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## Mark of a Legend—Professor PI Brånemark

On 20th December of last year, we lost Professor Per-Ingvar Brånemark, a humble person, greatest innovator, dentistry has ever seen. His contribution will not only help dentists but also orthopedicians to treat their patients to lead a better quality of life.

With the discovering of the fact that titanium fuses very well with that of bone, the phenomenal love of mother nature for a metal made it possible to give the world the concept of 'osseointegration.' This tells about a great researcher in him, to think about the acceptance of bonding of bone to metal, which I feel most researchers could have easily overlooked considering the same circumstances.

With initial rejections of financial support and not many colleagues believing in his research, did not stop him from going ahead with his belief in what he thought would one day change lives of many edentulous patients. With Gösta Larsson, the first patient to get dental implants in 1965, a new revolution started in dentistry.

In 1982, Dr Brånemark made the case of osseointegration at a professional meeting in Toronto and 'won widespread recognition for his materials and methods.' Titanium implants have since spread well beyond dentistry and is now used in dental and medical rehabilitation.

In 2011, Prof Brånemark was awarded the prestigious European Inventor Award for lifetime achievement, along with other honors and honorary degrees.

I was blessed to know him personally since last 7 years, as a member of associated with ABOC (Associates of Brånemark Osseointegration Centers). Every meeting with him was an inspirational one. In our ABOC meeting in 2014, it was a pleasure to hear him talk about, how it all happened, a journey he travelled. His words on the day of my defence of my doctorate in June 2014, 'You will do the best', will be cherish all my lifetime.

Although we have said farewell to you, dear PI, we know that you and your legacy will always stay with us, and your work will be carried forward with your own words—

'No one should die with teeth sitting in a glass of water.'



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