

## Professor I. L. C. Chapple

Iain Chapple is currently Professor and Head of Periodontology and Consultant in Restorative Dentistry at Birmingham Dental School and Hospital. He is former Scientific Editor of the *British Dental Journal* and is currently Editor of the European journal *Periodontal Practice Today* and Editorial Board member of the *Journal of Clinical Periodontology*. Iain is also the Periodontal Editor of a series of five textbooks by Quintessence and author of four of these texts. He is President of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Periodontal Research Group (2006–2007), former Chairman of the British Society for Dental Research (BSDR) Periodontal Research Group, Chair of the BSDR's strategic review committee for Oral and Dental Research and member of the Department of Health's working group on Dentists with special interests in Periodontology in the UK. He is the clinical lead for a hospital specialist periodontal service with a referral base of over 6 million. He also leads a periodontal research team active in the investigation of host–microbial interface and pathobiological aspects of periodontal disease diagnosis and development. He has published over 150 full papers and abstracts in his field and was awarded the Rizzo Research Award of the IADR Periodontal Research Group in Chiba, Japan, 2001. He is also a former winner of the British Society of Periodontology (BSP)'s Sir Wilfred Fish Research Prize, has been a council member of the BSP since 1994 and former Honorary Treasurer and founding member of the BSP's Education and Conference Committees. Iain has a strong interest in free radical and antioxidant biology in the pathogenesis of periodontal diseases, has recently authored a state-of-the-art review of this area in *Periodontology 2000*, as well as delivering keynote lectures at IADR, EuroPerio and BSDR on the subject.

## Priv.-Doz. Dr Med. Dent. C. Dörfer

Christof Dörfer served on dental education at the Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg School for Dental Medicine from 1980 to 1985. Since 1986, has been Assistant Teacher at the Polyclinic for Conservative Dentistry and Periodontology at the Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg School for Dental Medicine. 1989 Doctoral thesis. 1993 Research fellowship at the Minnesota Research Center for Biomaterials and Biomechanics, University of Minnesota at Minneapolis MN, USA. Since 1993 Assistant Professor. Habilitation 2002 on the Association between Periodontitis and Ischemic Stroke. Winner of several

national and international awards including the 2003 'Jaccard Prize' of the European Federation for Periodontology. Since 2004 Head of the German Delegation and Convenor of two working groups at the International Standardization Organization (ISO) TC 206 'Dentistry' SC7 'Oral Health Products'. 2005 Call as Professor and Chairman for Conservative Dentistry and Periodontology at the Christian-Albrechts-University Center for Dental Medicine Kiel. 2006 Research stipend at the University of Seattle School for Dental Medicine. Scientific interests: Preventive and Operative Dentistry, Periodontology.

## Dr A. F. Hefti

Dr Arthur Hefti is currently the Vice President of Clinical & Scientific Affairs with Philips Oral Healthcare in Snoqualmie (WA). He joined the company in 2004 after a successful 26-year academic career in Europe and the USA. Before he accepted the position at Philips, Dr Hefti was the director of the division of Preventive Dentistry at the Dental Institute at the University of Basel in Basel (Switzerland), a Professor of Periodontology and the Director of the Periodontal Disease Research Center at the University of Florida in Gainesville (FL, USA), and the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies at The Ohio State University (OSU) College of Dentistry in Columbus (OH, USA). In addition, he served as chair of the biomedical Ethics Committee at OSU and was a consultant to several biomedical companies. He has made scientific contributions in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of oral diseases, including caries, gingivitis, and periodontitis. His research was funded by a large number of grants from private companies and federal agencies and resulted in more than 70 original publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals. Dr Hefti has obtained his dental degree and a doctorate from the University of Zürich (Switzerland). He received the *venia legendi* in preventive dentistry from the University of Basel (Switzerland). He is a member of many important scientific organizations. He was treasurer and served on the executive board of the European Caries Research Organization (ORCA). He was also president of the Swiss Society of Periodontology. At Philips Oral Healthcare, Dr Hefti has led a successful re-organization of the department of Clinical & Scientific Affairs, implemented a web-based clinical trial system, and contributed to product innovation and claim support.

## Dr B. G. Loos

Dr Bruno Loos received his Dental Degree in 1981 from the Vrije University in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. After a year of general practice, he moved to Southern California, USA, and followed the MSc program in Periodontology at the Loma Linda University from 1982 to 1985. In 1986 Dr Loos continued his education and studied Oral Biology at the State University of New York at Buffalo, USA. In 1992 he received a PhD degree in Oral Biology. After one more year as postdoctoral fellow at the Department of Oral Biology in Buffalo, Loos moved back to Europe and started as Associated Professor in Periodontology at the Academic Center for Dentistry in Amsterdam (ACTA), The Netherlands. In 1996 he also became course director of the MSc program in Periodontology. Bruno Loos has great interest in research questions relating to the susceptibility of periodontal diseases and systemic effects of periodontitis; his projects are focused on genetic and immunological aspects. Dr Loos is member of the editorial board of several dental journals, is associated editor of the *Journal of Clinical Periodontology* and has published in peer-reviewed journals and wrote several chapters for textbooks in periodontology.

## Professor P. D. Marsh

Philip Marsh is Professor of Oral Microbiology at Leeds Dental Institute, UK, and is Programme Leader for the TB & Public Health Microbiology group at the Health Protection Agency – Centre for Emergency Preparedness & Response (CEPR), Salisbury, UK. He has published over 100 papers and 70 review articles, and is co-author of a leading text book on oral microbiology.

He was the recipient of the ORCA-Rolux Award for Caries Research in 1991, he received the IADR Distinguished Science Award (Research in Dental Caries) in 1998, and was awarded the Society for General Microbiology Colworth Prize Lecture Award for his contributions to applied microbiology in 2001.

His research interests include oral biofilms, oral microbial ecology, environmental factors regulating the oral microflora in health and disease, and cross-infection in dentistry (dental unit water systems and prions).

## Prof. Dr Med. Dent. J. Meyle

Prof. Dr. Med. Dent. Habil. Jörg Meyle, born 1953 in Esslingen/Germany, studied dentistry from 1975 to 1980 at the

University of Tübingen. In 1984 he finished his thesis for the dental medical doctor (Dr Med. Dent.). From 1981 to 1984 he underwent a postgraduate education in oral surgery and periodontics. From 1982 to 1984 he received additional training in the research laboratory of the Department of Hematology and Oncology of the Childrens Hospital at the University of Tübingen.

Until 1994 he was staff member of the Poliklinik für zahnärztliche Chirurgie und Parodontologie in the Zentrum für Zahn-, Mund- und Kieferheilkunde of the University of Tübingen, from 1992 to 1994 as an Assistant Professor.

He is author and coauthor of more than 130 papers published in international peer-reviewed journals as well as six book chapters and one monograph.

Since 1994 Prof. Meyle has been the Director of the Department of Periodontology at the Medizinische Zentrum für Zahn-, Mund- und Kieferheilkunde of the Justus-Liebig-University of Giessen.

He was on the editorial board of the *Journal of Clinical Periodontology*, the *Journal of Periodontal Research* as well as the *Deutsche Zahnärztliche Zeitschrift* and *Oralprophylaxe*. He is also co-editor of the *Parodontologie*, and since 2004 co-editor of the *Perio* journal.

From 1994 to 2003 he was board member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Parodontologie (German Society of Periodontology – DGP) and from 1998 to 2002 President of the society.

Since 1996 he is German Delegate in the board of the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP). In 2003 he was the head of the organizing team and president of Europerio 4. Currently, he is President Elect of the EFP.

## Dr Med. Sc. B. Söder

Dr Birgitta Söder is associate professor at the Karolinska Institutet, Institute of Odontology, Huddinge, Sweden.

Her research activities involve epidemiological and clinical studies of the relationship between dental plaque – gingival inflammation – periodontitis and systemic diseases, particularly the role of oral infections in cardiovascular diseases, including systemic markers relating cardiovascular disease and periodontitis as well as the role of bacterial interactions. Other areas in her research interest are the influence of anxiety and stress-related mental depression on periodontal health as well as tobacco-related periodontal diseases. The overall goal is prevention of gingival inflammation and periodontitis.

## Prof. Dr. U. van der Velden

Ubele van der Velden has been attached to the Department of Periodontology at the Academic Centre for Dentistry (ACTA) for more than 30 years. He obtained his PhD degree in 1981 on a thesis entitled 'Periodontal Probing – Clinical and Histological Investigations' and became Professor in Clinical Periodontology at ACTA in 1992. He is Program Director of the MSc Graduate Program in Periodontology at ACTA and since 2003 Chairman of the Department Periodontology at ACTA. He held for many years various positions in the Dutch

Society of Periodontology and is at present Chairman of the Consilium Parodontologicum. He was member of the steering committees of the North Sea Conferences as well of the Europerio meetings of the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP). He is one of the founders of the EFP, held various positions in the EFP and is at present Chairman of the Postgraduate Education Committee of the EFP. His major research interests are clinical periodontology, especially the various aspects of susceptibility to periodontitis. He published more than 170 scientific papers in international hard-core journals.

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