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Clinicians head to AAID’s annual conference in New Orleans for learning and more

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t was all business and beignets for attendees of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry’s 65th Annual Implant Dentistry Education Conference in New Orleans from Oct. 26-29. For three and a half days, attendees had the opportunity to learn from some of the world’s leading experts in implant dentistry and also to meet with implant companies showcasing the latest technologies and products.

On Oct. 27, main podium sessions began with “Laser-Assisted Peri-implantitis Procedure” with Dr. Allen Honigman and “Contemporary Treatment of Peri-implantitis” with Dr. Tara Aghaloo, leading into “Autogenous Bone vs. Biologics: Graft Selection for Success” with Dr. Craig M. Misch.

After lunch, attendees had the opportunity to hear from keynote speaker Dr. Leonard Bailey, who performed the first successful human-to-human heart transplantation in a newborn baby. Bailey, surgeon-in-chief of Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital in Loma Linda, Calif., said one of his missions now is to provide clinicians the inspiration to remain solidly committed to optimal patient service.

In addition to these sessions, a wide variety of educational programs including hands-on workshops, seminars, dental team programs and poster displays helped to round out a full day of solid education for AAID attendees.

After a day of training and learning, the Implant World Expo Reception held that evening, was a great way to cap off the night. More than 150 exhibitors were available to meet and mingle with attendees.

Dr. Tara Aghaloo speaks on the AAID main podium about the ‘Contemporary Treatment of Peri-implantitis.’

Dr. Craig M. Misch speaks at the AAID Annual Meeting’s main podium on Oct. 27 about ‘Autogenous Bone vs. Biologics: Graft Selection for Success.’ Photos/Sierra Rendon, Managing Editor

AAOMS hosts Chicago conference

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Dental implant clinicians may consider a trip to Chicago in early December for the compelling educational opportunities offered during the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) 2016 Dental Implant Conference.

The conference will take place Dec. 1-3 at the Sheraton Grand Chicago. Presenters include Drs. Anthony Sclar, Dr. Tara L. Aghaloo, Dr. Istvan Urban, Jay Malmquist, Michael Block and many more.

Among the session topics:

• “The Changing Landscape of Bone Grafting for Implant Therapy”
• “Trifacial Soft-Tissue Augmentation Techniques for Teeth and Dental Implants”
• “Full-Arch, Immediate-Load Fixed Implant Restorations: Team Approach From Work-Up to Final Prosthesis”
• “Use of Different Materials for Hard- and Soft-Tissue Augmentation”

In addition, more than 100 companies will be on hand, exhibiting the latest products, equipment and services for the dental implant industry. After a full day of learning on Friday, attendees can join a reception in the exhibit hall, to enjoy beverages, hors d’œuvres, networking with colleagues and another look at the latest in implant products and services.

A full schedule and registration information is available at www.aaoms.org/meetings-exhibitions/2016-dental-implant-conference.
Beyond educational opportunities, the exhibit hall offered much for attendees to see. Here is just a sampling of the products and technology showcased in the AAID exhibit hall:

- **Implanova**: If you have never heard of Implanova before, you aren’t alone. The company’s official launch was just eight months ago, and Dr. Parsa Zadeh, CEO and founder, believed attendees would want to learn more about his product that simplifies dental implant placement and restoration.

- **Versah**: The booth for Versah always seemed to stay busy, and it was for a good reason. Versah was created by a practicing periodontist, Dr. Salah Huwais, to offer an improved and unique way to prepare osteotomies for implant placement. His goal was to create a new instrument and procedure to maintain healthy bone while preparing osteotomies — rather than simply remove it to make space. The Densah Bur Kit does not drill away bone. Instead, the Densah burs are rotated in reverse at 800–1,500 rpms and, when coupled with irrigation, hydrodynamically densify bone through compaction autografting or “osseodensification.” The result is a consistently cylindrical and densified osteotomy.

- **Glidewell Laboratories**: From Dr. Jack Hahn, creator of the original tapered implant, the Hahn Tapered Implant System combines clinically proven features with contemporary innovation to meet the demands of modern implant dentistry. Dr. Jack Hahn, center, creator of the Hahn Tapered Implant, speaks to attendees at the AAID. About how the implants are designed to make procedures simpler and more predictable.