Editorial

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The European Academy of Paediatric Dentistry has the privilege to announce the publication of the EAPD policy document “Best clinical practice guidance for prescribing dental radiographs in children and adolescents: an EAPD policy document”.

EAPD has a long-standing history for producing guidelines and best clinical practice policies. The present one was prepared following the 11th Interim Seminar and Guidelines Workshop in Chania, Crete, Greece in May 2019 with the topic “Conversional and modern dental imaging tools in paediatric dentistry. From intraoral radiographs to 3D technologies”. Sixty-five invited experts from 23 European countries assembled in Chania and took part in three intensive consensus workshops over a period of 2 days that, following extensive discussions before, during and after the workshop, resulted in the guidelines. The topics of the three working groups were ‘Intraoral radiography in paediatric dentistry’, ‘Panoramic diagnostics in paediatric dentistry’ and ‘CBCT diagnostics in paediatric dentistry’.

The EAPD wishes to sincerely thank the authors of the papers, the invited speakers, the moderators, the members of the working groups and all the participants that contributed

to the publications. All made a great effort and shared their valuable knowledge leading to the development of another very important EAPD policy document.

The present special issue includes, apart from the policy document, four relevant review papers, all produced by the working groups involved in the 11th Interim Seminar and four more research papers on similar topics. I strongly believe that this issue will be a valuable tool in the hands of any specialist clinician using the conversional and modern dental imaging diagnostics and dealing with young patients. General dental practitioners can also utilise advanced information concerning dental radiology, as many of the presented data apply to both child and adult populations.

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