

APA meeting, 19th of October 2021, Tenuta Branca, San Casciano in Val di Pesa, (Florence, Italy)

Participants: Irene Biotti, Anna Micalizzi, Elisabetta Ernieri, Giacomo Valeri with his mom, Roberto Rosso with Silvia, Italo Turato, Alfredo Ferrauti, Alessandra Benci, Partizio Montavecchi with Ylenia, Camilla Tenconi, Roberto di Leo, Alessio Casero, Giuseppe Giordano, Angelo Giuffrida, Stefania Franzetti, Arianna Viarchi, Giuseppe Bondi, Enrico Isolani, Lorena Cumia, Dino Azzalin.

11 a.m.: Beginning of the meeting via Zoom.

After **Dino Azzalin**, the president, announces the transition of APA from ONLUS to ODV, and after the acceptance from the participants of their roles within APA, the participants then introduce themselves and start talking about their relationship with the organisation.

Then, the last volunteers who went to **St. Kizito** hospital (Franzetti, Viarchi, Giuffrida, Azzalin) tell their experience and confirm that there has been an increase in the visits to the clinic and of people who seek care.

The long-term objectives of this mission are: to improve **Noel Fungo's** dental skills and competences, decide whether to buy an x-ray, and whether to build a dental lab next to the clinic. We will communicate to sister dr. **Antusa Francis**, Hospital director.

Giuseppe Bondi, the vice president, is committed to reach these objectives and to find the needed equipment in Dar es Salaam, and he will come for an inspection in the next six months.

Dental equipment orders will have to be ordered from the hospital, guaranteeing a steady supply based on Noel's performance.

Arianna Viarchi then summarises what has been done in the mission that lasted from the 18th of August to the 28th of September:

- 76 extractions
- 43 clinic visits
- 30 endodontic treatments
- 45 reconstructions
- 120 fillings

The clinic's goal following this APA intervention is to guarantee an average of 12 daily visits, have chairside assistance, and have the possibility of performing endodontics and radiographs.

It is then proposed to extend the duration of the projects (of currently 3 years) in order to guarantee the continuity of work and in order to monitor the progresses over time.

Cristina Cremona communicates that APA is back in the register of the third sector associations and that it has changed its logo.

The accounting situation amounts to 18.000 € with another 900 € to be accounted for, partly from Andrea Moiraghi (who donated 400 €), a piano concert, and a donation (of 500€) from the Azzalin's dental practice.

APA's insurance policy is offered by Generali, so a special thanks goes to **Paolo Paternò**.

As for the new projects, **Stefania Franzetti** announces that in **Morogoro**, where there is a nuns' house and a health centre, there is also a small dental clinic (in Mgolole) in poor conditions where only one doctor works.

The nuns asked to collaborate with APA to improve the clinic's conditions, taking on the costs of restructuring.

Today, only the extraction therapies are performed with rudimentary material.

By analysing the potential of this reality we deduce that:

- The catchment area is large
- There would be an economic contribution from the convent to lower the prices of care, as the population is very poor, and would not have the opportunity to be cured.
- Morogoro is about 2 hours' drive from Mikumi, so it would be possible to follow both clinics as well as having a small prosthesis laboratory that serves both facilities.

With an APA confirmation and ratification, the nuns could have the clinic ready in 5 months.

The 11th of December a piano concert will be held in Varese by Dr. **Moiraghi** and Dr.

Bonfanti. By purchasing the ticket, guests will also purchase the book "Why the dentist is no longer afraid" by Dr. **Giacomo Valeri**, and the proceeds will be donated to APA.

This book, aimed at both patients and dentists, discusses how to not fear going to the dentist and how to live a more relaxed experience.

A further request for APA's intervention, presented by Dr. **Alfredo Ferrauti**, is from the Capuchin nuns of **Kyamuni** (Kenya) who, in the district of Nakuru, would like to create a dental clinic.

They would take care of the dentist's salary and asked APA for assistance and support of materials for the first 6 months.

They have a dispensary and rely on the hospital near **Nakuru**.

To meet the costs, despite a high rate of poverty, the wealthiest patients would have to pay higher prices.

It would be necessary to go on-site to assess the feasibility of the project and make estimates, not neglecting the problem of the safety of volunteers due to the unstable political situation in Kenya.

Lastly, Arianna reports the request of **AISO** (Italian Association of Dentistry Students) to collaborate with APA.

Roberto Di Leo proposes to improve the training of the teams through roles and skills, in order to make APA's reality grow, but also to guarantee a correct and complete completion of the missions.

The geographic evaluation of the clinics is also proposed in order to facilitate interaction between them.

2 p.m.: The meeting ends

