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«The European Association for Sports Dentistry (EA4SD) was founded in Paris, France, by Sports Dentists. Our common ground was our findings that athletes have a neglected and underestimated Oral Health and face a high risk of orofacial injuries due to the sports. We also share the same ideas about the Sports Dentistry development through customized screening and treatment protocols, research, epidemiology and injury prevention. We now have all the necessary scientific evidence available proving that the Oral Health is a major risk factor for athletes' injuries and it directly influences their overall health and performance. Our goal is to join our experience and ideas in order to define and develop the important relation between the stomatognathic system and the exercised human body just as any other Medical Specialty relates in Sports. Our vision is to make Sports Dentistry be a part of the multidisciplinary Sports Medicine science. Our mission is the promotion of Sports Dentistry and its importance on the general health and performance, at the level of individual athletes and sports organizations (local, national and international) as well as the development of strategies of Oral Health prevention by education and information. During the last years, the EA4SD and its active members are present in major international sports dentistry and medicine conferences around the world and have established an important affiliation with the ECOSEP by creating its sports dentistry committee and then organizing with ECOSEP the 1st International Symposium of sports dentistry in Paris, INSEP. The EA4SD is also officially affiliated with the Academy for Sports Dentistry USA, creating a leading alliance in 2 continents. Members of the EA4SD board have participated as experts in the World Dental Federation (FDI) Sports Dentistry Task team, a project leading to the publishing of the first ever sports dentistry guidelines and toolkit by the FDI addressed to dentists, sports physicians, athletes, medical centers and sports federations around the world. In this way, the oral health of athletes and its impact on their well being, overall health, injury risk and performance became a part of the global agenda. The EA4SD continuously promotes and supports the academic development of this science, the research and the efficient integration into sports medicine. We want all athletes around the world to benefit from the best possible oral health».