Which five topics do you think participants will most look forward to?

1. The plenary and parallel sessions have been carefully chosen to appeal to a wide variety of interests, with content for generalists, specialists, researchers and academics. They all have an emphasis on sharing practical clinical information that can be applied in every day practice. The aim is to help clinicians provide optimum patient care and manage the challenges involved in delivering successful outcomes. Five of the ten plenary and parallel sessions focus exclusively on practical topics.

2. The sessions on emerging technologies in tissue regeneration and computer-assisted implant rehabilitation will provide a valuable update on new treatments and trends. They will feature future practical applications in these exciting areas.

3. The EAO’s Junior Committee, who always have an eye on the future, will present a session on ‘Learning and sharing clinical dentistry in a virtual world’. This will cover topics including the future of dental education; privacy and e-health; and digital platforms.

4. The master-class entitled ‘Extended defects in the aesthetic zone: dreams, nightmares, reality’ will address one of the most difficult clinical situations for implant-based rehabilitation.

5. The session on implants in an ageing population will deal with the challenges facing the future delivery of dental care as the global population ages.

What are the five best reasons to attend the 2013 EAO Annual Congress?

1. In my opinion one of the most important aspects of EAO meetings is the quality and independence of the scientific programme. There is always a clear distinction between industry presentations and the main scientific programme, which is carefully chosen by a broad-based scientific committee. There is no crossover between commercial interests and science. This transparency means participants can make informed judgments on the information provided, confident that it is independent of industry influence.

2. The quality of the faculty is very important. All the speakers are acknowledged experts in their field and are talented presenters. At the Dublin meeting there will be a mixture of established names and some new faces. All have been carefully chosen to address the pertinent issues of their topics, based on the most compelling scientific evidence.

3. Over the coming decades the ageing global population will pose unprecedented treatment challenges. As far as I know, the EAO’s Dublin meeting will be the first international forum to consider the delivery of dental implant treatment in this environment of increasingly complex needs.

4. The opportunity to meet and exchange views with colleagues from all over the world is a key benefit of attending. Delegates will be able to renew old friendships and establish new ones during this unique educational forum.

5. The EAO holds several prestigious research competitions during its annual meeting. All those who are shortlisted for a prize have the opportunity to give a short oral presentation. This is an incredible platform for publicising research and attaining recognition as a researcher.

Can you provide five good reasons to come to Dublin?

1. The city. Ireland is often referred to as ‘The Emerald Isle’ and the capital, Dublin, is the jewel. The congress will take place in the heart of the city with stunning views across Dublin Bay.

2. The nearby countryside offers many opportunities for walking, fishing and golf, as well as sightseeing in the beautiful Wicklow area.

3. Ireland is famous for its culture, especially its literary, traditional and modern musical and dance traditions. You will sample some of this excitement first-hand at the opening ceremony.

4. 2013 is the year of the ‘Gathering’, a year-long celebration of Ireland and all things Irish. It will feature numerous festivities, exhibitions and events celebrating all aspects of Ireland’s vibrant culture.

5. The most important reason of all to visit Ireland is the people. Their friendliness, humour and celebratory spirit will leave a lasting impression on you. You can be assured of ‘Céad Míle Fáilte’ (Irish for ‘100,000 welcomes’).
Dublin city gems

Here is our pick of stylish destinations for visitors to Dublin this October

Brown Thomas
Grafton Street landmark and Dublin’s premier fashion lifestyle destination.

The Dylan
Victorian-era boarding house converted into a 44-room boutique hotel.

The Indigo Lounge
Bohemian-chic bar with café-style dining in Contarf Castle Hotel.

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Victorian-era boarding house converted into a 44-room boutique hotel.

The Loft Market
NYC-style boutique design collective with the next-big-things in Dublin fashion.

The Merrion
18th century elegance meets modern luxury, with award-winning spa Tethra.

The Clarence
Cutting-edge style looking over the River Liffey in the Temple Bar district.

Restaurant FortyOne
Flavourful and imaginative dining with maximum taste and minimal fuss.

Gallery of Photography
Temple Bar gem featuring monthly exhibitions from Irish and international artists.

Chapter One Restaurant
Michelin-starred restaurant located in the Dublin Writers Museum on Parnell Square.

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