The American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics (AAIP) will hold its 30th annual meeting on Saturday, Nov. 3, in Carefree, Ariz., at the Carefree Resort & Conference Center, in association with the Dental Implant Clinical Research Group and Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine.

The theme of the meeting will be “Implant Update — 2012” and will feature outstanding dental clinicians. Podium speakers at the meeting are Drs. Robert J. Braun, Edward M. Feinberg, Jack Hahn, Leonard I. Linkow, Paul M. Mullasseril, William D. Nordquist, Robert Weiner and Christopher Torregrossa.

Dr. M. Joe Mehranfar will be general chairperson of the meeting and Dr. Mahmoud F. Nasr will serve as moderator. Alternate speakers are Drs. Charles S. Mandell, Mike Shulman and Sheldon Winkler.

Major dental implant manufacturers and several outstanding dental laboratories will exhibit at the meeting, the event’s organizers said.

Linkow, considered by many of his colleagues as the “Father of Oral Implantology,” will speak on “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 Linkow as the recipient.

Braun, the professor of oral and maxillofacial pathology, medicine and surgery at Temple University School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, will speak on “Systemic Implications of Oral Disease and its Relation to Oral Implantology.” Feinberg, director of the Westchester Academy of Restorative Dentistry, will speak on “The Precision Attachment Case for Implants.”

Hahn, a well-known pioneer in implant dentistry who has developed numerous implant devices and techniques used worldwide, will speak on “The ‘Emergency’ Implant — Immediate Extraction Replacement.” Mullasseril, associate professor and chairperson of the division of restorative dentistry at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, will speak on “Mini Dental Implants — Where Are We Today?”

Nordquist, who lectures worldwide and performs live-surgery seminars in the United States and Asia, will speak on “Saving Ailing and Failing Implants.” Torregrossa, director of the Dental Practice Group at Price Kong CPAs and Consultants, will speak on “Protecting Your Practice From Theft and Embezzlement.”

Weiner, who has lectured extensively throughout North and South America and Europe and taught at the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University, will speak on “Ridge Preservation and Site Preparation for Optimum Implant Esthetics.”

Founded by Dr. Maurice J. Fagan, Jr., in 1982 at the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Georgia, the objective of the AAIP is 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, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Paraguay and Thailand.


The academy holds an annual convention, international meetings in cooperation with its affiliate and component societies, offers continuing education courses and sponsors a network of study clubs in the United States. The AAIP website is www.aaipusa.com. A meeting program can be downloaded from the website.