



IJP and EAO: A Growing Collaboration

The European Association for Osseointegration (EAO) has a clear mission: “to bridge the gap between science and clinical practice.” This mission was established during the early time of development of oral implants. At that time, it was clear that there was a need to implement reliable and effective treatment protocols based on sound clinical research.

Implant dentistry is now routine in most dental offices around the globe, and implant-supported restorations are in many clinical scenarios—though not all—the preferred treatment option because of their long-term results, the reduced invasiveness on the residual dentition, the comfort for the patient, and the cost-effectiveness. So, the initial goal of the EAO may be considered achieved.

But there are still clinical controversies and challenges. Clinicians look for effective solutions, and the role of the academic and research world, in close contact with the industry, is to provide them. Sometimes this results in a confusing situation, since different protocols are proposed for the same clinical scenario. The available scientific evidence does not often allow for the clinician’s path to be guided in one single, unique direction.

Implant-supported restorations have been heavily involved in the last decade in a fast technical evolution driven by the industry, clinicians, and dental technicians. From a scientific point of view, this is another challenging scenario.

The EAO has recently joined forces with *The International Journal of Prosthodontics*. We feel that the prosthetic restoration is of primary relevance in implant dentistry, and we hope to be able, once again, to give our contribution as an association.

In this respect, the EAO wishes to propose to the editor-in-chief position papers on certain selected clinically relevant topics to be published in this prestigious journal. We hope that this joint endeavor will be beneficial to the progress of our profession.

I take this chance to thank Irena Sailer, editor-in-chief of this prominent journal, for the opportunity given to the EAO.

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