

Media release

IADR/Straumann Award in Regenerative Periodontal Medicine presented to Nikolaos Donos

Basel, 5 April 2011: At the 89th General Session of the International Association for Dental Research held in San Diego, California, the 2011 IADR/Straumann Award in Regenerative Periodontal Medicine was presented to Professor Nikolaos Donos of the UCL Eastman Dental Institute (London, UK) in recognition of his contribution to research in the field.

Worth a total of USD 5000, the IADR/Straumann Award in Regenerative Periodontal Medicine is sponsored by Straumann and administered by the Periodontal Research Group of the IADR. Its objective is to recognize significant contributions in basic and/or clinical research in regenerative periodontal or peri-implant medicine. The Award was presented by Professor Ivan Darby, President of the IADR Periodontal Research Group, and Professor Michel Dard, Head of Preclinical Research at Straumann.

"Professor Donos has made a significant contribution to understanding the mechanisms involved in the repair and regeneration of tissues that support teeth. His research achievements have helped our efforts to regenerate the structures supporting compromised teeth and dental implants", said Prof. Dard. "This Award is a further example of Straumann's commitment to fostering and recognizing excellence in dental research. Indeed, we continue to be a leading global contributor to R&D in our industry", he added.

Nikolaos Donos, DDS, MS, FHEA, FDSRCSEngl., PhD is renowned internationally as a consultant, specialist, educator, and researcher in Periodontics and Implant Dentistry. He is Head & Chair of Periodontology at the UCL Eastman Dental Institute in London (UK). He is also Director of Research and chairs the Department of Clinical Research. He leads the Oral health Theme at the Joint UCLH/UCL Comprehensive Biomedicine Center and is Director of the Eastman Clinical Investigation Center. He joined the Eastman Dental Institute in 2001 and was appointed Chair and Head of the Periodontology in 2005. He has authored a large number of original publications and has also contributed to specialist textbooks in the fields of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry.

About the International Association for Dental Research

Based in Alexandria, Va., USA, the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) is a nonprofit organization with more than 11 000 individual members worldwide, dedicated to: (1) advancing research and increasing knowledge to improve oral health, (2) supporting the oral health research community, and (3) facilitating the communication and application of research findings for the improvement of oral health worldwide. For more information on the IADR, see www.iadr.org.

Within the IADR, the Periodontal Research Group is the forum for members who are active in periodontology. Its aim is to improve periodontal health through encouraging research activities.

About Straumann

Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, the Straumann Group (SIX: STMN) is a global leader in implant and restorative dentistry and oral tissue regeneration. In collaboration with leading clinics, research institutes and universities, Straumann researches, develops and manufactures dental implants, instruments, prosthetics and tissue regeneration products for use in tooth replacement and restoration solutions or to prevent tooth loss. Straumann currently employs 2360 people worldwide and its products and services are available in more than 70 countries through its broad network of distribution subsidiaries and partners.

Straumann Holding AG, Peter Merian-Weg 12, 4002 Basel, Switzerland Phone: +41 (0)61 965 11 11 / Fax: +41 (0)61 965 11 01 E-mail: <u>corporate.communication@straumann.com</u> or <u>investor.relations@straumann.com</u> Homepage: <u>www.straumann.com</u>

Contact:

Corporate Communication: Mark Hill

+41 (0)61 965 13 21

Thomas Konrad +41 (0)61 965 15 46

Investor Relations:

Fabian Hildbrand +41 (0)61 965 13 27