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GC Brazil, represented by José Geraldo Lopes Neves on the right, joined a hybrid ceremony held in honour of Prof. Maria Fidela de Lima Navarro, among other academics, during which she was awarded the title of professor emeritus by the University of São Paulo. (Image: © GC South America)

The faculty of dentistry on the University of São Paulo's Bauru campus bestowed the honour of professor emeritus including Prof. Maria Fidela de Lima Navarro. The honour is awarded to retired professors who have distinguished themselves through teaching, research and other contributions to the university.

The hybrid two-day awards ceremony took place on 7 and 8 March and was broadcast live on YouTube. GC Brazil, represented by José Geraldo Lopes Neves, attended

GC International participates in awards ceremony

Prof. Maria Fidela de Lima Navarro honoured at University of São Paulo

the ceremony in recognition of the contributions that Prof. Navarro has made to dentistry research in Brazil.

"Many actions have led us to share knowledge and continue to learn. We are here in this solemn moment, and it gives me immense joy and a feeling of accomplishment with the professional and personal goals that were achieved, as a group," Prof. Navarro said in her acceptance speech. "We reaffirm our confidence in being able to always share a new path, towards the highest peaks that certainly still need to be climbed. This is because, despite the paths we have taken so far, many other fields still need to be explored, and a journey of new discoveries is just beginning," she continued.

Prof. Navarro has contributed and continues to contribute to research related to glass ionomers and glass hybrids as well as their properties and applications in several clinical cases.

Source: GC International AG

Eklund Foundation

Applications for odontological research and education are welcome

Researchers within dentistry will soon be able to apply for grants of up to €250,000, which is the total sum allocated by the Eklund Foundation in 2022. The application portal will be open during May for the seventh year running, welcoming applicants from all parts of the world in all fields of dentistry. Both experimental and clinical studies within all fields of dentistry are accepted, but the foun-

dation will prioritise projects that can be related to periodontology, implantology, or cariology. Researchers may apply for funding for a project in its entirety or for part of a project. The Board will announce the successful projects in September.

Information in short

- Allocated sum: €250,000
- Application period: 1–31 May 2022
- Announcement of grants: September 2022
- Applications from any location or university are accepted
- Read more and apply at www eklundfoundation.org

Background

The Eklund family, owners of TePe Oral Hygiene Products, created the Eklund Foundation in celebration of their long-standing relationship with the professional dental community. Since 2016, the foundation has distributed €140,000–240,000 annually, supporting odontological research worldwide. More information about the grants, published studies, and interviews with previous recipients are available on the website. The Eklund Foundation was established in 2015 to support research and education in the odontological field.

Source: TePe Oral Hygiene Products AB



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Eklund Foundation is established to support research within odontology.

Significant milestone in implant production quality management

Komet Custom Made receives the prestigious CleanImplant Certified Production Quality award

Globally recognised as a testing authority for uncompromising implant quality, the CleanImplant Foundation has awarded its seal of excellence to German contract manufacturer of ceramic implants Komet Custom Made. The CleanImplant Foundation has long been an established authority among implantologists for independent evaluations, ratings and information on the quality and cleanliness of implant surfaces. In March, the non-profit foundation granted the Certified Production Quality seal to Komet Custom Made, a division of Gebr. Brasseler, for its excellent production quality of ceramic implants. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) analyses of more than 100 different commercially available implant systems show that this deserves recognition. "More than half of all analysed implants show significant impurities under SEM," said Dr Dirk U. Duddeck, managing director and head of research at CleanImplant. "These contaminants on new, sterile-packaged implants, which are entirely preventable on the manufacturer's side, unfortunately, have clinical consequences and harm both practitioners and patients. It is our responsibility to inform dentists accordingly and provide a stage for quality manufacturers," he added.



Klaus Rübesamen (right), CEO Gebr. Brasseler, and Carsten Cieslik (left), General Manager Komet Custom Made with Dr. Dirk Duddeck, Managing Director and Head of Research at the CleanImplant Foundation.

Quality assurance by accredited testing laboratories

After an extensive testing process, carried out in an accredited testing laboratory, the CleanImplant Foundation awards the Certified Production Quality seal to contract manufacturers producing implants for various trade labels according to regulations based on the CleanImplant consensus guideline on the cleanliness of dental implants, which has been established for many years.

"The certification by the CleanImplant Foundation for ceramic implants confirms the process reliability of the quality assurance measures in place at the company, including validated final cleaning and subsequent packaging in the cleanroom, and represents a further milestone in ensuring overall ceramic competence of Komet Custom Made," said Carsten Cieslik, general manager of Komet Custom Made.

Source: CleanImplant Foundation

European Federation of Periodontology

Prof. Andreas Stavropoulos is new president and launches campaign for Ukraine

On 26 March, the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP) was able to hold an in-person meeting for the first time since 2019. The EFP's annual general assembly took place in the Austrian capital of Vienna, where a new president, Prof. Andreas Stavropoulos, was welcomed and a campaign launched to provide financial aid for Ukraine. The "Help Ukraine" campaign is planning to assist the Ukrainian people and refugees who have fled the country by calling on the EFP's 37 affiliated national societies of periodontics to raise at least €30,000 in donations. The campaign was organised in collaboration with the World Health Organization-affiliated WHO Foundation.

Prof. Stavropoulos took over as president of the EFP from Prof. Lior Shapira. In his first message since assuming the role, Prof. Stavropoulos



Prof. Andreas Stavropoulos, the new president of the EFP.

called for the society's members to work together despite any differences, writing, "What we have in common is much greater than what separates us."

The general consensus among attendees of the EFP's general assembly was that an in-person meeting was much needed after the predominantly online nature of meetings over the past two years. "I am so pleased that this year we returned to a face-to-face general assembly meeting and could greet everyone in person," said EFP Secretary General Prof. Nicola West. She continued: "While online meetings have their place in our sustainability strategy, face-to-face meetings are essential for our business to operate, creating energy, warmth and friendship, which cannot be underestimated."

Source: Dental Tribune International