

25th Annual EAO Congress

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From 28 September to 1 October 2016, the European Association for Osseointegration (EAO) hosted their 25th Annual Congress. This year, the prestigious scientific congress took place at the Palais des Congrès in Paris and was attended by more than 2,600 international delegates and industry partners.

On the occasion of their 25th annual congress, the EAO announced the five winners of the special scientific awards and the candidates who had successfully completed the EAO certifying programme. Against the backdrop of a festive ceremony, the scientists were awarded with their prizes and certificates by EAO President Björn Klinge, whose position is now held by Alberto Sicilia.

Again, many scientific abstracts were handed in to apply for the EAO award. A total of 609 abstracts had been accepted for presentation at the congress, 68 of which were shortlisted for a number of scientific awards. All submissions were published in a special

supplement of *Clinical Oral Implants Research*, a peer-reviewed EAO journal.

In the course of the ceremony, five candidates were awarded an EAO Certificate for implant-based therapy. This is the only standardised recognition of implantological skills and expertise in Europe. Every candidate has to submit six clinical cases, pass a multiple-choice exam and answer detailed case-related questions. This year's winners were Dr Edith Groenendijk (Netherlands), Dr José Pinheiro Torres (Portugal), Dr Emmanouil Symeonidis (Greece), Dr Weihua Yang (China) and Dr. Sawako Yokoyama (Japan). Prof. Niklaus P. Lang, founding editor of *Clinical Oral Implants Research*, was given a medal and was granted honorary membership of the EAO.

Furthermore, the European Association for Osseointegration's (EAO) Junior Committee has elected two new members. Sven Mülhemann, from Switzerland, and Tommie Van De Velde, from Belgium, are fill-

Figs. 1 & 2: More than 2,600 participants attended this year's 25th Annual EAO Congress.



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Fig. 2

ing vacancies left by Nele Van Assche and Daniel Thoma.

The Junior Committee is a group of young scientists working in the field of implant dentistry. They represent the junior section of the EAO and support the Board of Directors with a range of projects. These include developing new ideas for the growth of the association. The committee consists of eight members from eight different European countries. Each member is elected for a two-year period.

Today at the EAO's 25th scientific meeting in Paris, the Junior Committee presented a unique session called '7 Minutes to Convince'. It featured a series of short presentations showcasing new research submitted by members of the public. Of the 39 candidates who applied, only seven were selected to present during the session. The audience had the chance to vote for the one they thought was the best.

The winning presentation was 'Point of view perspective of a dental implant patient' by Mustafa Ozcan (Turkey). His discussion featured an innovative recording of an implant procedure from the patient's perspective using a head-mounted camera. His re-

search highlighted patient anxiety as a factor in post-operative satisfaction rates and gave dentists a point of view which may be unfamiliar to them. Dr Ozcan was presented with an award for his success in the competition.

You can view the one-minute application videos at the EAO's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpB-t6R4nQcO_yZskip1lqA._

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