

# Proceedings of the 10<sup>th</sup> Closed Meeting of the European Academy of Esthetic Dentistry (EAED), Barcelona, October 24–25, 2014



The European Academy of Esthetic Dentistry was pleased to welcome to its annual Closed Meeting the “new generation” of one of the dental teams that has inspired, challenged, and expanded our dental knowledge in so many ways over the past two decades – American specialists Frank Spear, Vincent Kokich Sr, and Dave Matthews.

Our guest “new generation team” comprising Jim Janakievski (periodontist), Vincent Kokich Jr (orthodontist), and Gregory Kinzer (prosthodontist) presented to the Active Members of the EAED advanced esthetic multidisciplinary treatments, including the different approaches that can be applied to successfully treating patients who present with challenging situations.

Dentistry increasingly plays a part in the overall medical care of patients, involving not only their physical but also their psychosocial needs, which include their esthetic requests. One of the consequences is that with increased patient expectations the dental team faces greater technical and management challenges in order to create truly natural-looking restorations. To be successful today, it is important to improve our ability to formulate proper, effective, and efficient treatment plans for the patients who come to our clinics. Many colleagues have experienced the difficulty of planning and executing therapies by themselves that can restore the integrity of a patient’s smile to the highest standards. This is why, increasingly, they seek to collaborate with colleagues who have complementary interests and abilities. In short, they are attempting to create a *team*.

Teamwork is based on specialist knowledge and individual professionalism, as well as mutual respect and trust among the team members. Individuals may have their personal philosophy and agenda, but, when a dental team is involved in the care of a patient, the treatment philosophy or the treatment plan has to be merged and presented as if delivered by a single provider. This goal can only be achieved if the members of the team interact, challenge, and stimulate each other, as well as grow together, in the spirit of what Chilean poet Pablo Neruda once described as “the ability to extend one another”.

The aim of this two-day meeting was exactly that: to provide the Active Members of the EAED with an opportunity to interact and grow while discussing clinical cases of the highest standard treated with a rational approach by a tried and tested team of professionals who are not afraid to think outside the box.

The proceedings presented here are divided into 3 parts:

1. Essay by the lecturers (p. 302).
2. Transcript of the exchange between the lecturers and the Active Members (p. 332).
3. Conclusions drawn from the lectures and the discussion (p. 342).

We hope that you will find them clarifying and inspiring.

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