The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) will host its 25th Dental Implant Conference — a premier dental implant educational event featuring an internationally renowned faculty of experts — from Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 in Chicago, Ill. More than 1,000 oral and maxillofacial surgeons, their staff and restorative dentists will gather to enhance their knowledge of dental implants, which offer patients a long-term solution to missing teeth. The event caters to the entire dental implant team.

By attending the three days of innovative research and procedural courses, participants can elevate their implant practice. Session topics — taught by more than 30 speakers — range from replacing congenital missing teeth to effectively applying digital technology in a practice.

Highlights of the preconference sessions and the intensive educational...
By JOMS Staff

Botox therapy can provide significant relief with only a mild risk for negative effects to patients with stubborn pain in the muscles involved in chewing, according to a new retrospective study.

Chemically known as botulinum toxin A, Botox is a protein made from bacteria that, when injected, stops nerve signals that command muscles to contract—resulting in a months-long decrease in muscle activity. It has been used to treat conditions such as muscle spasms, facial wrinkles, migraines and excessive sweating.

According to the study published in the November issue of the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery—the official journal of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS)—botulinum toxin A injections also may have pain-relieving properties.

To determine the therapy’s safety and effectiveness in treating stubborn jaw muscle pain, researchers conducted a retrospective review of 116 patients. The patients underwent at least two Botox injection cycles for refractory masticatory myalgia—pain in the muscles used for chewing—that had not responded to other therapies.

The patients at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, including lead author David A. Keith, DMD, DDS, professor at Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and Maxillofacial Surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, were defined as 75 percent or greater—void of other therapies and/or taking medications.

Nearly one-third of participants (30.6 percent) reported significant pain relief—defined as 75 percent or greater—for an average of 101 weeks. "This is an important outcome for this particular cohort of participants, considering that 72.9 percent of the participants had been in pain for at least five years, with 60 percent or more receiving two or more concurrent therapies,” researchers wrote.  

In addition, 39.8 percent of participants had moderate relief for 8.7 weeks on average, and 29.6 percent had no or minimal relief for 13 weeks on average.

Among the participants, 14 percent reported at least one negative effect during the two injection cycles. Those who had significant pain relief had the largest number of adverse effects at 30.3 percent.

The most common side effect was a decrease in the size of the masticatory muscle, possibly due to blocked release of a chemical that activates muscles, the study states. However, all of the negative effects were minor and brief, and full recovery occurred within 16 weeks.

Simultaneous use of opioid pain relievers was a predictor of no or minimal relief. Of the participants, 36 percent were receiving other therapies and/or taking medications.

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• Didactic sessions and hands-on workshops on topics such as implant restorative techniques and case-based dental implant techniques.
• Point-counterpoint discussions exploring clinically common topics, such as implant options when treating the lower jaw.
• Question-and-answer sessions with the session speakers.
• Faculty reflecting on the history of AAOMS and the specialty while assessing the future of oral and maxillofacial surgery, as the association gets ready to celebrate its centennial in 2018.
• New this year, a live simulcast option for participants to watch general sessions from wherever they are.

"As AAOMS offers its 25th Dental Implant Conference, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, their staff and referring dentists can participate in a range of preconference sessions and education programs geared toward the dental implant practice," said AAOMS President Brett L. Ferguson, DDS, DMedSc, chief, Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Pain, Nicole Holland, DDS, MS, and Shehryar N. Khawaja, BDS, MS, postgraduate Fellow at Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

The full article can be accessed at www.joms.org/article/S0278-2391(17)30116-7/

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American Academy of Implant Dentistry names its new honored fellows for 2017

By AAID Staff

The American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) named six dentists from around the world to the coveted status of Honored Fellow at its recently concluded 66th Annual Conference. The honored fellow designation is awarded to those members of the AAID who, through their professional, clinical, research or academic endeavors, have distinguished themselves within implant dentistry.

Named as AAID honored fellows were:

- George Arvanitis, DDS; Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
- Kirk Kalagiannis, DMD; Lyndhurst, N.J.
- Philip J. Kroll, DDS; Ventura, Calif.
- D. Timothy Pike, DDS; Rockville, Md.
- Dale Edward Spencer, DDS; Hickory, N.C.
- Dr. Atsushi Takahashi, Tokyo, Japan

About the AAID

Established in 1951, the AAID is the only dental implant organization that offers credentials recognized by state and federal courts as being bona fide. Its membership, which exceeds 6,000, includes general dentists, oral surgeons, periodontists and prosthodontists from across the United States and in more than 60 other countries.

For more information about the AAID and its credentialed members, please visit www.aaid.com or call the AAID at (312) 335-1550.

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Starting at 1 p.m. on Thursday will be the Young Implantologists Program featuring the following up-and-coming clinicians: Drs. Michel Azer, Julian Conejo, Neil Griseto, Gabrielle Jackson, Aaron Omura, Maj. Ryan Sheridan, Andrew Thorpe and James Wealleans.

Following this program will be the welcome reception in the exhibition hall where delegates can relax with drinks and hors d’oeuvres, interact with colleagues, take advantage of product discounts offered at the meeting by our exhibitors and experience and discuss presentations made by our tabletop and poster presentation participants.

Friday and Saturday will be devoted to our main podium faculty including, in order of their appearance on the program, the following international speakers: Dr. Salah Huwais, Dr. Jorge Campos Aliaga, Dr. José Carlos Martins da Rosa, Dr. Richard Miron, Dr. Homa Zadeh, Dr. Delia Tuttle, Dr. Miguel Hirschhaut, Dr. Jaime Lozada, Dr. Scott Ganz, Dr. Michael A. Pikos, Dr. Ariel Raigrodski, Dr. Alvaro Ordonez, Dr. Howard Gluckman, Dr. Michael Tischler.

In addition to the general sessions for doctors and laboratory technicians, there will be a full 1 1/2-day program for auxiliary staff members sponsored by the ICOI’s component society, the Association of Dental Implant Auxiliaries (ADIA). Doctors are encouraged to bring their hygienists, dental assistants, front office staff and implant coordinators to this symposium. The ADIA will have four full-day certification programs dedicated to specific members of the dental implant team. The programs present the most up-to-date information and provide attendees with the confidence and knowledge to advance their career.

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AAP and European Federation of Periodontology host a workshop on classification of periodontal and peri-implant diseases and conditions

By AAP Staff

In conjunction with the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP), the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) hosted the World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions Nov. 9-11 at the Gleacher Center in Chicago. More than 100 international researchers, educators and clinicians gathered to review the latest literature and come to consensus on up-to-date guidelines for periodontal and peri-implant disease diagnosis and definition.

Participants conducted literature reviews, established case definitions and deliberated diagnostic considerations for the following topic areas: periodontal health and gingival diseases and conditions; periodontitis; developmental and acquired conditions and periodontal manifestations of systemic conditions; and peri-implant diseases and conditions. The inclusion of peri-implant diseases and conditions within periodontal disease classifications is a first, accommodating for what scientists and practitioners have come to understand about implant dentistry.

“Since the last World Workshop was held in 1999, periodontics has made notable advancements in the treatment and diagnosis of periodontal disease. The 2017 workshop intended to account for what we’ve learned in the last 18 years and help standardize the specialty’s definition of disease,” says Dr. Steven R. Daniel, president of the AAP. “Our collaboration with the EFP and periodontists from all over the world will work to positively shape the quality of patient care globally.”

The 2017 World Workshop is the second recent collaboration of the EFP and AAP. The groups’ joint workshop on periodontitis and systemic disease in 2012 was a major milestone in the specialty’s understanding of the peri-systemic link.

“After three years of preparation, it was rewarding to see many of the best and brightest in periodontics convene to accomplish the important task of updating and standardizing the definitions of periodontal and peri-implant diseases that will be used by dental professionals around the world. The contributions of the workshop’s expert participants will set the stage for periodontics’ expansive future,” said Dr. Jack Caton, co-chair of the event’s organizing committee.

Proceedings from the 2017 World Workshop on Periodontal Disease Classification will be published in both the AAP’s Journal of Periodontology and the EFP’s Journal of Clinical Periodontology in 2018.

About the AAP

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If you’re interested in learning the newest techniques, observing demonstrations of the latest technologies and interacting in discussions about the current issues affecting implant dentistry, the Academy of Osseointegration’s (AO) 2018 Annual Meeting is a must-attend event — and registration is now open (http://meetings.osseo.org/2018/).

For the first time in its history, the Academy of Osseointegration will be hosting its annual meeting in Los Angeles from Feb. 28 to March 3 to put the spotlight on all the customary components, as well as new and interactive features.

“The academy’s 33rd annual meeting will feature a thrilling new format aimed at maximizing audience engagement and many exciting educational and networking opportunities,” said Dr. Joseph Kan, 2018 annual meeting program chair.

The new formats AO will be introducing will include:

- Concurrent surgical and restorative sessions with a new point-counterpoint format.
- “Lunch with the Masters” program.
- “Reflection Panel” as part of the closing session.

All sessions will assemble the foremost authorities in research and clinical practice from around the world who are on the cutting edge of scientific discovery in implant dentistry.

In addition to these new format changes to promote significantly more dialogue between attendees and presenters, AO will also be bringing back popular meeting favorites, including corporate forums and “Morning with the Masters” sessions. AO’s annual meeting will also continue to feature many opportunities to network with dental colleagues across all specialties and career stages from all corners of the globe.

Continuing AO’s tradition of supporting research and innovation, the oral clinical and oral scientific research and clinical innovations presentations will take place on Friday. With more than 250 abstracts and e-posters submitted for the 2018 annual meeting, attendees can get a first-hand look at a wealth of original and groundbreaking research conducted by its international implant dentistry member community.

For an additional registration fee, scientific content of the annual meeting can also include a number of options for hands-on workshops, all of which will take place on Feb. 28.

On the social side, the 2018 President’s Reception will be one of the most festive social gatherings ever assembled by AO. To be held in Microsoft Plaza within the L.A. Live area, just a stone’s throw from our headquarters hotel, this event complementary to registered attendees will provide an Oscar-themed evening filled with many surprises and an atmosphere of a miniature Times Square.

Registration fees for the annual meeting will include:

- Most scientific sessions (including TEAM Program and Laboratory Technician programs)
- Admission to the corporate forums and extensive exhibit hall
- Thursday’s Welcome Reception
- Friday’s President Reception
- Continental breakfasts
- Complimentary lunches in the exhibit hall
- Global networking opportunities

“This is also the perfect chance to bring your family to enjoy Disneyland, Universal Studios, visit the famous Rodeo Drive or attend a Lakers or Clippers game at the nearby STAPLES Center. With the heart of vibrant Los Angeles as the backdrop, AO looks forward to ‘Inspiring Imagination and Enhancing Health!’” Kan said.

Don’t delay in securing your attendance, making your hotel reservations or taking advantage of early bird rates. We recommend registering online, which is fast and easy. After Jan. 8, registration fees increase by $100. Don’t wait, register today at meetings.osseo.org/2018.
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