

Scientific Programme and Mission Statement

Theme: Dental Hygiene – New Challenges

In keeping with the global profile of the IFDH, our multifaceted scientific programme will provide the participants with a *State of The Art*, evidence based continuing education conference. Our purpose is to educate and inform and enable Dental Hygienist, specialist and other health care providers to take on new challenges, gain perspectives and develop new approaches in Dental Hygiene treatment. Within the realms of new challenges in *dental hygiene*, it is our goal to address, among others, the topic of nutrition and oral health issues. In addition we are compelled to prepare our dental professionals to face the increasing hurdles in Gerodontology.

Our aim is to alert professionals to the needs of our aging patients and to recognize the oral changes that come with the years. We want to awake the awareness of changing behaviors like use of tobacco products and of lifestyles that have an influence on oral conditions such as erosions. Our purpose is to assist in staying abreast of new diagnostic tools and adjunct therapies such as photodynamic and treatments of periimplant infections.

- New challenges in Periodontics
- Nutrition and oral health
- Caries: Future diagnostic tools and prevention
- Gerodontics: Our aging patients
- Implantology: the Dental Hygienist's role in recognizing and treating periimplant infections
- Smoking Intervention
- Erosions/ Attrition/ Abrasion
- Dental Hygienist, Dentist and the patient: A team venture
- Photodynamic Therapy in Dentistry
- Education: A constant challenge

All this and more – keeping the focus on the joint venture and educating the global dental professional community.