AAOMS takes Vegas!

Mandalay Bay is the setting for education, new products and fun

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In September, more than 4,000 attendees gathered at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas for the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons’ 98th Annual Meeting, Scientific Sessions and Exhibition. Leading clinicians traveled from around the world to share their knowledge and experience in maxillofacial surgery. Many topics were explored, including the administration of in-office anesthesia, with special emphasis on anesthesia for geriatric patients and anesthesia management for patients with obstructive sleep apnea.

In addition to the array of educational opportunities, plenty of new products and technologies filled the exhibit hall for attendees to check out.

One such new technology on display was the X-Guide dental implant navigation system, available from X-Nav Technologies. According to the company, the X-Guide system features patented technology that makes learning and integrating navigation technology easy.

It is important to note that with this system, the surgeon concentrates on a single target to assist in precisely guiding the implant. The result: They consistently achieve a more desirable, functional and esthetic outcome, according to the company.

The X-Guide system offers clinicians the ability to achieve more accurate placement of implants, the company said. Interactive, turn-by-turn guidance during live surgery offers the ability to control the exact position, angle and depth — like a GPS for your handpiece.

At the DENTSPLY Implants booth, attendees were able to learn more about the OsseoSpeed Profile EV dental implant, which is designed to provide 360-degree bone preservation while maintaining soft-tissue esthetics.

Instead of augmenting sloped ridges to accommodate flat-top implants, OsseoSpeed Profile EV allows the clinician to follow the bone, according to the company. The implant reduces the need for augmentation and saves time and money.

### AO reaches next level in FDI global partnership

The Academy of Osseointegration (AO) has moved to the next level in its partnership with the FDI World Dental Federation — a federation of approximately 200 national dental associations and specialist groups, whose mission is to be the authoritative, professional, independent, worldwide voice of dentistry.

On Sept. 9, during the general assembly of the 2016 FDI World Parliament in Poznan, Poland, AO was elected to affiliate member status, following five years as a supporting member.

“Our partnership with FDI speaks to the global presence of the AO and our commitment to enabling better patient care worldwide,” said AO Vice President Dr. James Taylor, who accepted the Certificate of Affiliate Membership on behalf of AO.

FDI affiliate members are not-for-profit international dental associations with significant international membership and interests, representing dental organizations whose missions are in line with those of FDI.

Also on Sept. 9, AO hosted its fourth annual symposium within the FDI Annual World Dental Congress (ADWC). The event was organized and moderated Dr. Taylor and included three distinguished European AO member presenters:

- Dr. Tomas Linkevicius of Vilnius, Lithuania, presented on “Subgingival and supragingival biological materials in implant restorations.”
- Dr. Asbjørn Jokstad of Tromsø, Norway, presented on “Esthetic outcomes for single implants in the anterior maxilla and dimensions of the peri-implant hard and soft tissues.”
- Dr. Hadi Antoun of Paris, France, presented on “Optimal management of the posterior atrophic mandible.”

“The AO/FDI Symposium is well attended every year, and this year in Poland was no different,” said Taylor. “We are grateful to this year’s distinguished presenters and are already looking forward to next year’s ADWC being held Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, in Madrid, Spain.”

2017 will also see AO’s inaugural regional engagement at the FDI Global CE Program. AO member Brian Fitzpatrick, from Brisbane Australia, will speak at the meeting being held Sept. 21–24, in Shanghai, China.

### Fun is in the air at the AAOMS annual meeting as Jennifer Baker-Johnson of Henry Schein Dental, center, gets behind a Vegas showgirl cutout while Christina Antonio, left, and Maggie Lee of EWI Worldwide provide backup.

### Elvis and a Vegas showgirl snap selfies with attendees on the exhibit hall floor during the AAOMS annual meeting. Photos/Fred Michmershuizen, Dental Tribune
costs, and it increases case acceptance by helping to address patient concerns regarding pain and treatment time, the company said.

Also on hand, Salvin Dental showcased its Renovix Guided Healing Collagen Membrane for pre-implant grafting procedures, including socket preservation, ridge augmentation and sinus lifts. The membrane features the ability to drape and conform to the specific anatomy of a grafted defect, while maintaining structural integrity and elasticity, according to the company. This combination of ideal handling characteristics helps to make grafting procedures easier and more predictable, the company said.

Finally, for sedation, Porter Instrument was on hand to offer attendees a lightweight nasal hood that does not obstruct access to the oral cavity. The Silhouette Nasal Mask is a single-patient-use disposable nasal mask and circuit, featuring four size options (pediatric, small, medium and large). It is designed with the lowest possible profile, making it easier for the clinician to work around, according to the company. An adhesive strip for the bridge of the patient’s nose secures the mask in place, preventing gas from flowing into the patient’s eyes and reducing risk to the health-care provider from inhaling it, the company said, adding that the nasal hood provides predictable results for the dentist and a pleasant experience for the patient.

Tracy Thompson, left, and Mark Azurin of Porter Nitrous Systems at their booth. Nicole Simpson of X-Nav Technologies demonstrates the X-Guide dental implant navigation system to attendees at the AAOMS annual meeting.
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