AO celebrates 25 years by ‘going to Disney World’

Various approaches, complications among meeting highlights

Different approaches to implant therapy and solutions to unexpected complications are among the highlights of the Academy of Osseointegration’s 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting, March 4-6, at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Resort in Orlando.

“Treatment Approaches: Controversies in Implant Dentistry,” to be held Friday, March 5, and Saturday’s “Unexpected Complications: Complications and Solutions,” are key pillars of the meeting’s overall theme, “The Formula for Predictable Implant Success.”

“The 2010 meeting will serve as a celebration of everything we have learned in the past 25 years, and how that knowledge is applied for the benefit of our patients today,” Annual Meeting Committee Chair Dr. Stuart Froum, New York, N.Y., explains.

Approaches, controversies

Friday’s implant therapy program gathers an international roster of experts to review the latest treatments and materials through an evidence-based approach. Saturday’s session on complications will explore why problems occur, how to treat them and what we can do to prevent them.

The 25th anniversary annual meeting will kick off Thursday, March 4, with the opening symposium, “A Quarter Century of Experience: The Formula for Predictable Implant Success in the Esthetic Zone.”

Other AO Annual Meeting highlights will include:

Hands-on workshop: This pre-meeting, daylong series of sessions will explore how 3-D imaging and navigation technology helps providers fabricate surgical templates, generate final prosthesis and place implants more effectively as part of the “team approach” concept.

AO Corporate Forum: AO’s 2010 Corporate Forum features 36 manufacturer-hosted educational sessions that showcase the latest research, products and developments.

“Two-Track” scientific program: The surgical track will explore “Surgical Procedures to Enhance Implant Success in the Esthetic Zone.” The restorative track, “Where, When, Why and How,” will cover prosthetic considerations for restoring angled or tilted implants; endodontics vs. implants; and early predictors for biological and technical complications.

Round table clinics: Twelve separate sessions offer attendees the opportunity to discuss diverse topics.

Limited attendance lectures: Increase interaction between annual meeting attendees and world-class clinicians on a wide range of topics.

Allied staff program: The annual meeting’s allied staff program offers concurrent sessions designed for dental lab technicians and hygienists.

For more information, see the 2010 annual meeting at the academy’s Web site, www.osseo.org.