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# **EFP launches *EFP Perio Sessions*, a live webinar series on periodontal science**

**Anton Sculean gave the first EFP live webinar in a series that will include presentations by other leading figures in periodontal science such as Filippo Graziani, Virginie Monnet-Corti, and Orly Shapira**

**The *EFP Perio Sessions* live webinars are open to periodontists and other dental professionals around the world who are interested in improving their knowledge of periodontology and implant dentistry**

**Brussels, 22 April 2020.** The European Federation of Periodontology (EFP) has launched the *EFP Perio Sessions*, a new concept in live interactive webinars on key periodontal topics. These weekly webinars will share advanced scientific knowledge with periodontists, dentists, researchers, and other dental professionals interested in periodontology and implant dentistry.

As part of the EFP initiatives to support its members and the dental community during the unprecedented situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the *EFP Perio Sessions* are open to the more than 16,000 members of EFP-affiliated societies and to other members of the oral-healthcare community around the world, and will be free of charge during the lockdown period.

World-renowned experts in periodontal science and clinical practice Anton Sculean, Filippo Graziani, Virginie Monnet-Corti, and Orly Shapira will be the first presenters of these educational webinars.

"The EFP is always seeking new ways to fulfil its strategic vision of 'periodontal health for a better life' and hopes that these live webinars, given by some of the leading names in periodontology today, will help clinicians all around the world to advance their knowledge and understanding of key developments in periodontal science and clinical practice," highlights EFP president Xavier Struillou.

The calendar of *EFP Perio Sessions* started with Anton Sculean, professor of periodontology at the University of Bern in Switzerland, who gave his online presentation on *The 'Bernese concept' of treatment of single and multiple gingival recessions*. The session was moderated by EFP secretary general Nicola West.

The presentation by Prof Sculean – who was recently awarded the prestigious Distinguished Scientist Award for Research in Periodontal Disease by the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) – explained the biologic rationale and treatment philosophy behind two techniques for soft-tissue reconstruction in different clinical scenarios: the modified coronally advanced tunnel (MCAT) and the more recently developed laterally closed tunnel (LCT). The use of clinical cases and surgical videos are designed to give step-by-step demonstrations of both techniques.

Each of the *EFP Perio Sessions* live webinars features an introduction by a moderator, a 30-minute presentation, and a 15-minute moderated question-and-answer session.

The next webinar is scheduled to take place on Thursday 23 April at 17:00 CET, with a presentation on periodontal surgery for complex defects given by Filippo Graziani, professor of periodontology at the University of Pisa in Italy, and a past president of the EFP (2019-20).

Prof Graziani's focus on the rationale and techniques available for performing periodontal surgery on teeth with periodontal defects associated with a poor prognosis will be of particular interest to all members of the oral-healthcare team eager to know more about regenerative surgery and its rationale in cases with such defects.

Only the first 1,000 participants to log in are able to participate in the live event. However, the webinar will then be made available for viewing on the EFP's [YouTube channel](#). For more details on the *EFP Perio Sessions* webinars and how to register, visit [the EFP website](#).

### **EFP, the 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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