



IADT Life Member

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I started my postgraduate training in 1978 at the Eastman Dental Institute in Stockholm. Miomir Cvek was head of the department of pediatric dentistry at that time. All traumatic injuries related to teeth in the Stockholm County were referred to this department, which led to a considerable knowledge in this field. Through Miomir I was able to get to know Jens Andreasen, which led to a lifelong friendship and lots of scientific studies and textbooks.

In February 1989, a trauma-symposium was held on a ferry between Stockholm and Helsinki. Among the participants were Jens and Frances Andreasen, Miomir Cvek, Lars Andersson and I. This meeting resulted in the first World Conference on Accident and Injury Prevention, which was held in Stockholm during 17-20 of September 1989. This was the founding meeting of the World Association on Dental Traumatology, which was later named the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT). I have served many years as a board member in IADT under the presidency of Jens Andreasen, Martin Trope, Marie Therese Flores, Mitsuhiro Tsukiboshi and Lars Andersson. I was under these periods involved in the first two versions "The guidelines for the management of traumatic dental injuries". I was also during a long period member in the editorial board for Dental Traumatology. During all these years I have been lucky to have made friends with so many nice and warm people all over the world.

My first paper on Decoronation was published in 1984. The title was "Surgical treatment of ankylosed and infra-positioned reimplanted incisors in adolescents". Anna Lena Hallonsten phoned to me and said that the title was hopeless. She suggested I should have called the paper "Decoronation" instead. This paper was, however, a starting point for me to be able to travel all over the world to present this method, and today it is a well-known established treatment. In the third and fourth editions of the Textbook and Color Atlas of Traumatic Injuries to the Teeth I presented this technique in a chapter together with my husband. In the fifth edition I contributed with another two chapters.

I retired from the Eastman Institute in 1999, but continued to publish papers on traumatology, and involved Georgios Tsilingaridis in my follow-up study on decoration. However, I still receive invitations to lecture about my studies. Recently I have been in Ipoh, Malaysia, and will lecture for post-graduate students in Kuwait during March this year. Since 1992 I have been a member of the Swedish National Osteogenesis Imperfecta-team, and started study medicine 1999 at Karolinska Institutet, Paediatric Department at Huddinge Hospital. I defended my thesis "Clinical, Histopathologic and Genetic Diagnosis in Osteogenesis Imperfecta and Dentinogenesis Imperfecta" in 2004 and was promoted to Medical Doctor. Since then, I have been involved in three theses and 11 papers on osteogenesis imperfecta.

My husband, Olle, has supported me in all projects since the start. We have worked together in many studies and book-chapters on dental traumatology, but he has also helped me a lot with statistics in the studies on osteogenesis imperfecta.

Nowadays, I have more spare times than ever. I am lucky to have a good health and can attend more to my hobbies with my friends. My main interest is to play tennis. I play at least three hours every week. We have two girls and four grandchildren and all of them play tennis. Bridge is also an interest of mine and there is also a special bridge club within our tennis-club.

Many of us who started the IADT are old now, and some very important colleagues have passed away. Georgios has now taken over many parts in dental traumatology, which I am very happy about. It is so important that the younger generation takes over.