Under a blue Spanish sky and with temperatures soaring above 30 °C, the 26th Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Association for Osseointegration (EAO) took place at the Feria de Madrid fairgrounds.

Lectures started with insightful discussions on changes and developments in implant placement protocols. Overall, more than 50 clinical experts from all over the world spoke at this year’s event. Among them were prominent figures in dentistry, such as Prof. Mariano Sanz from Spain, Dr Christian Coachman from Brazil and Dr Christoph Hämmerle from Switzerland. In the guest country session, held on 7 October, clinicians from Latin America presented their research to a professional audience for the first time. While most of the papers were delivered in English, the organisers assured simultaneous interpreting into Spanish for some of the sessions.

At the opening ceremony held on Thursday (5 October), EAO President Prof. Alberto Sicilia Felechosa from Spain welcomed everyone to the congress and thanked the Spanish society of prosthodontic and aesthetic dentistry (Sociedad Española de Prótesis Estomatológica y Estética; SEPES) for co-organising the event. He said that, according to the latest figures, over 4,000 dental professionals had registered for the three-day conference, which was held in Madrid in Spain.
Spain for the second time since the first edition took place in 1992. Spanish attendees were then addressed by SEPES President and congress chair Dr Nacho Rodríguez Ruiz.

Also during the ceremony, several members of the EAO were awarded honorary membership of the EAO, including Past President Dr Franck Renouard from France.

In addition to the educational offering, attendees could try out the latest products and technologies in their field at the trade exhibition. Over 130 manufacturers and dealers, including international heavyweights like Nobel Biocare, Straumann and Dentsply Sirona, were showcased their latest innovations. Attendees could also learn about the new products and clinical solutions in detail at industry symposia running concurrently with the main programme.

Information about the 2017 congress and programme is still available online and through the EAO SEPES 2017 mobile app, which can be downloaded from the iTunes Store and Google Play.

Founded in 1991 by leading dentists interested in osseointegration, the EAO is now a worldwide authority in the fields of reconstructive surgery and prosthetic rehabilitation. In addition to its large annual event, which attracts between 2,000 and 4,000 professional visitors annually, the association holds master clinical courses throughout the year. It furthermore offers members and non-members the opportunity to obtain a postgraduate diploma in implant dentistry.

The next EAO meeting will take place in Vienna in Austria from 11 to 13 September 2018.