AO meeting to feature surgical, prosthetic tracks

March meeting offers different focuses for varied audience

OBS Foundation achieves $1 million fund goal

After surpassing its $1 million 2018 annual fund campaign goal, the OBS Foundation is poised to further support research and education that can improve patient care in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

The foundation established the $1 million campaign goal to honor the centennial of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), its parent organization that was founded in 1918 and today represents more than 9,000 oral and maxillofacial surgeons across the United States.

“We set an ambitious fundraising goal as a way to celebrate AAOMS’s 100th anniversary, and the OBS specialty responded beyond even our expectations,” said Kathy A. Banks, DMD, chair of the Foundation Board of Directors.

OMS National Insurance Co. (OMSNIC) jumpstarted the campaign with a $100,000 gift-match challenge that generated $300,000 in three months. Subsequent challenges supported by AAOMS and Treloar & Heisel, an insurance provider for dentists and specialists, also surpassed their goals.

Individual gifts ranging from $5 to $10,000 sustained the momentum of the campaign. Support also arrived from the International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (IAOMS), the IAOMS Foundation, the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS), the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ACOMS), the Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CAOMS), 36 state and regional OBS societies and several college and university OBS training programs.

AAOMS President A. Thomas Indresano, DMD, FACS, and his wife, Rita, made the pivotal contribution to put the cam-
a Foreign Body Response?” moderated by J.E. Davies, BDS, PhD, DSc, and “Soft-Tissue Integration: What is Our Current Understanding?” under the direction of moderator AO Past President Clarence Lindquist, DDS.

For the prosthetic track, the first afternoon session will be entitled “The Evolution of Complex Maxillofacial Rehabilitation.” Moderated by Dennis Rohner, MD, DDS, three teams of surgeons/prosthodontists will discuss the latest developments in complex maxillofacial rehabilitation, representing what is possibly the most challenging domain in the spectrum of implant dentistry.

The prosthetic track will conclude with “Current Thought in Restorative Ceramics” moderated by AO Past President Russell Nishimura, DDS. Presenters will discuss indications and limitations of ceramic restorations on implants, present the advantages and defining the boundaries of their use in everyday clinical practice.

“We would like it so when attendees leave the meeting, they can apply some techniques and protocols or ways they can manage their offices when they return on Monday morning,” Renouard concluded.

Campaign over the $1 million mark

“Knowing my colleagues as I do, I had every confidence we would reach our goal,” Indresano said. “The OMS specialty values research, education and academic excellence above all else. The generosity of our practitioners, faculty, affiliate organizations and even our residents was gratifying and foretells a bright future for AAOMS in its second century.”

The centerpiece of the 2018 campaign is the AAOMS Centennial Tree, which will be displayed at AAOMS headquarters in Rosemont. Its bronze, silver and gold leaves recognize gifts of $2,500, $5,000 and $10,000, respectively, and many of the inscriptions honor family members, mentors and colleagues.

“We’re especially proud that 100 percent of the AAOMS Board of Trustees and the OMS Foundation Board of Directors will be recognized on the Centennial Tree, along with every OMS serving on OMSNIC’s board,” Banks said.

Through its annual fund, the foundation provides research grants to scientists and educational support to OMS faculty, students and early-career OMSs. In the past decade, the foundation helped fund the Multicenter Trial of Third Molar Patient Management, a series of clinical studies to improve wisdom teeth treatment. In addition, grants have been given to assist research in facial nerve regeneration and improvement of immunotherapy in head and neck cancers.

Annual fund resources also are used to support the following:

- AAOMS Resident Transitions into Practice Conference, which provides residents with non-clinical information such as financial strategies and coding.
- AAOMS Clinical Trials Methods Course, which provides an overview of research methodology and clinical trial design.
- Research Support Grants, which bestow $75,000 grants to research projects seeking to solve issues related to oral and maxillofacial surgery.
- Faculty Educator Development Awards, which encourage faculty retention in the OMS specialty.
- Student Research Training Awards, which award grants to projects that seek to attract qualified students to the OMS specialty.

Information about the foundation is available on OMSFoundation.org. The Centennial Tree donors and leaf inscriptions are listed at OMSFoundation.org/our-donors/centennial-tree-donors.

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Glidewell Dental to present 3rd annual educational symposium in Orlando

By Glidewell Dental Staff

Glidewell Dental, a leader in dental education and a technological innovator in restorative dentistry for nearly 50 years, has announced the third annual Glidewell Dental Symposium.

Scheduled for Nov. 8–9, at the Hilton Bonnet Creek and Waldorf Astoria in Orlando, Fla., the event will provide practical clinical and business education, with a first day of fast-paced presentations and a second day of in-depth lectures and hands-on programs crafted specifically to help doctors overcome the challenges of everyday dentistry. Attendees enrolled for both days will earn up to 12 hours of continuing education (C.E.) credits.

"This is an exciting time to be involved in dentistry," said Dr. Neil Park, scientific chair of the Glidewell Symposium and vice president of clinical affairs at Glidewell Dental. "From innovative technologies to progressive clinical techniques, there are many opportunities to help improve oral health and transform the smiles of patients. The Glidewell Symposium, now in its third year, aims to bring dentists the emerging science, technology and clinical methodologies that will define the future of dentistry. The curriculum is intended to help clinicians learn new tools and techniques to expand their service offerings, overcome challenges and meet the needs of patients."

Dentists have conveyed a growing need for practical and hands-on dental education, as demonstrated by last year’s Glidewell Symposium, which more than doubled in size from the previous year and sold out three months before the event. In recognition of this strong enthusiasm, and to accommodate dentists in 2019, the Glidewell Symposium has moved to a world-class location in Orlando and will bring together even more experts from diverse areas of dentistry.

During this weekend of networking and education, topics will include everything from dental implants, restorative techniques and esthetic dentistry, to in-office milling, sleep-related dentistry and practice management. All courses are designed to provide real-world clinical and business solutions so that attendees can achieve immediate, tangible results when they return to their practices on Monday.

"In the general session on Friday, we will have a full day, with 16 fast-paced presentations that eliminate the nonessential information and get right to the heart of the clinical technique or business strategy being presented," Park said. "And on Saturday, attendees can choose from nearly 20 focused lectures and hands-on programs that further expand on the topics that matter most to the individual attendee. We are taking the educational format that was so popular last year and making it even better."

On both days of the event, attendees will also be able to browse interactive exhibits that feature the latest in 3-D printing, intraoral scanning, in-office milling, the CAD/CAM workflow, dental implants, and regenerative and restorative materials. There will be live demonstrations, virtual reality tours and opportunities for one-on-one discussions.

The 2019 Glidewell Dental Symposium is for dentists, hygienists, and chairside and front-office staff. Tuition for the Friday general session is $195, and to register for sessions on both Friday and Saturday, tuition is $320. Early bird pricing is available for $145 and $270, respectively, when registering by May 1. Friday tuition includes a complimentary breakfast, lunch and cocktail reception with hosted bar; Saturday tuition includes breakfast. Because last year’s symposium sold out quickly, attendees are encouraged to register early to secure seats.

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