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The CAMLOG Implant Festival 2008 – a rewarding meeting of science and practice
Neither the glorious sunny weather nor the imminent Whit weekend had stopped 800 experts in implant dentistry and dental technology from more than 20 countries attending the CAMLOG Implant Festival 2008 in Basel, Switzerland, from May 9th to 10th. The Implant Festival 2008 was opened by a rousing drum roll from a Basel Mardi Gras band, that right from the start set the tempo to be characteristic for the whole Congress.

Under the joint presidency of Prof Jürgen Becker, Düsseldorf, and Prof Robert A. Sader, Frankfurt/Main, about 50 internationally renowned speakers presented a diverse, high-quality program at the Congress Center Basel, focusing on a wide range of subjects in the discipline of implant dentistry.

Particular emphasis was placed on diagnosing and treating periimplantitis, the effects of implant hardware on bones and soft tissue, the long-term results with the CAMLOG® Implant System, and computer-assisted implant dentistry.

Brief insights into the future were given by presentations on tissue regeneration by growth factors and adult stem cells, as well as minimally invasive bone preparation using gas-cooled lasers.

It goes without saying that the subjects covered included such implantological “perennials” as red-white esthetics, immediate implantation, immediate loading and bone augmentation, subjects which were discussed in plenary after they had been expounded in detail by the experts.

During the poster exhibition, which attracted keen interest during the coffee and lunch breaks, high-quality, practice-relevant research results, clinical studies, and case documentations, as well as dental technology techniques were demonstrated. These posters reproduced pictorially in the truest sense of the word the motto of the Congress, “Science meets practice – practice meets science”.

The CAMLOG Party held from the evening of the first day until the small hours of the second day provided every opportunity for participants either to dance the night away or to socialize with friends and colleagues, according to their individual preferences.

On the morning of the second day of the Congress, the President of the **camlog foundation**, Prof Rolf Ewers, Vienna, presented the **camlog foundation** Research Award, to be awarded for the first time, and invited the up-and-coming generation from universities, surgeries, and dental laboratories to enter into competition with each other.

The international CAMLOG Congress 2008 concluded with lectures on 3D imaging techniques for planning the implant position as well as template-guided implant bed preparation and implant insertion.

These techniques will contribute increasingly in the future to enhancing reliability in planning, prognosis, execution and reproducibility of the implant therapy.

In a closing address that attracted a great deal of interest, the newly developed CAMLOG® Guide System was demonstrated with its functional principles and its detailed modus operandi in situ. In this innovative method, the implant positions are planned on the computer, in a similar way to conventional surgical navigation systems. A simple-to-handle, high-precision drill template is then produced in the dental laboratory, which greatly simplifies the process of placing the implants for the surgeon. The technique is so accurate that the restoration can be used even before the operation and can be inserted into the patient's mouth immediately after the operation. One striking advantage of the CAMLOG® Guide System is that the template used is bone-/tooth-supported thus eliminating possible sources of error arising from gingival support.

The CAMLOG® Guide System is expected to be launched on the market in the fourth quarter of the year.

In his short résumé at the end of the CAMLOG Implant Festival 2008, Jürg Eichenberger, CEO of CAMLOG Biotechnologies AG, Basel, had every reason to express his satisfaction and to thank everybody for the smooth running of the International CAMLOG Congress 2008 and the substantial scientific and practice-related contents, that had been presented.

He closed this rewarding meeting of science and practice in Basel with the words: "I now look forward to welcoming the CAMLOG Family to our next Implant Festival in two years."

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