Dentists complete hands-on implants training in Jamaica

The American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics (AAIP), joined with its affiliates, Atlantic Dental Implant Seminars (ADIS) and the Linkow Implant Institute, to present a five-day comprehensive implant training course in Kingston, Jamaica, from Jan. 13–17.

The course included lectures, surgical and prosthodontic demonstrations, hands-on participation on cadavers and anatomic manikins, diagnosis and treatment planning of implant cases, the construction of surgical templates, diagnostic wax-ups, the insertion of implants by each participant and sinus lifts under supervision of the course faculty.

The six participating dentists inserted 45 implants, performed five sinus lifts, completed four guided bone-regeneration procedures with immediate implant placements, and made multiple impressions of various implant situations with a variety of impression materials and techniques. Patients were provided by the Jamaican Ministry of Health and the University of Technology, School of Dental Sciences, Jamaica.

Course participants were from Illinois, Jamaica, New Jersey and Texas. Upon completion of the one-week comprehensive implant training program, participating clinicians are able to accomplish the following tasks: identify cases suitable for dental implants; diagnose and treatment plan for preservation and restoration of edentulous and partially edentulous arches; demonstrate competency in the placement of single-tooth implants, soft-tissue management, and bone augmentation; obtain an ideal implant occlusion; work as part of an implant team with other professionals, and incorporate implant treatment into private practice with quality results, cost effectiveness, and profitability.

Worth 35 C.E. credits

A dental degree was required for all participants. The course is tax deductible and 35 hours of dental continuing education credits was awarded on course completion. Patient treatment is provided in a Jamaican dental school with personalized training in small-group settings. The course is a cooperative effort of the Jamaican Ministry of Health, the University of Technology, School of Dental Sciences, Jamaica and the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics.

Dr. Mike Shulman is course coordinator, Dr. Leonard I. Linkow is course director, and Dr. Sheldon Winkler is course advisor. Course faculty, in addition to Drs. Shulman, Linkow, and Winkler, include Drs. Robert Braun, Ira L. Eisenstein, E. Richard Hughes, Charles S. Mandell, Harold F. Morris, Peter A. Neff, Robert Russo and Robert E. Weiner.

Implants and components for AAIP/ADIS implant seminars are provided by HIOSSEN Dental Implants. Dental laboratory support is provided by DCA Laboratory, Citrus Heights, Calif., Dani Dental Studio, Tempe, Ariz., and Dutton Dental Concepts, Bowling, Ohio.

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The theme of the meeting was “Implant Update — 2012,” and it featured a number of top dental clinicians. Podium speakers at the meeting were Drs. Robert J. Braun, Edward M. Feinberg, Leonard I. Linkow, Harold F. Morris, Paul M. Mullasseril, William D. Nordquist, and Christopher Torregrossa. Dr. M. Joe Mehranfar was general chairperson of the meeting and Dr. Mahmoud F. Nasr served as moderator.

Major dental implant manufacturers and several outstanding dental laboratories exhibited at the meeting.

Dr. Leonard I. Linkow, considered by many of his colleagues as the “Father of Oral Implantology,” presented “Five Decades of Dental Implants.” In 1992, New York University College of Dentistry created the first and only endowed chair in implantology in perpetuity with Dr. Linkow as the recipient.

Dr. Robert J. Braun, professor of oral and maxillofacial pathology, medicine and surgery at Temple University School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, spoke on “Systemic Implications of Oral Disease and its Relation to Oral Implantology.”

Dr. Edward M. Feinberg, director of the Westchester Academy of Restorative Dentistry at Temple University School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, covered “Recent Advances in Implant Research.”

Dr. Harold F. Morris, co-director of the Dental Implant Clinical Research Group and clinical professor of restorative dentistry at Temple University School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, discussed “Mini Dental Implants — Where Are We Today?”

Dr. William D. Nordquist, who lectures worldwide and performs live-surgery seminars in the United States and countries across Asia, discussed “Saving Ailing and Failing Implants.”

Mr. Christopher Torregrossa, director of the dental practice group at Price Kong CPAs and Consultants, covered “Protecting Your Practice From Theft and Embezzlement.”

Dr. Irving F. McKenzie, interim dean of the school of oral health sciences, University of Technology, Jamaica, was awarded his AAIP Mastership and a plaque for his assistance with and participation in AAIP/ADIS implant C.E. seminars in Jamaica.

About the Academy of Implant Prosthodontics

Founded by Dr. Maurice J. Fagan, Jr., in 1982 at the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Georgia, the Academy of Implant Prosthodontics exists to support and foster the practice of implant prosthodontics as an integral component of dentistry.

The academy supports component and affiliate implant associations around the world, including organizations in Egypt, France, Italy, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Paraguay, Russia and Thailand.


American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics is designated as an Approved PACE Program Provider by the Academy of General Dentistry. The formal continuing education programs of this program provider are accepted by AGD for Fellowship, mastership and membership maintenance credit. The current term of approval extends from Jan. 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2013.

Learn more online

Complete information on the AAIP/ADIS Jamaica implant continuing education programs, including tuition, faculty lectures, transportation and hotel accommodations, can be obtained from the course website, www.adiseminars.com, or by calling (201) 788-7663.

AAIP membership information can be obtained from the AAIP headquarters at 8672 East Eagle Claw Drive, Scottsdale, AZ, 85266-1058, telephone (480) 588-8062, fax (480) 588-8296, email winkdent@cox.net. The AAIP website is www.aaip usa.com.

(Source: AAIP)
An agenda packed with more than 200 scientific sessions is expected to attract more than 30,000 dentists and other dental professionals to the 2013 Chicago Dental Society’s Midwinter Meeting, Feb. 21–23, at the McCormick Place West Building in Chicago.

Between 2,500 and 4,000 people are expected to register onsite between 7:30 a.m. and noon each of the first two days of the meeting. Event organizers try to accommodate these attendees, however, long lines are inevitable. Because of that, The Chicago Dental Society urges attendees to register early, preferably online, which is available through Feb. 15. Visit www.cds.org for details and to register.

The Midwinter Meeting ranks as the sixth largest medical meeting in the United States according to the Healthcare Convention and Exhibitors Association.

Social events include the Blue Man Group (following the welcome reception), a fashion show and luncheon, the band Cheap Trick on Friday night and the President’s Dinner Dance at the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton and Towers Hotel, with Don Cagen and his orchestra.

The exhibit hall, with more than 600 exhibitors, is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., all three days of the meeting.

The Chicago Dental Society is an ADA/CERP-recognized provider. Continuing education credit can be earned for courses completed at the meeting.

New for 2013

After a hiatus, CDS is bringing back a popular Midwinter Meeting event: the New Dentist Reception. New dentists (those who have been a dentist for 10 years or less) are invited to gather together at a special reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, in the Level 2, 260 Restaurant at McCormick Place West. Enjoy good food, refreshments and conversation with your contemporaries — all for $10.

History of the meeting

The crown jewel of the CDS, the annual Midwinter Meeting started on Feb. 1, 1865, when CDS members gathered at S.S. White Dental Depot for the first-ever Midwinter Meeting. Their stated purpose was to disseminate dental information and advance the profession of dentistry. Over the years, the meeting has grown into one of the largest dental exhibitions in the United States with a world-class scientific program.

About the Chicago Dental Society

Established in 1864, Chicago Dental Society counts more than 4,000 members in the Chicago area. It is an advocate for better oral health for all and is the organizer of the annual Midwinter Meeting, one of the top medical trade shows in the country. It is the largest local affiliate of the Illinois State Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

(Sources: Chicago Dental Society)
Inspiring program, memorable locale

Pacific Dental Conference, March 7–9, Vancouver

The 2013 Pacific Dental Conference, March 7–9 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday), in Vancouver, British Columbia, features timely C.E. programming, open sessions, hands-on courses and other educational opportunities for the entire dental team. One registration fee provides access to all 190 open sessions. That means no course pre-selection is necessary.

With 156 speakers presenting this year on a wide range of topics, the PDC provides the widest selection of quality continuing education programming in Western Canada.

Top speakers in the 2013 line-up include: Cathia Bergeron, Marvin Berman, Anthony (Rick) Cardoza, Clifff Ruddle, Arthur DiMarco, Kathy B. Bassett, Peter Jacobsen, Mahesh Nagarajan, Antonio (Rick) Cardoza, Clayton Chan, Clifford Cathia Bergeron, Geza Terezhalmy, Richard Young and Bethany Valachich.

You can browse through speakers’ biographies and presentation descriptions at www.pdconf.com.

Live Dentistry Stage returns

The Live Dentistry Stage is back on the exhibit hall floor, with demonstrations throughout the day on Thursday and Friday. Topics include Laser Dentistry, Guided Full Arch Implant Placement, CAD/CAM Ceramic Restoration, Implant with Sinus Surgery and Botex Demonstration.

The ‘So You Think You Can Speak?’ series is back for a fourth year on Saturday, again featuring 50-minute presentations by speakers who responded to the call for presentations and were accepted by the PDC Scientific Committee. A number of trending dentistry topics will be covered.

The conference’s ever-expanding exhibit hall promises to keep you busy as ever this year, with more than 276 companies occupying more than 570 booths.

Exhibit hall hours are: Thursday, March 7, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, March 8, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dentists and their team can take advantage of special hotel rates available to PDC attendees. Event organizers advise you to book early to avoid disappointment.

Get social in Seattle

AACD 2013 promises networking, camaraderie

For those who love attending dental conferences for the camaraderie and networking opportunities, AACD 2013 in Seattle will offer several social events to help members connect with other dental professionals.

The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD) will host AACD 2013 April 24-27 in Seattle at the Washington Convention Center. In addition to assembling a top lineup of dental educators, organizers are offering a number of social events.

“One of the things that sets the AACD’s conferences apart from other meetings is our incredible social events,” said Ron Goodlin, AACD president. “Being social at AACD 2013 is almost as important as attending workshops and lectures. Connecting with like-minded professionals and being inspired by their work enhances your perspective on the field. Networking opportunities in Seattle are everywhere — and they’re a valuable part of your conference experience.”

To kick off this year’s annual meeting, AACD will host an evening Welcome Reception on April 24 at the Experience Music Project (EMP) museum, which is located at the base of the Seattle Space Needle. The reception is included in attendees’ tuition. At the EMP, attendees will have a chance to meet friends, enjoy refreshments, relax, and learn about music’s impact throughout history. The EMP will help attendees explore musical revolutions from jazz to blues, to the birth of rock and hip-hop.

On April 25, the AACD Charitable Foundation hosts the Celebration of Smiles fundraiser, which benefits the AACD Charitable Foundation’s Give Back a Smile program. GBAS helps restore the smiles and lives of domestic violence survivors with help from volunteer dentists and dental teams. Celebration of Smiles will be hosted at the Tap House Grill, which is walking distance from the Washington State Convention Center. The Tap House is a Seattle staple that offers more than 160 beers on tap, including local craft brews. Wine and cocktails are also available. Tickets for the event can be purchased through the online registration system at www.aacdconference.com.

In addition to the main events, there are other opportunities to be social in Seattle. The AACD also hosts daily breakfasts and lunches in the exhibit hall. For a complete schedule of events at AACD 2013, visit www.aacdconference.com.

Registration and course selection are open. For a $150 discount, register by April 5.

Save the date for Greater New York Dental Meeting

Final attendance for the 88th annual Greater New York Dental Meeting came in at 53,481, of which 18,305 were dentists representing all 50 states and 130 countries. The meeting is the largest dental meeting in the United States.

The meeting opened in the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center four weeks after Superstorm Sandy cut a path of destruction across the U.S. Eastern Seaboard.

The Javits Center experienced extensive flooding on its lower level, but an around-the-clock effort had it open in time for the meeting. The GNYDM was packed with its usual vast array of the latest in technologies, resources, products — and an extensive agenda of educational opportunities.

Meeting organizers report that the reaction from attendees, exhibitors and sponsors was unanimous: Not only were the exhibit floor, clinicians and networking events well received, but sales opportunities were described as being unprecedented.

Planning is under way for the 2013 meeting, Nov. 29 through Dec. 4 (scientific meeting) and Dec. 1 through Dec. 4 (exhibit hall). The GNYDM is sponsored by the New York County Dental Society and Second District Dental Society.

The high-energy event, which never has a pre-registration fee, draws top dental professionals with an expansive exhibit hall and more than 300 educational courses, including full-day and half-day seminars, essays, hands-on workshops and a live, 450-seat, high-tech patient demonstration area.

Free registration is now open for 2013 at www.gnydm.com.