The ICOI World Congress XXXI will take place at the Tokyo International Forum and Convention Center in October. Photo/www.freeimages.com

ICOI World Congress heads to Tokyo

Event will focus on ‘The Future of Implant Dentistry’

By Craig Johnson
ICOI Executive Director

The ICOI is delighted to once again hold its World Congress in the Asia-Pacific region. The site for the 2014 ICOI World Congress XXXI will be the grand Tokyo International Forum and Convention Center.

The theme for the congress, as designed by the scientific chairmen, Dr. Koichi Ito and Dr. Jon Suzuki, is “The Future of Implant Dentistry.”

The meeting will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-5. The congress will commence on Friday morning with a program featuring special guest speakers Drs. Dennis Tarnow, Craig Misch and Sang Choon-Cho.

Tarnow will peek into his learned crystal ball as he speaks on “The Realities in an Implant Dentistry Future.” Misch will channel Shakespeare as he discusses, “To Graft or Not to Graft, That is the Question,” and Choon-Cho will expound on “Implant Oriented Sinus Augmentation — From Autogenous Bone to BMP.”

Following these three lectures will be two doctors who present cases from the young implantologists’ perspective. Dr. David Holmes will show cases involving “Implant Surfaces and Peri-Implantitis: From Surface to Supperation,” followed by Dr. Teruaki Homma, whose focus will be “One Miracle at a Time, One Abutment at a Time.”

On Saturday and Sunday, the main podium of the congress will be a host of international speakers including Drs. Mani Alikhani, Mabil Barakat, Bach Le, Scott Ganz, Thomas Han, Joseph Kan, Tataro Komiyama, Richard Kraut, Paul Lin, Preston Miller, Ady Palit, Gerald Scortecci and Takashi Tsujii.

Sponsors’ workshops by Nobel Biocare and BIOMET will be featured Friday, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Attendees should plan to attend one of these courses, organizers said.

There will also be a full-day program for hygienists presented on Friday, Oct. 3 by ADIA Executive Director Lynn D. Mortilla, RDH. Doctors should plan to bring their team member hygienists to this important program.

The social highlight of the World Congress will be the gala dinner, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Imperial Hotel. Labeled “A Night in Tokyo,” this evening promises to be filled with entertainment, food and drink.

The dinner will also honor the incoming ICOI President Dr. Gerard Scortecci from France and newly elected president of the ICOI Asia-Pacific Section, Dr. Shohei Kasugai from Japan.

For complete information on World Congress XXXI, please visit www.icoi-ap.org.

By Fred Michmershuizen,
Dental Tribune

Norton: ‘Enhancing oral health globally’

In an interview, Michael R. Norton, BDS, FDS, RCS(Ed), secretary, board member and fellow of the Academy of Osseointegration (AO), discusses the AO’s guidelines for implant dentistry and patient care, its efforts to expand global reach, and the success of the first International Symposium within the AO annual congress earlier this year in Seattle.

Please introduce yourself to our readers. What is your background, and where do you work?

I graduated from the University of Wales, School of Dental Medicine, in 1988 and trained to become a registered specialist in oral surgery. From the earliest time in my career I had the good fortune to be introduced to the concept of osseointegration, and so from those early days I began to immerse myself in the field, undertaking both research and clinical practice at The Royal London Hospital.

After a period of work within industry, I opened a private surgical practice in London’s famous Harley Street, dedicated to implant and reconstructive dentistry. This is where I continue to work today.

For the past 15 years I have been an active member of the AO, serving on a number of its key committees, and in 2005 I was elected as the AO’s secretary.

What inspired you to become involved with the AO, and specifically to serve in a leadership role?

As an implantologist, I have always been impressed with the principles of osseointegration and the AO’s rigorous training and commitment to excellence. My involvement with the AO was a natural progression from my initial interest in the concept, and I have always enjoyed the camaraderie and support I found within the AO.

What do you consider to be the most significant achievements of the AO during your time in leadership?

Under the leadership of the AO’s Past Presidents, we have continued to expand our global reach, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, with a number of AO Congresses organized throughout South East Asia.

What is the AO’s mission statement, and what are some of the key priorities for the coming year?

The AO’s mission statement is to improve clinical outcomes for patients through increased understanding and implementation of osseointegration principles. Some key priorities for the coming year include expanding our global reach, increasing our educational efforts, and continuing to develop our guidelines for implant dentistry and patient care.

What is your personal philosophy regarding implant dentistry?

My personal philosophy is that implant dentistry should be based on sound scientific principles and should not only be used to replace missing teeth, but also to improve the overall health and well-being of the patient.

For complete information on World Congress XXXI, please visit www.icoi-ap.org.

· See NORTON, page C2