

International Association of Dental Traumatology

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1-Message from the IADT President Anne O’Connell

The past few months have seen us all change our daily routines as COVID-19 has spread across the world. The impact on Dentistry has been unprecedented both for health care and for maintaining our business. Our major concern is the health and safety of our families, friends and patients.

IADT has refrained from issuing any clinical guidance, not due to our lack of concern but to prevent confusion due to the huge regional and national variations in the disease control measures and different health approaches to manage the spread of the disease. Our advice is to follow the current (and often rapidly changing) policies on dental practice in your jurisdiction.

Dental traumatic injuries will still occur, and patients will need to be triaged to determine the urgency of their injury. Use of smartphones with video or camera will help us to determine those patients who must be seen. Your colleagues are likely to recognize your special interest in Dental Traumatology, and so you may be the point of contact for advice.

Access to and location of emergency services has been restricted, especially when treatment is likely to generate aerosols. I am confident that dentists will provide the best possible management of dental injuries during these restrictive times and will endeavor to prioritize these patients once dental practice resumes.

IADT will continue to work diligently on your behalf and will post news via the website and Facebook. You are already aware the 2020 World Congress has been rescheduled to June 2021 and that we are also in the final stages of completing the new IADT Guidelines in Dental Trauma.

Please visit the IADT website to download and distribute the free Tooth SOS App and the 'Save your tooth' posters to your local community so that initial management of dental traumatic injuries can be highlighted. Take advantage of the free educational video collections on the website.

We are all concerned about the health and safety of everyone in the community and recognize the stress that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to our personal and professional lives. Be kind to yourselves and others and we will emerge from this crisis with new and enlightening perspectives. Our thoughts are with you.

Sincerely

Anne O'Connell
President, IADT ■

FREE IADT Dental Trauma First Aid App

How to take care of a dental trauma
injury at the scene of an accident.
This free app shows what to do...



**IADT ToothSOS
Mobile App**



VIRTUAL LEARNING

IADT provides free videos from 2016 World Congress to members via the IADT Webpage. These videos are wonderful resources on various topics. In addition, IADT will release videos from WCDT 2018 over the coming months as we plan for Webinars to assist you staying updated on the latest in Dental Trauma. Enjoy in your downtime. Remember IADT is only as strong as its membership. Thanks to all of you. ■

<https://www.iadt-dentaltrauma.org/>

2-Message from the IADT Newsletter Editor Bill Kahler

As I write this Editorial the world is being ravaged by the coronavirus pandemic and a new word “COVID 19” has entered our vocabulary. This virus is lethal and shows no respects for borders and reported cases have involved nearly 200 countries. What is clear to me is that the IADT is an international organization, so all our members are likely to be affected by this virus. As a dental professional, we have always been empathic to trauma and people’s pain. We need to trust each other even in (and especially) when we are isolating ourselves in our homes to ‘flatten the curve”. So, in a time when we are isolating from each other, while nations are closing their borders, let us also remind ourselves that as members of the IADT that we are also part of a broader community. So as Editor, I pray for you all, your families and loved ones and for every member of this small planet that we call home.

Your IADT Newsletter Editor,

Bill Kahler ■

3-Keep up to date on COVID-19 and Dental Practice

Literature to assist in safe practice for COVID-19 kindly provided by IADT Board member Marc Semper. Remember to use as an adjunct to local jurisdictions and any limitation they may have on practice.

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4- New dates for WCDT meeting in Portugal, June 2-5, 2021

The new dates for the WCDT are June 2-5, 2021 still to be held in Lisbon, Portugal. Congratulations and thanks to the Organizing committee who have worked hard to reschedule WCDT.



5-Jens Andreassen Lifetime Achievement Awards announced. Congratulations on well-deserved awards.



Dr Lars Andersson



Dr Lamar Hicks

The Jens Ove Andreassen Lifetime Achievement Award is the most prestigious award and is bestowed to outstanding individuals who have shown dedication and leadership over the years to IADT. There are two recipients of this award in 2020:

Dr. Lars Andersson (Sweden): Dr. Andersson has been involved with the IADT since its founding in Stockholm in 1989 and served as a Founding Director until 2007 when he took on the position of Secretary/Treasurer (2007-2008). In addition to being Editor of Dental Traumatology, he served as President-Elect (2009-2010), and then as President (2011-2014). He helped broaden the international involvement of IADT.

Dr M. Lamar Hicks (USA) has been a long-time advocate and supporter of IADT. He became a Director of IADT in 2003 and has served on the Board as Director, Secretary/Treasurer in 2011 and Treasurer in 2015, a position he still holds. He has contributed immensely to the Association, overseeing the finances of IADT. In addition, he has contributed educationally and organizationally as chair of the education or organizing committees of several successful IADT World Congresses.

View all Jens Ove Andreassen Lifetime Achievement Award recipients on the IADT History webpage at: [IADT-DentalTrauma.org/history](https://www.IADT-DentalTrauma.org/history) ■

6-IADT Case Report Competition Winners. Congratulations!

First place winner: Gertrude Van Gorp - "Severe intruded immature central incisors with uncomplicated crown fractures: an interdisciplinary approach "

Second place winner: Elaine Shore - "Unpredictable outcomes following avulsion of immature incisors".

The winning entry will be available on the website soon. The IADT and this committee would like to thank all participants for the many interesting cases submitted for the competition. ■

7-New IADT Trauma Guidelines meeting, Dublin, Ireland, January 2020

The new guidelines are almost here. Following an extensive process, the Directors of the IADT Board along with Peter Day (University of Leeds, UK) and Ashraf Fouad (University of North Carolina USA) met to finalize the new IADT trauma guidelines. On a personal note, I have to say that this was a very collegial and consultative process. The current guidelines were last revised and published in 2012. We have all relied on them for the management and treatment of our patients who have sustained dental trauma. The guidelines will be published in upcoming issue of *Dental Traumatology*. I commend the guidelines to each and every one of you. I assure you there was much discussion, but consensus was achieved after a thorough search of the literature and a robust discussion by all present at this meeting. ■



8-A Report from Spain by Cesar de Gregorio

I want to share with you my personal experience and an anecdote very related to Dental Traumatology, that may help you to get through all this. While I am writing these paragraphs, we have been in complete isolation for several weeks. As many of you have experienced, at the beginning, at least in my case, everything was positivism. No matter that I had to close my practice, treating just some emergencies, worried about my assistant's health and myself. Actually, we were confident that it was going to be quicker. But this is not something that will heal quickly, and it will take time.

Although I was full of positivism, I have to accept something. After some time, being isolated, working out in my living room and without any social interaction and just the conversations with relatives and friends through video calls...it was mentally, getting harder.

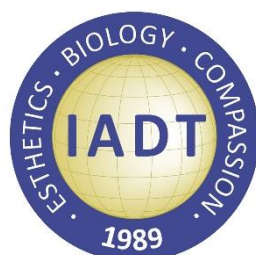
But I have not been in that mood again. At some moment, when I was trying to get positive energy but failed several times due to everything that was surrounding us, I was invited by some colleagues and educational institutions to give some free webinars. Some of them were about Dental Traumatology. At the beginning, I was quite skeptical about the usefulness of these virtual events during these times. Who wants to learn about Dental Trauma when we turn on the TV and we watch all this? Is anyone interested on extra-oral dry times now? If I share my clinical experience in this field will help anyone?

I started to see through social media a huge interest in the webinars in which other colleagues and I, were collaborating. There was an incredible movement all around the world, in different fields, everyone wanted to share, teach and help. This was an amazing boost for me as well and, as my other colleagues, I am still receiving messages from more than 1,200 people who attended those events. It was very exciting to see that what we were doing had helped so many people to scape (for at least some hours) from the reality BUT at the same time, all these people helped us even more!

From the IADT family we want to send you a message of hope and our best wishes during these circumstances. See you all in Lisbon 2021!

Kind regards,

Cesar de Gregorio ■



9-A Report from India by Nitesh Tewari

The India Society of Dental Traumatology recently concluded its 2nd National Conference in Chennai in the southern state of Tamil Nadu. This was its 6th National event after the inception in October 2017. One of the highlights of the conference was presence of Dr Anne O'Connell, President IADT and Dr Zafer Cehreli, IADT Board of Director. There has been an increasing enthusiasm for this trauma society which stands at around 400 life members from almost all states and 11 specialties.

The conference was preceded by another special initiative for dental trauma awareness through a 'Walkathon' in the campus of Sri Ram Chandra Institute of Higher Education and Research followed by a street play and public interaction. An educational program for schoolteachers was also organized the next day with participation of 48 teachers from 23 middle and higher secondary schools of the city. ISDT aims to train about 5000 schoolteachers within next 2 years across the country. The President of ISDT Dr Ajay Logani and Dr Anne O'Connell along with ISDT Board members and Chief guest launched the "flagship" program of ISDT, called "EMIT - Emergency Management of Injured Tooth".

India is known for its rich cultural hospitality and diversity which was on display during the entire conference and left some very fond memories with the IADT president and board member. The future vision for this society includes establishing a national dental trauma registry, organise outreach scientific programs in remote parts of the nation, spread of the awareness initiatives and make significant contribution to dental trauma research. The 3rd National Conference of ISDT has been planned in the Beach state of Goa in 2021. ■



10-Liran Levin's son presenting a dental trauma education presentation to his classmates

Educating the next generation:

We all at the IADT know that education and prevention are important keys when we are dealing with traumatic dental injuries. Educating young kids at school can lay the foundation to better understanding of the importance of prevention and proper treatment of dental trauma. Sometimes, hearing and learning things from peers make the experience more relatable than attending a professional lecture. Professor Liran Levin's son (in the picture) took that idea forward and decided to dedicate a morning meeting at his school teaching the young classmates in grade 6 about dental trauma prevention and emergency treatments. He also promoted the IADT free app ToothSOS! ■

