International Osteology Symposium in Cannes

An interview with Prof Mariano Sanz & Prof Daniel Buser

_The next International Osteology Symposium is being held from April 14–16, 2011, in Cannes. What will the symposium be offering to practitioners and scientists? The international chairmen of the symposium, Mariano Sanz and Daniel Buser, respond to questions in an interview.

_Another International Osteology Symposium is now being held after 4 years. What are the main topics of interest?

Prof Buser: We have chosen for the symposium the main topics "Clinical Excellence, Risk Factors and Complications". Nowadays bone regeneration is the standard of care in implant dentistry. In uncritical cases implant surgeons can treat small to mid-size defects such as apical fenestration or crestal dehiscence defects with high predictability to achieve successful outcomes. It is very important, that the clinician can correctly assess risk factors and integrate them into treatment planning in more complex cases.

Prof Sanz: Our patients not only want functional results, they also want beautiful smiles. The right proportions between beautiful teeth and gums is what makes a nice smile and that is precisely what our patients are looking forward. We therefore need to balance the importance of risk factors and complications with techniques aimed to achieve aesthetic results. This is the reason why the field of soft tissue management has gained an important impetus in the last few years, both in implantology and periodontology. At Osteology in Cannes we will be discussing new therapeutic approaches, new biomaterials and improved surgical techniques to augment both hard and soft tissues, both around teeth and dental implants, in order to rebuild what the oral diseases have destroyed.

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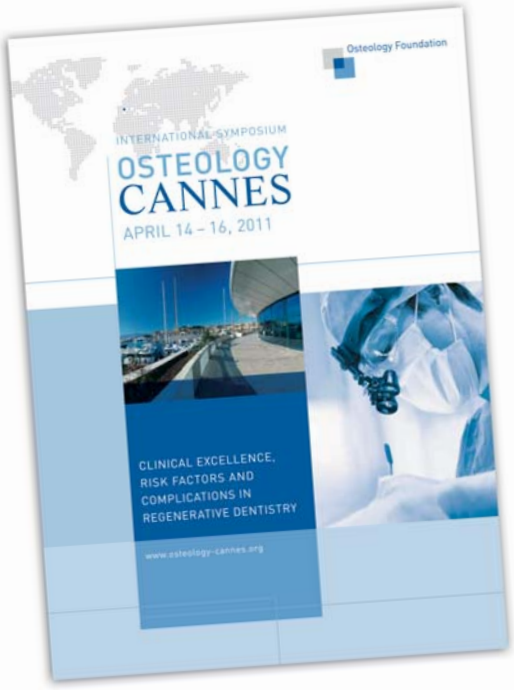

_Just to get back to the topic of complications. What significance does the topic now have in regenerative procedures?

Prof Buser: As the number of inserted implants has significantly increased in the past 10 years, the number of complications such as peri-implantitis also rises. Therefore, a section of the programme in

Cannes deals exclusively with the topic of peri-implantitis. Well-known experts will be reporting on the prevalence, risk factors and pathogenesis of the disease. They will demonstrate what surgical and non-surgical therapies are indicated for what cases and they will show when regenerative treatments promise success.

Prof Sanz: Besides the occurrence of periimplant infections and complications, we will discuss other multiple sources of complications and most importantly, how to diagnose and how to treat them. Complex therapeutic procedures, such as soft tissue augmentation, guided bone regeneration or sinus floor augmentation will be discussed in the context of the treatment of complicated cases. Special emphasis will be placed in how to prevent complications and how to achieve the best possible outcomes.

_The Osteology symposia are well-known for their high scientific standard. Is Osteology in Cannes sufficiently practice-oriented?

Prof Sanz: Absolutely! The motto of the Osteology Foundation is "Linking Science with Practice", and we consistently make this happen in our symposia. Science provides the basis for new therapeutic concepts, but the wide usage of these concepts in practice cannot be widespread until this treatment option or product has been sufficiently tested and backed up by scientific data. The presentation of new scientific data has, therefore, always taken an important place at the Osteology Symposia Programmes. We strongly believe that only well informed practitioners would be able to provide optimum treatments for their patients. But we do not overlook the practical applications of current therapies. On the pre-congress day there is a large selection of practical hands-on courses and theoretical workshops. In this Osteology Symposium we have also organized an interactive clinical forum in which top-class experts and the audience will be discussing exciting complex cases.

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_What else is on the programme in Cannes?

Prof Buser: The programme embraces a broad selection of indications in implantology and periodontology. We will be discussing whether new findings cast doubt upon well established treatment concepts, and what new therapies and products could be reliably used in daily practice in the future.

As ever at the Osteology symposia, we not only offer participants a top-class, exciting scientific programme, but also an exceptional atmosphere and a fascinating social programme. Osteology in Cannes is making another guest appearance on one of Europe's most beautiful coasts. This guarantees inspiring days at the congress. Our colleagues should not miss that highlight in 2011!

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Editorial note: The interview was led by Dr Birgit Wenz, Switzerland.

_about the interviewees

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Professor Daniel Buser is professor and chairman at the Department of Oral Surgery and Stomatology, and executive chairman of the School of Dental Medicine at University of Bern in Switzerland. His main interest is in membrane-protected bone regeneration. He is an internationally well-known scientist and speaker. He is currently President of the ITI Foundation, the Swiss Implant Foundation and a member of the Osteology Foundation Board.

Professor Mariano Sanz is professor of Periodontology at University Complutense in Madrid. He is much in demand as a scientist and international speaker in the field of periodontological and aesthetic soft tissue regeneration. He is in the editorial board of various international peer-reviewed journals and is a member of the Osteology Foundation Board.