

Thirty-six years of research on oral surgery and implantology in Vienna

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Introduction

At the end of 2012 Professor Georg Watzek retired as head of the Department of Oral Surgery at the Bernhard Gottlieb School of Dentistry, Vienna Medical University. This gives the opportunity to look back on 36 years of publication history since his first research article was published in 1976. Professor Georg Watzek was affiliated to the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (Vienna Medical University, Austria, head: Univ. Prof. Dr. Siegfried Wunderer) from 1973 and published his first papers there. After his habilitation in 1980 he became head of the

Department of Oral Surgery (University Dental Clinic, Vienna Medical University, Austria) and in 1987 head of the Dental Clinic. From 1983 to 1993 he was editor of the journal *Stomatologie*, president of the Austrian Society for Oral Surgery and Implantology (1983–2002) and president of the Austrian Dental Association (1989–1993). Professor Georg Watzek is an honorary member of the Hungarian Dental Association (1991) and the German and Czech Society for Implantology (2003). From 1994 to 1997 he was visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania and in 2003 he served as president of the European Association for Osseointegration (EAO). He is a founding member of the scientific board of the Osteology Foundation in 2004 and became associate editor for the International Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Implants (JOMI) in 2006. This special issue of The International Journal of Stomatology and Occlusion Medicine gives a survey of all PubMed listed scientific articles published by Watzek and coworkers from 1976 to 2012 structured into four time periods. We hope you enjoy this 36th anniversary compilation of research on oral surgery and implantology in Vienna.

In honor of Professor Emeritus Georg Watzek

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