

\_The 7<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Australasian Osseointegration Society was held from 4–7 November 2009. The Australasian Osseointegration Society (AOS) is an affiliate association of DGZI similar to the AO and AAID academies. Some DGZI members joined the congress and DGZI was represented by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president and Treasurer Dr Rolf Vollmer as well as the international representative Dr Mazen Tamimi from Jordan. After flight time of around 20 hours the participants enjoyed the scientific program under the motto "staying between the flags".

In his welcome greetings the current President of AOS and AOS 2009 Chairman Saso Ivanovski emphasized: "On behalf of the Australasian Osseointegration Society, I am honoured and privileged to invite you to the AOS 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference to be held at the Gold Coast, Queensland from 4–7 November 2009.

The conference is dedicated to 'Staying Between the Flags', with the aim of fostering safe clinical practice by promoting understanding of the benefits and limitations of various contemporary clinical techniques. The scientific program has been designed to address practical and highly relevant issues that concern all practitioners involved in implant dentistry, with lecture topics targeted at both the beginner and the experienced clinician. We have confirmed outstanding speakers who will contribute to an exciting three days, providing an authoritative and reliable scientific and clinical basis for the treatment of patients, as well as addressing exciting new innovations and research. Some of these internationally renowned speakers are: Prof Dr Jan Lindhe, Dr Michael Norton, Dr Ueli Grunder, Prof Joseph Kan, Dr Dietmar Weng, Dr Gabi Chaushu, Prof Niklaus Lang and Dr Richard Lazzara. Take a few extra days in conjunction with the conference and experience this wonderful loca-



tion. To kick-start the conference, we are hosting a welcome cocktail reception on Level 77 of Q1, the world's tallest residential tower, with breathtaking 360 degree views of the coast. The Gold Coast location of this conference is renowned for its sunny subtropical climate, popular surfing beaches, active nightlife and wide variety of tourist attractions. The Gold Coast is a fantastic venue all year round, but especially at the beginning of the summer when this event is to be held.

The Gold Coast is a spectacular coastal city, stretching along 70 kilometres of white sandy beaches that meet the Pacific Ocean. As a primary destination for visitors, the Gold Coast offers a myriad of entertainment opportunities

and recreational experiences. From swimming and surfing to bungy jumping and bushwalking, there are countless recreational activities on offer on the Gold Coast. The Gold Coast is Australia's major theme park capital, with major theme parks offering rides and themed attractions. Bring the family & experience all the Gold Coast has to offer!"

The 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Australasian Osseointegration Society will be held from 9–12 November 2011 in Adelaide Convention Center. DGZI members who are interested to participate can get more information from our office in Düsseldorf. The society president and conference president will be Davor Hribar.\_

