

REVIEW of EVENT

2nd International Symposium on Medication Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaws (MRONJ) in Copenhagen 02 November 2018 – Copenhagen – Denmark

*“Good directors don’t answer questions with their work.
They generate debate and create discussion.”*
—Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu
Film director who won 5 Oscars

2nd International Symposium on Medication Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaws (MRONJ) in Copenhagen became a much needed continuation of an amazing initiative of the Department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery of Rigshospitalet (Copenhagen University Hospital) [1]. And it would be completely impossible without those famous scientists like **Morten Schiodt** (Denmark), **Sven Otto** (Germany), **Alberto Bedogni** (Italy), **Ourania Nicolatou-Galitis** (Greece), **Stefano Fedele** (England), **Roman Guggenberger** (Switzerland), **Bente Brokstad Herlofson** (Norway), **Camilla Ottesen** (Denmark), **Sanne Werner Moller Andersen** (Denmark), and **Thomas Kofod** (Denmark) [2].

Dr. Sven Otto (editor) and Dr. Stefano Fedele (co-editor of the chapter) made an enormous contribution in the field of diagnostics and treatment of MRONJ by publishing the textbook *Medication-Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaws: Bisphosphonates, Denosumab, and New Agents* (Fig 1) in 2015 [3]. And impact of those specialists on Symposium was terrific.

Event Presentation

Dr. Morten Schiodt, as Chairman of the Symposium (Fig 2) [4], with his team has done a crucial and titanic work in organization the meeting and it’s state of the art performance.

Dr. Schiodt’s CV includes a position of a Chairman of the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Copenhagen University Hospital 2001-2011. He served as President of the Danish Association Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery for 6 years (1984-1986 and 1989-1991), President of the Danish Society of Oral &

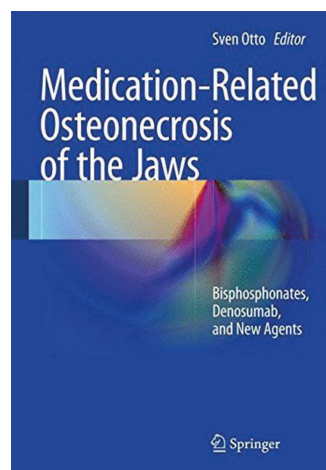


FIGURE 1. Cover page of the textbook *Medication-Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaws: Bisphosphonates, Denosumab, and New Agents* [3].

Maxillofacial Surgery for 6 years (1996-2002), Associate Professor in University of California (San Francisco, USA, 1986-1989). Moreover, Dr. Schiodt is a scientific reviewer of 13 international Journals and director of SICCA-Denmark founded in 2003, part of NIH-funded multicenter project leading to new classification of Sjogren’s Syndrome. Dr. Schiodt is author and co-author of 186 publications [5-9].

Present positions of Dr. Schiodt [2]:

- Senior Maxillofacial Consultant at Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Copenhagen University Hospital (Rigshospitalet), Denmark.
- 2003 – now: Director of SICCA Denmark. Part of

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FIGURE 2. Cropped cover page of official materials of the 2nd International Symposium on MRONJ in Copenhagen [2].

- multinational Sjogren project.
- 2010 – now: Director of Osteonecrosis Research at Copenhagen University Hospital, Denmark.
2010 – now: Director of Copenhagen ONJ Cohort (288 patients).
- 2011 – now: Scandinavian Coordinator for Scandinavian ONJ Database (Amgen XGEVA-363-study). 1000 patients enrolled.
- 2014 – now: European Lead Investigator for a Global Multicenter Case registry ONJ study

(Amgen 2010-1102 study), 64 sites, 275 patients enrolled.

Such a huge academic and organizational experience of the Chairman together with a fantastic work and performance of every speaker continue to make that annual Symposium a new brightly lit road in the darkness of important problems in diagnostics, treatment and preventive measures of MRONJ.

Finally, it's an extremely important aspect of every

scientific meeting – a place and atmosphere of the event. A lot of studies (Porto *et al*, 2014; Dimou *et al*, 2016; Rosenbluth *et al*, 2017) proved that oral and maxillofacial surgeons are staying in the burnout syndrome group [10-12]. And it's so helpful for colleagues upon the event to visit and relax in a magnificent Copenhagen (Fig 3) with its history, design, spirit, and amazing people.

Conclusions of Event

The 2nd International Symposium on MRONJ in Copenhagen teaches us the next important things:

1. Perfect location of the Symposium (in the heart of Europe) makes it an extremely comfortable for quick flying from other European countries (2-2.5 hours Kyiv-Copenhagen fly).
2. Registration fees for a one-day MRONJ Symposium was not huge (140 euro for dentists/doctors/others

- and 90 euro for students/trainees), what makes it much more affordable than 4-days meetings.
- Such a narrow-field Symposium can precisely help you to find a world famous opinion leaders, possible co-authors, advisors, mentors, and friends.
- When opinion leaders in some field like Dr. Morten Schiodt and Dr. Sven Otto are organizing a scientific meeting, its success is guaranteed.
- Warm atmosphere of the Symposium and beauty of the Copenhagen helped for medical specialists to decrease the sings of burnout syndrome after a hard work.

And a final opinion is next: the 3rd MRONJ Symposium in 2020 should be definitely visited not only because of extremely beautiful Copenhagen, but according to huge actuality and so much needed cutting-edge MRONJ events.

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