

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR OSSEOINTEGRATION

Bridging the gap between science and clinical practice

Record turn-out at Barcelona congress

The 16th EAO Annual Congress took place in Barcelona from 25–27 October 2007 and explored the theme ‘Contemporary Oral Implant Practice’. It was a hugely successful event and attracted over 3,500 delegates from 74 countries. 1,000 exhibitors and support staff brought the total to 4,500 people, in what was a truly global forum for sharing knowledge in the field of implant dentistry.

The biggest group of delegates (548) came from Spain, followed by an impressive turnout from South Korea (220). Switzerland, Sweden, Germany and the UK were the next best represented countries.

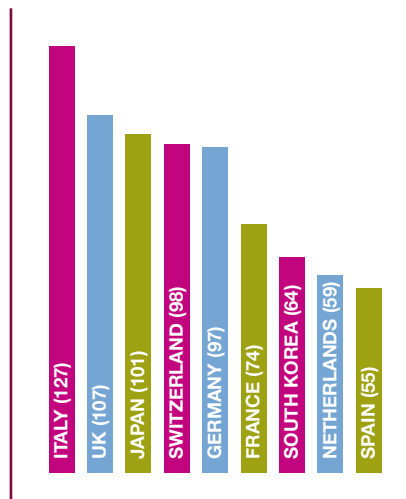
We are delighted that the EAO has become such an important platform for the profession, and look forward to building on this success in Warsaw later this year.

Membership soars by 70%

At the 2007 EAO general assembly, Dr Paul Stone announced that the number of members had risen by 70% over the last three years to 1,300.

This is a real endorsement of the work the EAO is doing, and reflects a desire among practitioners to share best practice and continue developing their skills.

Although the Association is based in Europe, its membership is truly international, and colleagues from across the world are warmly welcomed. 24% of members are now from outside Europe, and the nine most represented countries in 2007 were:



MEMBERSHIP BY COUNTRY

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Welcome ...

to the first edition of *EAO News*. Published twice a year, this will keep you up to date with EAO activities and additional benefits for members.

Issue 1 includes a review of last year’s annual scientific meeting, along with full details of our 2008 congress in Warsaw. This will feature an exciting scientific programme, hosted in a beautiful and historic city that many of you may not be familiar with. We look forward to seeing you there.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find details of recent EAO developments, including new appointments, news and events.

It is a great pleasure to introduce *EAO News*, and we look forward to hearing from you, our members, with suggestions for articles in future editions.

Professor Friedrich Neukam
President, EAO



New board-members elected

In October the EAO General Assembly was invited to elect two new board members from five applications. Professor Jaime A Gil from Spain, and Professor Carlo Maiorana from Italy, were successful. Professor Neukam welcomed them to the EAO Board of Directors.



SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

From Barcelona to Warsaw and beyond



Paul Stone, EAO Secretary General and Editor of *EAO News*, describes some of the highlights of the 2007 Barcelona congress

Between 25 and 27 October 2007, Barcelona played host to the 16th EAO Annual Scientific Congress. Over 4,500 people from 74 countries came together to share knowledge and discuss new developments. The theme of the meeting was 'Contemporary Oral Implant Practice'.

The Scientific Chairman, Dr Carlos Aparicio, and EAO President, Professor Friedrich Neukam, hosted the opening ceremony where Professor Daniel van Steenberghe was recognised for his outstanding contribution to the association. He was the first EAO president in 1991 and remained heavily involved with the association until his retirement in October 2007.

The plenary and parallel sessions focused on evidence-based scientific information, and its application to the clinical environment. Different themes for each session covered a wide range of topics, with many contemporary issues addressed.

“Over 4,500 people came together from 74 countries”

A very important development for the EAO has been the huge growth in the number of scientific papers submitted for presentation. In Munich, 200 abstracts were received, but only two years later in

Barcelona this had increased to 552. The standard of work presented was often exceptional, with audience numbers sometimes exceeding 1,000. The winners of the clinical and basic research competitions were Kees Stelling Sma (Netherlands) and Ralf Joachim Kohal (Germany).

“The poster display stretched for over 300 metres”

One of the most impressive sights was the poster display, which stretched for over 300 metres. Over 400 posters were accepted (as opposed to 130 two years ago), and more than 20 travel grants were awarded to the authors of the best posters and oral communications.

The trade exhibition featured over 60 exhibitors, and nine of the larger companies also hosted satellite symposia with highly respected speakers presenting information on new developments and techniques.



Warsaw 2008 – welcome address

On behalf of the EAO we are very pleased to announce the 17th Annual Scientific Congress to be held in Warsaw, Poland.

The scientific programme is designed to address practical and highly relevant issues that concern clinicians. We have invited outstanding speakers from many countries, chosen on the basis of their expertise. They will contribute to an exciting three days, providing an authoritative and reliable scientific and clinical basis for the treatment of patients, as well as addressing exciting new and developing innovations and research.

The EAO annual congress provides a unique opportunity to meet and exchange views with colleagues from many parts of the world. It also offers an opportunity to present original research and clinical developments in the form of posters and oral presentations.

We hope you will join us for what we feel sure will be a stimulating and interesting programme, and to experience first-hand the hospitality, friendliness and culture of Warsaw and its people.

David Harris and Andrzej Wojtowicz, Co-chairmen



Programme highlights

Thursday 18 September

Opening ceremony

Plenary 1: bioactive surfaces

Clinical advances: application of orthodontics and paediatric indications

Friday 19 September

Plenary 2: medical impairment, oncology, bisphosphonates, extra-oral cases

Masterclasses: anatomical risk factors, augmentation of implant sites

Plenary 3: biomedical imaging, digital planning and transfer to clinical procedures, navigation and guided implant placement

Clinical research competition

Saturday 20 September

Plenary 4: gero-implantology, quality of life, simplifying treatment protocol, long-term management

Basic research competition

Presentations by Polish National Implant Association (OSIS)

Research award ceremony

Plenary 5: treatment in the aesthetic zone



Warsaw 2008: don't miss out

The 2008 EAO Annual Scientific Congress will be held in Warsaw, the historic capital of Poland. This is the first time the event has taken place in Eastern Europe, and an impressive scientific programme has been put together encompassing some of the most exciting aspects of current implant dentistry. The congress will take place in the monumental Palace of Culture and Science.

Warsaw has undergone a huge transformation in recent years, and is a fascinating destination in its own right. The old town, which was heavily bombed during the Second World War, has been meticulously restored and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

In addition to impressive architecture, collections of historic and contemporary art can be admired at several world-renowned galleries. There are also numerous theatrical and musical venues, including the prestigious National Opera.

Warsaw is recognised for its palaces and parklands, and with an excellent public transport system (buses, metro, trams and trolleybuses) these are accessible to everyone.

Highlights include exploring the cobbled alleyways and baroque palaces of the old town and a visit to the Royal Castle.

The city centre boasts a range of shops and restaurants, with a bustling atmosphere to rival any other European capital.



Overwhelming support for EAO certification

The results of a recent survey revealed that 80% of those questioned thought EAO certification would be valuable. Certification is a voluntary process by which an organisation grants recognition to an individual who has met certain standards.

The certificate would be recognised internationally and could be used to prove that the holder was a certified

implant clinician wherever they chose to practise.

Almost 240 people from 48 countries completed the EAO survey. Most were aged 31–50. 49% were general practitioners and 51% were specialists.

Certification from the EAO is not yet available, but is under development

New Junior Committee

The newly created EAO Junior Committee is made up of seven highly regarded young dentists from across Europe. They will support the Board in developing new ways of promoting and expanding the Association.

The first Junior Committee meeting took place on 27 October in Barcelona. Ideas that emerged from this will contribute to new projects designed to improve patient care and expand scientific knowledge.

The Committee is chaired by EAO Past President Dr Franck Renouard in collaboration with the elected junior chairperson, Dr Isabella Rocchietta.

Members of the Junior Committee are: Joke Duyck, Belgium; Ronald Jung, Switzerland; Ailsa Nicol, UK; David Nisand, France; Emeka Nkenke, Germany; Isabella Rocchietta, Italy; Thomas Urban, Denmark

EAO board members

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EAO pledges donation of 65,000€ to P-I Brånemark Institute, Brazil



At the opening ceremony of last year's scientific meeting, Professor Friedrich Neukam announced details of the EAO's charity project for 2008. This will support the P-I Brånemark Institute in Bauru, Brazil with a grant of 65,000€.

The Institute is a non-profit making organisation that carries out maxillofacial and orthopaedic surgery, underpinned by the principles of osseointegration. It treats patients with missing teeth, and those who have lost part of their face or other parts of their body as a result of malformations, accidents or cancer. 80% of patients are treated free of charge.

The social and emotional impact of facial defects is always very significant for the person concerned. Brazilian culture places a particularly strong emphasis on beauty and health, and this can accentuate the difficulties experienced by those with facial defects. The P-I Brånemark Institute in Bauru addresses these issues by providing treatment and contributing to the knowledge-base that underpins successful reconstructive surgery.

The EAO is proud to support the work of the Institute, which furthers its own goals of promoting best practice and extending scientific knowledge relating to osseointegration and its practical applications.



Join the EAO and enjoy a range of benefits

Membership of the EAO brings a number of valuable benefits. These include a substantially reduced delegate rate for our annual scientific meeting, and networking opportunities with colleagues from across the world:

- free subscription to the online edition of *Clinical Oral Implants Research* (Blackwell Publishing, 12 editions per year)
- 77% reduction for hard copy subscription to *COIR* (188€ instead of 820€)
- receipt of *EAO News* twice a year
- access to a high-level research forum exclusively for EAO members, where you can ask questions and share scientific opinions
- substantial discount on delegate rate for the annual congress
- member directory with names and addresses of all members
- opportunities to meet colleagues from many different countries and contribute to the development of osseointegration in Europe

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