



## A summary of the 23rd annual SIO congress and future events in 2015–2016



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Dear Colleagues,

Despite the heavy snow on the day of the Congress, the lecture room was full of attendees and the 23rd SIO Congress was a successful event.

The new format of the conference we adopted allowed us to focus in detail on one main topic in clinical practice and research: "The Implant-supported prosthetic restoration of fully edentulous patients".

This choice is considered to be an effective and efficient idea both from the perspective of participants and the sponsors. A select number of top quality national and international speakers were given the opportunity to present their specific topic in detail enabling the audience to learn important information which would be useful to them in everyday clinical practice.

The final section was widely appreciated, as it involved each speaker presenting several clinical cases and an interactive discussion with the audience, whereby they shared the decision-making process involved during the adoption of alternative treatment modalities. We are very proud of this success because we are convinced that this approach allowed participants to clarify on the spot, the key learning points from every lecture. We considered this televoting system as the "business card" of SIO events in 2015-2016.

We are convinced that the classical conference format, which is organised into lots of brief lectures, which are related to a large variety of topics might be dispersive and inefficient. Conversely, focusing on one main topic can offer a more effective choice as it means participants have a clear and immediate "take home message" with a constructive, step-by-step, discussion with the speakers, and the sponsors will also be satisfied, as they will focus their resour-

ces on fewer scientific societies with high quality programs.

This is the main reason why the Italian Society of Osseointegration (SIO) has revamped its cultural planning for 2015 and 2016 in order to offer high quality and useful advice both for clinicians and researchers in the field of implant dentistry.

Our next event will be held in Naples, on 9th May 2015 and the main subject will be "How to simplify implant dentistry", an interesting topic both for younger and skilled clinicians. The speakers will answer to three simple questions: "How, when and why?", analysing different topics, including: 1) socket and ridge preservation; 2) post-extractive implants; 3) flapless techniques and computer guided surgery; and d) short and narrow implants. Again at the end of each session, an interactive discussion will involve the audience, in order to enrich their learning, with the aim of sharing important experiences with all participants.

The third and last event of 2015 will be the Memorial Vogel, and the main theme will be "The prevention and multidisciplinary management of complications following sinus floor elevation." Sinus grafting has become a routine surgical procedure, but the likelihood of complications occurring following this surgery are becoming more regular. This is the main reason why the SIO board has decided to dedicate an entire meeting to clarify how to prevent and manage complications during and after sinus floor elevation.

On 2016, the cultural activity will be opened by the 24th Annual SIO Congress in relation to "A multidisciplinary approach to optimise the aesthetics of the face, the perioral region, and implant dentistry." We are convinced that this topic will offer interesting points of discussion not only in terms of implants and teeth but also in terms of peri-oral and facial aesthe-

tics, with the contribution of different clinicians and different branches of interest, including orthodontics and maxillofacial aesthetics.

The next meeting will be on May 2016, and the title will be "The prevention and management of complications after regenerative techniques", while the last meeting will be held in November 2016 and will be dedicated to: "The prevention and management of complications in implant dentistry from neuro-vascular complications, to peri-implantitis, to mechanical complications".

We are convinced that, as complications may also occur for the most experienced and gifted clinicians, focusing on their prevention and management might be even more interesting than presen-

ting only 'state of the art' cases. We are confident that this approach will allow every event to be a unique learning opportunity, both for younger clinicians and practitioners with limited experience in implant dentistry.

At the same time, the rich cultural and scientific content of the lectures will allow experienced clinicians and researchers to share their experiences and insights with internationally renowned speakers.



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