Crowding around

Thousands of clinicians and supporting staff have descended on the grounds of Caesars Palace in Las Vegas to attend the American Academy of Implant Dentistry’s 64th Annual Educational Conference. This year’s AAID meeting, “Where Classic Principles Support Cutting-Edge Implant Dentistry,” aims to provide “practical education for the practicing implant dentist.” Some top-ics include the science of implant dentistry; pharmacology of implant dentistry; future of dental implants; soft-tissue management; formulas for success; management of complications; and much more.

Many of Thursday’s educational New technologies and sessions on cutting-edge topics draw in attendees

By Sierra Rendon, today Staff

Dr. Carl Misch receives a standing ovation at his keynote presentation Thursday, focusing on Extract and Immediate Implant Placement. (Photos/Sierra Rendon, today Staff)

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In addition, many more topics will be discussed, and there will be at least 10 hands-on workshops for interactive learning. Altogether, you can earn up to 23.5 hours of implant-specific continuing education. Register now for the 2016 meeting, and save $200 if you do so by March 31.

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sessions drew crowds, such as Dr. Carl Misch’s keynote address, “Extract and Immediate Placement,” which focused on immediate temporization, risk management for immediate implants in extraction sites and guidelines for extraction and immediate implant placement.

Another Thursday session that drew great interest was Dr. Jaime Lozada’s seminar on “3-D Printing Technology in Implant Dentistry,” which featured actual use of a 3-D printer on site during the session.

The exhibit hall was brimming with new products and technology created to make implant dentistry simpler, faster and more successful.

One such new technology is the X-Guide Dynamic 3-D Navigation System by X-Nav Technologies. The AAID is the first show that the X-Guide is appearing at since receiving its FDA clearance just one week ago.

The X-Guide system is designed to elevate the surgeon’s control and precision during the entire implant process, including planning and placement, said Michelle Jackson of X-Nav.

Interactive, turn-by-turn guidance during live surgery gives clinicians the ability to visualize precise movements of the bandpiece during osteotomy and implant delivery for more exact implant placement. “It’s like GPS for the drill,” according to Jackson. To learn more, stop by the X-Nav booth, No. 915.

Another innovative new product here at the AAID is the Restful Jaw™, an easy-to-use, clinically proven device that supports the jaw during treatment. Designed by dental researcher and educator, Dr. Eric L Schiffman, the device has been tested in clinical trials for more than a decade.

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A hands-on approach

For those seeking a more in-depth and interactive learning experience, AAID offers hands-on workshops.

8 a.m. to noon today
• “Periodontal Plastic Surgery for Optimizing Implant Esthetics: A Hands-on Pig Jaw Program” by Dr. Suheil Boutros.
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1:30 to 5:30 p.m. today
• “Provisionalization of Full-Arch Implants: A Hands-On Workshop” by Dr. Antoanela Garbacea.
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Visit the A & C Board’s area near the entrance to the exhibit hall between 10 and 11 a.m. Saturday (during the morning break). There you will have the opportunity to talk with some of this year’s new credentialized members and see how they implemented the guidelines for the preparation of case reports.

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- Chris Totty and others help a crowd of AAID attendees Thursday morning at the Salvin booth, No. 715.

- Patrick Conley can show you all the latest from Dentium at booth No. 515.

- Matius Viale Ochoa at the Microdent booth, No. 422.

- Lending Club’s Jennifer Molette, left, and Kim Hawkins, at booth No. 911, can show attendees how the company is transforming the banking system to make credit more affordable.

- Stop by the Planmeca booth, No. 203.

- Stop by and ask the Glidewell team — Jimmy, Monica, Suzanne and Dr. Paresh Patel — about Hahn implants at the booth, No. 611.

- An AAID attendee checks out Piezosurgery technology at booth No. 510.

- Visit Emiko Ota and Esther Lee at the Osada booth, No. 521, to learn about the new Osada XL540. The new brushless micromotor system offers an all-in-one high torque, low speed electric unit complete with peristaltic irrigation pump for safe air free operation.

- Matt Miller helps an attendee at the Meisinger booth, No. 914.

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Michelle Jackson of X-Nav Technologies, booth No. 915, helps an attendee Thursday morning. This show is the first for X-Nav since the company received FDA clearance for its new system; stop by to learn more about the X-Guide.

Dr. Eric Schiffman models on Dr. Johnson how to use the Restful Jaw, an easy-to-use, clinically proven device that supports the jaw during treatment. To see how the innovative new product, which Schiffman designed and created, works, stop by booth No. 922.

From left, Steve Wright, Ed Mills and Gisela Landreville stand ready to help at the Keystone booth, No. 609.

Visit the Impladent booth, No. 506, and Impladent President Maurice Valen, right, and Doris Aronson can introduce you to products, such as OsteoGen Crystal Clusters, CollaForm and OsteoMend XTD.

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Dr. John Russo talks about the benefits of his Ellman radiosurgery unit

By today Staff

John Russo DDS, MHS, is a periodontist in Sarasota, Fla. He graduated from the Ohio State University College of Dentistry and received a periodontics certificate from the Medical University of South Carolina as well as a master in health sciences degree. Today he is a clinical assistant professor of periodontics at the Medical University of South Carolina, a diplomate of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists and a nationally recognized expert in dental implants and bone grafting.

One of the products Russo spends a lot of time with is his Ellman radiosurgery unit, which can be used for more than 30 different dental procedures and appeals to those ready to move beyond the scalpel as well as those looking for an alternative to lasers and electrocautery units.

Russo said he has been using his unit for more than 10 years on a daily basis.

today talked with him to get a little more insight into what he likes about it.

What do you use your Ellman radiosurgery unit for? How many procedures can it be used for?

The Ellman radiosurgery unit can be used as an alternative to any procedure performed with a scalpel. I use my unit for: cautery of donor sites for gingival grafts, making incisions, harvesting donor tissue for soft-tissue grafts, excisional biopsies, gingivoplasty, removal of pigmentation, frenectomies and many other procedures.

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X-Nav Technologies launches the X-Guide Dynamic 3D Navigation System

System now available in the United States, Canada and Europe

By X-Nav Technologies Staff

- X-Nav Technologies, the developer of advanced technology solutions for dental surgery, has announced it has received 510(k) clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the X-Guide Dynamic 3D Navigation System. The X-Guide system is designed to elevate the surgeon’s control and precision over the entire implant process, including planning and placement.

Interactive, turn-by-turn guidance during live surgery gives the ability to visualize precise movements of the handpiece during osteotomy and implant delivery for more exact implant placement; according to the company, it’s like GPS for the drill. This results in the ability to consistently deliver a more desirable functional and aesthetic outcome in dental implant surgeries.

X-Nav Technologies confirms that it has approval to market and sell the X-Guide Dynamic 3D Navigation system to dental clinicians in the United States, Canada and the European Community.

Just as cone-beam 3-D imaging has transformed the dental implant process for surgeons and patients, this next advancement in technology will bring more precision and control ability to visualize precise movements of the handpiece during osteotomy and implant delivery for more exact implant placement; according to the company, it’s like GPS for the drill. This results in the ability to consistently deliver a more desirable functional and aesthetic outcome in dental implant surgeries.

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By Henry Schein Dental Surgical Solutions Staff

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2. Conventional: A conventional treatment workflow can be done with or without the implant base. Submerged healing allows for undisturbed integration throughout the healing process. A gingiva former will sculpt the soft tissues. When ready for impressions, open or closed tray impression copings are available.

The final restoration is completed using pre-made abutments with a traditional PFM crown.

3. Combined: The flexibility of iSy in transferring 3-D treatment plans to the patient, with ease,” said Ed Marandola, X-Nav Technologies president and CEO.

The X-Guide system makes it easy to be exact, the company says, by providing robust and easy-to-use treatment software plus new, patent-pending X-Point navigation technology – the first, single-view guidance of implant position, angle and depth.

The X-Guide system is designed to be compatible with most cone-beam 3-D systems, X-Nav Technologies asserts, adding that surgeons do not have to stop at precise planning anymore – now they can place in remarkable detail as well.

Developed in close collaboration with leading oral and maxillofacial surgeons, the X-Guide system promises to deliver what today’s implant clinicians want. Dr. Robert W. Emery, diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, states: “X-Guide fills the final gap of digital dentistry. Dynamic 3-D navigation allows dentists to use all the 3-D digital information at their fingertips in real-time to immediately use their cone-beam 3-D scan to plan and place implants. The surgeon can fully guide his or her cases even when clinical alterations are necessary because the system embraces flexibility.”

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The Hahn Tapered Implant: 45 years in the making

By Keith Peters, Contributing Editor, Inclusive magazine

Since placing his first implant nearly 45 years ago, Dr. Jack Hahn has spent much of his career as an implantologist thinking of ways to make treatment more accessible to the practitioner as well as the patient.

Implant design has improved dramatically during that time, with Hahn spearheading key innovations that have helped make implant therapy the essential mode of dental treatment it is today. From the endosseous blade-form implant he helped Miter Inc. develop in 1978 to the newly released Hahn™ Tapered Implant, Hahn's efforts have been driven by the desire to continually improve in order to make treatment simpler and more predictable.

"The easier we make it to position the implant for a restoration that looks like a natural tooth, the better results we'll have," Hahn said in a recent interview.

It was this line of thinking that inspired Hahn's idea for the first tapered implant. After a long day that included several cases in which he had difficulty placing parallel-walled implants in the anatomically restricted space of the anterior maxilla, Hahn had an epiphany: "The tooth I was replacing was taper-shaped, so why was I putting in a square peg?" That very night, he sketched out the concept.

Steve Hurson, former chief scientist for Nobel Biocare, has said of this industry-changing innovation: "Dr. Hahn identified a need for an implant with a narrower apex, which would achieve higher primary stability in soft bone. The concept was to have an implant design that would have the tapered shape of a tooth root, resulting in a system with outstanding predictability."

In essence, this was an extension of the philosophy that inspired the design of the machined collar Hahn helped Steri-Oss develop. "By designing a 4 mm machined collar that was more like the neck of a natural tooth root, we were able to prevent crestal bone loss and improve outcomes," Hahn said.

This drive to constantly improve has not always been met with open arms. In fact, his role with Steri-Oss was borne of a disagreement with Miter Inc.

"The Titanodont implant had some problems, including an abutment attachment that lost its retention after a few years and fins that would become exposed if there was any crestal bone loss. So I proposed a machined collar with a new prosthetic connection," Hahn said. "They said they couldn't do it because it would be too expensive to change the machinery. I didn't want to have my name associated with the implant any longer if they weren't going to correct the problems."

This led Hahn to other endeavors, including his role with Steri-Oss and, eventually, Nobel Biocare.

After the NobelReplace® tapered implant system launched in 1997, Hahn continued placing and restoring implants, completing thousands of cases. This experience afforded clinical observations that would serve as the basis for a new implant design that Hahn considered his best.

"I came to Nobel with my idea for a new implant in 2012, conceptual engineering drawings in hand, and they said, 'Replace is so successful; why change now?'" Hahn said he replied: "Apple has become one of the most successful companies in history by constantly innovating. Why shouldn't we do the same in dental implants?"

Hahn continued, "I had been placing implants for decades, and there were still problems we could solve with a new design. I had this implant that would be easier for doctors to place, with a simpler drilling protocol and a thread design that would allow for efficient placement and a high degree of primary stability."

Wanting to take his design concept to the next level, Hahn began pursuing alternatives, an effort that eventually led him to Glidewell Laboratories.

"I knew a lot of the Glidewell people from my days at Steri-Oss and Nobel, and they were happy to meet with me," he said.

The resulting partnership culminated in the recent launch of the Hahn Tapered Implant System, and Hahn said he couldn't be happier with the results.

"When I first visited their facilities, it was immediately apparent that their manufacturing capabilities are state-of-the-art," he said. "Their engineering team has the technology and know-how to bring design concepts to life with astonishing speed and precision, and their expertise on the prosthetic side of implant dentistry has been invaluable in creating an implant that is as simple to restore as it is to place."

With a career that speaks volumes of the importance of continual innovation, Hahn said he's proud to have his name on an implant that contributes to the forward progression of implant dentistry while reducing the cost of treatment.

"The better we make implant design, the more accessible we can make implant dentistry to doctors so they can improve their practices and the quality of life of their patients," he said.

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