Journées Dentaires de Nice shines once again

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The Journées Dentaires de Nice dental meeting gathered in Nice, France, in June — as it has for every other year since 1976 — to exchange information on all phases of dentistry, as well as to give exciting up-to-date presentations on futuristic possibilities in our profession.

In June, the sun reflects on the French Riviera like no other place on Earth, making it a perfect location for practitioners to sparkle with the knowledgeable exchange of dental presentations.

Participating supporters from the Chicago Midwinter Dental Meeting and the Greater New York Dental Meeting were there in full force, sharing information with colleagues from France and the rest of the world.

An added glow this year was a warm reception at a beautiful mansion and garden on the sea. There, the mayor of Nice awarded personal citations and medals to a select few who enhanced this wonderful cultural exchange.

Dr. Robert Edwab, executive director of the Greater New York Dental Meeting, was one the recipients. Edwab extended an invitation for all to come, share and participate in the Greater New York Dental Meeting in November, which attracted more than 55,000 attendees from around the world last year.

Since its inception, every Journées Dentaires de Nice has had a special auditorium devoted solely to implants and implant-related presentations. While many meetings these days have sessions related to implants, this group had the foresight and fortitude to offer them years earlier than any other meeting.

Dr. Gerard Scortecci is the chairman of the implant section of the Journée Dentaires de Nice, and has been for many years. He has done a formidable job with masterful presentation choices that are devoid of the political or commercial pressures that sometimes surround such organizations.

Scortecci is a wonderful practitioner, author and modest colleague who endeavors to give a forum to practitioners, as well as implant manufacturers, to elucidate new procedures, products and regenerative materials so that participants can best serve their patients. He is to be congratulated on his achievements and impartiality.

During the Nice meeting, the exhibits were presented in a neat and orderly fashion, making it easy to find the new products as well as making them accessible to all.

Drs. M. Kaduch and M. Burdin have worked exhaustively over the years to cultivate a wonderful meeting with a unique personality that incorporates all of the style and class the French Riviera is known for. I have attended this congress several times, and I hope this gem of a biennial meeting continues to flourish and sparkle under the French Riviera’s sun.

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(From left) Dr. M. Kaduch, organizer of the Journées Dentaires de Nice; Dr. Robert Edwab, executive director of the Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM); Dr. Cliff Salin, general chairman of the GNYDM; Prof. David Hoexter, editor in chief of Dental Tribune.