

Cheers to new beginnings: celebrating oral tissue regeneration



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The **2023 International Osteology Symposium**, held in Barcelona from 27 to 29 April, was a resounding success, bringing together 2,400 participants from 80 countries. Over 100 world-renowned speakers and international experts from research and practice explored the latest advances in the field of oral tissue regeneration on the occasion of the Osteology Foundation's 20th anniversary.

Getting hands-on and exploring new techniques

The event kicked off with the symposium's workshop programme, an early highlight and with the fully booked Osteology workshops covering a comprehensive range of topics: from modern techniques in soft-tissue management using autologous and substitute materials, to reconstructive procedures for peri-implantitis defects, and the latest in minimally invasive periodontal regeneration and recession coverage around teeth and implants—this symposium delivered it all.

Founding Partner Geistlich and Gold Partners Dentsply Sirona, BioHorizons Camlog, botiss biomaterials, and Straumann also offered the attendees truly impressive hands-on opportunities to experience special techniques and materials. For those who missed out on the highly sought-after workshop seats, an exclusive pre-congress session in oral tissue regeneration was offered.

Opening of the regenerative marathon

Frank Schwarz, Vice President of the Osteology Foundation opened the congress officially together with the scientific chairs Pamela K. McClain and Istvan Urban on Friday morning. They set the stage for what promised to be an unforgettable marathon of highlights.

Over the course of the following two days, attendees got to enjoy a variety of lectures, panel discussions and interactive round-table discussions addressing all aspects of oral tissue regeneration: different strategies of hard- and soft-tissue augmentation around teeth and implants, prevention and management of complications and errors, as well as the all-time hot topic of peri-implantitis. These areas of interest were complemented by lectures about innovative technologies, blood products for tissue augmentation and regenerative approaches in interdisciplinary dentistry.

Bringing theory to life: Live surgery

The programme boasted two remarkable live surgeries performed by none other than the esteemed Istvan Urban and Sofia Aroca. They provided a unique and rare opportunity for attendees to witness these masters of oral tissue regeneration in action, as they performed complex procedures in real-time.

Urban's and Aroca's exceptional skills, precision, and expertise were on full display, as they shared their knowl-



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edge and experience with the audience in an immersive and interactive setting.

Further highlights of the programme included:

- The research networking day and poster exhibition for young researchers including research and audience awards.
- A case session with six outstanding cases competing for the Osteology Case Award.
- A lively debate on the treatment of intact and compromised extraction sockets, with a focus on immediate versus delayed implant placement.
- Proceedings from the Osteology DGI SEPA consensus workshop.
- Osteology partner sessions from the AAP and SEPA.
- A practice-oriented wrap-up session “Oral Regeneration in a Nutshell”, covering various sub-topics.
- A jubilee evening as a platform for networking and exchange—celebrating oral tissue regeneration.



The 2023 International Osteology Symposium was a true celebration of the Foundation's 20th anniversary. It was a testament to the Foundation's unwavering commitment to advancing oral tissue regeneration. The jubilee edition of this lighthouse event brought together a global community of professionals who left the symposium with a wealth of new knowledge and practical skills that will undoubtedly shape their daily activities for years to come—not to mention the invaluable networking with like-minded colleagues.

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