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EG members lead the main activities of the OHWG group and participate in bimonthly teleconferences
RG members provide information on local/international oral health related initiatives to the EG, disseminate the work of the OHWG locally and participate in six monthly teleconferences.
1. Mapping Oral Health Capacity

2. Increase Oral Health visibility and integrate Oral and Public Health

3. Child Human Rights - Declaration on Access to Oral Health for Children
* Mapping Oral Health Capacity

**AIM**: determine Dental Public Health and Workforce worldwide

- Set up on-line survey - on going
- Pilot study and validation of the survey
- Data collection in all WHO regions interviewing the main stakeholders of Oral and Public Health
- Data presentation at the 14th World Congress of Public Health
* Increase Oral Health visibility and integrate Oral and Public Health

a. 1st Arab World Conference on Public Health - Dubai 4-6 April 2013

**Speakers:**
- S. Al Bulushi
- M. Al Darwish
- M. Alfarhan
- M. Al Rafee
- P. Vassallo

**Chair:** R. Bedi
**Co-chair:** B. Borisch

b. 141st APHA Annual Meeting in Boston - November 2-6, 2013

**Session:** *New Initiatives for Better Global Oral Health*

**Speakers:** M. Allukian, B. Borisch, (B. R. Donoff), L. Roumani and I. Adyatmaka
Every child has a right to good oral health free from avoidable oral disease and pain. Oral health problems in children can impact on many aspects of their general health and development, causing substantial pain and disruption to their lives and often altering their behaviour. Good oral health is an integral part of overall well-being and essential for eating, growth, speech, social development, learning capacity and quality of life.

To promote oral health every child should have access to basic oral health services such as:

- Oral health education including oral hygiene instructions and dietary advice, and access to affordable toothbrushes and toothpaste containing fluoride as soon as the first primary tooth erupts
- Treatment of dental cavities, acute pain and other oral diseases
- Treatment of early stage decay to stop it from progressing to cavities
- Preventive dental care appropriate to the infrastructure and priorities of the country, which may include dental sealant, community fluoridation, and regular fluoride varnish applications

Through good oral health all children will have an equal opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential for a promising future.


Raman Bedi (Chairman)
Hyewon Lee
Carol Onyango
Valerie Wordley
1. Launch the Oral Health Capacity survey and complete data collection (end 2014)

2. Increase Oral Health visibility and integrate Oral and Public Health
   Active participation in regional and worldwide meetings

3. Submission/Approval of the Child Human Rights - Declaration on Access to Oral Health for Children by the WFPHA policy committee
Thanks a lot!

More information:

http://www.wfpha.org/oral-health.html

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