

Lithuanian Society of Endodontology (LSE)

The Lithuanian Society of Endodontology was established by a small group of 13 Endodontists and Odontologists in November 1993, becoming the first Professional Dental Society in Lithuania. The constitutive meeting took place in Vilnius, capital of the Republic of Lithuania. Thanks are due to the commitment and hard work of the founder members - prof. Vytautė Pečiulienė, assoc. prof. Rasmūtė Manelienė and dr. Bronius Sidaravičius.

The main reasons for establishing the Lithuanian Society of Endodontology were to promote Endodontology within the profession, to establish an active partnership with other dental societies, improve the representation and profile of Endodontology within Lithuanian dental schools and to facilitate expert communication and discussion among dentists.

At the present time, the Society has about 80 members. The members of Society's executive board currently are: assoc. prof. Saulius Drukteinis (President), prof. Vytautė Pečiulienė, dr. Greta Lodienė and dr. Bronius Sidaravičius (Secretary).

Last year, the General meeting of members decided to apply for full membership of the ESE. Our application was successful and we were accepted as a full member at the General Assembly of the ESE in Lisbon on 23th October, 2010.

The annual conference of the LSE „Endodontology 2010“ was held in Vilnius on 26th – 27th November, 2010. More than 250 dentists with a special interest in endodontology attended the conference (Picture 1). The meeting was accompanied by a dental exhibition. The participants attended the scientific programme presented by invited and Lithuanian speakers.



Picture 1. The participants of annual conference of the LSE Endodontology 2010.



Picture 2. An award of Honorary Membership was given to prof. Vytautė Pečiulienė for her achievements in Endodontology over many years.

The meeting started with a short slideshow of images reflecting the history of the LSE. After a short complimentary speech, the former President of the LSE, prof. Vytautė Pečiulienė was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the LES in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Endodontology, and to a wealth of scientific, academic and social activity (Picture 2). Prof. V. Pečiulienė led the foundation and development of the LSE for many years. Currently she is the dean and professor at the Institute of Odontology, Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University and member of Society's Executive Board.

The scientific programme was started by prof. V. Pečiulienė. She gave an excellent presentation, describing the risk factors influencing vertical root fractures of endodontically treated teeth and the possibilities to prevent them in clinical practice. A lecture about root resorptions during orthodontic treatment was given by assoc. prof. S. Drukteinis and dr. L. Linkevičienė. They analysed the types and mechanisms of root resorptions, the risk factors and strategies of prevention and treatment.

The invited speaker dr. Asgeir Sigurdsson from Iceland in his 3 hr lecture introduced current concepts in diagnosis, treatment and prevention of dental traumas, and the management of late complications (Picture 3). The step by step clinical use of MTA was then introduced by dr. G.Lodienė. The final lecture was given by dr. K.Bušauskas and dr. R.Vėberienė. They presented difficult and unusual endodontic cases and discussed possible treatment options.



Picture 3. Dr. Asgeir Sigurdsson gives the lecture about current concepts in dental traumatology



Picture 4. The new root canal cleaning and shaping techniques were discussed by dr. N.M. Grande and dr. G.Plotino.

The first day of the meeting ended with a get-together party in „Ben’s bar“ in the venue hotel. It was a great chance for all speakers, guests and participants to discuss the topics of the lectures and enjoy the company of good friends.

Dr. D.Ivanauskaitė started second day of the conference with her lecture about the possibilities of cone beam tomography in diagnosis and differentiation of endodontic diseases. The problems arising during post removal were analysed by dr. Ž. Grabliauskienė. The invited speakers dr. Nicola M. Grande and dr. Gianluca Plotino from Italy gave a 3 hr lecture entitled „The future of root canal cleaning and shaping“ (Picture 4). They discussed the current literature on root canal anatomy, conventional and new instrumentation techniques, introduced reciprocating NiTi files, their advantages and disadvantages. Great attention was given in the lecture to intracanal medicaments and different irrigation protocols.

The meeting was finished by dr. P. Kalesinskas. He gave an interesting and informative lecture on „Direct composite restorations“.

This meeting was again well attended and was a great success. I would like to thank all of the organizers, sponsors and participants for great support and friendship.

Assoc. Prof. Saulius Drukteinis
The president of the LSE