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**Methodological Issues in Oral Health Research:
Clinical Trials and Evidence Based Dentistry**

As in the previous two successful meetings (Leuven, 2004 and Ghent, 2006 both in Belgium) the 3rd International Meeting aims to bring together oral health researchers and statisticians interested in the analysis of dental data. The ultimate goal is to stimulate collaboration between the two groups improving the methodological quality of oral health papers and stimulating new statistical research in dental data analysis.

The topic will be **Clinical Trials and Evidence Based Dentistry** and aims to give an overview of methods to improve design and analysis of clinical trials in dentistry and to relate this to Evidence Based Dentistry. Design and methodological issues in oral health studies will be assessed from both a dental and a statistical perspective. The invited speakers will be: **John Stamm** (North Carolina, US), **Stuart Gansky** (San Francisco, US), **Tim De Rouen** (Seattle, US), **Ian Needleman** (London, UK) and **Vibeke Baelem** (Aarhus, Denmark). They will give attractive presentations suitable for both oral health researchers and statisticians. Time for informal discussions among researchers of both fields has been planned for.

Participants are invited to present their work either as an oral presentation or as a poster. Abstracts should be submitted via e-mail before **January 15, 2008** to dental.meeting@unimi.it following the guidelines available on the Website: <http://www.orkata.it>. The organisers will notify acceptance or rejection of papers before **February 29, 2008**.

Two researchers (preferably from developing countries) will be supported with a **grant**, up to an amount of 1,250 € each, to participate to the meeting. Candidates for this grant are invited to submit a two-page abstract (see instructions on Website) no later than **November 15, 2007**. Winners will be notified before **December 15, 2007**.

The meeting venue will be **University of Milan Historical Building**, located in the centre of **Milan**, within walking distance from hotels and restaurants. Hotel accommodation can be found at: <http://www.orkata.it>

Registration to the meeting will be possible via web and details on the process can be found at <http://www.orkata.it>