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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OSTEOLGY FOUNDATION

Kristian Tersar has been appointed new Executive Director of the Osteology Foundation. He is looking forward to working towards the continuous growth of the foundation on a global level, and in particular developing its educational activities.

After careful evaluation of several candidates, the Executive Board selected Kristian Tersar as new Executive Director of the Osteology Foundation. He has already served ad-interim in this function after former Executive Director Kay Horsch left the Foundation in January this year. From 1 June 2017, he will officially take over the lead of the Osteology Foundation's office.

"As an Executive Director who acts strategically and thinks proactively, I would like to use my expertise to support, together with the Osteology Office Team members, the continued growth of the Osteology Foundation on a global level, and in particular to develop the educational activities," Tersar said on the occasion of his appointment.

He explained further: "My motivation is to offer the Foundation Board an optimum platform for the leadership and continued development of the Foundation in all of its fields of activity - research funding, global continuing education and development of educational contents and tools. Moreover, I want to continue the relationship of trust for long-term collaboration with our global Osteology network as well as the donors."

Announcing Tersar's appointment as Executive Director, Mariano Sanz, President of the Osteology Foundation, said on behalf of the Executive Board, as well as the whole Osteology Foundation Board: "We believe that with Kristian Tersar we have found the perfect person for this position. He has the right mindset, plenty of experience, and is very well connected with researchers and clinicians in the field of oral tissue regeneration. Together with him, we are looking forward to bringing the Osteology Foundation forward, following our mission and vision to link all people working in oral regeneration together with the aim to advance research and education in this field, and providing better treatment for the benefit of all patients worldwide."

Tersar studied chemical technology and biology in Darmstadt, Frankfurt, and Heidelberg. He holds a degree in Neurobiology from the Max Planck Institute for Brain Research, Frankfurt a.M., where he was working on neuronal path finding, and received a PhD from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology ETH Zurich, working on myotubularins involved in Charcot-Marie-Tooth diseases, understanding their involvement in peripheral nerve regeneration. Since 2008, Kristian Tersar has been working as Scientific and Education Project Manager for the Osteology Foundation, and has thereby contributed significantly to its development and growth.

ABOUT THE OSTEOLGY FOUNDATION

The Osteology Foundation's motto is "Linking Science with Practice in Regeneration". The foundation was established in 2003 and its core activities include funding of research projects and organisation of national and international symposia throughout the world. In recent years, the Foundation has expanded its focus. Today, it also offers courses and textbooks specifically for researchers, as well as the online platform THE BOX, which connects practitioners and scientists in the field of oral tissue regeneration worldwide, and provides tools and information.

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Dr Kristian Tersar, new Executive Director of the Osteology Foundation.