Professor Alexandre Mersel was born in Strasbourg, France. He earned his doctorate degree at the University of Lyon, France. He specialized in Prosthodontics at the Hadassah Faculty of Dental Medicine. He acted there as Director of Complete Dentures and Gerodontology. He was one of the founder and President of the European College of Gerodontology and also the President of the FDI Section of Gerodontology. He was elected as FDI Councilor and liaison officer for the Education Committee.

Chairman of the Education WG European Organization of the FDI for then years. He is currently:
- Senior Research Fellow, Department of Community Dentistry Hadassah Faculty of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem,
- Chairman of the Jerusalem District of the Israeli Dental Association,
- Member of the Editorial board of several international journals,
- Member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the Academy Dentistry International.

Prof. Mersel’s activities were mostly focused on the development of the East Europe Program, participating and lecturing each year at several National meetings. He launched surveys on the status and the evolution of the Continuing Education and finally the evaluation systems. Meantime, he actively participated in a research concerning the relationship between the NDAs and the Dental Faculties. All the findings were published.

“Globally Dental Education can be divided in three sectors.
- The basic Education is provided by the Dental Faculties and has for task.
- The formation of the future dentist. Post graduated or advanced Education has for mission to transmit more specialized and updated education to degreed practitioners.
- Continuing Education is concerned by General Practitioner, usually degreed dentists working in their office since several years, looking for an updating in their daily practice. Each discipline is devoted for the study of a special field; anatomy as Endodontic, pathology as Oral Cancer. For a specific population cohort as Pedodontics for children and Gerodontics for the elderly. Continuing education should in this perspective be considered as a Special issue devoted mainly for dental Practitioners.

As new CE Program Director for East Europe I foresee my responsibility with a great accountability Obviously it is our obligation to provide a long life education system to our colleagues. More important is also to educate our young Speakers for this specific target: “Educating our Educators”.

Dentistry has tremendously evaluated from a small liberal and conservative profession to a highly advanced technological and sociological Profession that is directly involved in the global health system. A valuable evaluation should be established in order to gather all necessary information: “Evaluation for Evolution”.

Finally a permanent communication pattern should be established between the Faculties and the Regional Direction. The future of our Profession depends on the motivation of the practitioner delivering quality oral health services to their patients.

Therefore communication is the Must: “Motivation by Communication”.

Concerning East Europe there are numerous countries, each one with their own historical and cultural background. Therefore a special attention must be paid to all these differences in order to “Bridge the Gap”.

Running our Program 2014 and trying to fulfill our mission we received a very good feedback concerning the NDA, the participation and the satisfaction of the Dentists and moreover the enthusiasm of the Speakers. Consequently the majority of them will participate at the next 2015 Program.”
Hungarian Dental Association 718 Members

Location
Budapest

Event
National Congress of Hungarian Dental Association

Type of event
National Continuing Education Congress

Organizer
Hungarian Dental Association

Partners/Sponsors
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Topic 29 January 2015
Restorative Dental Materials

Topic 30 January 2015
Modern Endodontic Technology

Learning objectives
To present modern approaches in Endodontics and Restorative Dentistry

Keywords
Modern Endodontic, New Technologies, Updates in Restorative Materials

Speakers
Prof. Hande Sar Sancakli
Prof. Pierre Farge
Romanian Dental Association of Private Practitioners 500 Members

Location
Bucharest

Event
World Oral Health Day

Type of event
Conference

Organizer
Romanian Dental Association of Private Practitioners

Partners/Sponsors
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Feb. 26–28, 2015

Topic
Clinical Prevention: Bio-Mechanical Considerations of the Extraction Site

Speaker
Prof. Y. Nissan

Topic
Clinical Prevention: State of the Art in Endodontics

Learning objectives
- Prevention in Implantology
- Prevention in Endodontics

Speaker
Dr. Prof. Elizabetta Cotti

Keywords
Prevention, Implantology, Endodontics
Estonian Dental Association 799 Members

Location
Talin

Event
National Dental Association Congress

Type of event
Courses

Organizer
Estonian Dental Association

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Topic
Ergonomics

Learning objectives
Application of ergonomy in daily practice

Keywords
Dental Management, Ergonomy

Speaker
Prof. Jerome Rotgans
Croatian Dental Society 609 Members

Location
Zagreb, Croatia

Event
Congress of the Croatian Dental Society

Type of event
Continuing Education Symposium

Organizer
Croatian Dental Society

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Mar. 20, 2015

Topic
Relationship between Oral and General Health

Learning objectives
Relationship between Medical and Oral Pathologies

Keywords
Keywords: Systemic diseases, Oral Pathology, Prevention, Implantology

Speaker
Dr. Murali Srinivasan
**Slovak Chamber of Dentists** 3214 Members

**Location**
Bratislava, Slovak Republic

**Event**
Slovak Dental Days

**Type of event**
Course

**Organizer**
Slovak Chamber of Dentists

**Partners/Sponsors**
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**Topic**
**Dogmas in Complete Dentures Rehabilitation/Conservative Dentistry**

**Learning objectives**
- To update Conservative technologies in Endodontics
- Oral anatomy related to impression in complete dentures

**Keywords**
Dentures, Conservative Endodontics

**Speakers**
Prof. Jean Christophe Maurin
Prof. Cees De Baat

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Dental Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina 400 Members

Location
Sarajevo

Event
National Dental Congress

Type of event
National Congress Master Class

Organizer
Dental Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina

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Topic
Preventive and Pediatric Dentistry

Learning objectives
- New aspects in pedodontic treatments
- Updating Clinical knowledge in Pedodontics

Keywords
Preventive, Pediatric

Speaker
Prof. Mariam Margvelashvili

Mar. 27–28, 2015
Ukrainian Dental Association 4953 Members

36, Pasichna Str Lviv. Ukraine

Location
Yerevan

Event
East European Congress of Dental Implantation

Type of event
International congress

Organizer
East European Congress of Dental Implantation

Partners/Sponsors
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Topic
Minimalistic Intervention for Risk Patients

Learning objectives
Preventive approach in Implantology

Keywords
Prevention, Implantology

Speaker
Dr. Hadar Better
Location
Burgas, Bulgaria

Event
Congress of the Bulgarian Dental Association (BgDA)

Type of event
Course

Organizer
Bulgarian Dental Association

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June 11–13, 2015

Topic
Conservative Dentistry Esthetics

Learning objectives
Updates in esthetic restoration

Keywords
Esthetic, Restoration Systems

Speaker
Prof. Hande Sar Sancakli

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Italian Dental Association (AIO) 7500 Members

Location
Chia Laguna Resort,
Cagliari, Sardinia

Event
Focus on Dentistry

Type of event
8th International Congress,
27 National Congress

Organizer
Italian Dental Association
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June 11–13, 2015

Speaker
Prof. Pascal Magne

Topic
Ultraconservative Esthetics Treatment Options;
Bonded Restorations in the Anterior – Posterior Dentition

Learning objectives
Following this presentation, attendees will be able to determine which clinical situations
do not require ceramic veneering and can be approached with ultraconservative
techniques, combining bleaching and direct application of composite resins; choose
the safest and most reliable techniques for vital and nonvital bleaching; improve their skill
in the freehand application of composite resins.

Speaker
Prof. Renato Cocconi

Topic
From Micro Esthetics of the Smile to Macro Esthetics of the Face

Learning objectives
We are going to define the new Diagnostic Guide Lines that permit the treatment of different
face malocclusions linking different solutions regarding function and esthetic. The new
diagnostic techniques Cone Beam, the Digital Virtual Treatment, the multidisciplinary,
the recourse to the ortho – facial Surgery open new sceneries that require a new definition
for the new Strategies. We are entering in the Gold age for Orthodontics.
Topic
Steps & BOPT: From Restorative Dentistry to Rehabilitative Dentistry

Learning objectives
Dental erosion is an often underestimated pathology that is that afflicts a growing number of young patients. We explore who suffers most often from dental erosion, the latest treatments based on recent literature and why conventional treatment should be avoided. A new concept of total rehabilitative adhesion will be introduced as a treatment for patients with severely eroded teeth.

Speakers
Dr. Francesca Vailati
Dr. Ignazo Loi

Topic
Revisiting the Trans-Mucosal Complex in Implant Restorations in search for Optimal Tissue Adaptation

Learning objectives

Speakers
Prof. Nitzan Bichacho
Prof. Gerhard Konrad Seeberger
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June 11–13, 2015

Topic
Restorative Dentistry in the last 30 Years

Learning objectives
Overview of the developments in restorative dentistry over the past 30 years.
From the ‘80’s where amalgam was the restoration of choice in the lateral posterior areas, to the first light cured composites up to the use of gold foil/inlays characterized by precision and duration; from enamel-dentin bonding materials for predictable adhesion, up to modern day direct and indirect techniques used for esthetic restorations.

Speakers
Prof. Francesco Mangani
Armenian Dental Association 850 Members

Location
Armenia
(exact location to be confirmed)

Event
National Congress of the Armenian Dental Association

Type of event
International congress

Organizer
Armenian Dental Association

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Topic
Interventions for Edentulous Elderly – What is the Evidence?

Learning objectives
Diagnostic and prognostic in prosthodontics

Keywords
Implant overdentures, edentate elderly

Speaker
Prof. Martin Schimmel

Oct. 10, 2015
Georgian Stomatological Association 1600 Members

Location
Tbilisi, Georgia

Event
National Congress

Type of event
Course

Organizer
Georgian Stomatological Association

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Topic
New Dental Prosthodontic Solutions for Frail Elderly Patients

Learning objectives
To understand the evolution of the demands and solutions for these patients

Keywords
Prosthodontics Seniors, Frail patients

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Oct. 10–12, 2015

Georgian Stomatological Association
1600 Members

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Azerbaijan Stomatological Association

500 Members

Location
Bakou

Event
National Congress of Azerbaijan Stomatological Association

Type of event
Congress

Organizer
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Topic
Orthodontics: Modern Ways of Diagnostic and Treatment

Learning objectives
To provide guidelines in Orthodontics for the General Practitioner

Keywords
Orthodontics, Dento-Alveolar anomaly

Speaker
Dr. Marzia Segu

Oct. 16–17, 2015