The 1st IAP Conclave meeting was held at the Amari Watergate Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand from the 11th to the 13th of April, 2014. The theme of the conclave was "Global strategies to address periodontal health and diseases focussing on the emerging nations" with the objective of addressing “Periodontal Therapy on a global scale to achieve Periodontal awareness and concomitant Periodontal Health in all developed, developing as well as underdeveloped countries" As per the plan, the Conclave discussed and brought out conclusive reports in five different categories as follows a) Plaque and Bio film control - Home remedies, in office remedies, alternative remedies practiced in developing countries b) Periodontal therapy – mechanical treatments and antimicrobial agents (antibiotics and antiseptics) as adjuncts to therapy c) Periodontal regeneration - fact or fiction? Regenerative materials, graft techniques, past, present and future d) Implants - peri-implant (hard and soft tissue) interactions in health and disease, the impact of explosion of implant manufacturers e) Periodontal education for educators, clinicians and govt agencies, Incorporating Endodontic and Restorative aspects into periodontal education. Directions for research in periodontal therapy on a global scale.

The Conclave was represented by close to 25 countries with 100 delegates participating in the conclave. Each workgroup comprised of an Initiator, a Reactor and a Moderator. After the opening the delegates had breakout sessions across the five groups and presented the initial findings in aplenary to the entire group. These groups again had a final breakout session and then the final conclusions were presented on the third day. The initiators had submitted papers prior to the conclave and the Reactors has responded to these papers. Each group also had a couple of young periodontists/dentists working as the scribes for the groups Workgroup A : Initiator – Ms Dagmar Slot, Reactor – Dr. Thomas Van Dyke, Moderator – Dr. Sebastian Ciancio Workgroup B : Initiator – Dr. Magda Feres, Reactor – Dr.Niklaus Lang Workgroup C : Initiator – Dr. Mark Bartold, Reactor – Dr.JoergMeyle, Moderator – Dr. Shinya Murakami Workgroup D : Initiator – Dr.Sasolyanovski, Reactor – Dr. Young Bum Park, Moderator – Dr.JamilShibli Workgroup E : Initiator – Dr.Lijian Jin, Reactor – Dr. Vincent Iacono, Moderator – Dr.A.Kumarswamy The concluding reports will be published shortly as a monograph and will also be available online. The papers in the monograph promise to be path breaking and will be defining trends in periodontal therapy as well as education.

The conclave was not without its share of fun and leisure. There was a banquet dinner on the Chao Praya river cruise accompanied with live singing allowing the delegates to let their hair down and shake a leg. More information and details are available at the IAP website at www.perioiap.org. The monograph will also subsequently become available from the website. The conclave was possible due to the support of its sponsors – Colgate, P & G, J & J, Giestlich, Sunstar and Aegis publications.