The International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) will convene its World Congress XXX in Istanbul, Turkey. The dates for this three-day event are Oct. 3-5. The venue for the congress will be the Istanbul Lutfi Kirdar International Convention and Exhibition Centre (ICEC) located in the heart of the European side of this exciting dual-continent city.

Situated on one of the world’s busiest waterways, Istanbul is flanked by the Black and Marmara Seas and separated by the famous Bosphorus, or Istanbul, Strait. Two-thirds of Istanbul’s 12 million people live on the European side of town, while one-third resides on the Asian side. ICOI’s World Congress will be held at the perfect time of year in Istanbul, and attendees are assured of favorable weather. An endless array of tourist opportunities awaits the delegates to the congress. Istanbul is home to the famous Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia Museum, the Topkapi Palace, the Grand Bazaar and the Egyptian Spice Market, among other attractions.

The theme for ICOI’s 30th World Congress is “International Innovation and Perspectives for Implant Reconstruction,” and the meeting features a world-class international faculty. The scientific program was designed by Dr. Scott Ganz from Fort Lee, N.J., and Dr. Ady Palti, Baden-Baden, Germany.

The Scientific Committee, in concert with the co-hosts for this World Congress, the Turkish Society of Oral Implantology and the Meffert Implant Institute, has put together a lineup of speakers who will present on innovative topics that include immediate loading, bone grafting, three-dimensional imaging, guided surgical applications, occlusion and much more.

Main podium lecturers include Drs. Shinichi Abe from Japan, Volkan Arisan from Turkey, Nabil Barakat from Lebanon, Georg Bayer from Germany, Fred Bergman from Germany, David Garber from the United States, Aslan Gokbuget from Turkey, Cuneyt Karabuda from Turkey, Christian Makary from Lebanon, Stavros Pelekanos from Greece, Marco Rinaldi from Italy, Nigel Saynor from the United Kingdom, Georgios Romanos from the United States, Avi Schetritt from the United States, Deborah Schwartz-Arad from Israel, Gerard Scortecci from France, Marius Steigmann from Germany, Jon Suzuki from the United States, Istvan Urban from Hungary and Gerlig Widmann from Austria.

The congress will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3. However, on Thursday morning, delegates will get the opportunity to attend several pre-congress courses given by our sponsors. Scientific table clinics and poster presentations will also be a part of the program. Those interested in presenting either a poster or table clinic should visit the ICOI web site, www.icoi.org, for guidelines and application forms or e-mail Dr. Avi Schetritt at dravi@perio.org.

The social event of the World Congress will be held at the exciting, slightly naughty, but oh so much fun, Palas Cagid. This popular night spot (we will be taking over the entire club) is located near the ICEC, but buses will take guests there, leaving from the ICEC at 7:45 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4.

Cocktails will be served starting at 8 p.m. followed by dinner … and then the fun begins. A stage show will entertain the guests until midnight.

For complete information on ICOI’s World Congress XXX, visit the website at www.icoi.org.