Oral health for everyone

ATS News

Afrikaada TeethSavers

ATS News nr 1 - February 2013

In this issue

Lars Görans story	1
En dag på stranden	
Coming up	1
IBAN + BIC numbers	2
Kallelse till årsmöte 2013 för ATS	2
Not everyone is cut out for it	3
FIOH homepage	
F for fluoride and S for salt	4

En dag på stranden

Lars Görans story

I november var undertecknad och några ytterligare tandvårdare på plats i Gambia; bland de erfarenheter vi gjorde framstod mötet med denna unga man på stranden som extra minnesvärt, tyvärr på ett trist sätt. Han visade upp något som inte är så ovanligt i Gambia nämligen en extraoralfistel av ganska häftig natur. Hela tandraden i vänster underkäke var bara en smet av tandrötter, plack och pus. I detta skick ingen smärta, puset hade ju fritt flöde at alla håll- men man kan föreställa sig de problem han måste ha haft under vägen. Dessutom riskerar han livet om pusflödet skulle vända inåt/nedåt... Hur många har en svensk tandläkare sett - i Gambia kan du möta 3-4 om dagen!!

Det är sådana fall vi vill verka för att de aldrig uppstår....
Kom och hjälp oss!

Lars Göran Wärn

Oral health for everyone

Coming up

The general assembly of Afrikaada Teethsavers

Sunday the March 3ed 2013

At 2:30 pm

Folktandvården

Rosengård Malmö.

ATS News

Organization nr (Swe) 802436-6448

Account nr

PG 307094-3

www.afrikaadats.com

afrikaadateethsavers @hotmail.com

Editor: Amina Essise
sabirra@hotmail.com

Kallelse till Årsmöte

Afrikaada TeethSavers

Tid: 3 mars 2013 kl 14:30

Plats: Folktandvårdens Lokaler Rosengård Malmö

Dagordning

Fastställande av röstlängd för mötet

Val av ordförande och sekreterare för mötet

Val av protokolljusterare och rösträknare

Fråga om mötet har utlysts på rätt

Fastställande av föredragningslista

styrelsens verksamhetsberättelse för senaste verksamhetsår

styrelsens förvaltningsberättelse för senaste räkenskapsåret

revisorernas berättelse över styrelsens förvaltning under det senaste verksamhets-/ räkenskapsåret

fråga om ansvarsfrihet för styrelsen för den tid revisionen avser

fastställande av medlemsavgifter

fastställande av verksamhetsplan samt behandling av budget för det kommande verksamhets-/räkenskapsåret

projekt redovisning

behandling av styrelsens förslag och i rätt tid inkomna motioner

val av kassör och sekretera i styrelsen för en tid av 2 år

val av 2 revisorer för en tid av 2 år

övriga frågor

For membership payments or cash donations

from outside of Sweden

kindly use the IBAN and Swift numbers below.

When paying kindly inform us of your name, address, email and cell phone number

IBAN: SE8095000099604203070943 ***BIC (Swift):*** NDEASESS

If you want to volunteer contact us afrikaadateethsavers @hotmail.com

The shoe is believed to bring fertility to the tree

Very important part of the Gambian lifestyle

Not everyone is cut out for it....

When I was a kid my goal in life was grand, I was going to save the world not more not less. Let me put it this way: age has added some wisdom to my mindset most of the "blue" has left my eyes by now. I now know that I cant save the world, but I can relief some pain for a few and help then have an somewhat better day and somehow that´s okay. Having been going to The Gambia for a good many years to work on the tooth front and having dragged my son around the county has tricked every emotion on the human emotional scale. From ecstatic joy to angry frustration. It is the best and the worst I do. In other words it´s a love and hate relationship, none of the words are to strong even for a Dane. During these years I've worked in Gambia I've worked with a large number of people, both from Africa and Europe. All of them have joined to help relief pain, all have had noble intentions. But fare from all have succeeded in there task to improve the world. For some it has been overwhelming just to stand out in the crowed, not able to understand the cultural norms, all the languages, almost never having the change to be alone, seeing the poverty, using the hole in the ground as a toilet, not having a dental chair as at home, having to make do with what you have here and now. Others have blossomed and have changed prospective. Still I cant say who will blossom and who wont before we are there. It doesn't make one person better than the other, it just makes us different and that's okay. What I'm trying to say is that no matter if you are the one who is okay by standing under the mango tree and treat patients or you are the one who can raise capital for others in the field, we are all needed to help a few have a better day.

Join ATS—oral health for everyone.

Jette Lehrmann Madsen

Afrikaada TeethSavers have for a few years been a member of Gambiagrupperna in Sweden and we have now intensified that bond through our project + fluoride. Gambiagrupperna works directly with FIOH in Gambia (Future in Our Hands),

Check out their home pages and the FIOH facebook page:

www.fioh.org

www.gambiagrupperna.org

afrikaada
TeethSavers

Oral health for everyone

To become a member

you pay **sek 150 into our PG account nr 307094-3**
when paying write:
your name, e-mail and cell phone number
so we can contact you

Bakau Secondary School

F for fluoride and S for salt

Since we at the general assembly of ATS 2012 decided to put our focus on the project **+fluoride.** We have intensified our cooperation with Gambiagrupperna and FIOH. This we have done for the benefit of the project. The main goal with the project is by kick starting an improvement in oral health, by adding fluoridated salt in school lunches to "buy time" to be able raise the level of knowledge and awareness amongst the adults close to the children on the topics related to good oral health.

After a number of meetings with representatives from FIOH both in Gambia and Sweden, we are now working on finalizing the project description and preparing for the first major step of the project. During the 2nd week in September we will start the work by working with the FIOH cluster teachers in the Soma region. The roll of the cluster teachers will be to teach other teachers to teach mothers, school cooks, janitors ect so they understand the importance of good oral health.

Then during the middle of October we will screen the children's oral health and offer necessary treatment. The initial part of the project will last for 3 years and will be closely monitored to learn what methods of teaching works and don't work. We want to not only improve oral health by adding fluoridated salt to the food, we want the result to be maintained even after the children leave the school.

This is a big project so we need you.

Jette Lehrmann Madsen

Lunch break at the hospital

www.afrikaadats.com

Jette Lehrmann Madsen(chair person) nr 0046-708756329 Marie Nordström(secretary) Tuula Jallow (treasurer) - Lars Göran Wärn nr 0046-705934817 or 002209461212 - Golsara Mehryan -

Inger Wennhall (clinical adviser)

Amina Esisse (editor ATS news) - Marie Nordstrom (web page editor)

Contact in Gambia Bubacarr Baldeh phone nr 00220-6334523