



European Society of Endodontology

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ESE Executive Board**



President

Dag Ørstavik



Dag Ørstavik is Professor Emeritus in The Department of Endodontics at The Dental Faculty, University of Oslo, Norway. He served as Chairman of the Department from 2004 through 2016, and as Chairman of the Postgraduate Programmes of the Faculty from 2012 through 2016. He has taught and practiced endodontics as a Professor at the University of Oslo and as a Visiting and Adjunct Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA; he maintains a part-time private endodontic practice in Oslo.

After graduation as a dentist Dag worked for two years as a Research Associate in Birmingham, Alabama, and received his PhD (Dr odont.) from the University of Oslo on bacterial adhesion and biofilm formation in 1977.

From 1978 to 2004, Dag was a Senior Scientist at NIOM – Nordic Institute of Dental Materials - where he worked with endodontic materials and ran clinical testing programmes.

Dag previously served as Treasurer of the ESE and as President of the Norwegian Endodontic Society. He has been a board member and associate editor of several endodontic journals. He is editor of the textbook, *Essential Endodontology: Prevention and Treatment of Apical Periodontitis*.

Dag's main interest is in the field of clinical endodontic research, with special emphasis on radiographic analyses of treatment outcomes and the effects of medicaments and root filling materials. He has also published on technological and biological effects of endodontic materials and the effects of medicaments and materials on various oral microbes.

Treasurer

Vittorio Franco



Vittorio Franco is in private practice limited to Endodontics in both Italy and the UK and is on the specialist list for Endodontics with the UK General Dental Council. He is visiting professor and teaches on postgraduate programmes in Endodontics at the Universities of Roma la Sapienza, Bologna and Siena.

Vittorio is a specialist member of the ESE, a Member of the Italian Academy of Microdentistry (AIOM) and has been involved since 2008 with the Executive Board of the Italian Society of Endodontics (SIE); currently, as President. Dr Franco has twice been a member of the executive board of the Federation of Italian Dental Scientific Societies. He was Secretary of the 2011 ESE biennial Congress in Rome.

Vittorio has presented more than 200 lectures and courses on endodontic topics. He has been a member of the editorial board of *Giornale Italiano di Endodonzia*, a reviewer for several journals and has published numerous scientific articles, 3 textbook chapters, and is currently working on a textbook.

President Elect

Paul Dummer



Paul Dummer graduated from the University of Wales in 1973 with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery and completed his MScD in 1980 and PhD in 1987. He was awarded a senior doctorate in dental science (DDSc) in 2002 on the basis of his research record in Endodontology. He has published over 200 original scientific articles in international peer-reviewed journals and written several chapters in textbooks.

Paul was a Professor of Restorative Dentistry at the School of Dentistry, Cardiff, UK from 1995 to 2017 and Vice Dean between 2005 and 2011. He was Dean for Education and Students in the College of Biomedical and Life Sciences, Cardiff University from 2011 to 2017, with overall responsibility for the quality assurance of education in seven schools, including Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Optometry, Psychology and Biosciences. He was also an honorary Consultant in Restorative Dentistry with the Cardiff & Vale University Health Board (2000 to 2017) and a registered specialist in Restorative Dentistry and Endodontics with the UK General Dental Council (2000-2017). Paul was Director of the 3-year Masters in Clinical Dentistry (Endodontology) programme at Cardiff from 2010 to 2017. He retired in 2017 and is now an Emeritus Professor with Cardiff University.

Paul is Editor-in-Chief of the *International Endodontic Journal* (1999 - to date) and from 2018 the Chief Executive Officer of the European Society of Endodontology having been Editor from 2001-2008 and Secretary from 2009-2017.

**Chair of the
Research
Committee**

Leo Tjäderhane



Leo Tjäderhane is the Head of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Disease, Faculty of Medicine, University of Helsinki, Finland. He is also the Senior Consultant at the Helsinki University Hospital.

Leo has served the ESE Executive Board since 2012. Previously, he served as the Country Representative on the ESE General Assembly for four years. For the national Finnish Dental Society Apollonia, he has served as a member of the Committee of Continuing Education and the Scientific Expert Committee, as well as the Board member and chairman of the Division of Cariology and Endodontics. Currently, he is the President Elect of the Finnish Dental Society Apollonia.

Leo is a member of the Editorial Board for the International Endodontic Journal and the Journal of Endodontics. He has published more than 200 original or review research articles, mostly in the fields of pulp biology, adhesive restorative dentistry and Endodontology. He was awarded the M.G. Buonocore Prize in 2014.

**Chair of the
Education &
Scholarship
Committee**

John Whitworth



John Whitworth is Professor of Endodontology at Newcastle University, UK and honorary Consultant in Restorative Dentistry, Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, where he has led Endodontic education and clinical services for 25 years. He is also Director of Student Progress & Support and Dental School Engagement Lead.

John has published more than 100 scientific articles and abstracts, authored 1 textbook, 16 textbook chapters, including contributions to the 10th and 11th editions of Pathways of the Pulp, and edited 4 further textbooks, including the 3rd Edition of Textbook of Endodontology. For 10 years, he was Assistant Editor/Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the International Endodontic Journal and sits on several other Editorial Boards. He has enjoyed extended sabbatical attachments in San Antonio, Texas and Sydney Australia, has delivered numerous lectures and workshops and served as external examiner at undergraduate and postgraduate levels nationally and internationally. In 2005, he was Dental Defence Union UK Dental Teacher of the Year.

John is committed to enhancing patient care through education at generalist and specialist level. He also devotes much of his time and energy to the pastoral support of dental students.

**Chair of the
Clinical Practice
Committee**

**Gianluca
Gambarini**



Gianluca Gambarini is a full-time professor and Head of the Department of Endodontics and Director of the Masters in Endodontics programme at the Dental School, University of Rome La Sapienza, Italy.

Gianluca is an internationally recognised lecturer and researcher, He is the author of more than 480 scientific articles and has lectured all over the world as a main speaker at the most important international congresses and universities (more than 500 presentations and courses).

Gianluca has gained numerous awards and prizes, and is responsible for many scientific projects supported by national and international grants. He has focused his interests on endodontic materials and clinical endodontics. He is also actively cooperating as a researcher/consultant to develop new technologies, operative procedures and materials for root canal treatment.

Gianluca maintains a private practice limited to Endodontics in Rome, Italy

**Chair of the
Membership
Committee**

Hal Duncan



Hal Duncan received his dental degree from the University of Glasgow, UK and his endodontic speciality training in Guy's Hospital, King's College London, UK. For ten years, he worked part-time in a specialist referral endodontic practice. He completed his PhD in the University of Birmingham on the subject of 'Epigenetic approaches to the role of Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors (HDACi) in promoting dentine-pulp regeneration'. As an Academic Consultant in Endodontics, he has led endodontic teaching, service delivery and research in Dublin Dental University Hospital (DDUH), Ireland for the last 11 years.

Hal has published over 50 scientific articles, 30 research abstracts, 11 book chapters as well as editing 2 textbooks. He has been an Associate Editor for the International Endodontic Journal since 2014. Hal has received two sponsored research fellowships in New York University investigating on the role of epigenetic-modifying agents on development and regeneration as well as multiple research grants as principal investigator.

Hal currently maintains a research lab and supervises several clinical and scientifically trained PhD students and postdoctoral researchers in basic and translational pulp biology and endodontics. In addition to ESE commitments, he is the Chair of the DDUH Clinical Audit Committee, a committee member of the Irish Division of the IADR, a past president of the Irish Endodontic Society as well as an external examiner in Ireland and overseas.