AO meeting to feature surgical, prosthetic tracks

March meeting offers different focuses for varied audience

By AO Staff

To drive home its theme of "Current Factors in Clinical Excellence," the Academy of Osseointegration’s 2019 Annual Meeting will offer a full day of concurrent surgical and prosthetic tracks on March 15 to answer the clinical and scientific questions that all clinicians ask themselves, no matter his or her specialty.

Morning sessions

Whichever sessions attendees choose, each track will begin with its own respective plenary session entitled, "10 Years After." Moderators for "10 Years After" surgical track will include Edward Sevetz Jr., DMD, for the surgical track and Stephen Parel, DDS, for the prosthetic track. Topics of the "10 Years After" surgical track will include vertical and lateral ridge augmentation; full maxillary reconstruction; and augmentation using biologics.

"What differences have become routine in the past years, compared to the 'early' days? Techniques have better esthetic results and techniques can provide faster results. The bottom line is more patients can be treated, more successfully, more quickly and with better-looking, enhanced smiles," said Sevetz, an AO and Osseointegration Foundation (OF) past president. "All meetings tell attendees about progress. However, the AO Annual Meeting is where they will find the most scientifically oriented, evidence-based source for better patient care using osseointegration."

For the Friday "10 Years After" prosthetic track, Parel, an AO past president, will moderate a series of seven topics, including "10 Years After" for zirconium and screw-retained prosthesis, overdenture and tilted implants.

Afternoon sessions

Following the plenary sessions, each of the tracks will continue their respective programming and return to the science that underpins implant dentistry, featuring sessions on peri-implant bone biology. For the surgical track, the two main sessions will include "Osseointegration: Restoration of Homeostasis or..."
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 and 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.

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“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 bestowed $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.