ICOI prepares for two big upcoming events

By Craig Johnson, ICOI Executive Director

This summer and fall will certainly perpetuate the ICOI’s primary mission of dental implant education as the International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) hosts its summer prosthetic symposium in Chicago from Aug. 21-23 and then its World Congress XXXI in Tokyo, Japan, from Oct. 3-5.

ICOI Summer Implant Prosthetic Symposium, Chicago

For years, the ICOI has held its Chicago Summer Implant Prosthetic Symposium at the Michigan Avenue Downtown Marriott hotel. Well, guess what? Our event has outgrown that property!

With the very welcome dilemma of increased attendees and vastly improved corporate support via exhibitors and sponsors at this and other ICOI events (ICOI now has a waiting list for exhibitors at its meetings), the 2014 Summer Implant Prosthetic Symposium will be held at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel & Convention Center.

While the host hotel will be the Hyatt Regency, the meeting will take place in the convention center, which is attached to the hotel.

ICOI President Dr. Jon Suzuki has designed a scientific program featuring 20 hours of C.E. credit with a theme focusing on “Implant Failures.” The international faculty will feature clinical reports from generalists, specialists, academics and laboratory technicians with a primary focus on the restorative discipline, but with secondary emphasis on surgical placement and its issues.


Upon completion of this symposium, attendees will:

• Learn to properly assess patients and

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Survey: Implant guidelines necessary

In a new AO survey, majority agree evidence-based guidelines are key

By Academy of Osseointegration Staff

The vast majority — nearly 90 percent — of dental professionals believe those who practice implant dentistry should adhere to specific guidelines, according to the results of a new Academy of Osseointegration (AO) member survey.

“Today, implant dentistry has developed into a standard of care, and professionals involved in the specialty not only include periodontists, oral surgeons and prosthodontists, but also general dentists,” said AO President Dr. Joseph Gian-Grasso, a periodontist from Philadelphia.

“While this has brought the benefits of dental implants to many more patients than in the past, it also has created challenges. One such challenge is that training has become highly variable — ranging from comprehensive, years-long instruction to weekend courses — which can impact patient care.”

The global implant dentistry market is expected to double by 2018. To ensure that its success rate remains at an estimated 95 percent, it is increasingly important for specialists and general dentists involved in implant dentistry to work together to represent the field in the best light possible.

Current guidelines offer standards of care and address treatment challenges

This situation underscores the importance of the “2010 Guidelines of the Academy of Osseointegration for the Provision of Dental Implants and Associated Patient Care,” which is available for download at www.osseo.org.

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A highlight of this symposium will be the Aug. 23 commemorative reception to honor Dr. Carl Misch and to recognize the vast contributions he has made to the field of oral implantology/implant dentistry.

Accompanying the doctor program will be a concurrent 2½-day satellite program given by an ICOI Component Society, the Association of Dental Implant Auxiliaries (ADIA); and designed by ADIA Executive Director Lynn Mortilla, RDH. Thursday’s half-day session will feature Patti DiGangi and Deborah Miller followed by a two-hour ADIA hands-on workshop.

Friday’s program will consist of speakers from both the auxiliary arena as well as several doctors (Ira Langstein, Avi Scharf, Burt Melton and Jeff Melton), whose lectures will cover a wide variety of implant topics, and Yva Khalil, who will deal with post-op implant care. While the Plenary Session for this symposium begins at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21, several sponsored-conduct-pre-symposium workshops will be offered Thursday morning from 8 a.m. to noon.

The ICOI is pleased to announce that the following sponsors will offer both didactic and hands-on courses: GOLD SPONSOR Zest Anchors, SILVER SPONSORS BioHorizons, Consult Pro, Dentis, DENTSPLY Implants and Salvin Dental Specialties.

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ICOI World Congress XXXI, Tokyo

The ICOI is delighted to once again host its world congress in the Asia-Pacific region. The site for the 2014 ICOI World Congress XXXI will be the grand Tokyo International Forum and Convention Center.

The theme for the congress, as designed by the Scientific Chairman Dr. Kenichi Ito and Scientific Advisory Board, is “The Future of Implant Dentistry.”

The meeting will be held from Oct. 3-5. The congress will commence on Friday morning with a program featuring special guest speakers, Drs. Dennis Tarnow, Craig Misch and Sang Choon-Cho. Tarnow will peek into his learned crystal ball as he speaks on “The Realities in an Implant Dentistry Future.” Misch will channel Shakespeare as he discusses, “To Graft or Not to Graft, That is the Question.” And Choon-Cho will expound on “Implant Oriented Sinus Augmentation — From Autogenous Bone to BMP.”

Following these three lectures will be two doctors who present cases from the young implantologists’ perspective. Dr. David Holmes will show cases involving “Implant Surfaces and Peri-Implantitis from Surface to Suppression,” followed by Dr. Teruaki Homma whose focus will be “One Miracle at a Time, One Abutment at a Time.”

On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4-5, the main podium will feature a host of international speakers including Drs. Mani Alkhan, Mabil Barakat, Bach Le, Scott Ganz, Thomas Han, Joseph Kan, Yataro Komiyama, Richard Paul, Lin, Pres- sion Miller, Aty Falti, Gerald Sorectteci and Takashi Tujji.

Sponsor’s Workshops by Nobel Biocare and BIOMET will be featured on Friday afternoon, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Attendees should plan to attend one of these courses, the chairman recommends.

There will also be a full-day program for hygienists presented on Friday, Oct. 3, designed by Mortilla. Doctors should plan to bring their team members to attend this program, the chairman said.

The social highlight of the World Congress will be the gala dinner, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 4 at the elegant Imperial Hotel. Labeled, “A Night in Tokyo,” this evening promises to be filled with entertainment, food and drink. The dinner will also honor the incoming ICOI President Dr. Gerard Sorectteci from France and newly elected president of the ICOI Asia-Pacific Section, Dr. Shohi Kei Sugai from Japan.

For complete information on World Congress XXXI, visit the website, www. icow-xxi.org.

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“‘As implant dentistry grows in popularity, we must ensure that those offering implant reconstruction to their patients have the training and background to provide excellence in their care,’ said Dr. Stephen Rosenstein, a general practitioner from Aventura, Fla., and a member of the AO Board of Directors. ‘It is critical that we follow evidence-based clinical guidelines focused on achieving the best possible patient outcomes.”

In addition to outlining parameters for patient care, the guidelines provide answers to critical questions regarding implant therapy.

The guidelines, which are not intended to be all-inclusive, cover such areas as training and legal standards, the establishment of a pretreatment protocol and recommendations for preoperative and long-term management of the implants.

AO consensus conference outcomes will add to the current guidelines

Dr. Gian-Grasso expressed enthusiasm about the academy’s upcoming consensus conference. “Current Best Evidence for Minimal Intervention in the Management of the Edentulous Maxilla,” Aug. 6-9 in Oakbrook, Ill. The five topic areas that will be covered are grafting and implant system design, imaging, biology and the role of prosthodontics in the rehabilitation of the edentulous maxilla.

“This summit will address the various surgical and prosthetic perspectives. In a collaboration between the AO and specialty associations and academies (American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, American Academy of Periodontology, American College of Prosthodontists) and multiple corporate partners will work as a team to establish outcomes for the summit,” said Dr. Clark Stanford, a prosthodontist from Iowa City, Iowa, and a member of the AO Board of Directors.

“The key outcome is clinical practice guidelines supported by the current best evidence that the membership can quickly apply to practice,” he added.

About the survey

More than 400 dentists — including general practitioners, prosthodontists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons and periodontists — participated in the AO survey, which was conducted online in January/February 2014 with a 5.4 percent margin of error for the question specifically related to guideline adherence.

“The guidelines support AO’s mission ‘to advance oral health and well-being globally by disseminating state-of-the-art clinical and scientific knowledge of implant dentistry and tissue engineering and by defining expertise in the field.’”

About the Academy of Osseointegration

With 6,000 members in 70 countries around the world, the Academy of Osseointegration (AO) is recognized as a premier international association for professionals interested in implant dentistry. AO serves as a nexus where specialists and generalists can come together to evaluate emerging research, technology and techniques, share best practices, and coordinate optimal patient care using timely, evidence-based information. Follow AO on Facebook and Twitter.
OCO Biomedical launches new product print catalog for 2014/15

By OCO Biomedical Staff

OCO Biomedical, a world leader in patented dental implant products, technology and education, says it will be “raising the bar of dental industry excellence” with the publication of its new, information-packed, fully-illustrated, 36-page, four-color print catalog. The highly visual, clean design not only showcases OCO’s complete, value-priced product line specifically designed to increase procedural and functional performance and enhance overall implant success rates, the catalog also provides professional, technical guides and helpful technology tips for maximum product utilization and easy access ordering, according to the company.

Complimenting the comprehensive product line display is a full range of AGD-Pace Approved implantology educational courses offered as part of OCO Biomedical’s commitment to providing the dental community with the highest standards of learning and training.

Said OCO Chief Operating Officer Charles Schlesinger, DDS, FICOI: “Our new catalog really shows what our company is all about and in a format that is easy to understand and use. "We have always been proactive in addressing the needs and concerns of our industry and customers. We pay attention to what our customers say. Now, by incorporating the suggestions and making improvements in layout, design and content, we have a catalog that provides our dentists, support personnel, lab technicians and anyone interested in the field of implant dentistry with complete implant solutions, truly world-class tools, technology and training advantages. “The OCO Biomedical, Inc. 2014-15 Product Catalog is also available online, which gives our customers further easy access to order our products and attend our conveniently located educational courses. We’re excited about our new developments, products and plans.”

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Carestream Dental recently announced a partnership with Zimmer Dental Inc., a leading provider of dental oral rehabilitation products, and the Zimmer Institute, a world leader in the educational field of oral rehabilitation.

The partnership involves the placement of Carestream Dental’s CS 9300, an all-in-one extraoral imaging system that supports a wide range of clinical applications for different oral health specialties, at the Zimmer Institute located in Parsippany, N.J.

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