OSAP symposium to feature golf tourney

The Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures (OSAP) has announced that its 2009 Symposium in Dallas, will feature a new event: the John Molinari Charity Golf Tournament.

The tournament will be held June 11 at the Tribute Golf Links in The Colony. The tournament honors John Molinari, one of the most widely recognized infection control experts in the world, who is retiring from the University of Detroit Mercy in June 2009.

The John Molinari Charity Golf Tournament will take place at 7 a.m., June 11, immediately preceding the OSAP Symposium, which will be held June 11–14.

The symposium is designed for infection control and safety instructors, lecturers, authors, and consultants; researchers; dentists; hygienists; assistants; lab technicians; nurses in dental clinics; and dental sales and marketing personnel. During the meeting, leading experts on infection control and occupational health and safety share information of critical concern to anyone involved in dentistry.

Tournament participants, who do not have to attend the symposium in order to play, will enjoy the Tribute Golf Links course, which has been named one of America’s top public golf courses by Golf Digest magazine. The course was designed by noted golf architect Tripp Davis to pay homage to the greatest links in Scotland, including St. Andrews, Royal Troon, Carnoustie, Royal Dornach, Machrihansih, Turnberry, Moray, Muirfield, Prestwick, Nairn, and Western Galles.

For more information or to reserve a place in the tournament, call (800) 298-OSAP (6727). Check the OSAP Web site (www.osap.org) frequently for additional details on the symposium.

OSAP is the Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures. Founded in 1984, the non-profit association is dentistry’s premier resource for infection control and safety information.

(Source: Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures)
Osteogenics Biomedical is hosting its first ever Global Bone Grafting Symposium at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Ariz., from April 3-4. This inaugural symposium will be the highlight of the year for the educational division of Osteogenics Biomedical — Osteogenics Clinical Education. Osteogenics Biomedical, the manufacturer of the Cytoplast® family of guided tissue regeneration barrier membranes, has designed this course for specialists and advanced general dentists. Co-sponsors include Exactech® Dental Biologics, H & H Company and Piezosurgery®.

Symposium faculty includes Henry Greenwell, Eiji Funakoshi, Daniel Callum, Jeffrey Lemler and Barry Bartee. Lecture topics include the latest research and surgical techniques on a variety of bone grafting techniques including ridge expansion, ridge preservation, implant site development and vertical and horizontal ridge augmentation.

Highlights of the two-day event include presentation of the latest clinical research, live presentation of a ridge expansion technique utilizing new technologies and a non-traditional incision design to preserve the micro-vascular supply to the alveolus, a hands-on vertical and horizontal ridge augmentation workshop using onlay grafts and titanium-reinforced membranes, interactive treatment planning discussions, and an expert panel consisting of the lecturers and other well-known surgeons to create an interactive environment and to field questions on hot topics in bone grafting.

“The goal for all of our educational programs is to create an open, interactive environment for group learning,” said Shane Shuttlesworth, company president. “With attendance expected to be around 150 surgeons both nationally and internationally, the expert panel will help ensure that we maintain our goal of group learning and participation.

“In addition to the educational focus of the meeting, this event promises to be an excellent social networking opportunity as well. The resort is wonderful, the food here is always excellent and the cocktail reception on Friday night is a great opportunity to relax, enjoy the scenery and make new friends. Scottsdale was chosen as the location because of its weather that time of the year. With an average high of 84 degrees in April, this will be an ideal location to enjoy the spring,” Shuttlesworth said.

The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa offers 27 holes of championship golf, a 9,000 square-foot water park including adults’ and children’s outdoor swimming pools, river ride, water slide and sandy beach area and a full-service spa. Additionally, the resort is walking distance from many dining options and the Kierland Commons — 38 acres of upscale specialty retail stores.

Symposium tuition is $595 for doctors and $150 for assistants and office personnel. For more information on this symposium, contact Osteogenics Biomedical at (888) 796-1923, or visit www.cytoplast.com. (Source: Osteogenics Biomedical)
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person David L. Guichet, Orange, Calif., reports.

"Each speaker has been carefully chosen to address recent advances in light of existing, scientifically substantiated protocols," Guichet explains.

The meeting kicks off Thursday morning with AO’s Corporate Forums. These sessions give implant manufacturers an opportunity to present their newest products and latest developments. Attendees will discover the latest in craniofacial implant technology research and development.

Among the meeting’s many highlights, Friday’s “Treatment Approaches to the Partially and Completely Edentulous Maxilla: Guided, Unguided or Misguided?” program will feature a distinctive slate of presenters who will address the question, “Do we build the ridge or do we build the bridge?”

For either the partially or fully edentulous maxilla, the session will apply the latest clinical and scientific concepts to this esthetic and functional problem.

Moderated by Dr. Michael R. Norton of London, United Kingdom, topics and speakers include:

• Computer-guided angled implants to avoid maxillary grafting immediate-load implants — Dr. Paulo Malo, Lisbon, Portugal.
• Fixed rehabilitation of the edentulous maxilla — Dr. Christian Coachman, Atlanta.
• Reconstruction of ridge deformities in fixed partial implant restorations — Dr. John Besford, London, U.K.
• Guided surgery in fully edentulous with prefabricated prostheses — Dr. Lambert J. Stumpel, San Francisco.
• Use of zygoma for osseointegrated anchorage for maxillary dentures — Dr. Edward B. Severtz Jr., Orange Park, Fla.
• Mechanics of immediate loading, force distribution and possible concerns — Dr. John B. Brunksi, Troy, N.Y., and
• Immediate and/or early loading — Dr. John Beumer, Los Angeles.

Focus on ‘catastrophic failures’

Saturday afternoon’s “The Catastrophic Failure: Management Strategies, Sharing the Pain,” will provide honest assessment of the difficulties practitioners face when patients experience the loss of three or more implants, loss of prosthesis or loss of at least three millimeters of bone.

“The underlying message will be centered on patient management, treatment planning, and recovery following a catastrophic failure,” Guichet said.

The session will feature presentations by Drs. Bainer H. Bergmann, Palm Desert, Calif.; Donald L. Chen, HI.; Paulson, Calif.; Carl G. Freymiller, Los Angeles; David A. Garber, Atlanta; Stuart L. Graves, Burke, Va.; Kenji W. Higuchi, Spokane, Wash.; Burton Langer, New York, N.Y.; Jay P. Malquist, Portland, Ore.; Steven M. Parel, Dallas, Texas; and Michael C. Ragun, Miami, Fla.

The program will conclude with a discussion on how failures affect a practice.

Two-Track program highlights clinical aspects of treatment

AO’s “Two-Track” scientific program, held Saturday, Feb. 28, breaks down presentations into “surgical” and “restorative” groupings.

The surgical track, moderated by Dr. Stuart J. Froum, New York, N.Y., will present “Focus on the Posterior Mandibular Reconstruction: Where, When, Why and How.” Each presenter will address a unique approach to dealing with this problem. Topics include:

• Block grafting with titanium mesh and BMPs;
• Use of short implants in native bone;
• Particulate grafts using a tunneling approach; and,
• Navigation technology.

The restorative track will explore “New Technology vs. the Tried and True.” Sessions will explore the pros and cons of conventional vs. zirconium and titanium CAD/CAM frameworks; biomechanical fit; computer-guided and model-based surgical/restorative technology for the full or partially edentulous patient; an update on overdenture design; and the single-tooth, immediate-load restoration.

The meeting’s opening symposium, “A New Wave in Implant Therapy: From Diagnostics to Final Restoration,” will kick off the meeting Thursday, Feb. 26. With a focus on surgical, mechanical, biological and prosthetic technologies, the opening program borrows its title from the meeting’s overall “new wave” theme.

“Is there a new gold standard or will the tried and true be with us for the foreseeable future? AO members are constantly inculcated with a great deal of information touting the ‘latest and greatest.’ Although there are exceptions, history has shown that the vast majority of so-called technological advances proved to be poor substitutes for the current state-of-the-art,” Dr. Guichet explains.

“The meeting’s opening symposium will challenge an impressive slate of presenters to back up the potential advantages of these new approaches with supporting data. We want them to prove it,” he adds.

Sessions to increase speaker/audience interaction

Friday’s round table clinics will offer attendees the opportunity to discuss diverse implant dentistry topics in small, informal settings with presenters.

“In addition to offering timely information on diverse topics, round table clinics provide a greater level of ‘human interaction’ between audience members and speakers,” Dr. Guichet notes.

Subjects range from soft tissue management and cone beam technology to use of gingival colored prosthetic materials and minimally invasive maxillary anterior ridge augmentation.

The meeting’s limited attendance lectures, also held Friday, further seek to increase interaction between Annual Meeting attendees and world-class clinicians.

“Limited attendance lecture presentations will cover topics such as the reliability of bone substitutes, immediate loading in the partially edentulous patient, interdisciplinary therapies, and much more,” Dr. Guichet said.

More information on the 2009 Annual Meeting is available through the Academy’s Web site at www.osseo.org.

(Source: Academy of Osseointegration)
The 2009 SimPlant Academy World Conference will be held at the Monterey Marriott in Monterey, Calif., from June 25–27.

The conference’s mission is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the use of 3-D digital dentistry in order to improve implant treatment planning services.

Clinicians who have limited knowledge about SimPlant and SurgiGuide are especially encouraged to join.

During this three-day event, participants will be invited to attend intensive hands-on SimPlant software training workshops for all levels, high-quality lectures by renowned speakers in the field, and hands-on laboratory sessions where participants will learn, for example, how to use SurgiGuide drill guides.

Participants are invited to join an intensive program while visiting some of the most famous beaches in California.

Take in the sunset with the seals and sea otters at the Fisherman’s Wharf, drive the coastline on famous 17 Mile Drive and play golf on one of the legendary golf courses at Pebble Beach. Bring the family and turn it into a trip you’ll never forget.

The conference will begin on June 25 with limited attendance hands-on SimPlant software training; everyone is invited to join, also participants who have no prior knowledge of the SimPlant software and SurgiGuide drill guides!

Participants will have the opportunity to sign up for this session and receive an in-depth hands-on training in an intimate setting with one of the experts. They are also encouraged to bring their own cases for review.

Friday will open with morning lectures stemming from the theme “Dentistry Inspired by the Third Dimension,” followed by SimPlant hands-on software training.

On Friday afternoon, the highlight of the program, rotating labs will be set up so that each participant can learn the ins and outs of how to appropriately incorporate a dental laboratory, (CB) CT technology, SurgiGuide drill guides, and treatment planning management into their practice from industry leaders and conference patrons.

Saturday closes with a full day of hands-on clinical case workshops and lectures with clinicians from all walks of life.

“Materialise Dental is thrilled to offer a fantastic program at the SimPlant Academy World Conference,” said Tom Rogers, general manager of Materialise Dental USA and Canada.

“For this event, we’ve assembled the finest group of implant dentistry experts and industry patrons one could imagine, and those in attendance will be treated to three days of unsurpassed education in our never-ending quest to make implant surgery even more successful.”

(Source: Materialise Dental)
Yankee Dental Congress in Boston this month

The Yankee Dental Congress 34 will be held from Jan. 28 to Feb. 1 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Several members of the Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine (BUGSDM) community have assisted in the planning of this exciting event.

BUGSDM Associate Dean for Administration and Director of the Geriatric Fellowship Program Dr. Paula Friedman served on the Yankee Dental Congress 34 Core Committee as a Scientific Chair, Clinical Assistant Professor Deedee Gurin and alum Debbie Eisen DMD 88 served as Allied Scientific Chairs, and Professor Gennaro Cataldo served as a General Arrangements Chair. Other faculty, staff, students, and alumni will play a role in the event as Day Captains, Presiding Officers, and Room Coordinators. Numerous other BUGSDM community members will present lectures throughout the five-day program.

“I encourage faculty, staff, students, and alumni attending Yankee Dental Congress to visit the BUGSDM locations in order to support our School at this annual event,” said Dean Jeffrey Hutter.

BUGSDM will be sponsoring several exhibits in the exhibit hall, open Jan. 29–31.

BUGSDM Alumni relations will be located at LG 24 in the northwest corner. The lounge will offer visitors an opportunity to connect with BUGSDM while enjoying breakfast, snacks, and a chance to participate in a raffle for one of several great prizes. On Jan. 30 alumni, faculty, staff, and students are also invited to attend an alumni cocktail reception from 5:30–7:00 pm at the Seaport Hotel, Plaza Ballroom. Those planning to attend the reception should RSVP to Jackie Gerhold, 84891.

The Dental Career Network will be located at booth 210. The booth will feature free job postings and giveaways. Dental Career Network staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist with resume preparation.

The Division of Continuing Education (CE) will be located at both 2535. CE will display a slide show of all upcoming events and courses as well as distributing information including their Spring 2009 Course Catalog.

In addition, eight BUGSDM students will be presenting posters as part of the Yankee Dental Congress 34 Poster Session Competition on Saturday, January 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the exhibit hall.

An exciting event.

(Source: BUGSDM newsletter)