Welcome to the latest edition of 
Insyred. We have put together 
a selection of articles that we 
hope you will find both thought-
provoking and useful in your practice. The cases 
featured range from a discussion of complex all-
ceramic restorations in the aesthetic zone, to a 
technique for refurbishing damaged implant-
supported fixed dental prostheses. The Alternative 
Voice column explores what can go wrong if a 
patient is inappropriately selected for immediate 
implant placement. It describes the importance of 
assessing both the feasibility of the technique in 
each case, and the predictability of the outcome.

Other articles look at the role of collagen matrices 
in soft tissue augmentation, and the importance of 
taking biocompatibility into account when selecting 
materials. You can also read the latest ‘wiki-implant’ 
case, where colleagues share their problematic cases.

In February the EAO held its 4th Consensus 
Conference in Pfäffikon SZ, Switzerland. These unique 
conferences – which are funded by the EAO without 
any industry support or influence – enable experts to 
work together to reach agreement on key topics in our 
field. The goal is to answer carefully focused questions 
about different clinical scenarios. The findings 
are then shared freely for the benefit of the whole 
profession. Our ‘behind the scenes’ article describes 
what actually happens at a consensus conference, and 
one of the challenges that participants face.

You’ll also find details about three important 
forthcoming EAO events in this edition. The first is 
this year’s annual scientific meeting, which will take 
place in Stockholm from 24–26 September, exploring 
the theme ‘Challenges in implant treatment’. The 
Scientific Committee has put together an extremely 
impressive and compelling programme featuring 
many leading experts in their fields, along with rising 
stars and younger researchers. There will be many 
new features this year, as well as a wonderful social 
 programme. Book early to secure your place!

In spring 2016 the EAO will launch its most 
ambitious educational project to date: the EAO 
Education Programme. This unique programme will 
be delivered over three years, and will combine live 
surgery modules at six of Europe’s leading university 
dental departments with online mentoring between 
modules. Please visit the EAO website (www.eao.org) 
to find out more and to register for updates.

Following the EAO’s successful Master Clinician 
Course in March, a rolling programme of these two-
day courses has now been introduced. You’ll find 
details of the second one, an advanced course in 
prosthetic implant dentistry, on the back cover.

We hope you enjoy reading Insyred and we 
would love to hear your feedback and receive 
suggestions for future articles. Please email us at 
insyred@eao.org to tell us what you think, how we 
can improve, and what you would like to see included.

We would like to wish all our readers a wonderful 
summer, and look forward to seeing you in 
Stockholm in September!

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