AO breaks records in Boston

Group enlists AAOMS, AAP and ACP to present annual meeting

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More than 4,500 doctors, auxiliary staff and exhibitors took to wintry Boston for the Academy of Osseointegration's 23rd annual meeting at the Hynes Convention Center.

The Feb. 28-March 1 event, titled “Implant Dentistry: A Trip Up the Implant,” was co-sponsored by the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, the American Academy of Periodontology and the American College of Prosthodontists. This was the second time that these organizations came together for a joint meeting.

“The primary sponsor of that meeting in 2003, as well as this year’s meeting, was the AO,” said Dr. Steven Eckert, president of the AO.

“The AO recognizes that implant dentistry is a team-treatment approach, and this was the reason for including the three specialties that have implants as part of their required training in this meeting.

Their response to this meeting was quite favorable, and I anticipate an opportunity to collaborate once again.”

Like the AO’s last Boston meeting,...

Brånemark ‘attends’ AO via satellite

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Prof. Per-Ingvar Brånemark

The first day’s program of the Academy of Osseointegration’s annual meeting concluded with an Osseointegration Foundation award presentation to Prof. Per-Ingvar Brånemark, who was present via a live satellite to his home in Göteborg, Sweden.

The foundation presented Dr. Brånemark with the inaugural Nobel Biocare Brånemark Osseointegration Award, which acknowledges individuals who demonstrate a driven desire to advance patient oral health and well-being through humanitarian, research and educational excellence in the field of implant dentistry, and was made possible by a $2.5 million donation by Nobel Biocare.

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