The science of implant dentistry sees improvements and innovation every day. The American Academy of Implant Dentistry’s 64th Annual Educational Conference at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, from Oct. 21-24, blends the classic with tomorrow’s innovations.

Attendees have the opportunity to earn as many as 20 hours of continuing education credit focused on implant dentistry. The theme of the conference, “Where Classic Principles Support Cutting-Edge Implant Dentistry,” serves as a reminder of the groundwork laid more than 60 years ago by dental implant pioneers. Caesars Palace serves as an ideal Las Vegas backdrop to fit the classic educational theme of the conference.

More than 1,000 implant dentistry professionals will hear from Dr. Carl Misch, one of those pioneers in implant dentistry, as he delivers one of the keynote addresses on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 22. Back by popular demand is Dr. Daniel Alam, who was the leading microsurgeon on the first face transplant performed in the United States. Alam brought the audience to its feet at the 2010 AAID Annual Conference. This year, he will inspire attendees with his presentation on “Face Transplantation: Past, Present, Future,” as the closing keynote speaker of the conference.

During the three and one-half days, world-renowned clinicians will review time-honored dental implant techniques and explore cutting-edge dental implants. They will evaluate the latest concepts in dental implant treatment planning and rethink the science and practice of implant dentistry.

“The AAID is known for ‘providing practical education for the practicing implant dentist.’ Not only is that found in the didactic and hands-on sessions but through the interaction of peers in the halls and at the social events during our conference,” said Dr. John Da Silva, president of the AAID. “What happens in Vegas at the AAID Annual Educational Conference is not intended to stay in Vegas. Bring it home and put it to use immediately in your practice,” he added.

In addition to main podium presentations, attendees can choose from 16 hands-on workshops as well as 16 didactic seminars. Two days of team-oriented training are also offered.

A post-conference, full-day course on advanced soft- and hard-tissue grafting will be offered. This course includes hands-on experience on cadaver heads.

Next year’s AAID Annual Educational Conference will be held in New Orleans from Oct. 26-29.

Established in 1951, the AAID is the only dental implant organization that offers credentials recognized by federal and state courts as bona fide. Its membership, which exceeds 5,000, includes general dentists, oral surgeons, periodontists and prosthodontists from across the United States and 40 other countries.

The academy is known worldwide for its credentialing program in implant dentistry. The rigorous requirements, coupled with AAID’s commitment to educate patients about implant dentistry and the importance of using a knowledgeable, experienced and trained implant dentist, such as an AAID credentialed member, sets the academy apart. More information about AAID’s consumer outreach can be found at www.aaid-implant.org. Information about educational offerings, valuable member benefits, credentialing program and other offerings from the AAID can be found online at www.aaid.com.