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ICOI and its German affiliates to celebrate World Congress in Berlin

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The International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI), its component society, the Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Orale Implantologie (DGOI), and German affiliate, Bundesverband der Implantologisch Tatigen Zahnarzte in Europa e.V. (BDIZ EDI), will join hands as they present ICOI’s World Congress XXXII in the capital of Germany, Berlin.

The end of summer is already on the horizon, but before the heat goes away and the kids go back to school, it’s time to stock up on your own knowledge here at this year’s ICOI Summer Symposium. With educational sessions already in gear and exhibitors already demonstrating the latest technologies, there is no time to be wasted.

The first day of the symposium, Friday, started off with bang. Dr. Dennis Smiler began the day with his main podium session on “The Surgical Component to Successful Prosthetics” while Dr. Glenn Gittelson ended the day with his presentation on “Recognizing the TMJ Patient: Its significance to Implant Dentistry.”

To attend

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The dates for this World Congress will be Oct. 15-17. The venue for the meeting will be the Maritim Hotel Berlin. The theme for this congress will be “Evidence-Based Innovations in Oral Implantology.”

True to the title of World Congress, the faculty will bring together clinicians and academicians from around the world as they present the latest in dental implantology on topics such as soft-tissue applications around implants, growth factors in surgical healing, treatment of periimplantitis, digital communication skills for minimally invasive surgery and much more.

Berlin will be the site of the ICOI’s World Congress XXXII. (Photo/www.freeimages.com)

* Attendees explore one of the many aisles of the exhibit hall on Friday during the ICOI Summer Symposium. (Photo/Humberto Estrada, today Staff)

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Between those were Dr. Thomas Han’s “Interdisciplinary Dental Implant Treatment Planning: Importance of Restorative and Functional Diagnosis for Predictable Surgical Management in Complex Esthetic Cases – Minimally Invasive Approach” and Dr. Michael Smailianchis’s “Management of Bruxism, Parafunction and Vertical Collapse in the Implant Patient.”

Even more is scheduled for the next two days. Topics to be covered include implant restorations, extractions, the use of surgical guides, immediate implantations in the esthetic zone, and prevention and management of implant-related gingival recession, among others.

Featured speakers include Dr. Sobiei Beharran; Renzo Casellini, MDT; Jeffrey Carlson, CDT; Dr. Cristian Dins; Dr. Abdelalsam Elaskary; Dr. Aslan Gokbuget; Dr. Paul Jang; Dr. Jin Kim; Dr. Jack Krauser; Dr. Mauro Labanca; Dr. Carolina Lenzi; Dr. Ady Palti; Dr. Edwin Scher; Dr. Avi Schettrit; and more.

Over in the exhibit hall, a wide array of companies is waiting to give you demonstrations on their latest products and technology. A few of the highlights include:

- Ellman International, 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.
- MIS Implants Technologies, offering the MGUIDE 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.
- X-Nav Technologies, which has developed an impressive new system – the X-Guide – that will extend the capabilities of your in-office cone-beam imaging to deliver simplified and more accurate implant placement.

The user-friendly software allows you to guide your hands piece to the exact position, angle and depth, resulting in the ability to improve precision and accuracy of planned implant placement and thus leading to a more desirable functional and esthetic outcome.

The technology is still awaiting FDA clearance and thus is currently not available for distribution, but you can take an up-close look at the system and participate in hands-on drilling demos at the booth.

The exhibit hall, where you can find all these products and many more, is open until 6 p.m. today and 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

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On Thursday morning, Oct. 15, the congress will begin with a four-hour “Young Implantologists” program. Delegates to this congress will want to take advantage of what is new on the horizon as presented by “up and coming” implantologists Robert Gasparro (Italy), Teruki Homma (Japan), Elisa Choukroun (France), Filipa Braga (Portugal), Paolo Nuzzolo (Italy), Daniel Grubeanu (Germany), Giuseppe Pantaleo (Italy), Nicolas Mallios (Greece), Tom Giblin (Australia), Gil Asafra (Israel) and Thilo Damaskos (Germany).

The afternoon will be filled by several no-charge pre-congress courses given by event sponsors. Following these educational opportunities will be a welcome reception in the exhibit hall.

Then Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17, will feature ICOI’s main podium speakers: Drs. Ata Anil (Turkey), Joseph Choukroun (France), Mariusz Duda (Poland), Galip Gurel (Turkey), Fouad Khoury (Germany), Richard Leesungbok (South Korea), Pascal Marquardt (Germany), Jaafar Gasparro (Italy), Teruaki Homma (Japan), Elisa Choukroun (France), Gerard Sortecchi (France), Ralf Smeets (Germany), Paolo Trisi (Greece), Gerard Scortecci (France), Yvan Poitras (Canada), Eric Mouhyi (Morocco), Ady Palti (Germany), Yvan Poitras (Canada), Eric Rompen (Belgium), Iliia Roussou (Greece), Gerard Sortecchi (France), Ralf Smeets (Germany), Paolo Trisi (Italy) and Konstantinos Valavanis (Greece).

A social highlight for the congress will be the gala dinner to be held on Friday evening at the beautiful Restaurant Maritim. The gala will immediately follow the presentation of ICOI’s awards ceremony and promises to be a night to remember.

The food and drink will be complemented by a rousing band brought in from Baden Baden that will entertain the guests as they dance into the night.

Berlin is not only the capital of Germany but also its cultural center, famous now for its museums, its philharmonic orchestra, multiple opera companies, modern architecture and captivating nightlife.

Visitors to the new Berlin can also see reminders of the city’s 20th century history, including the Holocaust memorial and the Brandenburg Gate, a symbol of Berlin’s unification. Plan to visit Germany with ICOI at this perfect time of year: autumn in Berlin.

For more information and to register for this World Congress, please visit the ICOI website, www.icoi.org.