

ACFF GLOBAL REVIEW

An Update from the Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future

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Stop Caries NOW for a Cavity-Free Future
ACFF Global

A message from the Global Office

As we draw the year to a close, we would like to thank each and every one of you for the part you have played in the growth and progress of the ACFF in the past 12 months. We have achieved more than we ever thought possible since our launch in 2010, and are excited to see where the next stages of the ACFF's journey will take us. The commitment of each of our members and supporters is what is driving us forward, and bringing us, step by step, closer to the dream of seeing a Cavity-Free Future. We wish you all a very happy holiday season and look forward to continuing forward on this journey together throughout 2016.

Professor Nigel Pitts- ACFF Chairman & **Cat White**- ACFF Global Administrator

ACFF Chapters Launched to Date

2011
Colombia- May
Mexico- September

2012
Brazil- January
Venezuela- April
China- September

2013
Central America- June
Pan-Europe- July
Turkey- August
Malaysia- October
Greece- December

2014
Australia- January
India- February
Philippines- May
South Africa- June
Central Eastern Europe- June

Russia- September
Nigeria- October
Poland- October
Czech Republic- October
France- November

2015
Slovakia- January
North Africa/Middle East (NAME)- February
Italy- April
Thailand- September
Canada/United States- October

25 Chapter Milestone

The Slovakian, North Africa/Middle East (NAME), Italy, Thailand and Canada/United States ACFF Chapters were all launched in 2015. This brings our Global Coverage to 25 Chapters, spanning 6 continents, with the Canada/United States Chapter being the most recent to launch at the ADA meetings in October.

From Nigeria to Singapore, and France to Venezuela, each Chapter is wonderfully unique, and all are working hard to make a difference in their local communities, fighting caries and ensuring better oral health for their populations.

FDI Symposium

Against the backdrop of the September FDI meetings in Bangkok, we saw the launch of the Thailand Chapter of the ACFF. The setting of this occasion allowed us to be able to bring together ACFF representatives from across the world at the sixth annual ACFF Summit, delivering a report on the Alliance and presenting on issues impacting oral health, including the recently revised World Health Organisation (WHO) sugar intake guidelines and the implications of these around caries prevention and management efforts.



2015 ACFF Champions Award

This year we launched a Global Award initiative, encouraging Chapters to submit project reports to demonstrate their work towards achieving their local (and the global) ACFF goals. These reports were reviewed and scored by the Global Expert Panel and due to the outstanding quality of the applications, two winners were selected.

The Pan-European Chapters, with their drive to bring together representatives from a range of organisations to form an active Collaborative Council, stood out to claim one prize. The second winner was the Colombian Chapter, whose initiatives to advance the progression of the Caries Curriculum within dental schools in the country, along with their ground level initiatives providing care for both children and adults set an inspiring precedent for what can be achieved on a local level.

Next Steps

Annual ACFF Symposium

The ACFF will be hosting the first of a series of Symposia in conjunction with the AEEDC Dubai meetings. The Symposia will be held on February 2nd 2016, and addresses the question 'Does our current approach to caries prevention and control strategies integrate a sufficiently broad range of evidence?' Bringing together experts from across the globe from multiple disciplines related to caries prevention, we aim for this to be a day for us to join up the evidence and find the most effective way for us to work together for a Cavity-Free Future.

Nordic Chapter Launch

The next local Chapter to launch will be the Nordic Chapter, whose kick off meeting will be held on February 9th in Copenhagen. Drawing experts from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, the Chapter plans to focus on not only childhood caries, but also on caries prevention for the elderly.

Social Media This year we have launched our Social Media Channels! Follow us on Twitter, and 'Like' us on Facebook to keep updated on our activities throughout the year, and link to us by using **#cavityfreefuture**



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