

## Periodontal Practice Committee Report - January 2008

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A web Survey has been performed by CSA, a well known French Survey Company. The objective was to obtain demographic data and trends of periodontal treatment from EFP members.

Members from 25 countries (general practitioners and specialits) have been questioned.

At the end of June 2007 we have received e-mail addresses from societies, from Germany in October, while the Swiss Society was sending directly to its members the specific link to the web.

The survey has been launched on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2007, while the Swiss received their link July 30<sup>th</sup> and the German members their first e-mail on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

The First e-mail of recall was sent on September 4<sup>th</sup> (except for the Swiss) and November 13<sup>th</sup> for Germany.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> a last general e-mail of recall has been sent (except for the Swiss society). The Field was closed on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Response rate : 24%**

	Initial list of e-mail Adresses	% responses / Initial list of adresses	non valid Adresses	% non valid adresses / initial list Adresses	Adresses connected to the web	% completed questionnaire / Adresses connected	Completed Questionnaire	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7561</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>2504</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>1803</b>	<b>100%</b>
Croatia	25	64%	0	0%	17	94%	16	1%
Finland	78	54%	5	6%	46	91%	42	2%
Denmark	66	47%	1	2%	40	78%	31	2%
Sweden	130	47%	0	0%	76	80%	61	3%
Greece	170	46%	20	12%	95	82%	78	4%
Turkey	175	45%	14	8%	107	74%	79	4%
Belgium	124	44%	14	11%	71	76%	54	3%
Czech Republic	63	41%	7	11%	31	84%	26	1%
Ireland	25	40%	3	12%	15	67%	10	1%
Italy	500	37%	44	9%	246	75%	184	10%
Norway	94	35%	3	3%	41	80%	33	2%
Israel	113	34%	12	11%	52	73%	38	2%
Portugal	95	32%	10	11%	42	71%	30	2%
Hungary	68	31%	3	4%	30	70%	21	1%
United Kingdom	653	30%	22	3%	272	72%	196	11%
Slovenia	33	27%	2	6%	15	60%	9	0%
France	312	26%	54	17%	107	75%	80	4%
Poland	8	25%	1	13%	5	40%	2	0%
Austria	71	24%	1	1%	33	52%	17	1%
Serbia & Montenegro	18	22%	3	17%	7	57%	4	0%
Morocco	116	22%	10	9%	45	56%	25	1%
Spain	573	20%	115	20%	169	69%	117	6%
Netherlands	640	19%	20	3%	207	59%	123	7%
Germany	2831	16%	0	0%	617	72%	445	25%
Switzerland	580	14%	0	0%	116	71%	82	5%

A global participation rate of 24% was obtained for a questionnaire in English.

For 10 countries this rate was >40%, but some countries had a limited number of responses and an analysis per country was not possible in these cases.

During the questionnaire there was a drop out of 8% at the 8<sup>th</sup> question (after the questions of general nature) and then a regular drop out of 1 to 2%. There was apparently no tiredness during the questionnaire or cumbersome question

Countries	Answers	% total
Germany	445	25%
United Kingdom / Ireland	206	11%
Italy	184	10%
Scandinavian Countries	167	9%
Spain / Portugal	147	8%
Netherlands	123	7%
Eastern European Countries	95	5%
Switzerland	82	5%
France	80	4%
Turkey	79	4%
Greece	78	4%
Belgium	54	3%
Others: Israel / Morocco	63	3%

## Base of treatment

The number of responses was too low for some countries to allow an individual analysis.

We have pooled some results according to this table

**Countries will be compared between them and not to the total number, due to the high impact of German responses.**

## Socio demographic profile

	number	%
<b>Base of answers</b>	<b>1803</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>AGE</b>		
30 or less	139	8%
31 - 40 years	467	26%
41-50 years	618	34%
51-60 years	422	23%
60 years and more	157	9%
<b>SEX</b>		
MALE	1309	73%
FEMALE	494	27%

In Belgium and Turkey, the population is quite young with respectively 26 and 21% of practitioners below 30 years old.

In Greece and Portugal, 50% of responding practitioners were between 31 and 40 years of age.

Half of Spanish responses were aged between 41 and 50 years.

In Denmark, Switzerland, Netherland, 40 % were aged between 51 and 60 years.

In Italy, Netherland, Spain, Switzerland 85% of practitioners were male, while in Finland 75% were female.

	number	%
<b>Base of answers</b>	<b>1803</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Number of year of practice</b>		
5 years or less	332	18%
6 - 10 years	357	20%
11 - 20 years	557	31%
Over 20 years	527	29%
Don't practice anymore	30	2%
<b>MAIN WORKPLACE</b>		
Private practice	1226	68%
Government Service / Hospital / Academic	416	23%
Equal for both	161	9%
<b>AVERAGE POPULATION OF THE PATIENTS</b>		
Below 50 000	362	20%
50 000 - 99 999	202	11%
100 000 - 249 999	310	17%
250 000 - 499 999	199	11%
500 000 & over	575	32%
I don't know	155	9%