Live microsurgery in 3-D

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In what will certainly be considered a highlight of AAE17, two live endodontic microsurgeries — one mandibular, one maxillary — were performed by Dr. Syngcuk Kim on Wednesday as hundreds of attendees watched in 3-D. Audience members were encouraged to interact with the surgical team throughout the live demonstrations, which were moderated by Dr. Frank Setzer.

Education here in New Orleans continues through Saturday with a wide variety of offerings. Among the many highlights for today, “Lasers in Endodontics: Is it Time to Embrace this Technology? A Hands-On Workshop,” presented by Justin Kolnick, BDS, from 8 a.m. to noon in Room 255, and “What Can We Learn from Recalls Up to 20 Years Utilizing 2-D and 3-D Imaging,” presented by Dr. Robert Grover and Dr. Nikhil Reddy, from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. in Room 354.

In addition, the popular poster research and table clinics are being presented in the exhibit hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

Much to explore

Endodontic specialists convene in New Orleans for AAE17

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It’s AAE17, and thousands of endodontists from across the country and around the world have gathered here in New Orleans to partake in educational opportunities, to learn about the latest technological advances and to have some fun.

One of the many highlights offered up at the annual session of the American Association of Endodontists on Wednesday was the General Session, held in the afternoon, featuring local residents James Carville and Mary Matalin, who regaled attendees in a no-holds-barred back and forth on today’s charged political climate. It was not to be missed.

In the lecture halls, meeting attendees could partake in a multitude of educational opportunities being offered in a number of different tracks, including “Surgical,” “Nonsurgical,” “Endodontic Practice” and “Saving the Natural Dentition.” In addition, plenty of presentations were (and still are!) being offered right on the exhibit hall floor.

Also on the show floor, a number of companies are launching new products and technology. Among them is Brasseler USA (booth No. 625), which is introducing its new XP-3D shaper and finisher to specialists at this year’s meeting.

During an in-booth interview Wednesday morning, Mike McLaughlin told Endo Tribune that XP-3D, consisting of a...
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shaper and a finisher, represents a “new category” of instrumentation. He demonstrated the file’s strengths, touting its adaptive and expanding features and benefits.

“Once you establish adequate patency to working length, the shaper is the only instrument needed to prepare any canal, regardless of apical size,” McLaughlin said.

He said that XP-3D does not have a solid core and, therefore, does not bore a round hole. Rather, it adapts to a canal’s natural morphology. He said it is especially good for retreatment cases.

To learn more, you can view a 10-minute video at the Brasseler booth.

There’s plenty more here at AAE over the next few days.

The General Assembly will be held Friday from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. in La Nouvelle Orleans. The General Assembly is the AAE’s annual business meeting. You can hear reports from AAE leaders, vote on important changes to the constitution and bylaws, and see the installation of new officers and board members. All AAE members are encouraged to attend.

Friday evening, a “Celebrate New Orleans!” event will be held. You can march behind a brass band for a parade through the streets. The parade will end at Generations Hall, where there will be a variety of entertainment, including Rebirth Brass Band and Savoy.

All attendees and their registered guests are welcome to attend, but don’t forget your badge — you’ll need it to get in! Meet at the Grand Ballroom foyer at 8 p.m. to start the parade.

On Saturday, the Edgar D. Coolidge Jazz Brunch will be held from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. in La Nouvelle Orleans. You can be part of the ceremonies to acknowledge the winners of the most prestigious AAE honors and awards. It is open to all registered attendees. Tickets can be purchased for guests at an additional cost ($65).