

## New Section—EAO Position Papers



With this first issue in 2022, we are pleased to introduce a new section in our journal, the EAO Position Paper section.

One of the main missions of the European Association for Osseointegration is to provide noncommercial, evidence-based education in implant dentistry to help practitioners improve the standard of their daily practice. In order to elaborate the respective evidence, the EAO has held Consensus Conferences every 3 years since 2006, uniting the opinions of international leaders for several days to discuss literature reviews that were specifically prepared by experts in the field for the Consensus Conference beforehand. The aim of the Consensus Conference is to reach an agreement on the scientific evidence and the best practice in the respective fields. The Conference is entirely organized by the association without external funding. More information can be found at: <https://eao.org/research-and-publications/>. The systematic reviews, as well as the consensus reports, are published with open access in order to best disseminate the elaborated knowledge.

In the flow of daily practice, however, these scientific manuscripts can be difficult to disseminate, and we noticed a need for clinically relevant, more concise summaries of the current evidence; ie, the EAO position on different topics. Therefore, in this new section, the current scientific and clinical evidence on actual topics is presented in a more practice-oriented way. In brief, the goal of the position papers is to bring condensed and digested evidence to the clinician by the experts of the association. We have the pleasure to also announce that the current EAO president Dr Luca Cordaro was appointed as Section Editor.

In the current issue, the topic of new restorative materials is discussed, and treatment recommendations are made on the more recent esthetic ceramic and hybrid materials compared to conventional metal-ceramics. Clinicians receive a decision tree for the selection of the most suitable material option(s) for the respective clinical situation.

Many more interesting topics are in preparation, and we hope that this new EAO voice will spread the evidence-based message of the association not only to its members, but to many more practitioners around the world. Enjoy the reading!

On behalf of the Editorial Board team,

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

Irena Sailer, Editor-in-Chief