

## **New activities of the Osteology Foundation**

**The Osteology Foundation stands for high-level research and high quality education in regenerative dentistry. With new activities and an enlargement of its scientific network, the foundation is laying the basis for continuous growth and is increasing its impact.**

**International Osteology Symposium in Cannes, 15 April 2011** – With a new Research Academy, a Research Guidelines Book on translational research in oral and maxillofacial regeneration, an established granting programme and, last but not least, the formation of a new Expert Council, the Osteology Foundation is asserting its position as a leading institution in regenerative research and education.

### **Osteology Research Academy – education in scientific techniques**

The Osteology Foundation will shortly be launching the Osteology Research Academy, which will promote the quality of research and evidence-based dentistry. The Research Academy is targeted at scientists and clinicians from all over the world and offers both theoretical and practical continuing training and education in scientific techniques. The modular concept allows the selection of Core Modules for young investigators or Expert Modules for those researchers who want to get in depth hands-on training in certain areas of research. The courses are carefully selected and designed by the foundation's Committee to meet the expectations of the attendees and to ensure high-impact teaching. The speakers and teachers are expert trainers of the Osteology research network as well as external partners from renowned institutions.

### **Guidelines for young researchers and scientists**

The new book 'Osteology Guidelines for Oral and Maxillofacial Regeneration' is intended to improve the knowledge and skills of researchers conducting animal research in oral tissue regeneration. The book provides young researchers with high quality guidelines for the conduct of preclinical animal research in accordance with international ethical standards. At the same time, it will serve as a valuable reference for scientists who wish to build on the experience of people with a track record in preclinical and translational research.

The editors Myron Nevins and William Giannobile have recruited a team of experienced researchers to write various chapters on key aspects of translational research in dental medicine. The book provides a set of tools for implementing effective research strategies and for conducting high-impact, practice-oriented, preclinical research. It will therefore help to increase the quality of experimental data and lead to more meaningful answers.

### **Osteology Expert Council – an international network**

The Osteology Foundation has just set up the Osteology Expert Council, which currently consists of 11 acknowledged scientists from successful research teams. The Expert Council is under the patronage of the Foundation and is destined to become a large international network of scientists and clinicians with great expertise in regenerative therapies. The consolidated knowledge and experience of these experts will form the basis for development of new clinical concepts, first rate further education as well as for creating scientific and clinical guidelines for research and therapy.

### **Better service in the Osteology Granting Programme**

The Osteology Foundation is now offering two dates per year for the submission of project proposals - June 15th and December 1st. The additional second granting cycle gives a better service to the grant applicants and creates a higher attractiveness and awareness for the Osteology Granting Programme. Based on preliminary evaluation, the Science Committee of the Foundation decides which of the submitted projects will be invited to file complete study documentation. So far the Osteology Foundation has funded 340 applications from 41 countries.

The Osteology Foundation was established in 2003 by Dr. Peter Geistlich and the company Geistlich Pharma AG in Switzerland. The Osteology Foundation aims to promote research, training and cooperation between research and industry in the field of bone and soft tissue regeneration. The Foundation has grown consistently over the last few years, and strives for constant progress in the field of oral and craniofacial regenerative medicine for the benefit of patients.

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