



Flashback on the EAO-DGI 2023 Joint Congress in Berlin

From September 28th to 30th this year, the joint congress of the European Association for Osseointegration (EAO) and the German Association for Implantology (DGI) took place in Berlin. This congress, chaired by Professors Henning Schliephake and Florian Beuer, was named Berlin Reloaded, as it was previously planned but then had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As usual, an invited country was embraced and their participants received preferential registration rates and other benefits—this year it was Turkey. The 3 day scientific event included main and parallel international scientific sessions, short oral communications and poster presentations, and a special German language program. Hundreds of abstracts from worldwide researchers were submitted to the EAO before the congress as applications for the poster and short oral communications sessions. A designated Abstract committee, chaired by Associate Editor Prof Daniel Thoma and his cochairs Prof Christel Larsson and Dr Magnus Björnsson, and numerous international reviewers evaluated all submissions to select the ones that would be presented during the congress. The young members of the EAO, the Junior Committee, also held a specific session with a theoretical part and the “My First Implant” workshop, a very popular program for young clinicians in the early stages of their careers. Besides the official scientific programs of the EAO and DGI, the Industry partners offered satellite forums and hands-on sessions. All in all, the congress was and always is a very comprehensive and diverse educational event.

This year the event was very successful and had a wonderful atmosphere with more than 3,000 delegates from all around the world. The hot topics of the congress were big data and artificial intelligence, personalized implantology in the dental practice, complex case management, peri-implant diseases, and frail patients. Numerous international and German national speakers presented the most recent evidence on the respective topics. For those who have unfortunately missed the congress, some sessions are available for free online for a couple of weeks as of October 6th (congress.eao.org). Another update: the EAO recently introduced a new committee, the Editorial Board committee, with the aim to better spread the message and news of the organisation to their members. This specific committee includes, among many other experts, the Editors in Chief of the two scientific publications of the EAO—the International Journal of Prosthodontics, and Clinical Oral Implants Research (COIR, Wiley)—myself and Prof Lisa J.A. Heitz-Mayfield. In both journals, news of the EAO will be published regularly, such as educational program information, specific activity reports, congress scientific reports, summaries of Junior Committee Summer Camps, and many more reports. We hope that with this initiative the members of the EAO and all other readers of the IJP will be better informed about what is happening at the EAO between the annual congresses. There is a lot going on, so look out for it!

On behalf of the entire Editorial Board team,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irena Sailer'.

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