

IFEA- OCEANIA REGENT REPORT, for WEC SYDNEY, AUGUST 2026

Warmest Greetings to all.

IFEA Oceania Members consist of the following member organizations:

- Australian Society of Endodontology (ASE)
- New Zealand Society of Endodontics (NZSE)
- Endodontic Society of The Philippines (ESP)
- Indonesian Endodontic Association (IEA)

General Comments and News

- Oceania Endodontic Societies appear to be having “business as usual”.
- No major issues have been raised with the Oceania Regent since the last meeting.
- There have been general communications regarding upcoming meetings, World Endodontic Day and Research Grants.
- IFEA released position statement on internal root resorption.

The current executive board for year 2024-26

- President IFEA : Dr Elisabetta Cotti from Italy
- President Elect IFEA : Dr Gopi Krishna from India
- Secretary IFEA : Dr Hyeon Cheol (Henry) Kim from Korea
- Treasurer : Dr Patrick Taylor from USA
- Past President : Dr Alan Nerwich from Australia

Board of Directors of IFEA for year 2024-2026

- Chair Research Committee : Dr David Jaramillo from USA
- Chair Education Committee : Dr Mehmet Baybora Kayahan from Turkey
- Regent Asia : Dr Jeeraphat Jantararat from Thailand
- Regent Europe : Dr William Mclean from Scotland
- Regent North America: Dr Bettina Basrani
- Regent South America: Dr Priscilla Ledezma from Chile
- Regent Africa : Dr Ahmed Hasham from Egypt
- Regent Oceania: Dr Garima Sharma from Australia.

- Further expansion of IFEA BOD with two new committees
- Social Media Chairperson
- Clinical Outreach Committee
- Currently, **IFEA has the memberships of 49 national endodontic societies/associations globally.**
- Banking situation has been consolidated with all funds in a single US account (BB&T bank)
- ASE Current President: Dr Unni Krishnan Pillai; Secretary: Dr Kush Ohri.
- NZSE Current President: Dr Joanne Low; Secretary: Dr Nick Tramoundanas. Treasurer: Dr Theodore kay

WORLD ENDODONTIC DAY was celebrated again on October 16th 2025

An initiative, proposed by India, to celebrate, promote and encourage endodontics as a health and well-being measure, both within the dental profession and to the general public and community. The following two events were undertaken:

PART A. Directed at the Dental Profession in each country

Global Endodontic Symposium

This webinar was free to any dental professional of a member country to watch live, and the recorded webinar was available to be viewed for 30 days after the event.

Lectures were given by two eminent academicians

1. Prof. Jose F. Siquiera

- Topic: Challenges and Strategies to disinfect the apical canal zone

2. Dr Jeeraphat Jantararat

- Topic: Regenerative Endodontics: past lessons, current practice and future versions

PART B. Social Media Campaign directed at the Public and Relevant Organizations. (Government/ media)

A social awareness campaign was organised to improve awareness regarding World Endodontic Day.

2026 World Endodontic Day- Global Endodontic Symposium will be held on 16th October 2026

Speakers: Dr Arnaldo Castellucci & Prof. Frances Andresen

RESEARCH GRANTS

Application information is regularly distributed to all Oceania Members.

J-M Laurichesse Research Award

The International Federation of Endodontic Associations (IFEA) established a Research Award in 1993. It was subsequently named the I.F.E.A. - Jean-Marie Laurichesse Research Award.

The objectives of the Award are to:

1. Stimulate and promote research in the field of Endodontics among investigators worldwide.
2. Establish and/or strengthen professional and research collaboration amongst IFEA investigators.
3. Disseminate internationally the excelling research activity of IFEA members.

The annual grant for this award is \$6000 USD (maximum). Please refer to IFEA website for further Award details.

The Winners of the IFEA J-M Laurichesse Award for 2025 were

Awardee #1: Dr Giovanni Hergoni (Italy)

Awardee #2: Dr Preethi Khaa R (India)

All Oceania researchers and students are encouraged to apply in future. Check the details on the IFEA website.

World Endodontic Congress

14th WEC 2024 was held at Glasgow, Scotland, 11th-14th Sept 2024

Theme: “Endodontics: Phases and Interfaces”.

Emphasising:

- Endodontics over a patient's life
- Interdisciplinary planning
- Early Careers Group (Discussions regarding an Endodontist's career path)

- Great scientific and social program.

Future WEC

Please remember to mark in your diaries and check websites.

16th WEC 2028 New York City, USA (AAE involved; Planning underway)

17th WEC India 2030

This has been awarded, by unanimous approval at the AGM, upon recommendation by the BODs, to thank and recognize India for its significant contribution in holding the 12th WEC under very trying conditions during the Global pandemic.

OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS IN OUR REGION

All member Organizations produce ongoing endodontic educational events (online and live) for their members during the year. Please refer to their corresponding websites for further details.

OCEANIA REGION

Past Events

ASE Pre-congress meeting was held on 7th May 2025 at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on theme- “Saving teeth by working together”. For further details on this event go to www.ase.org.au

The 8th Tran-Tasman Endodontic Conference was successfully held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia from 30 May - 1 June 2024 at the Star Event Centre.

TTEC Conferences are renowned for their strong emphasis on clinical relevance, always with the underpinning of well researched biological and materials evidence.

The keynote speakers were Dr Allen Ali Nasseh from the United States and Professor Hyeon-Cheol (Henry) Kim from South Korea. They were supported by many esteemed local speakers. For further details on the 2024 event go to www.tteconference.com

APEC

APEC (Asian–Pacific Endodontic Confederation) PAN Endo conference was held from 3rd-5th December in Cairo, Egypt.

Future Events

APEC 2027 will be held in Busan from 25th-28th March 2027

OTHER

The ASE has been working on position papers in several areas of endodontic interest to clarify and satisfy the needs of third parties.

No other reports or matters for discussion have been received from Oceania members yet.

Dr Garima Sharma