

Celebrating the Triumph of Osseointegration

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In 1952, Per-Ingvar Brånemark discovered the principles of osseointegration in Sweden. Thirty years later, in 1982, the discovery was acknowledged and his subsequent findings were confirmed at an epoch-making meeting of dental authorities organized by George Zarb in Canada.

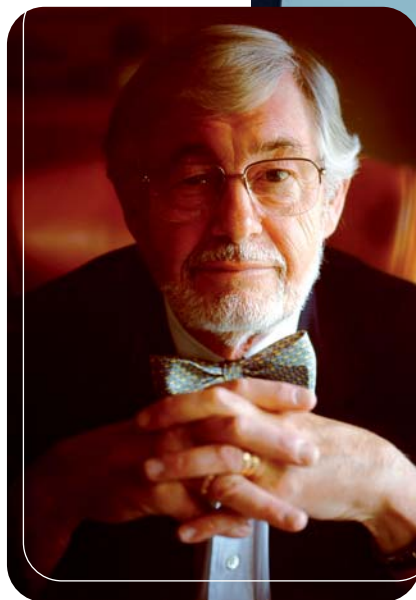
Yet another thirty years have now passed, and Nobel Biocare is celebrating both these 30- and 60-years anniversaries in Sweden, Canada, and four other locations.

Starting the year-long celebration in the hometown of osseointegration—Brånemark's Gothenburg—Nobel Biocare brought together some of the best-known names in the field on March 21–23. The event began with a surprise entrance from Brånemark himself who delivered advice and thoughts for the future.

Ulf Lekholm then led experts from Scandinavia and the far corners of the world as they exchanged ideas and discussed promising areas for further exploration at this meeting.

Pioneers from the heady days of the Toronto Conference of 1982, such as George Zarb and Ragnar Adell, were honored and other speakers reminded participants of how far Per-Ingvar Brånemark, Nobel Biocare and their band of supporters have brought osseointegration since those days of breakthrough 30 and 60 years ago.

The programs of all five of the remaining Nobel Biocare Symposia 2012 celebrate the origins and



evolution of osseointegration as a practical and trusted treatment modality over the last six decades. Each program will also include lectures on recent advances in treatment, presented from surgical, prosthetic and laboratory perspectives.

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Speakers will look towards the future as well, presenting current trends and possible future developments for bone-anchored restorative dentistry.

Under the common theme "Celebrating 60 years of osseointegration and 30 years of international acknowledgement" meetings will be held in Rimini, Italy (October 19–20), with the final symposium planned for Toronto, Canada (October 19–20) where the international breakthrough for osseointegration first took place.