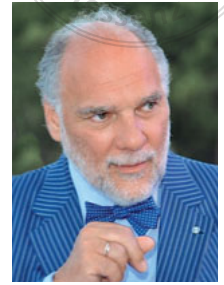


Editorial Prologue

From knowledge to wisdom, drawn from information



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Where is the Life we have lost in living?

Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?

Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?

T. S. Eliot

“Leadership in the Dental Profession by defining the highest ethical standards and interdisciplinary communication through publications and educational presentations” have been the fundamental scientific elements of the European Academy of Esthetic Dentistry. Hence, the EAED annual congresses have been established internationally as a distinctive “signature” academic event since its foundation in 1986. Moreover, its closed Active Members’ meetings, structured as Workshops, by investing the maximum advantage of the accumulated brainpower of its members, are designed to produce a particular output within the discipline of Esthetic Dentistry, focusing on a single clinical subject of interest. These Closed Meetings aim to generate reliable published scientific contributions to the dental literature.

While evidence-based information is an important component in clinical decision making for a successful treatment, the achievement of an excellent clinical outcome, as defined by the accomplishments of esthetic dentistry, requires additional knowledge and skills. Outstanding clinical performance, ongoing improvement of the operational dexterity, and updated application of dental materials and technologies are some of the crucial parameters defining the distinctive clinical achievement. Furthermore, the clinical interpretation of the documented experimental evidence as executed by the current experts on a specific clinical domain, enhanced by their extensive clinical experience, provides definition and demonstration of the limits in pursuing excellence. Their contribution as



essayists to the EAED workshops by presenting their focused and elaborated papers, not only by providing cutting-edge information but also by projecting their engendered clinical criterion, enhances this unique academic event with the necessary contemplating spirit that generates most constructive discussions.

‘Anterior Missing Teeth and Growth’ was the subject introduced by Dr Franck Bonnet, the Scientific Chairman of the Workshop of the 2019 EAED Active Members’ meeting in Mallorca on 20 to 21 September. As a critical topic of esthetic dentistry, it is related to a most sensitive yet broad part of our dental population. It concerns patients from birth to the completion of growth and beyond. The aim of the workshop was to produce clear indications for carrying out the necessary multidisciplinary procedures when treating those young patients.

Gathering the accumulated feedback by brainstorming the various issues among the participating Academy members was the objective of the focused discussions monitored by the Moderators, which preceded the consensus conclusions and the proposed ‘Informed Consent’ documents.

The extended amount of information that was used in order to encapsulate and preserve the precious knowledge and wisdom on the subject (quoting T.S. Elliot above), combined with the abundance of clinical figures forming almost an illustrated atlas, called for special publishing means. The Scientific Chairman and the Faculty of the Workshop, along with the Editor of the Proceedings, would like to acknowledge and express their gratitude to the Executive Committee of the EAED and Quintessence Publishing Company for the decision to preserve the integrity of the entire manuscript and accept to publish it as an independent edition – a Supplement issue of the International Journal of Esthetic Dentistry (IJED).

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Members and faculty of the EAED Mallorca Autumn Meeting posing on the grand stairway of the Castillo Hotel Son Vida.