**EDITORIAL** 

## **SIO Congress XXI**

## Milan 8th and 9th February 2013 Dental implant treatment amidst socioeconomic and technological changes



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Dear Colleagues,

I am very happy to present the upcoming Congress of the Italian Society for Osseointegrated Implantology (SIO) entitled 'Dental implant treatment amidst socioeconomic and technological changes', which will be held in Milan on the 8th and 9th of February 2013 at the ATA ExpoFiera Hotel.

The congress, in keeping with previous editions, will comprise a series of interesting scientific sessions and a wide exhibition area. The goal of the sessions is to help implantologists to identify the correct clinical procedures in order to ensure optimal patient health and to satisfy patient needs. Nowadays, due to the current economic climate, the objective is not only to achieve oral health recovery but also to provide affordable and reliable treatments. Over the two days of the congress, the attending speakers, all internationally renowned due to their in-depth clinical experience and scientific knowledge, will seek to verify whether the use of innovative techniques and products can facilitate the reduction of biological and economic costs of implant treatment, while at the same time obtaining reliable long-term therapy results.

Implantologists in attendance at the congress will be able to refine their kowledge in order to know how to identify the least invasive, quickest and most cost-effective treatments. We will provide clinicians and researchers with the opportunity to discuss and share their experience in implant dentistry by presenting scientific posters about clinical studies, basic research and case reports. Starting with this year, the accepted abstracts will be published in a high-quality peer-reviewed journal in the field of oral implantology, the *European Journal of Oral Implantology* (*EJOI*). Furthermore, some of them will be selected as oral presentations to be held during the plenary session of the Congress. Another novelty is the introduction of 'Question and answer sessions' which will give moderators the opportunity to stimulate fruitful discussions on the congress topics between the audience and the speakers.

Furthermore a 'Dental hygienist session' will focus on the role of the dental hygienist for the treatment of peri-implant diseases. In particular the goal of this session will be, in keeping with the main theme of the congress, to investigate the links between innovative techniques and the long-term maintenance of therapeutic results.

On this basis, we look forward to seeing you in Milan and sharing an important event that we hope may improve our clinical practice in the field of oral implantology.

Il Presidente Eletto Luigi Guida