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European Federation of Periodontology Undergraduate Essay Competition

Prize: Free registration for the 2018 EuroPerio conference in Amsterdam plus 250 Euros

Prize available for 3 winners.

The EFP is delighted to announce an essay competition for dental students and dental hygiene/therapy students currently studying at a dental school in an EFP member country. The competition, organised by the EFP's Undergraduate Education Committee, is open to all such students who are at present studying at a dental school in one of the 30 countries with EFP-affiliated national societies of periodontology.

Three winners will each receive free registration for EuroPerio9 (Amsterdam, 20-23 June) plus €250 to offset travel costs, together with a certificate of award.

The essay title is "*Why I would consider a career in periodontology*" and essays should be no longer than 1,000 words (not including references and the applicant's contact details).

Essays should be submitted electronically in PDF format to Professor Philip Preshaw, chair of the EFP undergraduate education committee (philip.preshaw@newcastle.ac.uk), together with a letter (scanned, in PDF format) signed by the head of department or dean of the dental school confirming that: (1) the applicant is an undergraduate student studying dentistry or dental hygiene/dental therapy in a country with an EFP-affiliated society of periodontology, and (2) the student has permission to attend EuroPerio9.

Essays should be written in English, and formatted using the Arial font, size 11, 1.5 line spacing, and with references cited according to the *Journal of Clinical Periodontology's* Author Guidelines (see "5.7. References"). The first page should contain the name and contact details of the applicant (email address, mobile-phone number), details of the dental school at which they are studying (name, address, city, country), and which year of the course they are enrolled in.

The essays will be marked by members of the EFP Undergraduate Education Committee according to the following criteria:

1. Demonstration of understanding and imagination of the options and opportunities offered by a career in periodontology (20 marks);
2. Quality of the writing (while accommodating the fact that English will not be the first language of all students) (10 marks);
3. Use (and correct citation) of references to support the concepts considered in the essay (10 marks).

The three winning essays will be published on the EFP website with full credit given to their authors.

The deadline for essay submissions is **31 March 2018**.

