which has been embraced by industry, academia and professional associations. Now is the time to invest in your practice.

The International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) has achieved the status of the world’s largest professional dental implant association by providing unsurpassed implant education with the cooperation of individual members, its many component and affiliate societies and in alliances with both the academic and corporate world.

The ICOI and its component/affiliate societies around the world hold multiple implant symposia and courses annually.

In addition, the ICOI co-hosts with universities/dental colleges and several symposia in the United States and abroad.

And the ICOI has coupled with industry leaders such as BioHorizons Implant Systems, Keystone Dental, MIS Implant Technologies, Nobel Biocare, PreXion, BIOMET 3i, Chase-HealthAdvance Financing Options, Denbury Tulsa Dental Specialties, EBI Implant Systems, Misch International Implant Institute, Osteohealth, Zimmer Dental, Dentatus USA, Harvest Technologies, IMTEC, Materise Dental, J. Morita, OCO Biomedical, Piezosurgery, Riemser, Root Laboratory, Salvin Dental Specialties, Sybron Implant Solutions, etc., to provide extended courses around the world as well as sponsor ICOI’s Glossary of Implant Dentistry II.

The Glossary II has more than 1,400 terms and is a practical aid for every specialist and generalist in the rapidly expanding field of implant dentistry.

The Glossary’s accompanying searchable CD-ROM serves everyone by providing an easy look-up feature and portability. All of these efforts result in the education of thousands of dentists annually.

Introductory, intermediate, advanced: all levels of education

Indeed, look at ICOI’s Web site (www.icoi.org) and under “Meetings” you will discover a wide range of symposia sponsored by the ICOI and its component and affiliate societies.

It also lists the myriad independent courses that can be university based, private or manufacturer-sponsored. Courses are designed for various levels of competence in placement and restoration of dental implants.

Every facet of oral implantology/implant dentistry is covered by courses today and these listings keep growing as interest in dental implants increases at such a rapid rate.

Location, location, location

With the wide array of courses/symposia being offered by associations as well as private and corporate enterprises, doctors can now virtually travel the globe and obtain continuing education credits in dental implantology specific to their individual needs.

Take the ICOI’s meeting schedule for the next two years, for example. All of these symposia provide well-known international faculties and offer C.E. credits for attendees.

ICOI fully sponsored symposia

2009 (September through December)

• Karlsruhe, Germany, European Congress

• New York, N.Y., Implant Symposium with NYU College of Dentistry

• New Orleans, Spring Implant Symposium

• Istanbul, Turkey, European Congress

• Hamburg, Germany, World Congress XXVII

• New York, N.Y., Implant Symposium with NYU College of Dentistry

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• Las Vegas, Winter Symposium

• Chicago, Implant Prosthodontic Symposium

• Seoul, South Korea, World Congress XXVII

• New York, N.Y., Implant Symposium with NYU College of Dentistry

Don’t forget the team

One of ICOI’s most important component societies is the Association of Dental Implant Auxiliaries (ADIA).

This association, under the leadership of Executive Director Lynn Mortilla, RDH, has a mission to advance the field of implant dentistry through education of the office team.

The ADIA has developed criteria and training but also has an established network that provides dental offices with updated and consistent information on daily practice challenges.

It holds semi-annual meetings with the ICOI, providing one- or two-day didactic programs given by the doctors and one full day devoted to comprehensive certification programs for hygienists, assistants and front office staff.

All members of the office team are “brought up to speed” in the education process. Parallel implant education for both the doctor and team helps to create a seamless administrative function within the practice.

The ADIA’s certification programs have been recognized by the industry as a viable means of implant education.

Several manufacturers sponsor ADIA certification programs — locally, regionally and nationally in North America. And the ADIA is growing internationally, now giving programs in Europe and the Far East.

For more information, visit the ICOI Web site at www.icoi.org.

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