

DENFAC report

DENFAC in Poland

The IAPD Dentists for All Children (DENFAC) project held a 5-day workshop last September at the University of Warsaw, in Warsaw Poland. The workshop was hosted by Dr. Aleksander Remiszewski, Chair of Paediatric Dentistry. Workshop presenters-leaders were Professors U. Schroeder and C.G. Crossner from Malmo, Sweden. Faculty persons from ten Polish universities as well as one from Belarus were represented. Workshops are sponsored by gifts from Air Liquide, 3M, Colgate, Oral B and GC Corporation.

The workshop primarily was delivered in a lecture-discussion format. Topics centered on diagnosis, charting, restorative dentistry, pulp therapy and clinical criteria. Presentations were supplemented with video presentations. Rubber dam application and stainless steel crown techniques were demonstrated and practiced in a laboratory-simulated clinic environment.

Both presenters and recipients evaluated the workshop at its conclusion. Overall quantitative

evaluations were positive. Comments made by the recipients helped assess the merits of the workshop. They expressed opinion that the workshops benefited them as it gave them an opportunity to verify their knowledge and methods of treatment, provided the opportunity to discuss diagnostic and therapeutic problems, and they were able to see new techniques.

Those attending also indicated that as a consequence of the workshop positive changes would be made in their teaching programs. They intend to introduce clinical criteria, and alter some of their lectures and textbooks.

In preparation for a second workshop, the university representatives have divided into five working groups to introduce new and standards and criteria for use in their undergraduate programs.

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Delegates and teachers who attended the workshops held through DENFAC in Warsaw September 2004.



Professor Ulla Schroeder instructing during the workshops.

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