A summer of implants

By today Staff

The ICOI Summer Symposium might have just officially begun less than 24 hours ago, but there is no time being wasted at this meeting.

Thursday’s main podium sessions kicked off with a bang, diving headfirst into “Solutions to Malpositioned Implants and Migrating Implants,” presented by Dr. Randolph Resnik, and finishing up with “Avoiding Implant Complications with the Use of 3D Imaging,” presented by Dr. Justin Moody.

Between those were Dr. Aldo Leopardi’s discussion on “Prosthetic Management of the Failed Implant Site” and Dr. Charles Goodacre’s advice on “Implant Oriented Sinus World Congress XXXI heads to Tokyo

By Craig Johnson, ICOI Executive Director

This fall will certainly help perpetuate the International Congress of Oral Implantologists’ (ICOI) primary mission of dental implant education as the World Congress XXXI moves east to the Asia-Pacific region.

The site for the 2014 ICOI World Congress XXXI will be the grand Tokyo International Forum and Convention Center. The theme for the congress, as designed by Scientific Chairmen Dr. Koichi Ito and Dr. Jon Suzuki, is “The Future of Implant Dentistry.”

The meeting will be held from Oct. 3-5. The congress will commence on Friday morning with a program featuring special guest speakers Drs. Dennis Tarnow, Craig Misch and Sang Choon-Cho.

Tarnow will peek into his crystal ball as he speaks on “The Realities in an Implant Dentistry Future.” Misch will channel Shakespeare as he discusses, “To Graft or Not to Graft, That is the Question,” and Choon-Cho will expound on “Implant Oriented Sinus

To attend

For complete information on World Congress XXXI, visit the website, www.icoi-ap.org.

[Photos/Anna Kataoka, today Staff]
Get free access to state-of-the-art educational resources for office websites and social media

In an effort to help its members engage patients and grow their practices, ICOI today unveiled a new video series produced by Dear Doctor that explores the beneficial technology of dental implants.

As of today, ICOI members will have free access to five new, state-of-the-art educational videos that they can post to their office websites and share via social media.

“When we looked at what our members really needed to best serve their patients and be successful and consumer-friendly, dental implant videos were very high on the list,” said Dr. Kenneth W.M. Judy, ICOI co-chairman. “We are extremely pleased with the educational content and quality of the new video series Dear Doctor has produced for us.”

“Patient education has always been Dear Doctor’s No. 1 priority,” said Dr. Mario Vilardi, president of Dear Doctor. “We are thrilled to be partnering with an organization as prestigious as the ICOI, but more importantly, we are very proud that it places such a significant value on educating the public and has such a strong commitment to serving its membership.”

The five video titles released today are: “Dental Implants – High-Tech Teeth,” “How to Choose an Implant Dentist,” “Are You a Candidate for Dental Implants?” “Dental Implant FAQs” and “Consequences of Missing Teeth.”

These videos—which are easy to add to any ICOI-member website—contain a wealth of information presented in an easy-to-understand style along with eye-catching graphics. As new videos are added, they will be made available to ICOI members. To begin accessing this new benefit, members should visit www.ICOilideos.com.
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Scenes from ICOI

- Adam Krugman, left, and Mike Rodrigues of Keystone Dental, booth No. 108.

- Dr. John M. Pickup of Australia learns all about Salvin products from Dana Mueller at the booth, Nos. 306/308.

- Michael Pristo shows off Zest’s latest products to ICOI attendee Dr. Kevin M. Altierei of Fort Worth, Texas, at booth Nos. 505/507.

- Inessa Lambros of Dentium, booth No. 317.

- From left, Brian Bashaw, Angela Fox and Alison Gerrans hold down the fort at the DENTSPLY Implants booth, Nos. 305/307.

- From left, Brian Banton, Lee Austin, Carl Misch and Darwin Bagley can be found at the Implant Direct booth, Nos. 210/212.

- Matthew Miller helps attendee Dr. Karen Arakelian of Sherman Oaks, Calif., at booth No. 213.

- Jim Schmidt of MIS Technologies (booth Nos. 410/412) helps out attendees Dr. Parimal M. Panchal of Wilmington, N.C., and Dr. Joumana Salame of Allen Park, Ill.

- Dr. Kany Y. Lee gets a warm embrace from Mark Boll at the PreXion booth, Nos. 616/618.

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“Determining When to Extract a Tooth and Place an Implant OR Retain a Tooth Through Root Canal Treatment/Periodontal Treatment OR Place a Conventional Fixed Partial Denture.”

Even more is scheduled for the next three days. Topics to be covered include treatment planning, surgical and prosthetical complications, treatment of peri-implant diseases, vertical bone augmentation and the legality around implant complications.


Of course, not everything is for just clinicians. Accompanying the doctor program is the 2½-day auxiliary program given by the ADIA and designed by Lynn Mortilla, RDH. Program highlights include dental technology and post-op implant care in addition to a variety of certification classes.

Over in the exhibit hall, 70-plus companies are waiting to give you demonstrations on their latest products and technology. A few of the highlights include:
- Elman International (booth No. 617), demonstrating its Surgitron line of advanced radiofrequency (RF) generators. Operating at a frequency of 4.0 MHz, the Surgitron is designed to provide surgical precision and controlled hemostasis for a variety of procedures.
- i-CAT, at booth No. 215, showcasing its new i-CAT FLX CBCT, featuring award-winning FLX technology and Tx STUDIO 5.3 treatment-planning software. The i-CAT FLX offers 3D imaging at a dose lower than a 2-D panoramic X-ray with QuickScan.
- MIS Implants Technologies, at booth Nos. 410/412, offering the MGUnI GEI Guided Implantology System, which is designed to streamline and simplify treatment planning for dental implants. The system also allows you to present a treatment plan to patients, thereby increasing their comfort level.

You can find all these products and more in the exhibit hall, which is open until 6 p.m. today and 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Augmentation — From Autogenous Bone to BMP.”

Following these three lectures will be two doctors who present cases from the young implantologists’ perspective.

Dr. David Holmes will show cases involving “Implant Surfaces and Peri-implantitis: From Surface to Suprastructure,” followed by Dr. Teruaki Homma, whose focus will be “One Miracle at a Time, One Abutment at a Time.”

On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4–5, the main podium will feature a host of international speakers, including Drs. Mani Alikhani, Mabil Barakat, Bach Le, Scott Ganz, Thomas Han, Joseph Kan, Yataro Komiyama, Richard Kraut, Paul Lin, Preston Miller, Ady Palti, Gerald Scortecci and Takashi Tsuji.

Sponsors’ Workshops by Nobel Biocare and BICOMET 3i will be featured on Friday afternoon, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Attendees should plan to attend one of these courses, the chairmen recommend.

There will also be a full-day program for hygienists presented on Friday, Oct. 3, by ADA Executive Director Lynn D. Mortilla, RDH.

Doctors should plan to bring their team member hygienists to this important program, Mortilla said.

The social highlight of the World Congress will be the gala dinner, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, at the elegant Imperial Hotel. Labeled, “A Night in Tokyo,” this evening promises to be filled with entertainment, food and drink.

The dinner will also honor incoming ICOI President Dr. Gerard Scortecci from France and newly elected president of the ICOI Asia-Pacific Section Dr. Shohei Kasugai from Japan.