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The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the European College of Gerodontology

## Bridging Science, Clinical Practice, and Education: Perspectives on Modern Gerodontology and Beyond



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Dear colleagues, dear friends,

it is our sincere pleasure to invite you to the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the European College of Gerodontology (ECG), organized in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für AlterszahnMedizin (DGAZ) and featuring visiting sessions by the European Geriatric Medicine Society (EUGMS).

The congress will take place on May 8–9, 2026, and will be hosted by the Polyclinic for Operative Dentistry and Periodontology at the University of Cologne.

Join us for a rich and engaging scientific program featuring inspiring speakers, poster sessions, an award competition, the ECG General Assembly, an industry exhibition, and many opportunities for exchange and networking with colleagues and friends.

A special highlight will be our Friday evening event, the Kölner Dinner and Drinks at the Lake – a wonderful chance to experience Cologne's unique atmosphere and warm hospitality. [We look forward to welcoming you to Cologne!](#)

Warmest regards,

Prof. Dr. Dr. Greta Barbe

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### » ECG Research Award

Registration and application deadline for the 5000 €  
ECG Research Award: **01 February 2026**

[www.gerontology.eu/apply-for-award.php](http://www.gerontology.eu/apply-for-award.php)

### » Registration

Non-member:	350 €
Member SSGS, ECG, JSG, DGAZ:	250 €
University Assistants, Hygienist, Students:	150 €
Kölner Dinner and Drinks at the Lake:	50€

[Please register here.](#)

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### » Presentations

Poster presentations are cordially invited. Abstracts containing 250 words should be submitted before the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 to  
» [annette.froitzheim@uk-koeln.de](mailto:annette.froitzheim@uk-koeln.de)

Posters will be printed and displayed in format A0 portrait, verbal presentations will be selected.

**All presenters need to register for the congress.**

### » Venue

Leonardo Royal Hotel Cologne  
Dürener Straße 287, 50935 Cologne



Cologne has a large offer of accomodations beside the congress hotel – [please select](#).



# Agenda

## 8<sup>th</sup> May

09:00-10:00 Arrival, Registration, Organization,

10:00-10:15 Welcome, Greetings

Prof. Greta Barbe, Cologne

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### Block 1

#### Epidemiology in oral health

Chair: Anastassia Kossioni

10:15-10:45 Staging and grading in gerodontology:  
The new framework

Prof. Falk Schwendicke, Munich

10:45-11:15 Managing an Ageing Population:  
Challenging Oral Epidemiology

Prof. Gerry McKenna, Belfast

11:15-11:30 Panel Discussion

11:30-12:30 ECG AWARD FINALE

Short presentations of the three finalists

12:30-13:30 Lunch and coffee break, oral guided poster presentation, visit of the industry exhibition

Chairs: Dr. Anna-Lena Hillebrecht, XXX

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### Block 2

#### ECG-EUGMS Synergy: Learning from Each Other, Acting Together

Chair: PD Daniel Hagenfeld

13:30-14:00 Where dental expertise plays a crucial role in the geriatric setting

Prof. Maria-Cristina Polidori-Nelles, Cologne

14:00-14:30 Educational needs for geriatrics and gerodontology among HCPs in Europe Findings from the COST action

Prof. Anastassia Kossioni, Athens

14:30-15:00 What dentists must know from a geriatric perspective – and how this knowledge should be taught to future dental professionals?

Prof. Román Romero Ortúño, Dublin

15:00-15:30 Coffee break, poster visits, visit of the industry exhibition

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### Block 3

#### DGAZ-Session Update on German Scientific activities on Gerodontology

Chair: Prof. Ina Nitschke, Prof. Christoph Benz

15:30-16:00 Oral Health in Germany – Data from the 6<sup>th</sup> German Oral Health Study

Prof. Rainer Jordan, Cologne

16:00-16:30 Inheriting beneficial oral health? The highest ages from a dental perspective

PD Caroline Sekundo, Heidelberg

16:30-17:00 Which diet works best? Translational research on aging

Prof. Ulrike Schulze-Späte, Jena

17:00-17:30 Healthier Smile: The Role of Diet and Nutrition in the Prevention and Therapy of Oral diseases

Prof. Johan Wölber, Dresden

17:30-18:00 Mind the Bite: Functional Decline or Preventable Path? Identifying Key Factors in Masticatory Function Among Older Adults

Prof. Julia Jockusch, Brandenburg a.d. Havel

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19:00 Kölner Dinner and Drinks at the Lake

## 9<sup>th</sup> May

08:30-09:00 Arrival, Registration, Organization

09:00-09:45 Gerodent PLUS: improving oral health for home dwelling older people through better interprofessional collaboration

Prof. Barbara Janssens, Gent

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### Block 4

#### Cariology and Restorative Dentistry

Chair: PD Michael Wicht

09:45-10:15 Root caries as the new oral pandemic in older patients

Prof. Carolina Ganss, Marburg

10:15-10:45 Dry mouth and implications for conservative treatments

Prof. Nadine Schlueter, Hannover

10:45-11:15 Mobile Dentistry: Navigating Systemic Risk Factors in Home and Institutional Settings

Dr. Lynn Janssens, Gent

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11:15-11:30 Short Coffee break, poster visits, visit of the industry exhibition

11:30-12:00 Arrest, eliminate, or what else? Treatment options

Prof. Sebastian Paris, Berlin

12:00-12:30 Between Promise and Precaution:  
Implants in Medically Complex older Patients

PD Pedro Molinero Mourelle, Bern

12:30-12:45 Panel Discussion

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12:45-13:30 Lunch and Coffee break, poster visits, visit of the industry exhibition

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### Block 5

#### Strong Together: Welcoming the JSG

Chair: Prof. Greta Barbe

13:30-14:00 Beyond the Dental Chair: Working with Other Professionals to Enhance Oral Health in Long-Term Care

Prof. Sayaka Tada, Singapore

14:00-14:30 Care that connects medical and long-term care insurance from japan setting

Dr. Kazuharu Nakagawa, Tokyo

14:30-15:00 Dental hygienists' education and interdisciplinary oral care in Japan

Prof. Mariko Naito, Hiroshima

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15:00-15:15 Lunch and Coffee break, poster visits, visit of the industry exhibition

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### Block 6

#### At the End of the Day, It's All About Chewing and nutrition

Chair: Dr. Isabel Deeg

15:15-15:45 Chewing function – the key to greater vitality, health, and mental well-being through a cost-effective AI-based analysis and manufacturing process for everyone

Dr. Patrick Meyenberger

15:45-16:15 Masticatory function

Dr. Luca Aquilanti, Ancona

16:15-16:45 The Mediterranean Diet and Oral Health

Prof. Aleksandra Jelenkovic Popovac, Belgrade

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16:45-17:00 ECG Award Ceremony

17:00-17:15 Closing and outlook for 2027

17:15-18:00 ECG General Assembly