AO opening symposium focuses on risk vs. reward

By AO Staff

To kick off the opening symposium at the Academy of Osteointegration’s 31st Annual Meeting, AO President Dr. Russell Nishimura welcomed attendees from more than 50 countries and announced that more than 800 new members had joined the academy. Presenters from around the world then took an objective look at the pros and cons of various treatment decisions clinicians choose from every day.

Dr. Frank Spear delivered the keynote address, “Globalization of Training, Education, and Comprehensive Collaborative Treatment Planning in Implant Dentistry: Understanding the Risks and Rewards.” After restoring implants for 30 years, Spear believes technique is one thing but perspective is another, and clinicians should consider what’s ahead for patients in their life when placing implants.

Dr. Reed Rayher, an oral surgeon from San Francisco, came to the AO meeting to stay current on implant developments. One of his key takeaways from Spear’s presentation was that sometimes less is more.

“Breaks down difficult concepts that always confused you throughout your dental career and education and made them a lot simpler. He helps you understand a concept you never could understand,” Rayher said. “He’s very good at making complicated things simple.”

Dr. Takis Megal, a periodontist from Amherst, Mass., also attended the opening symposium. As a supporter of the team approach to implant dentistry, he came to the AO Meeting to learn more about the other specialties. He attended Dr. Henning-Schliephake’s session about the risks and rewards of grafting with growth factors/biologics.

“It gives me a chance to learn more about the entire restorative industrial complex. I know the surgical side, the AO Meeting allows me to gain insight on the restorative side,” Megal said.

Dr. Liqun Wu, a general dentist from China, was excited to attend Dr. Francke Rencouf’s full-house presentation on the risks and rewards of not grafting. Rencouf’s presentation addressed the relativity of the short implant option, the factors to consider when weighing the associated therapeutic options and emphasized that the simplest procedure should always be the first choice. With the influx of patients in China, being up to date on these issues are of critical importance to Wu.

“In my country, implant patients are rising by 30 percent every year,” Wu said. The AO Annual Meeting strives to create a meeting that allows collaboration with the best and brightest clinicians from around the world. Attendees agree that the meeting is a great way for clinicians to stay current on implant dentistry’s best practices.

AO announces 2016 Annual Meeting Research Award Winners

By AO Staff

Hundreds of clinicians, researchers, residents and their faculty presented original research at the Academy of Osseointegration’s (AO) Annual Meeting. Six researchers were recognized by a committee of their peers to receive top honors for their outstanding contributions to the field of implant dentistry.

Here is a complete list of awards and honorees:

• Best Oral Clinical Presentation: “Efﬁcacy of Sockt Grafting for Alveolar Ridge Preservation: A Randomized Clinical Trial,” by Gustavo Avila-Oritz, DDS, MS, PhD.

“I am still on a cloud since I found out about the award for the Best Oral Clinical Presentation. This is such a great honor for me,” said Avila-Oritz, an associate professor in the department of periodontics at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. “This recognition is the culmination of a very intense team effort conducted at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. Our findings are very relevant for the understanding of the fates of the alveolar ridge following tooth loss or extraction.”

• Best Oral Scientiﬁc Presentation: “Dramatic Improvement in Bone Quality at Osteotomy Sites by Short- Term Administration of Osteoporosis Medication,” by Junno Yamashita, DDS, PhD.

“I am very glad to receive this prestigious award,” said Yamashita, a professor at Fukuoka Dental College, Japan. “I believe our finding brings us one step closer to developing a predictable treatment method to grow bone.”


• 2nd Place ePoster: “Various Tip Applications and Temperature Changes of Er,Cr: YSGG-Laser Irradiated Implants,” by Nicholas Montanaro, BS.

• Best ePoster Case Presentation: “Treatment of the Edentulous Maxilla with Fixed Implant-Retained Prosthesis 15- Year Prospective Results,” by Christian Mettens, DDS, PhD.

• Best Clinical Innovations: “Reducing Biomechanical Failures in Implant Dentistry with Innovative Design and Fabrication Technique,” by Amiral Zandinejad, DDS.

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AO President Dr. Russell Nishimura welcomes AO Annual Meeting attendees from more than 50 countries to the event in San Diego. Photo/Provided by AO

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