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BBB ACADEMY FOUNDATION

On June 5th, 2017 the new Bone, Biomaterials & Beyond (BBB) Academy has been created by nine Founding Members.

BBB Academy is a scientific and cultural international association of Professionals, dedicated exclusively to bone and tissue regeneration in dentistry and maxillo-facial surgery; the Academy accepts as Members dentists, maxillo-facial surgeons, biologists and biomedical engineers.

The main goal of this new born Academy, according to the words of the President and of the International Chairman (Prof A. Barone and Prof U. Nannmark) is to share and develop the experience of an important group of researchers and clinicians in the regenerative field.

During the last ten years this group has developed several research protocols to prove the efficacy of xenogenic "dual-phase" biomaterials and to define effective and predictable surgical techniques to associate with these materials.

This collaboration in experimental and clinical research has lead to a significant number of scientific articles and to the publication in 2014 of a book with the title "Bone, Biomaterials & Beyond", honored by a foreword signed by Prof PI Brånemark; the book has been translated in several languages and has been the starting point for the BBB Academy foundation three years later.

Why a new Academy dedicated to such specific topics? Because BBB Academy Founding Members believe that regenerative procedures for bone and soft tissues should be developed and performed with materials that can be biologically integrated in human tissues, and should be divulgated by official international organs, like for example BBB Academy.

During the last ten years a real revolution has occurred both in the regenerative biomaterials field as well as in the development of new surgical techniques: both revolutions have significantly improved the therapeutic options available for dentists and oral surgeons, allowing excellent clinical results reachable in the past only with autogenous grafts.

During the same years another revolution has globalized communications between Professionals: social networks have offered to any dentist the possibility to connect in real

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time with thousands of colleagues all over the world in order to discuss within professional groups therapeutic options and procedures.

All these innovations brought certainly great benefits, but have also disoriented the Professional community by creating an enormous amount of information which is difficult to analyze and evaluate properly: frequently new surgical techniques appear on social media, with little scientific background and very little follow-up data, while some new materials seem to promise extraordinary results, even when there is not yet evidence of such from serious clinical studies.

This is why a new Academy dedicated to these important and critical themes has been founded: in order to offer to our patients clinical success with the highest predictability, it is essential to continue to produce serious clinical research, validating the best methods and materials, and sharing this knowledge with the Members during educational events and via web.

The goal and ambition of BBB Academy is therefore to provide to all its Members education and orientation towards a modern and effective implantology, performed with state of the art regenerative techniques: such goals shall always be "evidence based" as shown since over thirty years by the example of the Academy President Elect, Prof Adriano Piattelli.

A warm welcome therefore from the President to all Colleagues from around the world interested in joining the BBB Academy, with the sincere hope to help and contribute to the improvement of implant dentistry and periodontology.

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