AO ‘plays’ in LA

Debate, increased audience participation among the new features for 2018 session

By AO Staff

Attendees of the Academy of Osseointegration’s (AO) Annual Meeting will not only experience the glitz and glamour of Hollywood but, more importantly, unparalleled substance from this premier, four-day scientific meeting. Session dates are Feb. 28-March 3.

While an impressive lineup of lecturers will drive home the 2018 theme of “Inspirating Imagination and Enhancing Health,” attendees will really notice the difference in the 2018 program via a significantly more collaborative forum and the opportunity to engage with AO’s dedicated to debate. What’s more, it’s planned for maximum audience participation, so every delegate can have their say, Norton said.

• Concurrent surgical and restorative point-counterpoint sessions. To delineate the reality and myths on current controversial topics in implant dentistry, panelists will present their viewpoint in a short presentation. Afterwards, expert clinician moderators will promote debate and attempt to draw meaningful conclusions.

• A new “Reflection Panel” as part of the closing session. During this segment, AO President Dr. Michael Norton will moderate a panel discussion with what you might call “the wise of implant dentistry” that will feature Drs. Tomas Albrektsson, David Cochran, Ole Jensen, Stephen Parel and Dennis Tarnow who will reflect on the past and future of implant therapy. This portion of the closing session will not involve lectures at all.

• Also new this year is a “Lunch with the Masters” program on Saturday. Featuring Drs. Paulo Malo, Isabella Rocchietta, Giovanni Zucchelli, Christian Coachman and Stephen Chu, the topics discussed at these luncheons will include an update on All-on-4, guided bone regeneration, natural teeth gingival defects, digital esthetics and platform switching. In addition to these enhancements that will enrich their annual meeting experience, attendees will also come to find this will be the perfect place where specialists, general practitioners, lab technicians and dental hygienists will gather to contribute their knowledge and share best practices.

There will be something for everyone, so be sure to register today at meetings.osseo.org/2018.

JOMS study: Mouth cancer tests help uncover other issues

By JOMS Staff

Tests used to guide treatment for mouth cancers can reveal two or more significant health conditions, allowing doctors to better evaluate those patients, according to a new study.

Typically conducted during the initial steps of cancer treatment plans, these exams for oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC) help discover comorbidities — the presence of one or more conditions existing with a primary disorder — in patients with OSCC (cancer in cells in the lips and oral cavity), researchers said.

Clinicians should evaluate previously undiagnosed conditions found on imaging studies, researchers recommend in the study published in January’s Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery — the official journal of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

“Within the limitations of this study, it can be concluded that imaging staging examinations facilitate, accelerate and improve the pre-therapeutic diagnostic process in patients with OSCC, which enables clinicians to assess patients more accurately and provide tailored and individual treatment plans,” researchers wrote.

The study involved 178 adults with OSCC who underwent a commonly used staging examination — fluorodeoxyglucose positron-emission tomographic computed tomography (FDG-PET/CT) or contrast-enhanced computed tomography (ceCT). Researchers used the Charlson Comorbidity Index (CCI) to measure comorbidity before and after staging.

The authors of “Comorbidity Assessment in Patients With Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma: Can Imaging Techniques Provide Additional Information?” are Matthias Troeltzsch, MD, DMD, and Florian Andreas Probst, MD, DMD.