BIOMET 3i marks 25th anniversary

BIOMET 3i, a world leader in oral reconstructive devices, is pleased to announce its 25th anniversary. Founded as Implant Innovations Inc. (“3i”) on May 27, 1987, by Dr. Richard Lazzara, a periodontist, and Keith Beaty, an engineer, the company has grown to 1,000 employees with its global headquarters located in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

BIOMET 3i is recognized, the company says, for its cutting-edge product innovations in the development of biologically driven implants, winning worldwide acclaim for the microtextured surface of the OSSEOTITE® Implant, which has more than 15 years of documented research.

More recently, BIOMET 3i introduced a Bone Bonding® NanoTite™ Surface with a complex architecture at the nano-scale, which produces a mechanical interlocking of the newly formed cement line matrix of bone with the implant surface.

BIOMET 3i has also been recognized, the company says, for its contributions to new dental technologies, such as digital dentistry, with the development of its patented BellaTek™ Encode® Impression System. At the core of this system is the BellaTek Encode Healing Abutment, which incorporates special codes embedded on the occlusal surface that translate the dental implant information needed without the clinician having to make an implant level impression.

In addition, the impression of the BellaTek Encode Healing Abutment can now be taken with an intraoral scanner, allowing for a quicker, more comfortable impression process for the patient.

Superior customer service and supporting continuous learning for dental health care providers have been at the core of the BIOMET 3i business, the company says. This includes the recent launch of the new Institute for Implant and Reconstructive Dentistry (IIRD®), a state-of-the-art learning facility located in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., with affiliated locations in Mexico and Italy that combines leading-edge technology with evidence-based dentistry.

BIOMET 3i has been a leader in the dental industry for 25 years through continuous innovation, education, new market expansion and long-standing relationships with global dental schools and societies. BIOMET 3i will continue to focus on treatment solutions that help to optimize dental care for patients, continuing to make implant dentistry a more widely-accepted form of treatment.

More specifically, BIOMET 3i will continue to focus on sustainable esthetics, accelerated treatment times, digitally driven patient and practice management and comprehensive tissue management.

“My dream to better the lives of patients through scientific, evidence-based research has now been fully realized. At BIOMET 3i, our primary goal is to provide clinicians and their patients the simplest, most esthetic outcomes. I couldn’t be more proud of what we’ve accomplished throughout the past 25 years,” Lazzara said.

BIOMET 3i will be celebrating this milestone at key events throughout 2012.

“It’s a pleasure to continue Dr. Lazzara’s vision,” President Maggie Anderson said. “The strategies and mission of the founders continue to resonate in everything that we do. We look forward to another 25 years of successful innovations.”

About BIOMET 3i

BIOMET 3i is a leading manufacturer of dental implants, abutments and related products. Since its inception in 1987, BIOMET 3i has been on the forefront in developing, manufacturing and distributing oral reconstructive products, including dental implant components and bone and tissue regenerative materials. The company also provides educational programs and seminars for dental professionals around the world.

BIOMET 3i is based in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., with operations throughout North America, Latin America, Europe and Asia-Pacific. For more information about BIOMET 3i, visit www.biomet3i.com or contact the company at (800) 342-5454, outside the United States, dial (561) 776-6700.

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Nobel Biocare’s implant manufacturing facility featured on ‘How It’s Made’

On July 12, The Science Channel aired a segment on how Nobel Biocare dental implants are manufactured. The top-rated show “How It’s Made” has also featured Nobel Biocare manufacturing before in 2010, when they visited the NobelProcera™ manufacturing facility in Mahwah, N.J., to find out how a dental crown is made.

For this episode, the production team traveled to Yorba Linda, Calif., to see how a titanium rod goes through the manufacturing process to become a dental implant. The show airs on the Discovery Networks in 180 countries and in 13 languages.

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The solutions portfolio covers dental implants (including the key brands NobelActive®, Brånemark System® and NobelReplace®), individualized prosthetics and equipment (NobelProcera™ guided surgery solutions and biomaterials). Nobel Biocare has more than 2,400 employees and recorded revenue of EUR 369.2 million in 2011. The company is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland. Production takes place at seven sites located in Canada, Israel, Japan, Sweden and the United States. Nobel Biocare also has 34 direct sales organizations.

(Source: Nobel Biocare)

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The International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) and HIOSSEN’s Advanced Dental Implant Research and Education Center (AIC) Seminars have joined in their efforts to provide the highest quality implant education to dentists everywhere to best service their patients. HIOSSEN’s AIC Seminars has submitted curricula for its basic, intermediate and advanced courses to ICOI for approval.

According to ICOI, clinicians who successfully complete HIOSSEN’s continuing education courses may submit the C.E. units to ICOI as a step toward qualifying for their advanced credentials for ICOI fellowship, mastership or diplomat.

AIC Seminars’ aim is to aid dental providers in educating their patients about the option of implants and to better the clinician’s knowledge and skill level in practical clinical information and techniques of implant surgery. AIC offers different levels of courses so that there is always a course fit for any dentist. Since 2006, AIC has strived to cover all topics of implantology and patient/dentist solutions that will benefit the givers and receivers of implants.

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