Zimmer hosts Implantology Week

Hundreds of clinicians attend four-day event for its sixth year

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Nearly 300 dentists from 28 countries gathered recently for Zimmer Dental’s sixth annual Implantology Week, held at New York University College of Dentistry. The four-day, intensive event was held March 9-12 and offered attendees the opportunity to expand and accelerate their knowledge, skills and abilities. It was geared toward intermediate- to advanced-level practitioners.

Topics included soft-tissue management, esthetics, smile design, ridge augmentation, single-tooth and full-arch restoration and digital technology.

Speakers came in from around the world to share expertise and knowledge. Among them, Dr. Stephen J. Chu presented “Prosthetic Management of Immediate Implant Placement.” Dr. Monish Bhola presented “Implant and Facial Esthetics — The Latest,” and Dr. Dimitar Filtchev presented “Immediate Loading: Surgical and Prosthetic Keys to Success.”

By AO Staff

Russell D. Nishimura, DDS, a prosthodontist from Westlake Village, Calif., and professor emeritus at UCLA School of Dentistry, was appointed president of the Academy of Osseointegration (AO) at the organization’s annual business meeting, held March 14 in San Francisco. He succeeds former AO President Joseph E. Gian-Grasso, DMD, a periodontist from Philadelphia.

“The Academy of Osseointegration has always been committed to addressing and supporting the dynamic, rapidly advancing field of implant dentistry and the needs of its members,” Nishimura said. “I am ready to partner with my fellow board members to embrace fresh ideas while also carrying on our long-standing commitment to advancing oral health globally.”

This year, the AO Board will develop a new strategic plan to guide the organization in the coming years. It will include supporting research, promoting education, and fostering interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary care.

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The AO’s new board of directors. Photo/Provided by AO

Dr. Anthony G. Sclar presented “State-of-the-Art Implant Esthetics” in two parts. The first lecture covered “Surgical and Restorative Protocols for Achieving Success and Managing Complications” and the second covered “Single and Multiple Implant Sites and Full-Arch Immediate Function.”

The home base for attendees was the Grand Hyatt New York Hotel, where a welcome breakfast was held Monday morning and a welcome reception, product fair and scientific poster presentations submitted by participants were held Monday evening.

On Tuesday, a tour of the Zimmer Institute and factory in Parsippany, N.J., allowed participants the opportunity to see for themselves the manufacturing process of the company’s Trabecular Metal implant material and state-of-the-art educational simulation and cadaveric facility.

Event participants were also invited on an evening cruise of New York Harbor, where they could enjoy hors d’oeuvres and beverages while viewing the Manhattan skyline.
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