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Xavier Struillou, new president of the EFP

Dr Xavier Struillou takes over from Prof Filippo Graziani as president of the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP), the global benchmark in gum health and gum disease

Giving the best support to the 37 EFP-affiliated societies of periodontology is one of Xavier Struillou's top priorities

Brussels, 1 April 2020. Xavier Struillou is the new president of the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP), the global benchmark in periodontal science and practice and in implant dentistry.

Associate professor of periodontology at the University of Nantes in France, Dr Xavier Struillou succeeds Prof Filippo Graziani from the University of Pisa in Italy at the top position of the EFP, a scientific organisation that brings together 37 national member societies and more than 16,000 periodontists and other oral-healthcare professionals from Europe and around the world.

A member of the executive committee of the EFP since 2017 and coordinator of European Gum Health Day 2018, Xavier Struillou is the first Frenchman to lead the EFP since Jean-Louis Giovannoli, who was the federation's first president back in 1992.

Listening to EFP-affiliated societies and collaborating closely with them are high among Struillou's priorities: "At the EFP we aim to inspire our member societies, to guide them, and to serve them. The heart and the engine of our federation is our 37 affiliated societies. Their drive is the EFP's drive, and we are deeply indebted to them."

Periodontal health for a better life

Xavier highlights EFP initiatives such as campaigns with partners, new evidence-based guidelines due to be published by the end of April, and events such as EuroPerio, Perio Master Clinic, Perio Workshop, and Gum Health Day, noting how the EFP provides "a framework for patients to have better treatment, for citizens to be made aware of gum health, for professionals to be kept updated, and for students to be trained – always in the context of our shared goal of "periodontal health for a better life".

Addressing the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, the new EFP president sends a message of support to all members of the oral-healthcare team involved in offering urgent treatment and service to patients. “On behalf of the EFP, thank you for your sense of duty, your professionalism, and for adopting safe practices and standard procedures according to each country,” he says.

In leading the EFP, Xavier Struillou teams up with secretary-general Nicola West (University of Bristol, UK), treasurer Monique Danser (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands), president-elect Lior Shapira (Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical Centre, Jerusalem, Israel), elected member and Gum Health Day 2020 coordinator Andreas Stavropoulos (University of Malmö, Sweden), and the 2018-2019 president Filippo Graziani.

EFP, global benchmark in periodontology

The European Federation of Periodontology (EFP) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting awareness of periodontal science and the importance of gum health. Its guiding vision is “periodontal health for a better life.”

Founded in 1991, the EFP is a federation of 37 national periodontal societies that represents more than 16,000 periodontists, dentists, researchers and oral-health professionals from Europe and around the world. It supports evidence-based science in periodontal and oral health and it promotes events and campaigns aimed at both professionals and the public.

The EFP organises EuroPerio, the world’s leading congress in periodontology and implant dentistry, as well as other important professional and expert events such as Perio Master Clinic and Perio Workshop. The annual Gum Health Day on May 12, organised by the EFP and its member societies, brings key messages on gum health to millions of people across the world.

The EFP also organises workshops and outreach campaigns with its partners: projects to date have covered the relationship between periodontal disease and diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and caries, as well as women’s oral health during pregnancy.

The EFP’s *Journal of Clinical Periodontology* is the most authoritative scientific publication in this field. The federation also publishes *JCP Digest*, a monthly digest of research, and the quarterly *Perio Insight* magazine, which features experts' views and debates. The EFP’s work in education is also highly significant, notably its accreditation programme for postgraduate education in periodontology and implant dentistry.

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