

From Vienna to Baku: a milestone year for the EFP

From EuroPerio11 in Vienna to Perio Master Clinic in Baku, the past year has been one of momentum and strategic progress for the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP). Under the leadership of Past President Spyros Vassilopoulos, secretary general Anton Sculean, and treasurer Andreas Stavropoulos, the federation has advanced its Vision 2030 agenda while strengthening partnerships, widening its international reach, and reinforcing financial sustainability.

Vision 2030 remained at the centre of the EFP's work, guiding progress across science, education, sustainability, international collaboration, and influence.

Education was a particular priority. EuroPerio11 in May 2025 and Perio Master Clinic 2026 brought together thousands of oral-health professionals for scientific exchange and continuing education. Another highlight was the 21st European Workshop on Periodontology in La Granja, Spain, which focused on clinical-practice guidelines for periodontal therapy, gingival diseases, and acute periodontal conditions—an initiative Prof. Vassilopoulos described as a strong example of science translated into practice.

EuroPerio11 was a defining moment for the federation. Held in Vienna, the congress attracted more than 10,000 participants and reaffirmed its position as the world's leading event in periodontology and implant dentistry. It also made a major contribution to the EFP's financial stability and strengthened relationships with partners, many of whom expressed interest in future collaborations.

Perio Master Clinic 2026 in Baku marked another strategic step, extending the EFP's reach into Eastern Europe and neighbouring regions. Despite the challenges of regional instability and travel uncertainty, the meeting succeeded in engaging new audiences and delivered a strong programme.

Public engagement also moved forward. The EFP expanded Gum Health Day through a new three-year campaign model, giving member societies greater flexibility to adapt materials locally. In both Vienna and Baku, public events featuring free dental check-ups, educational outreach, and media engagement helped raise awareness of oral health and increase the federation's visibility.

For secretary general Anton Sculean, the year focused on continuity, co-ordination, and cohesion across the federation. Close collaboration with member societies, committees, and the central office remained a priority, alongside support for younger colleagues and the next generation of leaders.

Financial sustainability also remained central. Treasurer Andreas Stavropoulos emphasised prudent budgeting, careful cost control, and transparent governance. While EuroPerio continues to be the EFP's principal source of revenue, its triennial nature makes long-term planning between congress cycles essential.

Together, these achievements have strengthened the EFP's scientific leadership and international profile. With International Perio Master Clinic 2027 and EuroPerio12 ahead, the federation moves into the next phase of Vision 2030 with growing confidence and reach.

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