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**Minutes of the ordinary EAO General Assembly held on
Friday, October 25th, 2024 in Milan, Italy (MiCo) at 17:15**

I. Composition of the General Assembly - Attendance

The following EAO Board members were present:

Ronald E. Jung, President
Gil Alcoforado, President Elect and representing
Irena Sailer, as Secretary General
Turker Ornekol, Treasurer
Luca Cordaro, Past President
Helena Francisco, ordinary Board Member
Robert Haas, ordinary Board Member
Jose Manuel Navarro, ordinary Board Member
Frank Schwarz, ordinary Board Member

Also Lucrezia Paterno-Holtzman, chair of the Junior Committee.

In total, **75** members were present or duly represented by proxy.
Sophie Maupoil and Pauline Rabec, EAO staff, were also present as observers, responsible for the minutes.

II. Agenda

1. Introduction by the President and chairmanship of the meeting
 - 1.1. Verification of the regularity of the meeting
 - 1.2. Approval of the Minutes and of the decisions taken at the 2023 General Assembly
2. Activity and Financial reports
 - 2.1. Report by the Secretary General
 - 2.1.1. Membership 2024
 - 2.1.2. Election of a new Board member
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 - 2.1.4. Recognition of previous board members
 - 2.1.5. Recognition proposal: Honorary Membership to Prof. Ann Wennerberg (Lisbon 2026)
 - 2.2. Report by the Treasurer
 - 2.2.1. Approval annual accounts per June 30, 2024, Discharge Board of Directors and auditors
 - 2.2.2. Approval budget financial year 2024/2025
3. Presentation of each committee's activity/Strategy and evolution
 - 3.1. The President's vision
 - 3.1.1. Update on Osseo Alliance – Global Consensus for Clinical Guidelines in Implant Dentistry
 - 3.2. Consensus Conference
 - 3.3. Education Committee
 - 3.4. Congress Committee

- 3.5. Sponsorship Committee
- 3.6. Editorial Board Committee
- 3.7. Membership Committee
- 3.8. Academic Relationships Committee
- 3.9. Communication Committee
- 3.10. Junior Committee
- 4. Any other business
 - 4.1. EAO member's submitted proposal
 - 4.2. EAO Cares: Mundo A Sorrir
 - 4.3. Others
- 5. Welcome to the new Board member.
- 6. Closing remarks.

III. Discussion and deliberation

1. Introduction by the President and chairmanship of the meeting:

Ronald E. Jung, President of the EAO, was appointed Chair of the meeting. He opened the meeting at 17:17 and welcomed all participants, EAO members, thanking them for their support and loyalty towards the EAO over the years and their participation in this exciting and successful Annual meeting in Milan.

1.1 Verification of the regularity of the meeting

The President observed and confirmed that 75 full members out of 2594 full members were present or duly represented by proxy. As stated in the article 20.5 of the Association's Statutes "A General Meeting will be validly composed regardless of the number of members present or represented, except in cases where the law explicitly requires that a quorum and a specific majority of votes have to be respected". Therefore, since no decision discussed during the General Assembly requires a quorum, the President confirmed that the General Assembly is validly composed.

1.2 Confirmation of the decisions taken at the 2023 General Assembly

There were no comments on the minutes of the General Assembly, which were sent to all members in November 2023, therefore, the decisions taken during the 2023 General Assembly are now approved.

Ronald Jung asked for two volunteers to assist with counting the votes during this meeting and reminded to use the red card when asked to vote. He then welcomed Irena Sailer, EAO Secretary General, for the presentation of her report.

2. Activity and Financial reports

2.1 Report by the Secretary General

2.1.1 Governance

Irena Sailer reminded the attendees the EAO governing bodies: the Board of Directors and its Executive committee:

- ✓ Weekly update calls with EAO Office
- ✓ Executive Committee Call once/ month
- ✓ 3 Board meetings/ year: (January/ June/ September)
 - incl. chairs of the Council/ Junior Committee and COIR/ IJP editors
- ✓ 1 Strategic meeting/ year

Current Executive Committee 2022/24:



Ronald Jung

President



Gil Alcoforado

President Elect



Turker Ornekol

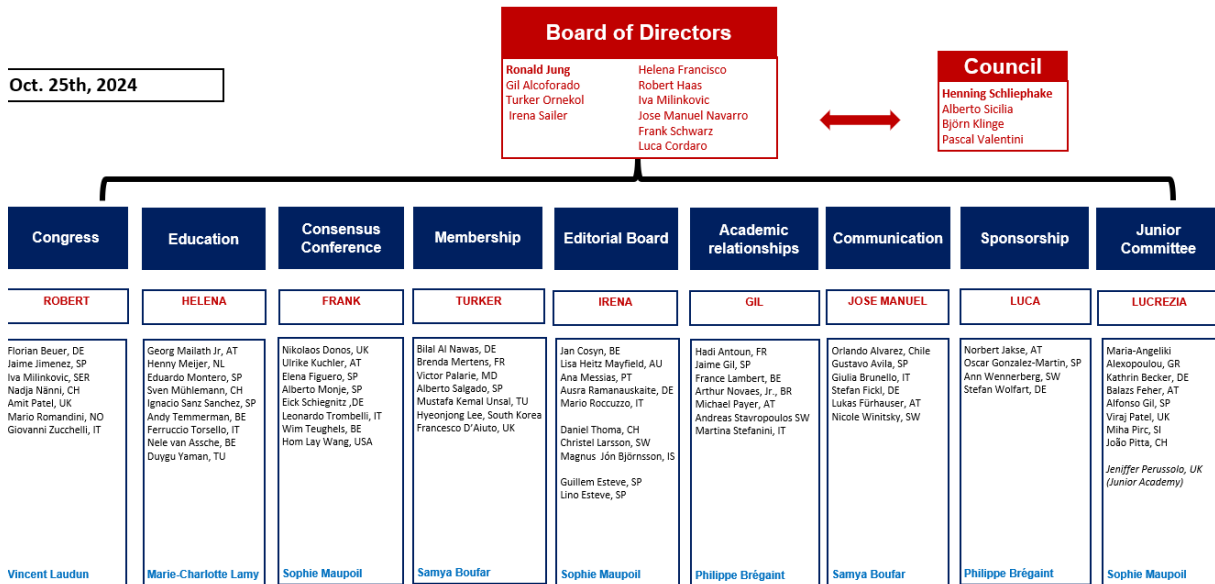
Treasurer



Irena Sailer

Secretary General

She presented the current functioning structure envisioned by Ronald Jung and adopted the year before by the General Assembly. Then she went over the different committees:



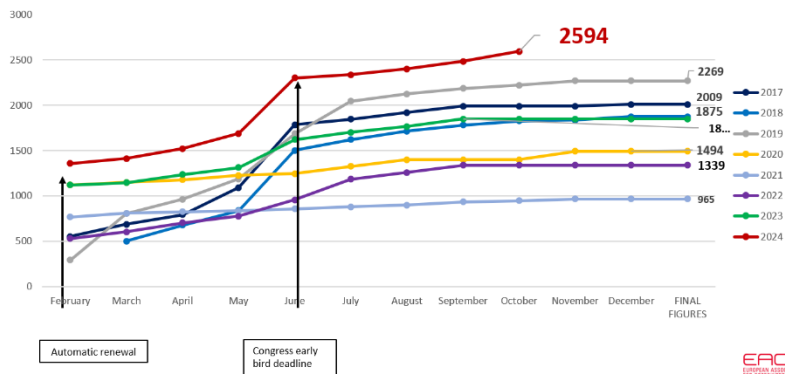
Each board member is chairing one committee with the support of the EAO office team.

2.1.2 Membership 2024

A report on the membership figures was presented to the General Assembly.

Evolution of the membership from 2017-2024

Membership evolution 2017-2024



In 2024, the EAO saw a positive evolution with an overall increase of 40% in membership (all categories) and an all-time high membership with **2594** members at the opening of the Annual Congress. The difficult years of the pandemic have now been surpassed.

Membership evolution – categories and countries

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Full members	1499	1147	824	798	1098	1467
Young professionals	179	40	33	128	144	251
Students	501	133	62	322	452	719
Over 65	85	66	41	86	117	150
Honorary members	5	5	5	5	6	7
Total	2269	1494	965	1339	1817	2594

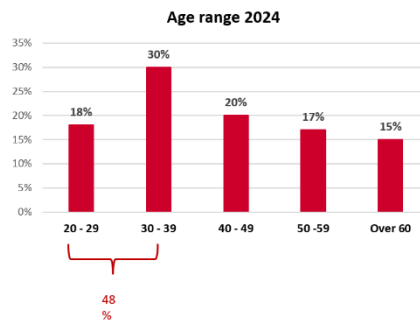
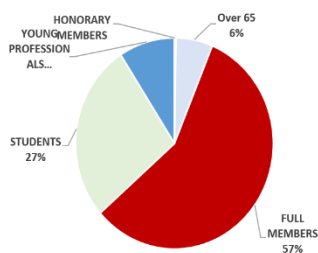
Comparison 2023/24	Comparison 2019/24
↗ 34%	↘ -2%
↗ 74%	↗ 40%
↗ 59%	↗ 43%
↗ 28%	↗ 76%

October 23rd 2024

- Highest number of members so far: **2594**
- Automatic renewal **1100**
- Number of membership since the opening of the congress registrations **1140**

2024 Membership key figures

2 594
Members
on October 2024
Increase: 40%
1 852
Members
on Oct. 2023



Country	Total
1 Turkey	162
2 Switzerland	161
3 Japan	144
4 United Kingdom	140
5 Germany	132
6 France	127
7 Italy	126
8 Spain	95
9 Korea (Republic of)	91
10 Netherlands	90
11 Greece	82
12 Austria	68
13 China	66
14 Belgium	65
15 United States	61
16 Norway	59
17 Serbia	59
18 Portugal	51
19 Brazil	47
20 Denmark	47

We notice a little decrease with full membership but a good progression in the other categories. Irena Sailer shared how important it is to have young colleagues joining the association with their brilliant free and fresh spirits to give new input in how to further develop the association and then hopefully have them become with time full members. This all-time high number of members this year may be explained by the attractivity of the Congress and the fact that many become members to benefit from preferential Congress registration fee. But also, the auto-renewal we have introduced these past few years has been successful in starting up the year with a strong membership base. We are also proud to see that the "over 65" category is also growing, proving that those members possibly not working officially anymore, do stay interested in being educated and connected with the EAO.

Irena Sailer underlined the exciting country development with a wide reach, from Europe to the whole world. As a European association for osseointegration, we are globally attractive and respected. This is a sign that the congresses the EAO organizes and its educational offerings have a high value and worldwide reputation.

2.1.3 Election of a new Board member

Irena Sailer informed the General Assembly of the result for the call for application for one new Board member launched this year. Two candidates had applied but only one maintained his candidacy. It was sent to all EAO members this summer along with the invitation to the General Assembly. Prof. Giovanni Zucchelli's candidacy was well received by the Board and is now put to vote in front of the General Assembly:



Giovanni Zucchelli
DDS, PhD
(Italy)

The instructions for the secret vote were presented to the assembly as follows:

Election of one new EAO Board member

Please cast your vote:

- Giovanni Zucchelli** (Italy)
- Abstain

This form will be collected during the General Assembly meeting.

- Check one name only.
- One proxy per member only.
- Voting ballot will be collected during the General Assembly announced by the President.
- Results will be announced towards the end of the meeting.

All members present in the room were asked to hand out their voting ballots to the two hostesses going around collecting the secret ballots. The two volunteers called earlier in the meeting will oversee the counting of the votes done by the EAO staff, while the meeting continued to unfold.

2.1.4 New Executive committee (2024-2026)

Irena Sailer pursued with the presentation of the proposed new composition of the Executive Committee:



This new composition was approved by the majority of the General Assembly.

2.1.5 Recognition of previous board members

On behalf of the EAO, Irena Sailer proceeded with recognizing the previous Board members rotating out of the board, and thanking them for their service and dedication to the EAO, starting with:

Turker Ornekol, ending his term as treasurer within the EAO Executive Committee and also as Board member.

Turker Ornekol thanked the Board and General Assembly and shared how much he enjoyed his 10-year experience within the board, where he learned a lot. He will continue with great pleasure to be part of the EAO.

Henning Schliephake, ending his term as Council Chair, but remaining in the EAO Council.

Luca Cordaro, Past President becoming Council Chair. He was also congratulated for a successful Milan Congress.

Ronald E. Jung, becoming Past President.

On behalf of the EAO, Irena Sailer thanked him for his great vision, for having reorganized the whole board structure giving a clearer mission and responsibilities to committees and chairs, and thus, greatly moving forward the association these past two years.

We welcomed then:

Irena Sailer, as President-Elect.

Gil Alcoforado, as new president, after serving many years in the EAO Board and in the Executive committee.

Gil Alcoforado thanked the Assembly and the Board for this honor and recognized the high expectations following on Ronald E. Jung's path and great accomplishment during his presidency. But he is hopeful because of the support of a fantastic and trustful Board in all major situations and decision to make. He promised to put all his energy to best serve the association.

All were applauded.

2.1.6 Recognition proposal: Honorary Membership to Prof. Ann Wennerberg (Lisbon 2026)

The General Assembly was asked to vote to approve the proposed awardee for 2026, Prof. Ann Wennerberg

All members present or duly represented voted in favor, no abstention or no vote against were recorded. Therefore, the EAO Honorary membership award will be granted to:



2.2 Report by the Treasurer

2.2.1 Approval annual accounts per 30 June 2024 and Discharge Board of Directors and auditors

Turker Ornekol, EAO Treasurer, detailed the following financial information to the General Assembly:

- Association accounts 2023/2024

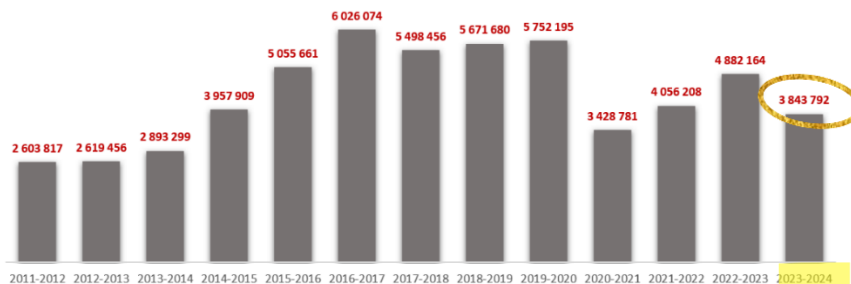
	2023/2024 (inc. Berlin Congress) as of 1st Oct. 2024	2023/2024 (inc. Berlin Congress) Approved at GA	2022/2023 (Geneva)	2021/2022 (Ddays2)	2020/2021 (Berlin +Ddays1)
INCOME	5 089 753 €	4 960 000 €	3 909 744 €	1 256 231 €	620 987 €
Membership fees	333 281 €	260 000 €	238 345 €	167 305 €	206 943 €
Congress and events	4 161 640 €	4 150 000 €	3 285 240 €	767 701 €	402 044 €
Educational activities	594 832 €	550 000 €	386 159 €	321 225 €	12 000 €
EXPENSES	4 974 661 €	4 860 000 €	3 923 005 €	1 789 452 €	1 951 047 €
Membership	31 965 €	10 000 €	9 046 €	9 601 €	9 696 €
Publications	92 418 €	100 000 €	73 689 €	107 326 €	115 893 €
Congress and Events	3 413 729 €	3 520 000 €	2 680 644 €	557 803 €	1 047 862 €
Communication	226 000 €	150 000 €	109 569 €	70 553 €	110 016 €
Education	448 729 €	470 000 €	387 165 €	300 516 €	15 142 €
Research	160 000 €	0 €	-8 000 €	3 750 €	31 668 €
Board & Committees	91 366 €	100 000 €	45 751 €	36 625 €	597 €
Services	45 454 €	38 000 €	33 141 €	34 041 €	37 755 €
EAO Office	455 000 €	440 000 €	582 000 €	660 000 €	570 000 €
Humanitarian grant	10 000 €	10 000 €	10 000 €	10 000 €	11 900 €
Unforeseen	0 €	22 000 €	0 €	-763 €	518 €
OTHER CHARGES	16 350 €	0 €	0 €	0 €	-69 515 €
FINANCIAL RESULTS	46 108 €	20 000 €	20 922 €	23 094 €	50 859 €
TOTAL	144 850 €	120 000 €	7 661 €	-510 127 €	-1 209 686 €

For the financial year 2023-2024, the profit will be 144,850 euros versus 120,000 euros that was budgeted and approved at the General Assembly last year. We note a slight increase due to higher income from membership fees and educational activities. Comparing with the previous years, there is an upward trend.

- Balance sheet 2023/2024

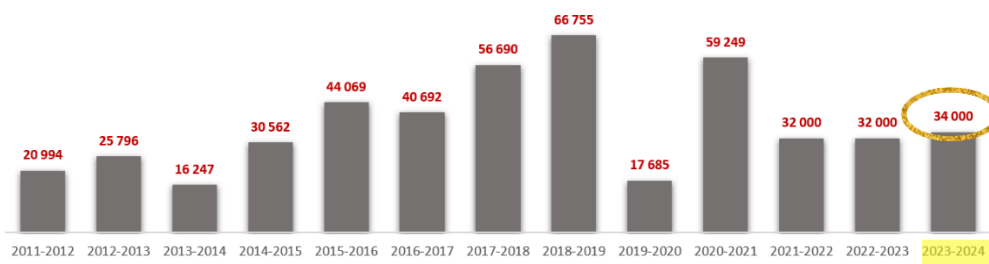
Assets	2022-2023	2023-2024	Equity and Liabilities	2022-2023	2023-2024
Amounts receivable 1 year	506,980.62	1,257,894.17	Equity	2,259,699.69	2,404,550.16
Adjustment account: accrued income and deferred charges	846,188.06	936,093.07	Adjustment account: accrued charges and deferred income	3,568,158.81	2,974,796.12
Investments and cash at bank	4,890,096.17	3,910,875.59	Amounts payable 1 year	465,406.35	775,516.55
Participating interests (fixed asset)	50,000.00	50,000.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,293,264.85	6,154,862.83
CURRENT ASSETS	6,293,264.85	6,154,862.83			

- Cash at bank on June 30th



The cash at the bank as of June 30th 2024, at the end of our fiscal year was 3,843,792 euros.

- Evolution of interests 2011/2024



After a huge drop during the COVID years, we are trying to raise up the cash value in the bank. We have been able to gain some interest, 34,000 euros during this past fiscal year 2023-24.

Turker Ornekol presented excerpts from the certified accountant's letter confirming that the annual accounts for the financial year, which ended on June 30th, 2024, were audited and that "the accounting records were maintained in accordance with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium and that no transactions or decision were undertaken in violation of the association's statutes".

The General Assembly was asked to vote on the approval of:

- the annual accounts per 30 June 2024 showing a profit of 144 850€
- the balance sheet and equity 2023-2024
- the discharge of the members of the Board of Directors and the Auditors for the financial year 2023-2024

There were no questions. All members present or duly represented voted in favour; no abstentions and no vote against were recorded. Therefore, the financial report and the annual accounts per 30 June 2024 were approved and the members of the Board of Directors and the auditors were officially discharged for the financial year 2023-2024.

2.2.2 Approval budget financial year 2024/2025

Turker Ornekol proceeded with the presentation of the 2024-2025 proposed budget for the approval of the General Assembly, as follows:

	2024/2025 (inc. Milan Congress) Oct. 2024 - GA	2023/2024 (Berlin)	2022/2023 (Geneva)	2021/2022 (Ddays2)
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Educational activities	670 000 €	594 832 €	386 159 €	321 225 €
OPERATION EXPENSES	5 120 000 €	4 974 661 €	3 923 005 €	1 789 452 €
Membership	20 000 €	31 965 €	9 046 €	9 601 €
Publications	80 000 €	92 418 €	73 689 €	107 326 €
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Humanitarian grant	10 000 €	10 000 €	10 000 €	10 000 €
Unforeseen	40 000 €	0 €	0 €	-763 €
OTHER EXPENSES	20 000 €	16 350 €	0 €	0 €
FINANCIAL RESULTS	20 000 €	46 108 €	20 922 €	23 094 €
TOTAL	80 000 €	144 850 €	7 661 €	-510 127 €

Turker Ornekol informed the General Assembly that the estimated net result for the year 2024-2025 based on the proposed budget, would be **80,000€**.

Because of the EAO office relocation, some money has been reserved for “unforeseen expenses.”

The General Assembly was asked to vote to approve the proposed budget for the financial year 2024-2025. All members present or duly represented voted in favour; no abstention and no vote against were recorded. Therefore, the budget for the financial year 2024-2025 was approved.

3. Presentation of each committee's activity/strategy

3.1 The President's vision

Ronald Jung, EAO President, updated the General Assembly on the initiative started and communicated last year in Berlin, an attempt to move consensus conferences to the next level.

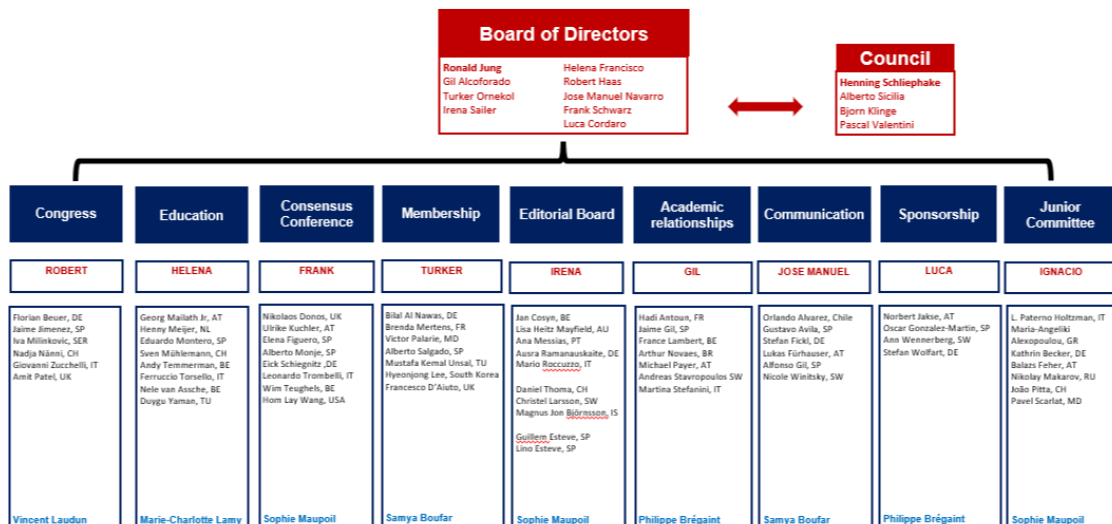
Indeed, with the observation that consensus conferences do not have the same impact as in the past anymore, the vision was to really create global guidelines, which would not be just European or American guidelines, but would be carried out in a global way. This led to the initiative of the **Global Consensus for Clinical Guidelines, or GCCG**, taking place next year in June 2025 in Boston. Ronald E. Jung shared how proud he and the EAO were to have a global distribution with associations from all over the world: EAO, KAOMI from South Korea, the Oral Reconstruction Foundation, the Indian Osteointegration Society, the International Team for Implantology, SOPRABI as the largest implant association in Brazil, the Osteology Foundation, the Japanese Society for Oral Implantology, and finally the Chinese Association of Stomatology.



The day before took place the first meeting with all those partner associations' representatives, sitting together, at a time where, unfortunately, nationalism seems to prevail. A dream came true. This makes the EAO and all those partners very proud.

This GCCG will happen over three days to define guidelines, following a very elaborate modern methodology to provide more patients with better care and to educate more dentists thanks to a wider distribution of the information in local languages. In a second wave, more associations will be involved for the upcoming years.

Then, each Board member presented one's respective committee's activity and advisors.



Ronald Jung handed over the floor first to Robert Haas, chair of the Congress committee.

3.2 Congress Committee (R. Haas)

After thanking his wonderful team of advisors, Robert Haas did clarify that the congress committee is not involved in the scientific content but tries to develop and improve the overall format of the Annual Congress and seeks suitable locations. He continued with an update on the Milan IAO- EAO- SIdP Joint meeting, with a milestone in terms of registrations, and then, an overview of the upcoming congresses:

- **Milan - 24-26 Oct. 2024**
 - **4689 registered delegates**
 - Joint meeting with SIdP & IAO
 - Congress chairs, Luca Cordaro, Isabella Rocchietta, Massimo Simion, Giovanni Zucchelli, Francesco Cairo & Luca Landi
- **Monaco - 18-20 Sept. 2025**
 - Joint meeting with SFPIO
 - Congress co-chairs: Turker Ornekol, Frank Schwarz & Caroline Fouque
- **Lisbon - 24-26 Sept. 2026**
 - Congress Chair: Helena Francisco
- **Madrid - 23-25 Sept. 2027**
 - Congress Chair: Jose-Manuel Navarro

Finding a suitable destination in 2028, the year of Europerio, remains now a challenge.

3.3 Education Committee (H. Francisco)

Helena Francisco shared her enthusiasm as chair of the Education committee and presented her great team, working hard to get the EAO education projects to the next level. She then went over the different programs, new and ongoing:

- **Next Expert Clinician Course:** held in Geneva this November 2024 with Irena Sailer and her team, is fully booked
- **New this year! EAO Focused training,** in Lisbon this past April 2024, 3 days of hands-on training focusing on "Bone Augmentation" with Daniel Thoma, Eik Schiegnitz and Luca de Stavola, was a great success and almost fully booked.
- **EAO First certificate,** this entirely online program from January until July, attracted 180 students in its second year.
- **EAO Master Diploma,** had 18 participants this year. The next series has now 17 people registered and will open in March 2025.
- EAO Certification Exam had a total of 8 people, doing the examination during this Congress. All of them passed and will get their diploma tomorrow.
- **Next EAO Focused training,** will focus on soft tissue augmentation with Marcus Hürzeler, Oscar Gonzalez and Giovanni Zucchelli. It is almost fully booked already, with 4 spots left.

3.4 Consensus Conference Committee (F. Schwarz)

Frank Schwarz took over the stage to give a brief update on the Global Consensus for Clinical Guidelines (GCCG) previously mentioned by Ronald Jung. He first presented the GCCG logo:



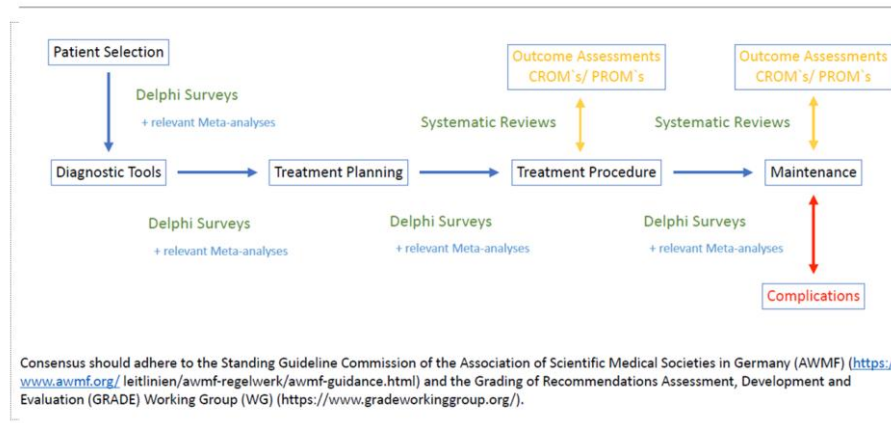
Global Consensus for
Clinical Guidelines

- **June 16 – 18, 2025 – Boston, MA (USA)**
- **Focus of first GCCG: The Edentulous Maxilla**
- Global collaboration: 120 experts from 27 countries all over the world.
- Unique approach and methodology: evidence-based consensus building approach

The approach follows the perspective of a patient and the perspective of a general practitioner and not necessarily the perspective of a scientist, as we are really trying to focus on clinical guidelines that can be readily used on a practical level.

The below simplified slide shows all the different levels to combine to meet the highest quality standards, and not lose our intention to provide guidelines for practitioners.

GCCG Process & Format



We will adhere to an established international way to find a consensus, the GRADE system, implemented by the German AWMF, which is also coordinating the EFP guidelines, the Practical Clinical Guidelines. The focus is on developing practical workflow, starting with patient selection, diagnostic tools, treatment planning, treatment procedures or the intervention, and of course maintenance. We combine different levels of data, including Delphi surveys, clinicians, patients, stakeholders, efficacy analysis coming from meta-analysis and, will focus on the clinician and the patient-reported outcome measures. Thus, at the end, we will have a streamlined way to hopefully provide new insights for day-to-day practice.

We will start with the edentulous maxilla, as this is one of the most challenging and most frequent and common clinical indications. We plan for more consensus meetings focusing on different indications.

Frank Schwarz took this opportunity to thank everyone who has been supportive and more closely involved with this project, recognizing all the time and effort already put into this initiative, especially for Ronald Jung, Gil Alcoforado and Luca Cordaro from the Board, but also Hom-Lay Wang from the AO. He thanked everyone for the consideration.

3.5 Membership Committee (T. Ornekol)

After presenting the committee members, Turker Ornekol was pleased to present a successful year for EAO membership and pursued with ideas to continue with this positive trend:

- **Increase visibility of membership benefits**
 - On the new website
 - Better raise awareness of EAO membership benefits within universities and with the support of EAO ambassadors
- **Loyalty and Recognition**
 - Improve loyalty and strengthen a true sense of belonging
 - A focus on recognizing long-term members, with improved data collection. Turker Ornekol shared his experience as an EAO member for 20 years.
- **Local association friendship**
 - Develop potential partnership with local sister organizations in different countries in Europe and outside with the help of EAO Ambassadors and the Education committee.
 - Also to increase participation in EAO activities (Education, congress... discounts)

He thanked everyone and invited all present members to encourage a friend to become an EAO member and attend next year's Congress in Monaco.

3.6 Editorial Board Committee (I. Sailer)

Irena Sailer started by presenting the mission of the newly created Editorial Board committee she is also chairing, whose aim is to spread the news on the EAO, to raise the awareness and the visibility of all the association's projects and offerings.

She introduced and thanked the different committee members for the hard work and great accomplishment this year, starting with Lisa Heitz-Mayfield, Editor-in-Chief of Clinical Oral Implants Research.

The Abstract committee, chaired by Daniel Thoma, and with Christel Larsson and Magnus Björnsson, as co-chairs. This elective organ, managing a large board of reviewers, is responsible for selecting the research that is presented at the Congress each year, either via e-posters or via oral communications and also the competitions. They once again did an excellent job.

The Congress Scientific Reports Committee with Lino Esteve and Guillem Esteve, in charge of this initiative for many years now: They manage a large group of Spanish colleagues spread around the Congress right now reporting on each session in detail to provide an account of that scientific content of the past congress published every year on the EAO website, for everybody to consult at any time.

She underlined how all the members within the Editorial Board committee are connecting to other EAO committees like the Education Committee, the Junior Committee, so the important EAO information is published in the partner journals to raise the visibility on the different EAO projects. For this first year, the focus was on the Master Diploma and the Junior Committee activities including the summer camp, with several articles published in the COIR and IJP. This coming year, the focus will be on the education offerings and the following year on the GCCG.

Finally, it is important to raise awareness on our great online library accessible for free for all EAO members via the EAO webpage, and also, the two partner journals' special issues published this year: one on digital implant dentistry for COIR and on 3D printing for the IJP.

3.7 Academic Relationships Committee (G. Alcoforado)

Gil Alcoforado took over and praised about his committee members/advisors, before reminding the main objectives for this committee:

- Collaboration with universities. Partnership with national societies, especially when preparing for future joint annual meetings GCCG Global network support in the coming year.

Gil Alcoforado, who is leaving the position of chair of this committee when becoming EAO President, confirmed the next chair will have room to expand on the first item.

3.8 Communication Committee (J.M. Navarro)

Jose Manuel Navarro shared his pleasure of having been involved with the Communication committee for a decade, and as chair of an impressive group, for these past two terms.

He went over each committee member's role and accomplishment this past year:

- Development of EAO new website, with Lukas Fürhauser in the main driver's seat.
- All the communications produced under the scientific coordination of Gustavo Avila.
- Alfonso Gil and Orlando Alvarez as co-chairs of our Ambassadors Committee, spreading the voice of the EAO around the globe.
- "Just Ask", EAO Channel monthly program, substantial growthy under Stefan Fickl's direction.
- Nicole Winitsky, working primarily on developing our future podcast project.

He presented the EAO Ambassadors, as a growing family from multiple countries, strategically picked, mainly in South and Latin America and Asia:

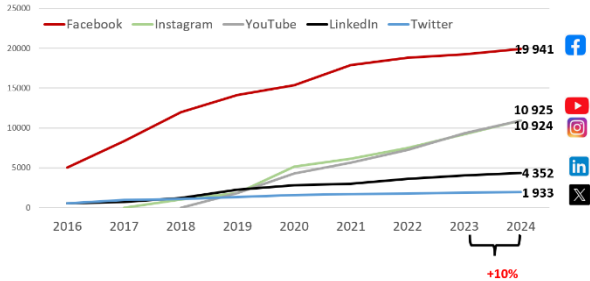


The website development has probably been the main project, with the objective of more attractiveness by:

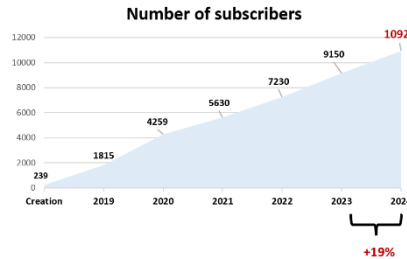
- merging the two websites, the Association and the Congress.
- Improving the user journey to access easily the scientific content

He underlined the annual growth rate of close to 10% of our community, following our growing outreach from all our digital platforms.

Community evolution



EAO Channel – key figures



- Average of 176 new followers per month

EAO 5 years	10 925
Osteology 10 years	623
EFP 11 years	8 750
ITI 12 years	4 750

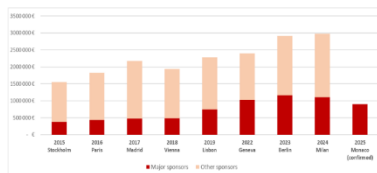
3.9 Sponsorship Committee (L. Cordaro)

Luca Cordaro reminded how fundamental the **relationship with the industry** is to keep the Congress activity alive, which is the economic backbone of the association, supporting all the other EAO's activities, such as education programs, consensus conferences, etc. Therefore, it is vital for the association to maintain and nurture a good relationship with the sponsors. He then commented on the positive upward trend with sponsorship but recognised the big effort it is to maintain this trend and a healthy relationship with sponsors.

Sponsorship income evolution 2015-2024

	2015 Stockholm	2016 Paris	2017 Madrid	2018 Vienna	2019 Lisbon	2022 Geneva	2023 Berlin	2024 Milan	2025 Monaco (confirmed)
Major sponsors	375 000 €	436 000 €	470 000 €	477 000 €	740 000 €	1 023 000 €	1 180 000 €	1 105 000 €	900 000 €
Other sponsors	1 176 000 €	1 390 000 €	1 697 000 €	1 460 000 €	1 540 000 €	1 367 000 €	1 747 000 €	1 870 000 €	
Total income	1 551 000 €	1 826 000 €	2 167 000 €	1 937 000 €	2 280 000 €	2 390 000 €	2 927 000 €	2 975 000 €	
Evolution	-	18%	19%	-11%	18%	5%	22%	2%	

Evolution 2015-2024
+ 92 %



- Turnover Milan 2024: **2.975.000€**
- Cancellation of Dentsply Sirona for Monaco 2025 (-170 K€)

The EAO remains an independent organization because it receives money not from one unique sponsor but from various ones.

He reminded that we are in a game where the industry has a significant role we cannot ignore. Every day when we do what we do, we use tools that come from the industry. Therefore, our challenge is to maintain an independent but fruitful relationship with sponsorship.

We notice some warning signs with Dentsply Sirona, one of our founding sponsors, cancelling their participation in our next congress in Monaco due to the decision of their global management. These companies now have a bigger outlook. Consequently, he informed the assembly that the EAO will lose \$170,000 next year.

Robert Haas will be the next chair of this reorganized committee.

3.10 Junior Committee (L. Paterno-Holtzman)

Lucrezia Paterno-Holtzman, new chair of the Junior Committee, thanked the Board for its continuous support towards young professionals. She shared her enthusiasm for working with such talented, outstanding individuals, listed below.



Lucrezia Paterno-Holtzman (Italy), Chair

Alfonso Gil (Spain)

Joao Pitta (Switzerland))

Miha Pirc (Slovenia)

Kathryn Becker (Germany)

Maria-Angeliki Alexopoulou (Greece)

Balasz Feher (Austria)

Viraj Patel (UK)

Junior Academy Leader

Jeniffer Perussolo (Italy)

The Junior Committee's mission is **to give young scientists and clinicians a voice within the association:**

- To provide a platform enabling them to implement fresh ideas and share new perspectives with the EAO Board,
- To raise the profile of emerging talents,
- To ensure a diverse representation of the dental community within the EAO.

She then presented the different initiatives run by the committee:

- « My First Implant », a very successful and sold-out session during the Congress.
- Clinical Video competition
- Young Generation Session « Leveling up implant dentistry: simplification through innovation »
- Treasure hunt, led in collaboration with the sponsors.
- Summer camp for the year 2025.

4. Any other businesses

a. Submitted proposal from Prof. Fouad Khoury

Ronald Jung introduced the next item coming from a EAO member, Prof. Fouad Khoury, who raised the concern of conflict of interest for EAO Board members.

"All members of the Board of Directors of the EAO should put their company and consultancy contracts on hold for the duration of their membership of the Board of Directors".

The Board was thankful for this initiative and informed the assembly that it had already thoroughly discussed this concern during the last Board meeting. It will continue to address it to come up with a proposal to be presented at next year's assembly, insuring total transparency of all Board members regarding their activities, commitment and any potential conflict of interest.

After expressing his appreciation and acknowledgement for the efforts and contributions of the EAO Board members in organizing successful events and activities, Fouad Khoury developed his point of view in front of the assembly:

1. **Concern for Neutrality:** He emphasizes the importance of neutrality in the scientific programs and decisions of the EAO. He argues that board members and committee participants need to remain unbiased, free from the influence of corporate sponsorships, which is easily challenged.
2. **Growing Corporate Influence:** He observes an increasing trend of industry-funded foundations influencing young scientists and EAO members. He suggests that such affiliations may compromise scientific neutrality, as these foundations are not purely charitable but are designed to promote and market their products.
3. **Impact on Young Scientists:** He shares his concern about young scientists feeling compelled to join corporate-funded foundations to gain visibility and career opportunities, which may challenge their ability to remain neutral.

In summary, he asked the EAO to critically evaluate its relationship with corporate-funded foundations, to ensure strict neutrality in scientific and organizational decisions, and to address potential conflicts of interest to maintain the trust and credibility of its community.

As a reply, Luca Cordaro acknowledged the validity of Fouad Khoury's concerns but defended the EAO's neutrality by emphasizing its success in attracting many participants and diverse sponsorships, with 250 companies exhibiting at this Annual Congress, which reflect trust in its impartiality. Luca Cordaro highlighted

that programs and speakers' selection are curated based on expertise, not affiliations, and partnerships with industry-funded foundations are valued for their contributions to education and evidence-based learning. While acknowledging individual commitments to multiple organizations, he stressed that these affiliations do not compromise the quality or neutrality of EAO programs, and he invited Prof. Khoury to identify specific instances of bias if they existed.

Irena Sailer thanked Prof. Khoury for the discussion and reaffirmed what Ronald Jung promised when introducing this subject, that the Board will discuss it further and come back to the General assembly with a proposal next. She then stressed that the EAO, with EAO Cares, also plays a philanthropic role, thus, introducing the wonderful project the EAO has been supporting for several years now, Mundo A Sorrir, presented by Gil Alcoforado.

b. EAO Cares: Mundo A Sorrir

Gil Alcoforado, who has personally volunteered for Mundo a Sorrir, presented the yearly report of this non-profit organization, supported by the EAO, among other funders.

Mundo A Sorrir addresses critical oral health challenges in underprivileged areas like Guinea-Bissau and São Tomé and Príncipe, lacking basic medical and dental services. Volunteers, who pay for their own travel while receiving only lodging and food, work to strengthen public health infrastructures and train local professionals to ensure sustainable impact. For example, the organization has trained 3 dentists, 4 dental technicians, 15 dentistry students, 69 community health agents, and 167 health professionals in the past year. Mundo A Sorrir's efforts include opening clinics, reinforcing public health facilities, and addressing the shortage of medical supplies and continuous specialized training. Gil Alcoforado invited EAO members to volunteer, if inspired, to build local capacity and improving oral health, and to contribute to "building smiles the size of the world."



5. Welcome to the new board member

Ronald Jung informed the General Assembly that **Prof. Giovanni Zucchelli** had obtained the majority of votes, becoming the new Ordinary Board member. Prof. Giovanni Zucchelli joined the stage and expressed his gratitude to the General Assembly and the Board of Directors for their support. He assured everyone that he would contribute his best to the EAO community and EAO family in the coming years.

6 Closing remarks

Ronald Jung, EAO President, concluded the meeting by expressing his pride in each Board member's contributions to making this EAO Congress a remarkable success. He acknowledged the countless hours, weeks, and months of effort dedicated to this endeavor, emphasizing the entirely voluntary nature of their involvement, driven by genuine passion and the belief in making a meaningful impact on global oral health and the implant industry. He extended his heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support in helping the EAO Board achieve this mission.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 18:45.

Prof. Dr. **Ronald E. Jung**, EAO President
Date: December 16th, 2024

Signature: