

Joint meeting of the EAO and SEPES

From 5 to 7 October 2017 the European Association for Osseointegration (EAO) will be hosting its 26th annual scientific meeting. This year, participants are invited to Madrid, Spain, where, in addition, the Spanish Society of Prosthodontic and Aesthetic Dentistry (SEPES) will meet for its 47th Congreso Annual. In a joint congress, both EAO and SEPES will bring together an international and highly specialised audience for three days of extraordinary scientific and collegial exchange.

Furthermore, the EAO and the Spanish Society of Periodontology and Osseointegration (SEPA) have joined forces to organise the fifth SEPA European

Symposium under the aegis of the EAO-SEPES joint meeting. The SEPA Symposium will take place on Saturday, 7 October, and will run dedicated sessions throughout the day.

For the three-day congress the scientific committees of the EAO, SEPES and SEPA have prepared an exciting programme covering several topics which will focus on the question: "Twenty-five years of Implant Dentistry. What have we learned?" The congress programme will feature world-renowned speakers, interactive elements which will engage the audience, and new and innovative formats such as surgical video sessions.

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Exciting programme

On Thursday, the congress will open with a plenary session giving an overview on protocols of implant placement procedures from standard to advanced. In the subsequent diagnosis session, aesthetic diagnosis as a keystone of treatment planning in implant dentistry will be discussed. The plenary main sessions during the following two days including a series of interactive debates will further focus on the evolution of implant prosthodontics, diagnosis and treatment planning in implant dentistry in light of the prevalence of peri-implant diseases.

In the arena sessions, key topics will be explored in which 25 years of implantology are analysed to answer the question "How far have we come?". Amongst others, the evolution of bone regenerative protocols in implant dentistry will be illustrated, insights into surgical approaches to the treatment of peri-implantitis will be given and alternatives to titanium as an implant material and custom-made implants will be discussed. Further questions posed will concern the limitations of immediate implant placement and immediate restoration and the treatment of patients with hopeless implants.

A highlight of this year's congress will be the interactive surgical video sessions featuring in-depth discussions of videos showing surgical cases. In these video sessions, participants can experience the treatment of the anterior maxilla with deficient availability of bone, the treatment of peri-implant soft tissue deficiencies in the anterior maxilla and learn about biological and clinical keys for periodontal, bone and peri-implant regeneration.

Exchange new research results

In addition to the lectures, researchers and clinicians are encouraged to present, discuss and exchange new research results within the field of implant therapy and related disciplines via submission of scientific abstracts. During the numerous oral communication sessions starting on Thursday, delegates can attend short oral presentations held by authors whose abstracts were rated highest by the Abstract Committee.

Prosthodontics and aesthetic international journey sessions will focus amongst others on the role

of provisional restorations in aesthetic implant-supported prosthetic rehabilitations and the combination of dental implants and orthodontic therapy in the functional rehabilitation of partially edentulous patients. Another session will discuss the question of how to avoid nightmares when restoring the edentulous upper jaw. Further sessions for clinicians and technicians will focus on materials of choice for anterior restorations and the widely discussed question of analogue vs digital.

The scientific programme is rounded off by hands-on sessions organised by industry partners promoting new techniques and offering high-level practical training under the guidance of renowned experts. In these industry symposia, visitors can learn more about key subjects of various industry partners featuring new research and innovation.

Invited region is Latin America

Since its inception in the late 1980s, the EAO has been a forum for European researchers and clinicians. In recent years, increasing numbers of members from non-European countries have joined—from South/Central America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Asia. As a mark of recognition and appreciation of this development, and because both SEPES and SEPA have members from this region, the EAO has chosen to welcome Latin America as a guest region during the joint meeting. Delegates from Latin America are be offered registration fees at discounted rates which are normally reserved for members only.

In addition, a section of the exhibition area will be dedicated to a "Latin American Corner" where regional associations can showcase their activities. Cultural events will also be organised to encourage exchange and networking between delegates from different countries.

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