The American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics (AAIP) joined with its affiliates, Atlantic Dental Implant Seminars (ADIS) and the Linkow Implant Institute, to present a five-day comprehensive implant training course in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, in early July. The course included lectures, hands-on participation, surgical and prosthodontic demonstrations, diagnosis and treatment planning of implant cases, construction of surgical templates, diagnostic wax-ups, insertion of two to six implants by each participant and sinus lifts under supervision of course faculty. The nine participating dentists inserted 56 implants, performed three sinus lifts and restored seven implants placed in a previous course. Patients were provided by the Ministry of Health and the University of Technology, School of Dental Sciences, Jamaica. Course participants were from Arizona, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Jamaica and St. Kitts. Upon completion of the one-week comprehensive implant-training program, participating clinicians are able to accomplish the following tasks: identify cases suitable for dental implants; diagnose and treatment plan for preservation and restoration of edentulous and partially edentulous arches; demonstrate competency in the placement of single-tooth implants, soft-tissue management and bone augmentation; obtain an ideal implant occlusion; work as part of an implant team with other professionals; and incorporate implant treatment into private practice with quality results, cost effectiveness and profitability.

A dental degree was required for all participants. The course was tax deductible and 35 hours of dental continuing education credits were awarded on course completion. Patient treatment was provided in a Jamaican dental school, with personalized training in small-group settings. The course is a cooperative effort of the Jamaican Ministry of Health, the University of Technology, School of Dental Sciences, Jamaica, and the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics. Dr. Mike Shulman is course coordinator; Dr. Leonard I. Linkow is course director; and Dr. Sheldon Winkler is course advisor. Course faculty, in addition to Shulman, Linkow and Winkler, included Drs. Robert Braun, Ira L. Eisenstein, E. Richard Hughes, Charles S. Mandell, Harold F. Morris, Peter A. Neff, Robert Russo and Robert E. Weiner. Shulman and Winkler taught the July seminar. Implants and components for AAIP/ADIS implant seminars were provided by HIOSEN Dental Implants. Dental laboratory support was provided by DCA Laboratory, Citrus Heights, Calif., Dani Dental Studio, Tempe, Ariz., and Dutton Dental Concepts Inc., Bellevue, Ohio. The objective of the Academy of Implant Prosthodontics — founded by Dr. Maurice J. Fagan Jr. in 1982 at the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Georgia — is to support and foster the practice of implant prosthodontics as an integral component of dentistry. The academy supports component and affiliate implant associations around the world, including organizations in Egypt, France, Italy, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Paraguay and Thailand. The academy has published two textbooks: “The Dental Implant” in 1985 and “Implant Prosthodontics” in 1990. The Journal of Oral Implantology is the official publication of the academy. The academy also publishes a newsletter. American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics is an approved PACE program provider by the Academy of General Dentistry. The formal continuing education programs of this program provider are accepted by AGD for fellowship, mastership and membership maintenance credit. The current term of approval extends from Jan. 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2013. Complete information on the AAIP/ADIS Jamaica implant continuing education programs, including tuition, faculty lectures, transportation and hotel accommodations, can be obtained through www.adiseminars.com or by calling (550) 653-9069. AAIP membership information can be obtained from the AAIP headquarters at 8672 E. Eagle Claw Drive, Scottsdale, Ariz., 85266-1058; telephone (480) 588-8062, fax (480) 588-8296, or via e-mail at swinkdent@cox.net. The AAIP website is www.aaipusa.com.

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