The International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) will be commemorating 40 years of existence at its 29th World Congress from Sept. 20-22. The venue for this congress will be the World Center Marriott Hotel in Orlando.

The ICOI is expecting a record turnout for this World Congress and, according to ICOI, early reaction is supporting this. Sponsorship response and early registration has been encouraging, program officials say. The ICOI has invited its vice presidents and leaders from its 50 component and affiliate societies to attend this event, where ICOI Co-Chairs Drs. Kenneth Judy and Carl Misch will introduce innovations that the ICOI will be launching at the Orlando Congress.

The theme for this World Congress, “Innovations, Complications and Controversy in Implant Dentistry” was designed by Scientific Chairman Dr. John Russo. As is customary for ICOI programs, the faculty will be truly international with speakers from the United States, Canada, Italy, Germany, Spain, Japan, Greece and likely many more. A partial list of speakers includes: Drs. Misch, Fred Bergmann, Rick Ferguson, Scott Ganz, Ken Hebel, Richard Kraut, Bob Marx, Ed McGlumphy, Craig Misch, Ady Palti and Michael Pikos.

Complementing the doctors program will be a two-and-a-half day program for staff members given by ICOI’s component, the Association of Dental Implant Auxiliaries (ADIA). The valuable training offered to the staff members at these events has become a welcome addition to ICOI’s total continuing educational programs, program officials say.

The ICOI has negotiated a reasonable hotel room rate at the World Center Marriott. Single and double room rates are just $159. International attendees may be anxious to play on the Marriott’s 18-hole championship golf course.

With all that Orlando has to offer, such as Walt Disney World, Epcot Center, Universal Studios and much more, ICOI officials say family member attendance is expected to be significant.

For more information on this fall’s World Congress, visit ICOI’s website at www.icoi.org.
MIS Implants Technologies based in Fair Lawn, N.J., will hold its second Bike Event on July 29.

This year, participants will be riding for “Ninos de la Luz” (Children of the Light), an organization that funds an orphanage for the “lost boys” of the Dominican Republic. This organization shelters boys who have been living on the streets, often abandoned by their families, giving them a place to live, schooling and life skills to eventually live on their own and be a solid member of society.

This year’s bike ride will be 40 miles in length and go through part of the lower Hudson Valley — starting in Park Ridge, N.J., and ending in Piermont, N.Y. A light breakfast will be served prior to the ride as well as replenishing snacks afterward. There will be one planned rest stop along the route.

Motti Weisman, CEO of MIS Implants Technologies, visited the orphanage. He said he was touched and impressed by the commitment of the people running the facility and immediately wanted to help in a substantial way. He was able to meet and dine with some of the boys and was intrigued by their stories.

“The work being done here is remarkable, and I have committed to provide the funding for a media center to help with the boys’ computer skills and ultimately make them current with today’s workplace,” Weisman said. “The boys are able to stay at the facility, known as ‘The Ranch,’ until they are 18. The success stories from this group are truly heartwarming, and I foresee having a long-term relationship with this organization to continue to help.”

There is no government funding available for social needs such as this. Private funding is crucial to give these boys an environment where they can turn their lives around and thrive.

Registration is now open for the 2012 MIS Charitable Bike Ride. For more information, visit www.misyclingteam.com or call (201) 710-6217. There are different registration packages available. All proceeds from this event will be directly donated to impact international health and earmarked for Ninos de la Luz. Registration fees are tax deductible.

To learn more about the orphanage, visit www.ninosdelaluz.org._