AAID conference packs the Palace in Las Vegas

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ousands of clinicians and sup-
porting staff descended on the
grounds of Caesars Palace in Las
Vegas to attend the American
Academy of Implant Dentistry’s 64th
Annual Educational Conference from
Oct 26-29.

This year’s AAID’s meeting, “Where
Classic Principles Support Cutting-Edge
Implant Dentistry,” aimed to provide
“practical education for the practicing
implant dentist.” Topics included the sci-
ence of implant dentistry; pharmacology
of implant dentistry; future of dental im-
plants; soft-tissue management; formu-
las for success; management of complica-
tions; and much more.

Many of the educational sessions drew
crowds, such as Dr. Carl Misch’s keynote
address, “Extract and Immediate Place-
ment,” which focused on immediate
temporization, risk management for im-
mediate implants in extraction sites and
guidelines for extraction and immediate
implant placement.

Another session that drew great inter-
est was Dr. Jaime Lozada’s seminar on
“J-D Printing Technology in Implant
Dentistry,” which featured actual use of
a 3-D printer on site during the session.

The exhibit hall was brimming with
new products and technology created to
make implant dentistry simpler, faster
and more successful.

One such new technology was X-Guide
Dynamic 3-D Navigation System by X-
Nav Technologies. The AAID was the first
show that the X-Guide appeared at since
receiving its FDA clearance in mid-Octo-
ber.

The X-Guide system is designed to el-
ivate the surgeon’s control and preci-
sion during the entire implant process,
including planning and placement, said
Michelle Jackson of X-Nav.

Interactive, turn-by-turn guidance
during live surgery gives clinicians the
ability to visualize precise movements of
the handpiece during osteotomy and
implant delivery for more exact implant
placement. “It’s like GPS for the drill,” ac-
cording to Jackson.

Another innovative new product at
the AAID was the Restful Jaw®, an easy-
to-use, clinically proven device that
supports the jaw during treatment. De-
signed by dental researcher and educator
Dr. Eric L Schiffman, the device has been
tested in clinical trials for more than a
decade.

“One of our clinicians said it best. You
may not need it for every client, but
when you need to use it, it can be a real
lifesaver,” Schiffman said.

AAP to host annual meeting in Orlando

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The American Academy of Peri-
odontology will host its 61st
annual meeting in Orlando from
Nov. 14-17 at the Gaylord Palms
Resort & Convention Center.

With thousands of periodontists, hy-
giennists, dental students and researchers
in one place, this year’s annual meet-
ing is about more than lectures and
workshops, it provides an opportunity
to learn, share, and network with like-
minded dental professionals from
around the world, according to AAP Presi-
dent Joan Otomo-Cergel.

Show attendees can count on a wealth
of continuing education opportunities
(more than 25 C.E. hours) and informa-
tive fare to suit each individual’s tastes.
Whether you’re interested in treatment
techniques, emerging technologies, sci-
cientific advancements, practice develop-
ment or clinical applications, there is a
place for you.

AAP event planners say the Gaylord
Palms is rolling out its red carpet for
those attending this flagship academy
event. Day-one festivities culminate in a
come-as-you-are welcome reception to be
held after sunset on the Coquina Lawn.

Bring your most comfortable sandals and
your favorite tropical attire.

The AAP will also host programs geared
toward emerging periodontal profes-
sionals, including those who are just be-
ginning to practice and those who have
recently completed or will soon com-
plete residencies. One such program
is a dedicated symposium, presented in
conjunction with the AAP Founda-
tion and the Osteology Foundation.
For more on the annual meeting,
visit www.perio.org.