COPENHAGEN, Denmark: Celebrating the achievements of implant dentistry in the last 20 years, thousands of clinical specialists from Europe and around the globe recently gathered at the Bella Center exhibition and congress venue in the Danish capital for the annual scientific congress of the European Association for Osseointegration (EAO). Following a successful event in Athens last year, the congress event more than 2,300 scientists and clinicians involved in implant and restorative dentistry over the course of four days.

Besides an extensive scientific programme covering topics like imaging and factors of implant loss, the event saw a record number of companies exhibiting established clinical solutions and a number of new products, including dental implants and sophisticated surgical equipment. Market leader Nobel Biocare, for example, had its new OsseoCare Pro drill motor, which can be operated entirely through Apple’s iPad tablet computer, on display. Italian manufacturer mectron presented its multipiezo pro device, which can be used for ultrasonic implant cleaning, in Copenhagen.

New implant devices were exhibited by MIS Implants, MegaGen and BioHorizons.

Held for the 20th time, the EAO’s latest annual meeting looked back on various issues related to implant dentistry from the last two decades. Acknowledging the progress being achieved in the field, a Saturday morning session titled “Future perspectives of implant dentistry” discussed future prospects of bioactive implant surfaces and the use of computer-guided implant planning, among other topics. For the first time, a session organised by members of the EAO’s Junior Committee also presented new revolutionary ideas that could shape implant dentistry in the years to come.

Having originated from a clinical meeting by implant specialists in the late 1980s, the EAO is today an established authority and one of the most important scientific and clinical forums for implant dentistry in Europe. It is comprised of renowned clinicians and researchers from around the world. With more than one third of visitors coming from regions outside the continent, its annual scientific congress has recently gained more relevance internationally.