

ESE holds another record meeting in Scotland

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The auditorium filled with the sound of Scottish bagpipes, but not playing the familiar tunes of folk classics such as *Amazing Grace* or *Auld Lang Syne*; it was the famous guitar intro from AC/DC's 1990 track *Thunderstruck* as re-interpreted by the Red Hot Chilli Pipers. The performance by the Scottish ensemble, who won the BBC's *When Will I Be Famous* television show in 2007 and currently conquer stages in Scotland and worldwide with their energetic bagpipe rock, clearly was one of the highlights of this year's European Society of Endodontology (ESE) congress in Edinburgh.

The 14th biennial ESE meeting, which was the second held in the UK (the first was the London congress in 1993), saw a record attendance of over 1,400 endodontic specialists from 50 countries. They had been invited to join a comprehensive lecture programme discussing key issues like the rights and wrongs of different instrumentation, and perennials like the realities of microbial biofilms and the challenges of 3-D imaging. New this year was a significant offering



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of 20-minute presentations that illustrated the latest clinical findings from research groups throughout Europe and further afield.

At the accompanying trade show, the Austrian company W&H presented their new anaesthetic system Anesto that allows targeted local anaesthetisation of individual teeth and will be available to UK dentists in autumn. SybronEndo, a gold sponsor of the meeting, said that their successful TF rotary NiTi files are now available in apical sizes 30, 35 and 40. French Acteon had their EndoSuccess range of tips for apical surgery on display.

"This was a record-breaking blockbuster for the ESE and we were delighted to have been able to host an event of such quality and size in Edinburgh. Each of our invited speakers brought their own style and insights, producing a varied and balanced programme for a large and diverse audience. ESE has become a beacon meeting, an exceptional gathering for scholarship, fellowship and discovery," Prof John Whitworth from Newcastle University and President of the British Endodontic Society told **roots**.

Delegates at the General Assembly elected former ESE secretary Prof Claus Löst as their new president. Prof Löst is currently Clinical Director of the Center of Dentistry, Oral Medicine and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Tübingen University Hospital in Germany. He will succeed incumbent president Prof Gunnar Bergenholtz (right) from Sweden at the beginning of 2010. More staff changes are expected to be announced soon.

Amongst others, treasurer Prof Dag Ørstavik from Norway will step down at the end of this year.

The Executive Board also proposed the co-funding of a symposium in July 2010 with the Pulp Biology and Regeneration Group of the International Association for Dental Research, which will address the topics of inflammation and regeneration.

ESE, founded in April 1982, is a federal organisation representing national endodontic and dental societies in 27 European countries. Their next congresses will take place in Rome (Italy) in 2011 and in Lisbon (Portugal) in 2013.

