10,232 periodontists and other oral health professionals from all over the world travelled to Amsterdam, Netherlands from 20 to 23 June to learn about the latest research on periodontal disease and implants at EuroPerio9—one of the leading congresses in periodontology and implant dentistry.

EuroPerio9 participants came from 111 countries, with the Netherlands, Germany and France bringing the largest delegations from within Europe. Japan, Brazil and Mexico were the biggest groups from overseas. 25 per cent of delegates were non-European.

The scientific programme included over 1,720 abstracts that were presented in research sessions, setting another record for EuroPerio9. Additionally, 134 speakers made invited presentations in 42 lectures and special sessions. The new formats including PerioTalks, nightmare sessions, live surgery, debates, treatment planning interactive sessions, the perio contest and 3-D sessions were very popular with delegates. 308 moderated abstract and poster presentations also took place.

Congress chair, Michèle Reners, said that she would remember “the PedTalks, the Master Clinician Session on ‘Saving teeth’ and the nightmare sessions” among the memorable EuroPerio9 sessions. Søren Jepsen, chair of the scientific programme highlighted the video “Cell-to-Cell Communication—Peri-implantitis and its Prevention” as one of the sessions he enjoyed the most. He further stated: “Also the session on live surgery was quite amazing: 4,500 people sitting together quietly and concentrating on what was going on is something I had never experienced before. I think the session on the new classification of periodontal diseases is also a landmark event.” Visit www.efp.org/europorio9/programme/scientific for more details.

The session about the new classification of periodontal and peri-implant diseases, a consensus from the recent World Workshop in Chicago, drew large crowds. Significant differences with the previous 1999 classification were announced, such as the replacement of the “chronic” and “aggressive” distinctions by a model with stages and grades (see p. 48).

Intense social media interactions also played an important role at EuroPerio9. The social media team made up of volunteers from various countries, reported on every single session at the congress. For the first time, a social media wall allowed attendants to see what was trending at the meeting through the #EuroPerio9 hashtag. The newly launched EFP Instagram account now has over 1,100 followers and the EuroPerio9 playlist on the EFP YouTube channel had over 10,400 views. Facebook engagement was up 200 per cent and Twitter impressions were up 30 per cent. Regarding the EFP website, on Wednesday a record peak of 13,000 individuals looked at 54,000 pages. All three press conferences were live-streamed on Facebook.

Such record-breaking attention and attendance, as well as the presentation of leading research in periodontal science confirmed EuroPerio as the place to be for the latest news about periodontal health. EuroPerio10 will take place from 2 to 5 June 2021 at the Bella Center in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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Nobel Biocare invites dentists to 2019 Global Symposium in Las Vegas

Dental professionals should mark their calendars for the 2019 Nobel Biocare Global Symposium, which will take place from 27 to 29 June in Las Vegas in the US under the theme “Knowledge changes everything”. Featuring a change of location, programme and venue, the symposium will offer a potent combination of expert knowledge alongside new innovations to be revealed, marking a true transformation in implant treatment care.

Groundbreaking solutions, covering smarter implant designs and the next evolution in site preparation, as well as everything dental professionals need to further enhance the patient treatment journey with new digital solutions, will be available for participants to discover and experience.

In response to the increased demand for more skill-enhancing training and education, the event has expanded in size and is planned to attract up to 3,500 participants from around the globe. Compiled by a scientific committee chaired by Dr Peter Wöhrl from the US, the programme will feature some of the world’s most distinguished experts in implant dentistry and oral rehabilitation. Overall, it will bring together more than 100 speakers, including outstanding researchers, clinicians and laboratory technicians, and offer engaging podium lectures in addition to master classes and valuable hands-on courses. Participants will have the opportunity to follow different educational streams or to create their own learning programmes suited to their own individual treatment goals.

Nobel Biocare President Hans Geiselhöringer said, “Next year’s Nobel Biocare Global Symposium will mark a true transformation in implant treatment care. This major event is fuelled by the power of knowledge and the positive impact it can have on dentists’ skills, daily practice and patients, through new solutions that will change the course of innovation forever.”

The 2019 Nobel Biocare Global Symposium will take place at the Mandalay Bay hotel and convention centre. Registration for the event is now open. More information about the programme is available online at nobelbiocare.com/global-symposium-2019.
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Over the past 20 years, dentists and dental technicians have experienced the new possibilities continually being created by digitalisation. The key to success in exploiting these innovations has been and will continue to be the interaction between the members of the treating team. In this regard, the International Dental Show (IDS), which will take place from 12 to 16 March 2019 in Cologne, will offer comprehensive concepts, valuable tips and stimulating discussions.

The particular excitement of dentistry lies in the unique combination of medical, technological and aesthetic aspects in the discipline. The day-to-day work has become more diversified and sometimes challenging over the past decades, both in the practice and in the dental technician’s laboratory, owing to multifaceted requirements. A particularly effective means of meeting these demands has been the intensification of collaboration between dentists and dental technicians.

The conditions for collaboration are better than ever, because digitalisation allows spatial and time limits to be overcome. Radiographs, model scans, and a wide range of different working and planning documents can be produced in the practice and the laboratory within seconds for evaluation and discussion purposes. At the same time, overlapping digital workflows in more and more areas are increasingly facilitating cooperation between dental professionals.

“The International Dental Show will comprehensively present the current state of development of materials and processing methods, as well as new opportunities for optimal collaboration between the dentist and dental technician,” said Dr Markus Heibach, Executive Director of the Association of the German Dental Industry.

“At IDS, digital systems, planning tools, and different production options and their application within the team can be experienced first-hand and in a diversity that cannot be found anywhere else. My tip to all visitors is to talk to your dental technician or dentist in advance and visit the International Dental Show as a team!”

IDS takes place in Cologne every two years and is organised by the Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Dental-Industrie, the commercial enterprise of the Association of the German Dental Industry, and staged by Koelnmesse.
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