



New tasks for the Secretary General of BDIZ EDI

Jörg Neugebauer new vice president of AO

General Secretary of BDIZ EDI Professor Jörg Neugebauer, DDS, PhD, is the new vice president of the Academy of Osseointegration (AO).

During the annual meeting of the Academy of Osseointegration new president Amerian D. Sones, DMD, MS, welcomed the AO members in San Diego, California. The AO is one of the world's leading scientific implantological associations. During the elections of the board of directors, Professor Jörg Neugebauer, Landsberg (Lech)/Germany, was elected vice president. During the past two years he served voluntarily as treasurer of the AO which counts 4.000 members in 70 countries.

"This international professional society has members from all over the world", said Professor Jörg Neugebauer. He described the objectives of the Academy of Osseointegration as follows: "Ensuring the highest standards in patient care, research and training in implant dentistry." Neugebauer is the first and only German oral surgeon on the AO's twelve-member board of directors. He was first appointed in 2015.

History of AO

The AO's first annual meeting was held in Chicago in 1986. A pro-tem executive board was elected to include representatives from oral surgery, periodontics, prosthodontics and general practice. The Academy and its affiliate, the Osseointegration Foundation, were incorporated in 1987.

For more than 35 years, the Academy of Osseointegration has met throughout North America at its annual meetings and local study groups. AO members from countries around the world gather through AO charter chapters that offer local educational programs and networking sessions. The AO annual meetings have continued to increase in attendance and are now considered to be among the premier international educational conferences for dental implant clinicians, researchers and auxiliary



For the next summit in summer Professor Neugebauer announced in his strategy to formulate guidelines in the future in such a way that they give the practitioner recommendation for action for different indications, but do not restrict the freedom of therapy.

professions. AO membership now exceeds 4,000 professionals in more than 70 countries. Following the introduction of osseointegration to North America in 1982, a group of dental clinicians from the greater New York area participated in a course entitled, "Osseointegration in Clinical Dentistry".

Subsequently, the group formed a study club to share research and information. This local study club eventually concluded that a national organization was essential to foster education and advancement in this field. As a result, the Academy of Osseointegration (AO) was formed.

In 2019 the first German chapter meeting of the Academy of Osseointegration was held in Heidelberg as part of the "clinical afternoon" of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Heidelberg with more than 120 participants.

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