

# “Creating the future by going back to the roots”

## New findings at AstraTech World Congress

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On 11 May, 2012, Astra Tech presented new clinical data which confirmed the clinical effectiveness of its dental implant system at the Astra Tech World Congress. The results gathered through the company's global research programme demonstrate high survival rates for the company's OsseoSpeed implants in sites like the posterior mandible.

"We are very proud to present continuous positive data from our global clinical research program at the Astra Tech World Congress. For us it is of utmost importance that clinicians feel confident when using our implant system to care for their patients. Ninety per cent of all dental implant systems available today have

no clinical documentation" says AnnaKarin Lundgren, Head of Global Scientific Management.

Recent multicentre studies have also demonstrated the safety and predictability of OsseoSpeed 3 mm narrow implants and OsseoSpeed Profile implants, company officials said at the Astra Tech World Congress in Gothenburg.

Astra Tech's third and largest world congress, which was held from Wednesday, 9 March, 2012 to Saturday 12 March, 2012, has drawn international researchers and experts from the field of dental implantology to the company's headquarters in Sweden. With hundreds of





presentations on offer, more than 3,000 dental professionals from 50 countries participated in the annual event. Gothenburg's premier venues, such as the Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre, the Göteborg Opera and the Scandinavium, formed the background to this outstanding international event. Well-known dental professionals and scientists discussed the future of osseointegration, among other topics.

"We have an outstanding scientific programme and look forward to an exciting congress with clients and speakers from all over the world," said Lars Henrikson, Senior Vice-President of Marketing and Business Development at Astra Tech.

"Gothenburg is not only the hometown of Astra Tech, it was here where it all began with Per-Ingvar Brånemark's discovery. Through his ground-breaking research, he discovered that titanium was able to integrate with human bone, he coined the term 'osseointegration' and his research was the birth of modern implant dentistry. It is therefore especially exciting to welcome our international attendees to Gothenburg," Henrikson continued.

The comprehensive scientific programme, based on the theme "Creating the future by going back to the roots", was aimed at enabling knowledge exchange between international researchers, clinicians and the dental team. More than 150 speakers from all over the world presented their latest research results, and members of the scientific committee's steering group included world-renowned scientists Jan Lindhe from

Sweden, Tomas Albrektsson from Sweden and Christoph Hämmerle from Switzerland.

During the congress, Astra Tech and WaterAid, an independent organisation that enables the world's poorest people to gain access to safe water and sanitation, strove to collect SEK 500,000 (€56,000). Astra Tech announced to match each Swedish krona donated, making a total of SEK 1,000,000 (€112,000).

"One million Swedish kronor will give 5,000 people access to clean, safe water and sanitation for life. This initiative is in line with our values and our corporate responsibility commitment," said Gunny Kron, Head of Global Marketing at Astra Tech. Astra Tech has been developing solutions to meet health-care needs based on its user and medical community's input since 1948.

Since 2011, Astra Tech has been part of DENTSPLY International Inc., a US dental company that manufactures and distributes the ANKYLOS and XIVE implant systems through its German-based subsidiary DENTSPLY Friadent. DENTSPLY's CEO, Bret Wise, who attended the meeting on Friday, said that these implants, together with its recently acquired Astra Tech OsseoSpeed implants, complement the company's portfolio, as they apply to different indications. Astra Tech Dental and DENTSPLY Friadent now unites into a new Global business—DENTSPLY Implants. Wise also confirmed that OsseoSpeed implants will be distributed and further developed in the future, the German online dental news portal ZWP online reported.

