

* Oral Health Working Group

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Co-Chairs: Allukian M. and Eaton K.
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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

Set up of an EMRO OH subgroup

* Projects

1. Mapping Oral Health Capacity
2. Increase Oral Health visibility and integrate Oral and Public Health (meetings and publications)
3. Improve OH through adoption and implementation of declarations and resolutions - Oral Health for Children

* Mapping Oral Health Capacity

AIM : determine Dental Public Health capacity and Workforce worldwide



- Set up on-line survey - pilot study - validation ✓
- Data collection in all WHO regions interviewing the main stakeholders of Oral and Public Health - *on going* (> 100 answers collected)
- Data presentation at the 14th World Congress of Public Health (Kolkata, India - 2015)

* Increase Oral Health visibility and integrate Oral and Public Health

Past events

- a. 1st Arab World Conference on Public Health - Dubai 4-6 April 2013
- b. 141st APHA Annual Meeting in Boston - November 2-6, 2013

Upcoming events

- c. 142nd APHA Annual Meeting in New Orleans - November 15-19, 2014
- d. 7th European Public Health Conference - November 19-22, 2014 - under evaluation
- e. 14th World Congress of Public Health - February 11-15, 2015

Publication

WFPHA Newsletter December 2013 - special edition on Oral Health

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

Every child has a right to good oral health. 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. 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:

- 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
- Preventive interventions, appropriate to the infrastructure and priorities of the country, which may include dental sealants, community fluoridation, and regular fluoride varnish applications
- Treatment of early stage decay to stop it from progressing to cavities, and treatment of dental cavities, acute pain and other oral diseases
- Environments that eliminate advertising of unhealthy foods to children.

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

Available at <http://www.wfpha.org/statements-declarations.html>

a. **incredible impact**

b. **widely used for advocacy and to implement OH activities worldwide**

* Work plan 2014

1. Complete the Oral Health Capacity survey (data collection & analyses)
2. Increase Oral Health visibility and integrate Oral and Public Health
 - Active participation in regional and international meetings
 - Oral Health Database
3. 2014 Resolution: Oral Health for Dementia Sufferers (& Implementation)
4. Define topic(s) for 2015 Resolution

Thanks a lot!

More information:

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

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