The EAO summer camp is organised every two years by the Junior Committee with the support of the EAO board. Its aim is to develop innovative ideas about the future development of implantology, and to establish an international network for exchanging ideas between participants and the societies they represent.

The third EAO summer camp was held in Barcelona, Spain, from 4 to 6 July 2014. A group of young dental professionals from different countries and with different backgrounds came together with the purpose of exploring the future of dentistry in Europe.

The associations represented were: Academy of Osseointegration (AO); European Federation of Periodontology (EFP); Deutsche Gesellschaft für Parodontologie (DGParo); Deutsche Gesellschaft für Implantologie (DGI); Società Italiana di Parodontologia (SIdP); Sociedad Española de Prótesis Estomatológica (SEPES); Sociedad Española de Periodoncia y Osteointegración; European Academy of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology (EADMFR); Sociedade Portuguesa de Periodontologia e Implantes (SPPi); Belgian Society of Periodontology (BSP); Ukrainian Society of Periodontists; Osteology Foundation; British Association of Oral Surgeons; Swiss Society of Periodontology; and the European Association for Osseointegration.

The topics discussed at the summer camp were:

- what will be the role of societies and associations in 10 years?
- what will certification processes and specialties look like in 10 years?
- how will continuing education look in 10 years?
- what will be the innovations in the field of dentistry in 10 years?

To help answer these questions, three moderators used a variety of motivation and moderation techniques to facilitate the discussions. A World Café exercise was used to begin the brainstorming process among participants. Different topics were discussed and a task-group was created to discuss each of the four questions.

Each group was given the task of developing ideas and expanding on their topic. There was a high level of motivation among participants, who used innovative techniques to generate and record ideas. The format of the camp, combined with the venue (which was far away from normal day-to-day distractions), contributed to very effective outcomes from the workshops and sessions, and encouraged friendships, communication and fun. Participants shared novel ideas and laughed and fought for their thoughts and beliefs. The scientific and competitive character stimulated each group to work as hard as they could over the three days of the camp. By the end, each one had prepared a draft of a future paper.

This was the third EAO summer camp organised by the Junior Committee and it was a success. The concept of bringing together young and motivated researchers created a unique and dynamic atmosphere within the very short period of intensive scientific exchange.

New committee members appointed

During the EAO meeting in Rome in September, two new members were elected to the Junior Committee: Stefan Fickl, from Germany, and Iva Milinkovic, from Serbia.