was great ambition and exciting plans to expand the impact of IADT across the world. I was very honoured to have enthusiastic and dedicated Board members, including two amazing and passionate Past-Presidents of IADT, Professor Jens O. Andreasen and Professor Marie Therese Flores. The entire Board worked diligently with a sense of unity and purpose on many initiatives, but the principal task was the development of new dental trauma guidelines. In January 2020, the members of the IADT board and chairs of the guidelines sections met in Dublin to update the best evidence available and finalise the guidelines for publication. These new guidelines sought to improve and standardise emergency care of traumatic dental injuries, both in terms of knowledge and practice.

The launch of the new guidelines was planned for a World Congress in Lisbon in 2020. All developments were on track until March 2020 when COVID-19 disrupted the world. No one could have known the huge number of issues that would arise globally from that time onwards. Postponement of the World Congress in Lisbon was inevitable. Another consideration involved rethinking whether COVID would affect the guidance already prepared by IADT. The 2020 guidelines were evidence-based, and emergency dental care continued, even when nations were in lockdown. With school and organised activities reduced, people stayed at home or started cycling, using

trampolines and participating in other physical activities with the result that traumatic dental injuries continued to occur. Unfortunately, person-upon-person violence also increased during the lockdown. Access to dental care was limited in the first few months of COVID, but traumatic dental injuries continued to be seen by emergency services. It was heartening to see that the guidelines were robust enough that COVID precautions in dental practice did not result in any alteration to the guidelines for emergency care and follow-up evaluation. The IADT successfully launched the IADT guidelines in June 2020 as originally planned, albeit via webinars and attendance at many virtual meetings.

September 2020 brought the sad news that Professor Jens Andreasen had passed away. The IADT remained committed to hold the World Congress in Dental Traumatology in 2021, dedicating the meeting as a tribute to his status as “The Father of Dental Traumatology”.

A new Board of Directors was elected. The members of this board constitute the only IADT board never to have met in person during its term. There was a concerted team effort within the organisation to learn and adapt to the changed ways of meeting and working, with many virtual meetings and webinars held to continue the essential work of the IADT. In January 2022, the OMICRON variant emerged, once again accelerating infection rates and severely limiting international travel. The result was a joint decision by the IADT, the European Society of Endodontology (ESE) and the Portuguese Society of Endodontology (PSE) to cancel the meeting outright.

As a clinician, it is challenging to deal with an unexpected dental trauma; however, competent management of the patient in distress is very rewarding on both a personal and a professional level. Although managing emotions and expectations of the injured patient are essential, the dental decisions required are complex, so the challenge is both cerebral and clinical. I hope that IADT members will actively engage in one or more of the various IADT committees to contribute their expertise and opinions to meet these challenges.

There are two main areas that remain a personal focus of mine and align with the mission of the IADT. The first is to promote prevention of dental trauma among professionals and in the wider community. Just as seat belts and bicycle helmets have been accepted, we need to encourage the use of protective equipment, such as mouthguards, in organised sports. The IADT can partner with other professional organisations to encourage dentists to play a major role in promoting and providing a correctly fitting mouthguard for those patients at risk of trauma, especially children and adults with increased overjet, or those participating in high-risk activities, including cycling.

Education is the second area that must be addressed. As dental academics, we need to ensure that the newly graduated dentist is equipped with adequate knowledge and experience to be the ‘first responder’ when a patient attends with a traumatic dental injury. Likewise, there is a responsibility for dentists to share first aid knowledge with the local emergency services and medical personnel in order to improve outcomes for patients. Much more can be done to educate members of the public to be able to respond at the site of a dental injury.

IADT currently provides 'Save A Tooth' posters for free in many languages that can be downloaded and displayed in schools, shopping centres, and sports clubs. In addition, there is a free Tooth SOS App aimed at the general public that uses animations and instructions on what to do in an emergency situation when a dental traumatic injury occurs.

It has been a great honour and privilege to serve as President of the IADT. I want to thank everyone who worked with me to help IADT accomplish its mission. I remain committed to the IADT and what it stands for. I will continue to reach out to the entire IADT community and to other service organisations to make progress in the aforementioned areas. Finally, I am happy to continue as a member of the new IADT Board of Directors, whose responsibility it will be to continue moving the organisation forward.

Let us work together to move IADT forward.

### 3 - IADT Election Results for 2023-2024

We are delighted to announce the **2023 - 2024 Executive Committee Officers**

#### President



**Dr. Liran Levin**  
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Thanks must go to the outgoing Board member Marie Therese Flores and the outgoing secretary Cecilia Bourguignon for the considerable time and effort they spent as IADT Board members.

Congratulations to the newly elected **IADT Board of Directors** that will serve our Association from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024.

Four re-elected Directors, Michal Sobczak (Poland), Nitesh Tewari (India), César de Gregorio (Spain), Geertje Van Gorp (Belgium) are joined by four new faces, Yuli Berlin-Broner (Canada), Georgios Tsilingaridis (Sweden), Koyo Takimoto (Japan) and Peter Duckmanton (Australia).



**Dr. Yuli Berlin-Broner**



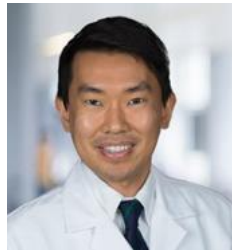
**Dr. Peter Duckmanton**



**Dr. César de Gregorio**



**Dr. Michal Sobczak**



**Dr. Koyo Takimoto**



**Dr. Nitesh Tewari**



**Dr. Georgios Tsilingaridis**



**Dr. Geertje Van Gorp**

## 4 - Welcome the new Editor for *Dental Traumatology*

Following the stellar work of Dr. Paul Abbott, the IADT is delighted to announce that Wiley Publishers has appointed IADT's very own President, Professor Liran Levin, as the next Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Dental Traumatology*. Join us in congratulating President Levin on this prestigious appointment!



**Professor Liran Levin**

**2023 - 2024 President, IADT**

**Editor-in-Chief, *Dental Traumatology***

## 5 - IADT New Fellows 2022

### **Dr. Hong - Keun Hyun and Dr. Sidhartha Sharma**

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Hong-Keun Hyun and Dr. Sidhartha Sharma have fulfilled all of the requirements for the Award of the Fellowship of the IADT! They will be recognized at the 2024 World Congress on Dental Traumatology in Tokyo, Japan.



Dr. Hong-Keun Hyun is currently a full professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, School of Dentistry, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea; and is also working at the Seoul National University Dental Hospital. He graduated from the College of Dentistry, Seoul National University (DDS) in 1998 and received an MSD (2001) and PhD (2008) at the same university. He received a 1-year internship and 3-year post-graduate resident training at Seoul National University Hospital, and a national licensed specialist in pediatric dentistry from Ministry of Health and Welfare, Republic of Korea. He studied as a visiting associate professor at the Department of Restorative Dentistry, Division of Biomaterials and Biomechanics, School of Dentistry, Oregon Health & Science University (USA). He is Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of the Korean Academy of Pediatric Dentistry*, and the Vice President of the Korean Association for Disability and Oral Health. He is a Fellow of the International Association for Disability and Oral Health. He has published more than 50 SCIE scientific articles and more than 130 peer-reviewed articles issued in Korea. He has been a reviewer for more than 20 SCIE journals including *Journal of Dental Research*, *Dental Materials*, and *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry*. His research interests include the optical and physical aspects of restorative biomaterials and clinical investigations in pediatric dentistry and dental traumatology. He is a member of the editorial boards of the *Journal of Dental Research* and the *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry*.



Dr. Sidhartha Sharma is a full-time assistant professor in the Division of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics at the reputed Centre for Dental Education and Research, All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India. He is involved in clinical, research, and postgraduate teaching activities. He graduated from North Bengal Dental College in 2008 with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree and was granted the overall academic excellence award for his achievement in all four professional undergraduate examinations. In 2012, he received his master's degree (MDS) from the prestigious All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India. This was followed by a three-year senior residency at the same university. In 2021, he was awarded Diplomate of the Indian Board of Endodontics. He has 30 peer-reviewed articles published in international and national journals such as the *Journal of Endodontics*, *International Endodontic Journal*, and *Dental Traumatology*. He was a guest speaker at the Indian Society of Dental Traumatology conference and a regular presenter at the national endodontic platforms.

**What fellowship means to me?**

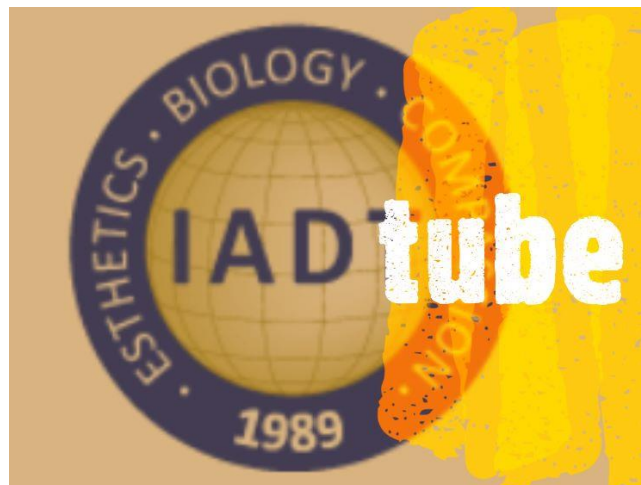
It is a tremendous honor to be named an IADT fellow. I believe that endodontics is a fundamental subspecialty within the multidisciplinary area of dental traumatology; hence, I have sought the fellowship since joining the IADT in 2019. Preparing for this rigorous examination has extended my understanding and interest in traumatology. Becoming a fellow will contribute to my professional growth and recognition of a positive and fruitful affiliation with IADT. I'd want to express my gratitude to my senior colleagues at the institute for pushing and inspiring me. Special thanks to the IADT team for their efforts to spread dental traumatology information around the globe.

## 6 - Reasons to Join or Renew your IADT Membership

Join the IADT or renew your membership. Be a member of International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT) and reap the many benefits!

Special membership rates for the residents of LD countries as designated by the World Bank.

Coming soon: "IADTube," a lecture series by international leaders in Dental Traumatology. It is free of charge to IADT members.



For more details, or if you have any questions regarding your IADT membership, please contact <https://www.iadt-dentaltrauma.org/IADTMembership/Membership.aspx>



## 7 - Trauma News from Around the World

### 1) Session on Dental Traumatology at the National Meeting of the Spanish Association of Endodontics (AEDE) in Zaragoza, Spain, 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> of October 2022.

Report by César de Gregorio

During the first day of the annual meeting of AEDE, held in Zaragoza, scientific and clinical cases were focused on traumatic dental injuries. Several specialists in dental trauma gave their lectures during the scientific event, where more than 800 professionals attended the conference meeting. Dr. Oscar Alonso delivered the opening speech and a clear message to improve knowledge in dental trauma. Regional TV covered the event with emergency care of traumatic dental injuries emphasized during the different interviews that provided clear guidelines for the lay and professional population.

The speakers and topics during this first day of the meeting were:

- Dr. César de Gregorio. "How to minimize the consequences and sequelae after a traumatic injury."
- Dr. Xavier Rodriguez and Carlos Garza. "BOPT limits on the traumatized tooth".
- Dr. Gloria Saavedra and Eugenio Grano de Oro. "Dental trauma in the young patient. Do we know how to act?"
- Dr. Antonio Berto. "Management of complex cases in Dental Traumatology."



Dr. César de Gregorio (Madrid, Spain)



Dr. Antonio Berto (Dallas, USA)

Thank you, Cesar!

**2) Report from the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Congress of Dental Traumatology in India, December 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2022: The biggest Global Event in Dental Traumatology in 2022, held in the city of Agra, home of the magnificent Taj Mahal.**

Report by Dr. Liran Levin and Dr. Nitesh Tewari

The 1st Asian Regional Congress of Dental Traumatology, which was supported by the IADT, took place in the city of Agra, India, site of the majestic Taj Mahal - the symbol of eternal love and a World Heritage Site. This was the biggest event for Dental Traumatology in 2022 and the first ever joint scientific event of the Indian Society of Dental Traumatology (ISDT) and the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT). The conference was a tremendous success with over 250 participants from 16 countries attending lectures by IADT speakers as well as by other leading international and local lecturers. The local organising committee, comprised of Dr Vijay P Mathur (Organising Chair), Dr Ajay Logani (Scientific Chair) and our own director, Dr Nitesh Tewari (Organizing Secretary), did a remarkable job of creating an event of great stature in just 4 months. The IADT was represented by President Anne O'Connell, President-Elect Liran Levin, and Director César de Gregorio.





Thank you, Liran and Nitesh!

### 3) Dental Trauma Day organized at the School of Dental Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2023

Report by Lea Budak

Dental Trauma Day is an event organized by the Student Section for Dental Traumatology, School of Dental Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia. This year's event was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January and was attended by 70 participants. The theme, "Sports trauma of the head and neck," raised the interest of dental students from the University of Zagreb and the University of Rijeka, including students of Kinesiology, who learned about trauma prevention and procedures to use at the site of the accident following dental trauma. The event consisted of 8 lectures covering many aspects of Dental Traumatology in different disciplines including Periodontics, Endodontics, Prosthodontics, Otorhinolaryngology, and Maxillofacial Surgery. Professor Liran Levin gave an online lecture in real-time on behalf of the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT).



Lecture by Lea Budak and Tea Burić



Lecture by Prof. Liran Levin



Organizing committee  
(From left to right: Tea Burić, Lea Budak  
Lara Vranić, Lidija Bagić)



Lecture by Dr. Iva Brkić

Thank you, Lea!

## 8 - Upcoming Events in 2023 - 2024

### SAVE THE DATE

for

### The 22<sup>nd</sup> World Congress on Dental Traumatology (WCDT 2024)

Connect and reunite live and in-person with engaged colleagues and leaders in the field of Dental Traumatology from 12-15 July 2024 in Tokyo, Japan.

This World Congress will bring together global leaders in the clinical, academic and research areas of dental and oral trauma.





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## SAVE THE DATE: Copenhagen Symposia and Webinars 2023

We hope to see you October 4-7, 2023, for the Copenhagen Symposia and Webinars.



The IADT expresses its deep concern for the well-being of countless people affected by the most recent natural disaster in Turkey, Syria, and Lebanon and in ongoing conflicts and deprivation around the world.



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