

REVIEW of EVENT

1st Kyiv Round Table Dedicated to TMJ Fractures Treatment (1st Kyiv TMJ Round Table) 27, 28 December 2018 – Kyiv – Ukraine

*“The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not be
victory, but progress.”*

—Joseph Joubert
French moralist and essayist

1st Kyiv Round Table (RT) dedicated to temporomandibular joint (TMJ) fractures treatment was extremely successful. And it's symbolic that initiative of Professor **Kopchak**, Associate Professor **Chepurnii**, and Professor **Ankin** to establish TMJ RT was supported by world titan in the diagnostics and treatment of TMJ fractures—Dr. Andreas **Neff** (Marburg, Germany).

Andreas Neff, MD, DMD, Univ. Prof. is Head and Chairman the Department of Oral and Craniomaxillofacial Surgery, Oral Surgery and Implantology UKGM GmbH, University Hospital of Marburg & Medical Faculty, Philipps University Marburg [1].

Simultaneously Neff serves as:

1. Coordinator TMJ surgery guidelines of the German Society of OMFS Surgeons (DGMKG).
2. TMJ, SORG (Strasbourg Osteosynthesis Research Group).
3. Head of the IBRA Educational Board (International Bone Research Association, Basle-CH).

Also, a huge amount of cutting-edge peer-reviewed articles in the journals like *Journal of Craniomaxillofacial Surgery* [2-4], *Craniomaxillofacial Trauma & Reconstruction* [5], *American Journal of Otolaryngology* [6], *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* [7], etc. makes Dr. Neff as opinion world leader in area of TMJ fractures treatment. Special attention among numerous publications should be paid to the Chapter *Surgical Treatment of Condylar Head Fractures* in the textbook *Fractures of the Mandibular Condyle: Basic Considerations and Treatment* (editors – **Kleinheinz** and **Meyer**, 2009) (Fig 1) [8]. And of course one of the core papers is *The Comprehensive AOCMF Classification System: Condylar Process Fractures – Level 3 Tutorial* (2014) [5].

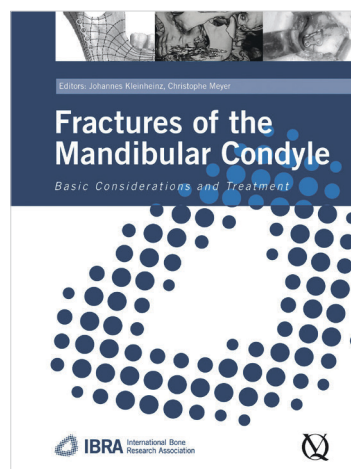


FIGURE 1. Cover page of textbook *Fractures of the Mandibular Condyle: Basic Considerations and Treatment* [8].

Event Presentation

Dr. Neff's brilliant lecture *Fractures of the Mandibular Condyle: Surgical Approaches, Strategy and Choosing Optimal Fixation Technique* a day before the Round Table, at December 27, gathered a large number of visitors in the Bogomolets National Medical University. At first part of December 28 Dr. Neff performed a state-of-the-art masterclass in the operating room. Perfect timing, technique and academic principles upon TMJ surgery using retroauricular transmeatal approach impressed all the colleagues.

So, finally, the TMJ Round Table (*synonym*: grand rounds [6]) happened in a warm atmosphere in Kyiv Regional Clinical Hospital (Figs 2, 3) uniting the 19 professionals from 3 different universities and 6 different

hospitals (Fig 4). Case reports, questions, hot disputes all that made the 1st Kyiv TMJ Round Table a so much needed event. *“I’m impressed with a big amount of open mind specialists in Kyiv,”* – Professor Neff summarized. But the one question is staying the most intriguing—how soon the 2nd TMJ RT will happen.

Conclusions of Event

The 1st Kyiv TMJ Round Table showed us how a state-of-the-art round table can and should be organized:

1. Launching a new scientific meeting it’s a correct way to build a meeting around opinion leader of the meetings topic.
2. Key lecture and surgical masterclass before the round table increase understanding concepts of invited speakers and educated visitors for the new approaches.
3. It is important to invite professionals of different generations and from different institutions for a versatile discussion.
4. Democratic atmosphere of the meeting helps to uncover the possibility of diverse Round Table.



FIGURE 2. Case presentations (A-D) upon Round Table and discussion with an audience.



FIGURE 3. Discussion (Dr. Chepurii on the left, Dr. Neff in the middle, and Dr. Kopchak on the right) about the strategy of coronoid process and hypertonicity of temporal muscles in case of deforming osteoarthritis and TMJ replacement surgery.



FIGURE 4. Group picture with Andreas Neff, MD, DMD (Marburg, Germany) after Round Table (RT) dedicated to TMJ fractures treatment. December 28, 2018; Kyiv Regional Clinical Hospital, Kyiv, Ukraine. RT has united professionals from 3 different universities and 6 different hospitals.

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