Looking back at the International Osteology Symposium Vienna 2026

Vienna emerged as a hub for the future of oral regeneration

From 23 to 25 April Vienna became the international center of attention for oral regeneration. Bringing together more than 90 renowned experts and over 3,000 attendees from across the globe, the International Osteology Symposium offered a prestigious platform for scientific exchange, advanced clinical education, and fresh perspectives on the future of the field.

From the very start, the event made clear what sets this symposium apart: its rare ability to bridge scientific excellence with real-world clinical relevance. At the heart of the programme were the latest research findings, evidence-based insights, and, above all, their practical significance for day-to-day clinical work. The symposium did not simply present cutting-edge science at the highest level; it also translated that knowledge into meaningful applications clinicians could readily bring back into practice.

That same commitment to applicability was reflected in the hands-on programme. Across 18 practical workshops, participants were introduced to both well-established and emerging surgical techniques in a format designed to be structured, accessible, and immediately useful. These sessions gave attendees the chance not only to observe methods in detail, but also to strengthen and refine their own clinical skills. Just as importantly, the symposium fostered an interdisciplinary perspective, encouraging participants to look beyond the boundaries of their individual specialties and reinforcing a broader, more holistic approach to patient care.

Dialogue between clinicians and industry

Industry innovation was also a prominent theme throughout the meeting, underscoring the close relationship between scientific progress and commercial development in the field of implant dentistry. The symposium provided an ideal international platform for companies to present their latest products, technological advances, and strategic innovations to a highly specialised professional audience. In this way, the event not only facilitated academic exchange but also highlighted how industry is actively responding to the evolving clinical and aesthetic demands of modern practice.

Among the companies drawing particular attention was Geistlich which celebrated 175 years of company history and used the occasion to introduce its enhanced collagen membrane, Geistlich Bio-Gide® Forte, to the European market. This product launch represented more than the debut of a single innovation; it formed part of a wider global strategy aimed at expanding and strengthening the company's regenerative portfolio. In addi-





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tion to new product development, this broader expansion includes the integration of emerging technologies, the formation of strategic partnerships, and carefully targeted acquisitions designed to reinforce Geistlich's position within the field of regenerative dentistry and biomaterials.

SDS likewise took advantage of the symposium's international visibility to present an early preview of its forthcoming SDS Aesthetic and Anatomic Series. These new implant designs were developed in direct response to the increasing aesthetic and anatomical expectations that now shape contemporary implantology. As clinicians face more complex cases and higher patient demands—particularly in visually sensitive areas—the need for implant systems that combine functional reliability with refined aesthetic adaptability has become ever more important.

The new SDS series expands the company's existing implant portfolio by introducing additional implant shapes and geometries specifically intended for cases in which aesthetic considerations are especially critical. By offering greater flexibility in treatment planning and implant selection, the series aims to help clinicians better adapt to individual anatomical conditions while achieving more harmonious and natural-looking soft-tissue outcomes. Importantly, these innovations have been designed to integrate seamlessly into established surgical and prosthetic protocols, allowing practitioners to benefit from enhanced aesthetic possibilities without requiring substantial changes to their familiar workflows.

Experts spotlight the future of oral tissue regeneration

One of the core features of the symposium was its strong scientific programme, particularly the state-of-the-art lectures and case-based discussions. These sessions focused on current developments, novel treatment approaches, and the latest scientific advances in oral tissue regeneration. At the same time, the event made it clear that this is a discipline very much focused on what lies ahead. Technological innovation and emerging trends featured prominently throughout the programme, underscoring the speed and dynamism with which the field continues to evolve.

Beyond the lectures and workshops, it was the international exchange of ideas that gave the event much of its distinctive atmosphere. The symposium created numerous opportunities for participants to engage with leading voices in the specialty and to deepen conversations with colleagues from around the world. Interactive formats such as panel discussions and debates contributed to a lively and open culture of dialogue. Clinical challenges were discussed in depth, but so too were broader questions shaping the direction of the profession as a whole.

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Vienna provides the perfect backdrop for a forward-looking symposium

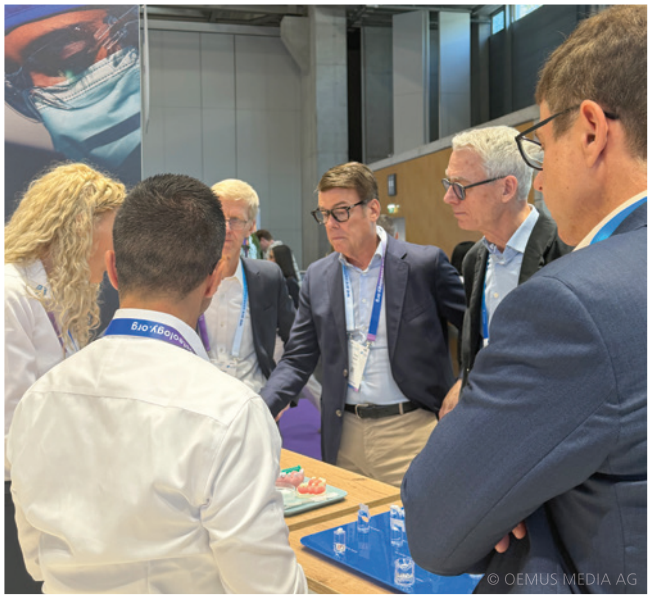
The setting itself also played an important role in the symposium's appeal. With its rich cultural heritage and international character, Vienna proved an ideal host city for a meeting that brought together scientific rigor, personal interaction, and professional inspiration in such a compelling way. Even before the event began, scientific co-chair Lisa Heitz-Mayfield had noted that few things are more inspiring than an outstanding professional conference when it comes to bringing fresh ideas back into everyday clinical practice. Over the course of the symposium, that sentiment was powerfully affirmed.

In retrospect, the International Osteology Symposium Vienna 2026 was far more than a conventional professional congress. It stood out as a comprehensive educational experience—one that successfully combined scientific discovery, clinical application, international networking, and a forward-looking vision for the future of oral regeneration.

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