The Academy of Osseointegration Annual Meeting brings together clinicians from around the world in one location to share advancements and best practices in implant dentistry. This year, the meeting included a special Focus on China Symposium where four speakers from different regions of China presented their clinical experiences on a range of topics.

“China is booming, not only economically, but in the medical and dental field as well. Everyone knows it’s a big population, which means a large patient pool to support the study of new techniques and procedures to advance evidence-based dentistry,” said Dr. Chao Ji from China, currently a periodontics resident in Maryland, who helped to translate the symposium from English to Mandarin for attendees who were listening via headset.

Dr. Dehua Li moderated the sessions on Friday and presented his own experience. He was grateful for the opportunity to share what he and his colleagues are doing in implant dentistry.

“Implant dentistry is getting more dynamic in China and is growing fast,” he said. “We have had many chances to improve our techniques. It’s a good opportunity for us to introduce ourselves to our international colleagues.”

The symposium featured four presentations. The first presentation covered research from the past decade on immediate loading of zygomatic implants and the long-term results after lateral sinus floor elevation. The remaining presentations featured techniques ranging from treating adult ectodermal dysplasia patients with atrophied jaws to the lateral mini-window approach for modified sinus floor elevation to treating patients with untreated periodontitis.

The AO Meeting provided an opportunity for people from all around the world to learn more about Chinese implant practices and advancements.

“Shepherd's from China presented throughout the main program on the methods and procedures being used in China, one of the world’s fastest-growing dental implant markets,” said Dr. Peter Moy, 2016 AO Annual Meeting Program chairman. “This was an excellent way to represent China to AO’s global membership.”

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AO’s Young Clinicians mingle at Café Sevilla

By AO Staff

The Young Clinicians Committee (YCC) hosted a reception at Café Sevilla as part of the Academy of Osseointegration’s 31st Annual Meeting.

Dr. Lauren Brownfield, chair of the YCC, explained the idea behind the reception was to give the youngest clinicians in the academy a chance to interact with people their own age who face similar issues and to create new relationships.

Dr. Tabitha Chen from San Francisco shared a sentiment expressed by a number of other clinicians: “It’s hard because when you are in private practice, which I am, it feels very isolating. You don’t get to talk to your peers. At a function like this, you can talk to people that graduated around the same time who are going through the same thing as you ... trying to get their feet wet and trying to establish themselves in the community,” Chen explained. “It’s very comforting to know you are in the same type of situation as a lot of other people.”

Dr. Nathan O’Connor is a young clinician from Yakima, Wash., who said he came to the meeting to improve his diagnostic and treatment skills, adding that the global emphasis has helped him mature as a clinician by providing different points of view.

“I liked the presentation by Dr. Frank Spears. You get a sense for times when you do treat with implants and times when you don’t. You get a broad perspective in an organization that draws people from all over the world,” O’Connor said.

The committee was established in 2010 to bring together the knowledge of experienced clinicians and the enthusiasm of young members to raise awareness of the academy and promote research and education. To learn more about becoming a member of the YCC, email academy@ossea.org.

The AO Annual Meeting, which took place in February, featured a Focus on China Symposium, which was translated into Mandarin for some audience members. Photos/Provided by AO