



MINUTES DIGITAL ANNUAL MEETING

26.09.2020

Attendees: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, The Netherlands, United Kingdom

Board: Yvonne Nyblom, president yvonne.nyblom@tandhygienistforening.se ; Ellen Bol-van den Hil, vice-president Ellen.Bol@mondhygienisten.nl ; Jacqueline Boss, treasurer jacqueline.boss@dentalhygienists.swiss ; Anne-Claire van der Lans, secretary a.lans@chello.at

<p>1.</p>	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Yvonne Nyblom, YN, president of EDHF, welcomes all attendees, proud to see so many representatives from the member countries of EDHF is this digital annual meeting. YN also welcomed our new member country Slovenia. Meeting rules were discussed to guarantee a smooth meeting.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>President report, Yvonne Nyblom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Results of the mail ballot were sent out on Friday 25th September. For those who didn't receive the results, please contact Anne-Claire van der Lans (AL) by email a.lans@chello.at - YN thanks all the delegates for their confidence in her as president and in the board so we can move forward another year in this formation. YN welcomes Gitana Réderiené (GR) as a member at large in the board - YN thanks the President of the Russian DH Association Uliana Lenets (UL) for their understanding and collaboration to move the EDHF annual meeting in Moscow to 2022 - <u>Bucharest October 2019, Pierre Fabre oral care (PFOC)</u>; Meeting concerning the Oral Health Professional Training (OHPT) Platform together with Modules developers, people from the Erasmus+ and EuHyDens project, and responsible OHPT managers. Another digital conference was arranged on the 15th June 2020 with all the OHPT Managers. Purpose was to meet and understand the processes and the work load for the OHPT managers in the national associations. YN thanks the OHPT Managers for their engagement and huge contribution in this project. The Re-Launch and much more user friendly OHPT website will be 13th October 2020

- ❖ Anne-Mai Nilsen, Norway, is the link between the national associations and PFOC. YN is the EDHF representative in the project team and also communicates with the national association presidents and PFOC
- ❖ We strive to create a strong, simple and effective structure, to make sure this project will be the continuing education project and can strengthen both our profession and EDHF as a federation

- Due to Health Reasons it was not possible for YN to participate in Oral Health Platform Meeting in Brussels in December 2019. Ellen Bol (EB) was participating in this meeting
- Due to personal Reasons it was not possible for YN to participate ACFF (Alliance for a Cavity Free Future) Collaborative council Meeting in February 2020, EB was participating in this meeting as well
- March 2020 Covid-19: EDHF board decided not to give any specific advices since the national rules and regulation differs a lot! However, it has been very good to see the communication and support that has been given within the EDHF What's-App Group

Cancelled Meeting due to COVID 19:

- Association of Dental Education in Europe (ADEE) meeting in Strasbourg (August 2020). For four years now we have hosted a Special Interest Group (SIG) session related to the development and dissemination of the Common Education Framework. Purpose of this year meeting was to start a new SIG to strengthen inter-professional collaboration within the oral health care team, and how this can start already during ground level education. To explore and develop practice team based oral health care with the objective to improve the quality of dental hygienists and dentists provided care, especially the complex care needed related to an aging population and patients with chronic diseases
 - ❖ This SIG should have been hosted together with representatives from Kings College in London, Cork university, Ireland, University of Portsmouth and the EDHF. Everything is however put on ice and hopefully we can start next year instead!
- The European Association for Dental Public Health, EADPH, conference in Montpellier (September 2020). From EDHFs side we are involved in a study/survey with people from EADPH, Gitana Røderienè and Ellen Bol are both involved in this work. EADPH is one of the most important scenes for us as dental hygienists since public oral health care is one of the main areas for the dental hygienists. Among children, elderly and people with special needs, the public sector has a special role and responsibility and the dental hygienists are a highly relevant resource there
- 20 Year Anniversary of the Association of Dental Hygienists in the Czech Republic including a presentation from YN about the dental hygienist profession with perspectives from Sweden and Europe. Due to the COVID Situation YN decided to recorded the presentation and participated by link for questions. Once again – a

warm congratulation to our Czech colleagues from all EDHF members, and good luck for the future!

- EDHF board meeting in Zurich (March 2020) was cancelled, however, we met by Skype, and the minutes have been sent out. Several other board meetings took place by skype to make arrangement and decisions concerning this digital meeting
- For the rest of this year we expect that all physical meetings will be cancelled, postpone, or in some cases, will be in digital form

Common Education Framework publication – NEW NAME: “Common Education Curriculum” / “CEC for dental hygiene”

- Only the introduction paper and the abstracts of the four domains are open for free access. The four Domain papers are available only for those who subscribe the European Journal of Dental Education (Most of the Dental and Dental Hygiene programs in Europe do have access)
- The Introduction Paper was generously sponsored by TePe Oral Hygiene Products
- It was our ambition to have an open access for all five papers. However due to both economical and practical reasons it was not possible. At the moment we looking at future possibilities
- Now it's time to spread awareness and create an interest in the CEC:
 - ❖ YN, Corrie Jongbloed (Project Manager CEF/CEC and President of the International Federation of Dental Hygienists, IFDH), together with the EDHF board, are now planning for the different steps of dissemination
 - ❖ Member countries and delegates can contact the dental hygiene educators, schools and universities and make them aware of the CEC. Naturally this is also a tool you can use when you talk to politicians and other decisionmakers about dental hygienist education and our professional role
- Due to COVID planned meetings with different stakeholders, such as CECD – Council of European Chief Dental Officers, the CED – Council of European Dentists, the EU parliament and our collaboration partners will be postponed or in a different way. The board will make sure we communicate through digital channels as much as possible. Dissemination towards professional associations are naturally important but the most important work now is dissemination of the CEC and the impact you can create in your countries. Please let us know how we can support you in this work. We will keep you updated and informed!
- A new DH Association from Georgia wants to be a member of the EDHF
- All EDHF Guidelines are updated and will be available at the secured part of the new EDHF website
- On the 15th October we had a board meeting, next board meeting will be 19th November 2020, if you have any issue you like to bring for this board meeting, please contact one of the board members or our secretary AL a.lans@chello.at

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please let us know if you have ideas regarding projects, we could conduct together with our supporting collaboration partners - YN sends our greatest appreciation to our collaboration partners who support us
<p>3.</p>	<p>Vice-President report, Ellen Bol (EB)</p> <p><u>Website and new logo:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new website is almost ready, as soon as it is available you will receive a notification from us - Please send us news items and interesting topics to “fill” the EDHF website - EDHF has a new logo and we shared it with you by email. Please use this new logo for your website and printed media - The new logo files including a guideline how you as national association can use the new logo will be available on the secured part of the new EDHF website and will be sent out by email as well - EB wants to organize a digital meeting in October 2020 with the social media committee <p><u>Statues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Few adjustments have been made, because of Dutch law and European rules we have to meet - Statues will be passed to the notary after the board members went to a notary in their own country to authorize if they are who they say they are <p><u>Survey EADPH/EDHF:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This survey was sent out on 22.09.2020 by email and the purpose of this survey is to get more information about how DH’s work in Europe - There appears to have been no previous pan-European study which has investigated a range of topics relating to the employment of Dental Hygienists, including the reasons why they are not employed in some European countries and why they are under-employed in others - The data on numbers of Dental Hygienists in each European country also need to be confirmed as, in many countries, where there is no centralised list of qualified Dental Hygienists, it is difficult to give an exact number. - We kindly ask for your cooperation, so we also can update the numbers in our previous EDHF survey. If you didn’t receive the email concerning this survey please contact EB by email Ellen.Bol@mondhygienisten.nl <p><u>Workshop EFP 10 – 13 November 2019:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB is representative of EDHF and the dental hygienists - Together with approximately 90 other professionals we discussed 15 systematic reviews and made the draft for the first evidence-based treatment guidelines for periodontitis

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The guidelines are published in the Journal of Clinical Periodontology <p><u>Oral Health Platform (OHP) 3 December 2019:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The minutes of this Meeting were sent out together with the president report on 19.12.2019 - The OHP has made a manifest for Oral Health in Europe - Look at their website www.oralhealthplatform.eu and Facebook to use news and other items to share with you members <p><u>Alliance of a Cavity Free Future (ACFF) meeting in February 2020 in Madrid:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EB represented the EDHF during a meeting of the European Chapter of ACFF - During this meeting we discussed how we can achieve the first and most important goal of the ACFF: Every child born in 2026 and thereafter should stay cavity-free during their lifetime - If we really want to achieve this goal, we, as dental professionals, have to work together globally, but, even more important, we also have to spread this word in our own countries - Therefore, ask the members of your associations to give attention to World Cavity Free Future Day in your own country. This day is on 14 October 2020 <p>Facebook page ACFF: https://www.facebook.com/acffglobal/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/ACFFMembers/</p> <p>Website https://www.acffglobal.org/</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Secretary report, Anne-Claire van der Lans (AL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AL reports to the delegates that it is very important that the EDHF board is up to date with the information concerning the member country associations (address, website, email etc.) and names of the delegates. A document will be sent out together with the minutes to update this information - Concerning the WhatsApp Group of EDHF, at least one of the delegates should be included in this WhatsApp Group so no information will be missed
<p>5.</p>	<p>Treasurer report, Jacqueline Boss (JB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JB thanks the delegates for their reliance for her work as treasurer till next annual meeting - The board is happy that a compensation of the board is possible now. Even it is a symbolic sum, we also believe that for some members it can be a decision help for standing up to work for the EDHF

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Starting after the annual meeting 2021 there will be a new treasurer, for those who are interested in this position or have any question please contact JB by email jacqueline.boss@dentalhygienists.swiss - JB points out that there is some delay with sending out the “Membership Fee” invoices, this will be sent out in the upcoming days. Important Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Number of active members with Date 30.06.2020 ❖ Payment latest by end of November 2020 ❖ Payment of <u>exact amount and in Euros</u> <p><u>Sponsoring:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P&G for the next 3 years - Dentaïd SL for 2020 - With other Sponsors negotiations ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JB thanks the board for their support and a special thanks to Sharon Friedman for her work as Auditor
6.	<p>Country Reports (Slovenia, Denmark and others)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Country reports of Slovenia and Denmark are attached as PDF in the Email communication with the minutes <p><u>Italy, Stefano Checchi:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good News: Italian dentalhygienists can be registered now - Bad News: A DH wanted to start his/her own DH-office in one of Italians regions. The result of this situation is that law has been changed and it is now <u>not anymore possible for all DH in whole Italy to work independently, all DH have to work with a dentist.</u> This causes a lot of troubles, because it is unsure how independent office can continue - A statement in this Matter on behalf of EDHF or a letter of Support has been discussed with the delegates. Stefano will stay in contact with the board in this matter <p><u>Latvia, Kristine Belova:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Latvia used the COVID pandemic to get in contact with universities making protocols about washing hands, brushing tooth etc. <p><u>United Kingdom, Julie Deverick:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to COVID and because a lot of DH/Dental Therapists lost their job, the association decided to suspend payment membership for 3 months, which resulted in 400-500 new members - Since the COVID Pandemic more meeting with other dental professionals took place - A mentorship program has been developed - Free webinars for the members

	- Weekly Vlogs by Julie
7.	Information regarding the annual meeting in Oslo 2021 Hilde Aga and Anne-Mai Nilssen gave us a brief update concerning the next annual meeting; <u>24-25 September 2021</u> . Location of the hotel, meeting times, social program and possible activities for the Sunday were presented
8.	Information about the annual meeting in Moscow 2022 Uliana Lenets informed the delegates that the same provisional schedule from 2020 will be used for the annual meeting 2022 and will take place in Moscow
9.	Close of Meeting President Yvonne Nyblom thanked all the delegates for their participation in this Digital Annual Meeting



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