

Ten-year anniversary of the BVOI/SBIO

Zaventem, November 10th 2018



Geachte Collegae,

Cher Confrères et Consoeurs,

Mr. President, dear Carl,

together with the whole board of the BVOI/SBIO, I wish all of you many congratulations with this 10-year anniversary congress, which is a milestone in the existence of the organisation and of which I am very proud. I may hope that the board finds the spirit and persistence to continue in the next decade.

More than 10 years ago, the idea to set up this scientific organisation was born. On a sunny morning in May, 2008 Prof. Quiryne stepped into my office and brought up that idea. I could support the idea, but on the condition that he would become the founding president. Although both of us were very busy at that time, and Marc still is today, and after insisting, I eventually agreed and became myself the founding president.

According to our first Flemish rector of the KULeuven, prof De Somer, there are two kinds of professors. He made a comparison with pigeons and mentioned that there are **travel** and **house** pigeons. You may guess who is who...

The board was installed with representatives of all Belgian universities and with those of the professional dental organisations, French as well as Dutch speaking.

Prof. Quiryne became, and he still is today, the treasurer, which seemingly is the most important position in an organisation.

End 2008 the statutes as a non-profit organisation were published in Het Belgisch Staatsblad / le Moniteur Belge.

In November 2009, the first congress was held in Chateau du Lac, Genval with the central theme “The role of the general dentist in the treatment process with oral implants.” This theme was not set by hazard, but it fully embodied the aim of the BVOI/SBIO, namely, and I quote from the statutes: “to promote the scientific knowledge in the domain of oral implant therapy, with the view to improve the oral health of the Belgian population.” The first target audience was, and still is, the general dentist.

I also want to acknowledge the past president Prof. Chantal Malevez and the current president Carl Spaas for their tremendous efforts and enthusiasm in guiding and promoting the organisation over the years.

I take the opportunity as well to thank the founding sponsors, to enable us to start and to support us over the last 10 years: Nobel Biocare, Dentsply Sirona, Straumann and Zimmer Biomet.

Finally, I have to thank all of you, the audience, for your trust and participation over the years. I wish you all a pleasant and fruitful continuation of the meeting with the well-known international speaker, prof Weigl. I thank prof. Wadhvani for his excellent contribution during the morning session.

With some luck, let's meet again in 2028, in life and well-being !

Enjoy your food and Cheers!

Prof. Em. Ignace Naert