

SUMMER SCHOOL 8TH edition –10/14 JUNE, 2013 Alghero, Sardinia (Porto Conte)

One more time the 8th edition the Summer School gained successfully its target: how to teamwork on the activities and the goals established by the WHO Collaboration Centre for Epidemiology and Community Dentistry creating and planning preventive programs for community dentistry.

This school is based on a five days program with Italian and International speakers and during this year the program was focused on oral health and systemic health and their possible correlations.

Professor Andrea Vania, University La Sapienza of Rome, and ECOG President (European Childhood Obesity Group). He lectured about nutrition and its influence on oral health, giving some interesting epidemiological data about how obesity did spread worldwide

Professor Alessandra Majorana, University of Brescia, gave us the results of a study about dysgeusia (or taste alteration) during the paediatric age, in children that undergo chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Professor Maurizio Bossù, University La Sapienza of Rome, did a lecture about celiac disease and the possible interactions with the oral health, illustrating how the pathogenic mechanisms of this disease may affect the teeth enamel (causing amelogenesis imperfecta) and other lesion on the oral mucosa.

Doctor Michele Nardone, as a representative of the Public Health and Innovation Dept., explained how the Government and the Institutions can be actively involved in the prevention of oral diseases, especially for the “National Centre of prevention and control of the disease” illustrating how it is possible to develop a project trough a ministerial research protocol.

Professor Peter Lingstrom, University of Goteborg, did an amazing lecture about cariology and general health, involving the team-works with the major responsible diseases related to oral health and the processes of tooth enamel demineralization and decays.

Obviously we spent some amazing time in the beautiful area of Capo Caccia that is capable to offer us many breathtaking locations where we enjoyed the sea, the beaches and the evenings with some exquisite dinners in the local restaurants.

The Summer School, organized by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Epidemiology and Community Dentistry, with its Director and Coordinator, Professor Laura Strohmenger, represents a unique experience for its participants (dentists, dental hygienists, researchers, paediatricians) where they can discuss and deal with many other colleagues about dentistry, focusing on the problems related to the community needs, giving the most appropriate methodologies to aim the best possible health care service for the citizens. The informal environment and the purpose that the Summer School established through the years should not be forgotten or limited in the five days course.

For this reason, we created a network page on Facebook “*Summer School-Alghero*” or “*ccoms-milano*” and the website www.ccoms-unimi.it, where you can find a section for the event Summer School with the description of the meeting, nice photos, a guestbook, then scientific publications and national guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

We dearly greet all the participants and a huge thank you to the organizers of this fantastic event, **Professor Laura Strohmenger**, **Dr. Maria Grazia Cagetti** and **Dr. Guglielmo Campus**.

See you soon !!! Roberto Salerno