The EAO congress

Some facts and figures behind the event

The EAO’s annual scientific meeting is one of the biggest events in the annual dental calendar, attracting around 2,500 delegates, along with many of the world’s top clinicians and researchers. But the congress hasn’t always been such a big event. In the EAO’s early days the meetings were small-scale and had to compete with well-established meetings run by other associations.

The congress takes place in some of the world’s most stunning cities, visiting a different country in Europe each year. In 2014 it comes to Rome for the first time, marking a historic opportunity to combine a world-class scientific meeting with a visit to this incredible city.

In addition to welcoming thousands of delegates, the congress attracts well over 1,000 industry representatives, who come to take part in the exhibition. Around 90 different companies are represented, providing an opportunity for delegates to see the latest technological developments in their field first-hand.

Organising an event on this scale is a giant task, and preparations begin two years beforehand. The EAO’s professional conference partner, Colloquium, coordinates activities from its headquarters in Paris. The first stage is to identify and book a suitable venue – not an easy task when organising such a large event. They then take control of all practical aspects of the meeting, arranging travel for the invited faculty, organising catering, agreeing industry sponsorship, and identifying a historic location for the EAO members’ dinner. A huge amount of work and resources goes into this process. Simultaneously, the EAO’s Scientific Committee, Congress Committee and Abstract Committee develop the scientific programme, invite the faculty of speakers, and assess the abstracts that are submitted for inclusion. As the opening day approaches, the scientific and practical elements come together to deliver a world-class event involving thousands of people from all over the globe.

If you have not yet participated in an EAO congress, 2014 is the perfect year to do so. Don’t miss the opportunity to take part in this vibrant, exciting and clinically practical event, which continues to evolve and develop each year. Book your place online now at www.eao-congress.com.

More than 180,000 air miles to transport the faculty of speakers to and from the event

€1.9m of hotel reservations

1 scooter used by stage manager Guillaume Roux to get around the site

250,000 emails sent out in the run-up to the event

1,500 litres of coffee consumed during the coffee breaks

3 km of fibre optic cables

16 tonnes of video equipment

More than 180 onsite staff

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