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## Periodontics and periodontal prosthesis

### Editor's and Scientific chairman introduction

Today's dentistry is highly involved with esthetic principles and implant dentistry, giving limited consideration to "classical" periodontal and perioprosthetic therapy. Some authors even say that "periodontics is dead." This has to be discarded as the most-up-to-date treatment approach.

In reality, we can do so much for our patients in order to save their natural dentition. As a matter of fact, this should always be the goal of our therapy. To focus on this concept, I have invited well renowned speakers to present at this meeting. They will outline the importance of nonsurgical as well as osseous resective surgical treatment. Both of these therapeutical modalities can provide fantastic results for our patients, and will allow them to save many teeth that would otherwise be extracted. The same consideration applies to periodontal prosthesis, which nowadays seems to be an anachronistic term. Today, who is willing to devitalize teeth, section roots and build post and core on a natural tooth? It is much easier, less time consuming and more financially rewarding to eliminate the furcated molar and place an implant.

But is this the proper and ethical therapy to select since we have long-term studies that demonstrate that teeth treated in such a way can last many years?

Furthermore, periodontal treatment requires not only the recapture of a satisfactory function, but also a good esthetic. This is a major challenge in periodontally involved patients, where loss of attachment, bone and tissues has led to major esthetic complications. To recapture good dental esthetics and a nice smile in such cases requires great scientific knowledge and clinical expertise from the clinician and great cooperation from the patient.

For these reasons I have asked Dr Alberto Fonzar to cover the many different aspects of this therapeutical approach in detail.

The two moderators Prof Carlo Marinello and Dr Alexandros Grous – clinicians of outstanding knowledge and experience – will address several key questions to the essayists in order to clarify all the different aspects of these very challenging but very rewarding treatment modalities.

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