



The Oral Reconstruction Foundation

The Oral Reconstruction (OR) Foundation was originally founded in 2006 as the CAMLOG Foundation by the CAMLOG Company in Basel, Switzerland, and then relaunched in 2016 as the independent OR Foundation. The US section of the OR Foundation was founded that same year.

From the outset, the OR Foundation has supported basic and applied research projects, granted research funding to young scientists, and promoted training and continuing education. It has established a networking platform for international experts in a wide range of disciplines to foster the permanent exchange of knowledge and ideas.

The Foundation firmly believes that the best way to consolidate the scientific basis of oral reconstruction and to serve patient needs is to promote close international collaboration among universities, practitioners, technicians, and industry. Through this perspective, the OR Foundation has organized over 10 international expert meetings where internationally recognized experts discuss actual clinical and scientific topics, as well as trends in implant dentistry and related areas. As a result, three consensus reports were published in *Clinical Oral Implants Research*.¹⁻³

In March 2019, the OR Foundation organized the International Expert Meeting in Prague, Czech Republic, with the aim of establishing a consensus on clinical recommendations for the treatment of the edentulous jaw. A total of 65 clinicians and researchers from 18 countries with a special focus on implant therapy participated in this expert conference.

In preparation for the meeting, six dedicated teams from the University of Freiburg (Germany), University of Frankfurt (Germany), University of Geneva (Switzerland), University of Coimbra (Portugal), University of Rochester (USA), and Tufts University (USA) conducted literature reviews with a focus on the influence of medical and geriatric factors on implant survival; the occurrence of biologic complications and anatomical and esthetic considerations; the influence of material selection, attachment type, interarch space, and opposing dentition; different interventions for rehabilitation of the edentulous maxilla; different interventions for rehabilitation of the edentulous mandible; and treatment choice and decision-making in elderly patients. Based on the literature reviews, the expert recommendations were thoroughly discussed and prepared by the six working groups, and the consensus on the recommendations was extensively discussed in the plenum session.

Thank you very much to the teams who wrote the literature reviews and finalized the consensus, as well as all participants who contributed to the remarkable discussions. Special thanks to Prof Dr Irena Sailer, Editor-in-Chief of *The International Journal of Prosthodontics*, and Quintessence Publishing Co, Inc. Without their extraordinary support, this supplement would not have been possible.

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