SimPlant World Congress focuses on 3-D in Monterey

Materialise Dental event featured leading experts

By Sierra Rendon, Managing Editor

The 2009 SimPlant® Academy World Conference, held at the Monterey Marriott in coastal Monterey, Calif., from June 25-27, concluded with many high points regarding the advancement of implant dentistry for the several hundred periodontists, oral surgeons, restorative specialists and general practitioners in attendance.

“Materialise Dental is thrilled to offer a fantastic program at the SimPlant Academy World Conference,” said John Thomas, General Manager of Materialise Dental USA and Canada. “We assembled the finest group of implant dentistry experts and industry patrons one could imagine, and those in attendance have been treated to three days of unsurpassed education in our never-ending quest to make implant surgery even more successful.”

Just a sampling of the speakers at the event include Drs. Lyndon Cooper, Mazen Dagher, Doug Erickson, David Guichet, Randolph Resnik and many more.

The conference’s mission was to provide a comprehensive understanding of the use of 3-D digital dentistry in order to improve implant treatment planning services. Clinicians who had limited knowledge about SimPlant and SurgiGuide® drill guides congregated to take their knowledge of this state-of-the-art technology to the next level.

Delegates participated in intensive hands-on SimPlant software training workshops, high-quality lectures by renowned speakers in the field and hands-on laboratory sessions where participants learned how to use SurgiGuide drill guides and create all types of scanning prostheses.

“I can say without reservation that the quality of the guest lecturers and their presentations was absolutely topshelf, and I’ve taken home many ‘pearls’ that I will be able to put into immediate use in my implant practice,” said Dr. Lynn Pierri, a board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon from Long Island, N.Y.

“It was extremely rewarding to exchange experiences, both surgically and prossthetically, with Materialise Dental users in the international implant community in a common effort to take our practices to an unparalleled level of precision in both planning and execution.”

Software training was available for all levels of participants. Participants were also offered rotating workshops, in which everyone had the chance to learn about all of the components that go into CT Guided surgery, including: dental laboratories, CBCT, SurgiGuide selection and design and SurgiGuide functionality using CT-guided surgical kits.

Also at the conference were 12 AD SimPlant World Congress focuses on 3-D in Monterey Dr. Doug Erickson hosts a very interactive group discussion on ‘CT Data and Processing Cases on the Fast Track’ at the SimPlant Academy World Conference in Monterey, Calif., from June 25-27.

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Dr. David Guichet speaks on ‘Computer-Guided Treatment and the Immediately Loaded Prosthesis’ in a Plenary Session at the SimPlant Academy World Conference.

An attendee gets some information at the PreXion booth during a refreshment break at the SimPlant Academy World Conference. A total of 12 companies supported the event and exhibited products on site.

Dr. Lyndon Cooper discusses ‘Data In — Data Out: How Careful Case Preparation Can Influence the Scan, the Plan, the Guide and the Lab Fabrication for Esthetic Restoration.’

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Exhibiting companies, including Astra Tech Dental, BIOMET 3i, PreXion 3-D, Straumann, iCat and several others, all there to show support of this technologically advanced dental concept.

Implant manufacturers, CBCT manufacturers and surgical supply companies gathered to show the delegates how their companies could help improve their CT-guided implant practices.

New product highlights

Chief among the highlights of the event was the launch of the Universal SurgiGuide and surgical kit. Expanding on the SimPlant CompatAbility model, the Universal SurgiGuide system allows you to continue to use your standard surgical drills and the implant brand of your choice, while making the drilling sequence easier. One guide that can be fixated into place is used in conjunction with a series of drill keys in order to account for the increase in diameter as you drill to create an osteotomy.

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