Experts from Europe “show their colours” at Europerio 7

The prevention of oral diseases, including periodontitis, is crucial for the general health and well-being of patients, experts have agreed at the Europerio congress in Vienna. They said that owing to both known and recently discovered associations between periodontal inflammation and systematic diseases like pancreatic cancer, the specialty should be considered part of the preventative framework in medicine.

Europerio 7 was officially opened on Wednesday in the presence of representatives of 26 member associations of the European Federation of Periodontology, who presented on stage with their respective flags during the welcome ceremony. Among others, delegates were addressed by EFP General Secretary Stefan Renvert (Sweden) and Chairman of the Europerio 7 Organising Committee Dr Gernot Wimmer (Austria), who also paid tribute to several members of the Vienna School and pioneers in oral biology, including Rudolf Kronfeld and Bernhard Gottlieb, after whom the Medical University of Vienna’s dental school was named.

“The thanks to the work of many, we have a fantastic congress ahead of us,” Renvert said.

From 6 to 9 June 2012, at the Reed Exhibitions Congress Center in Vienna, Europerio 7 will be offering attendees the latest research and technology in the field of periodontology and dental implantology. Over 60 lectures and workshops by 100 internationally renowned speakers will be presented from Wednesday to Saturday. Today’s topics include the management of risk factors for periodontitis and periodontal maintenance treatment in the dental practice. In addition, a large number of sessions and forums on dental implantology and dental hygiene will be held.

For more news from this year’s Europerio in Vienna, please scan the QR code or visit www.dental-tribune.com/europerio7.

Diamond sponsor Acteon boosts presence at Europerio

Acteon is one of the most innovative and active companies on the global dental market. Being aware of the high quality of the scientific programme and the excellent standing of the Europerio congresses in the dental community, the company, which is involved in preventative and conservative dentistry, chose to be a diamond sponsor at this year’s conference.

At Europerio 7, Acteon will be launching SoproCARE, a new intra-oral camera for evaluating plaque status and soft-tissue inflammation. It was developed to assist the dental professional during prophylaxis and periodontal treatment in the dental office. Thanks to SoproCARE, dental professionals can now achieve complete prophylactic treatment with one device, the company said.

Besides launching new products, Acteon has also organised sponsored, hands-on sessions and lectures at Europerio 7. Its first session was held yesterday by Dr Bennani and Prof. Grimm, who gave an extremely interesting lecture entitled “Advanced methods of conservative treatment of periodontitis and peri-implantitis”. Today, Dr Vidot and Prof. Louise will be presenting a novel comprehensive prophylactic treatment procedure, and Dr Dibart will be holding a lecture on the Piezotome 2 in the main auditorium on Saturday.

More details about new products and sessions are available at booth 37 in the exhibition hall.
An interview with André Siegrist, Marketing and Sales Manager at mectron

How is the device intended to help in this regard?

mectron will be launching an innovative insert for ultrasonic implant cleaning during Europerio. It resonates particularly well with multipiezo pro’s ultrasonic generator. It goes without saying that the new soft mode is of clear benefit here as well. The main advantages of this new insert are its excellent anatomical access, its safety, owing to the full PEEK design without a metal core, as well as its favorable price-performance ratio.

You are showcasing this device to specialists for the first time in Vienna. When and where will it be available?

Multipiezo pro will be available in all European markets from September 2012. Non-European markets will follow a few months later, which is due to various country-specific product registration procedures.

Thank you very much for this interview.

Enormous need for knowledge and skills in reconstructive periodontal plastic surgery

Yesterday at Europerio 7 in Vienna, Giovanni Zucchelli, Professor of Periodontology at the University of Bologna, Italy, led the highly topical and packed workshop entitled “Reconstructive periodontal plastic surgery in the aesthetic zone”. Forty dental professionals from 14 different countries and with varying levels of experience, ranging from young dentists to experienced academics, participated in this event, which was sponsored by Straumann. The objective was to demonstrate the surgical procedure, both in theory and in practice, using swine mandibles as a model.

In his discussion preceding the demonstration, Zucchelli explained the standard protocol of periodontal plastic surgery procedures. He also explained the added benefit of using Straumann’s enamel matrix derivative Emdogain in the treatment of bony defects and gingival recession. “The most important thing,” noted Zucchelli, “is to follow the current surgical protocol strictly. Adherence to the guidelines in combination with the use of Emdogain will result in very good clinical outcomes.”

Zucchelli then demonstrated the surgical procedure and the use of Emdogain in a swine mandible model. Participants had the opportunity to practise the procedure and agreed that the combination of theory with hands-on practice was very helpful and should be offered more frequently.

Straumann introduced its new Emdogain 015 yesterday at Europerio. Since surgery with the material is demanding, once surgeons have attended the requisite course, they should begin with easy clinical cases and advance step by step, adhering closely to the protocol, the company recommended. Any changes to the protocol or the omission of steps will compromise the probability of success.

Emdogain has been proven to improve attachment between the gingiva and the root, contributing to complete root coverage and the long-term outcome. The product is a vital component of the protocol and its long-term benefits have been demonstrated in clinical studies.