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»» EDITORIAL



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Dear readers, dear colleagues,

Allow me to first thank our chief editor, Professor Faten Ben Amor, for offering me the position of guest editor of the ATO Journal, which I accepted with great enthusiasm. I thank you for having been numerous in submitting articles concerning traumatic dental injuries (TDIs). As a cause of damage to the dental organ, TDIs occupy the second place after dental caries. These injuries are characterized by their epidemiological, clinical, radiographic, therapeutic and outcome features, and require multidisciplinary interventions in complex situations. The existence of an International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT), of which I have been a member since 2011, is only one embodiment of the richness of this discipline whose guidelines are translated into several languages including the Arabic language. The Emblematic Figure or the Father of modern evidence-based treatment of TDIs is Professor Jens Ove Andreasen, to whom I pay tribute. Professor Andreasen was the first president of the IADT that he has founded in 1989. He passed away on September 26th 2020 and left for the international dental trauma community the following legacy: 400 publications and 12 textbooks, interactive internet based Dental Trauma Guide (founded in 2008), and The Copenhagen Symposia and the Copenhagen Webinars. May his soul rest in peace. Indeed, I had the opportunity and the great privilege, to invite the Eminent Professor Lars Anderson, who willingly agreed to give his first course in dental traumatology in 2010 in Tunisia at the faculty of dental medicine of Monastir. Professor Anderson was at that time President of the IADT and the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Dental Traumatology (IF: 3.3). Raising awareness about adequately preventing, diagnosing and treating TDIs, according to IADT guidelines and the core outcome set (COS), would enable dentists to reach a better outcome of TDIs management and improve patients' and families' quality of life. Furthermore, clinical and biological research is the pillar of the development of the dental trauma field.

Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues who took part in the review of the submitted articles. I wish you a very good reading of most of the clinical cases where the decisions to keep or not to keep the traumatized tooth come together. Also, I invite you to browse our different sections including the TDIs quiz, activities of our associations and the success story of the Tunisian dentist and colleague Melek Kallel Souayah in the USA, who pursued dental studies because of and thanks to a tooth traumatized in childhood.

Thank you very much.

Source about Prof. Jens Ove Andreasen: <https://iadt-dentaltrauma.org/>, <https://dentaltraumaguide.org/>

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