

40th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Osseointegration in Seattle

Four decades of innovation and interdisciplinary progress in implantology

For 40 years, the Academy of Osseointegration (AO) has been committed to promoting scientific research and clinical education in the field of implant dentistry worldwide. The annual meeting is one of the most important events in the industry and offers a unique platform for exchange and professional networking for dental professionals. With a clear focus on innovation and quality, the AO is committed to the continuous improvement of patient care and supports dentists with comprehensive training and continuing education programmes.

The Academy celebrates a significant milestone with its 40th Annual Meeting, taking place from 27 to 29 March in Seattle, Washington. Under the motto “Controversies in treatment concepts: How to make it simple,” more than 2,000 dental professionals—including periodontists, prosthodontists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, dentists, and support staff—will gather to discuss the latest scientific findings and learn practice-oriented techniques. The three-day conference offers CE credits and an extensive programme that includes presentations, practical workshops and social events, providing a platform for exchange and continuing education at the highest level.

Prof. Dr Jörg Neugebauer, Germany, this year’s president of the AO, emphasises the importance of the 2025 annual meeting and highlights the fact that the Academy of Osseointegration has been a pioneer in implantology for four decades: “This meeting offers the opportunity to look back on four decades of innovation and clinical excellence while defining new paths for the future. Our goal is to simplify complex implant procedures while maintaining the highest quality of treatment.” The conference will also feature an expansive exhibit hall where leading medical device companies will showcase their latest products and developments. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with industry

leaders and learn about the latest technological advances.

A special feature of this year’s conference will be the emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration—an approach that is becoming increasingly important for successfully mastering complex treatment cases. “Implantology can be a relatively simple solution, such as inserting an implant for a lost first molar. However, for complex defects or multiple missing teeth, a team approach is essential to achieve the best results for patients,” Prof. Neugebauer says. The conference is dedicated to the interplay between different disciplines and shows how collaboration between dentists and specialists can lead to standardised, predictable and patient-friendly results. This development not only supports better patient care, but also strengthens the role of the general dentist in implant treatment.

Another focus of the programme will be the increasing role of the general dentist in implantology. As implant therapy is now widely accepted worldwide, access to simpler, standardised protocols is also becoming increasingly important. These should both reduce patient stress and enable general dentists to perform implant treatments with a high degree of safety and confidence. Despite the increasing skills of general dentists, the expertise of specialists remains indispensable in complex cases. The AO Congress

will promote this interaction while also highlighting ways in which the AO supports the professional development of dentists through training programmes such as the AO Master and Diplomat programmes.

In addition to lectures and workshops on the latest research and development in implantology, the conference offers numerous social events and networking opportunities. Participants are invited to attend the opening ceremony at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), where they can toast four decades of AO history together—an evening that combines creativity and innovation. In addition, the “Emerald City” of Seattle invites you to enjoy art and culture, family-friendly attractions and a lively nightlife.

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