



Oral Reconstruction Foundation— Science for the Benefit of the Patient



The Oral Reconstruction (OR) Foundation proudly presents the fourth consensus report since the inception of the Foundation almost 15 years ago, published in *The International Journal of Prosthodontics*. My deepest gratitude goes to the Editor-in-Chief, Prof Irena Sailer, and the team of Quintessence Publishing Company in Chicago for realizing this supplement together with the team of the OR Foundation.

It is our aim to disseminate new scientific insights and to convey practical knowledge for the benefit of our patients. For this purpose, the OR Foundation supports projects especially by young, talented colleagues. The OR Foundation forms an interface through which scientists, practitioners, technicians, and industry representatives can exchange specialist knowledge and ideas in order to achieve sustainable progress in implant dentistry without losing the focus on the patient. That is why our motto is “teaming up science and education to serve the patient.” To this end, the OR Foundation operates worldwide, making it an ideal partner for many scientific organizations and universities.

In this spirit, we are very proud that we have been able to organize a consensus meeting of a dedicated worldwide expert group on the subject of rehabilitation of edentulous arches by implant-supported restorations. Even if the incidence of edentulism in some parts of the world is on the decline thanks to the further improvement of dental prophylaxis and hygiene, there are many patients still who suffer from an insufficient dental rehabilitation. In these cases it is important to offer them restoration solutions that are functionally sufficient, esthetically adequate, and economically affordable. The goal of this consensus report was to develop and present solutions complying with all aspects of individual patient requirements.

The outcome of the present consensus report is impressive; the OR Foundation succeeded in bringing together an international and interdisciplinary group of young and experienced dental experts in order to discuss the current literature and latest findings regarding surgical, prosthodontic, and technical prerequisites. Over the period of more than a year and a half of analyzing the results of systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and discussions among the experts, they developed a concise and evidence-based consensus—serving as fundamental guidelines for the dental practitioner in his/her daily practice.

On behalf of the OR Foundation team and all the participating experts, I wish you an interesting and instructive reading. I hope that we can increase the quality of our treatments for our patients a little further. Hopefully, this consensus report becomes a new and important milestone in the fascinating world of implant dentistry—for the benefit of our patients.

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