Foundation expands Jamaica outreach

By Fred Michmershuizen, Endo Tribune staff

To date, three trips to Treasure Beach, Jamaica, have been conducted by volunteer endodontists and endodontic residents under the Outreach Program of the Foundation for Endodontics. Now, thanks to support from Henry Schein, these trips will be expanding to four times per year.

The announcement was made here in New Orleans by Dr. Peter A. Morgan, president of the Foundation for Endodontics, and John Ferone, senior director, global endodontic category management at Henry Schein, who told Endo Tribune that Henry Schein’s support of the outreach coincides with the company’s overall commitment to corporate social responsibility.

Morgan told Endo Tribune that the volunteers performed 120 free root canal treatments on the first three trips alone, emphasizing the need for care in this part of the world.

‘Saving teeth is what we do’

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The annual session of the American Association of Endodontists is a perfect opportunity for attendees to hone their craft. A wide selection of educational opportunities is available in the lecture halls and right on the show floor, offering endless possibilities — not to mention the countless products and new technology available from exhibiting companies.

Perhaps most of all, the meeting gives endodontists a chance to talk shop, to make new friends and reconnect with dental school pals, and to recharge their batteries — going home with greater pep in their step, if you will.

During the President’s Breakfast on Thursday morning, AAE President Dr. Linda G. Levin summed it up well when she reminded her fellow specialists of their important work by saying, “Saving teeth is what we do — and we do it well.”

Those who want to continue doing it well are in the right place, as the knowledge being shared here is invaluable. In all, AAE17 offers more than 100 educational sessions in a variety of tracks, including:

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- A NEW WAY TO OBTURATE
  New device can heat, vibrate or even do both at the same time, resulting in a better outcome for you.
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Including “Pulp Fiction,” which addresses controversial and misunderstood topics in the specialty; and “Saving the Natural Tooth,” sharing the latest evidence and recommended treatments to save patients’ teeth.

Among many billings on Thursday, Dr. Allen Ali Nasseh offered a talk on endodontic instrumentation, one of many “To the Point” lectures offered in Hall E on the show floor. Also on Thursday, Dr. Leesa Morrow presented “Office Management of Anxious Patients,” in a session hosted by Blair Cappuccio.

Today, there are many more educational offerings. Among them, John J. Stropko will present “Alternative Treatments for External Cervical Resorption” from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 254. Dr. Rich Mounce will present “Easy Endo USA: Single File Minimally Invasive Endodontics Using Pro Design Logic: One and Done. It’s Easy,” from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Exhibit Hall E.

On Saturday, Dr. L. Stephen Buchanan will offer “CT-Guided Endodontic Procedures” from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. in Room 244. This presentation will review CT-guided implant technology, Buchanan’s clinical cases using this method for conventional and surgical endodontic treatment, and how clinicians can set up and use this paradigm shift in procedural treatment planning for root canal therapy as well as for implant placement.

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For those endodontists who want to add implant surgery to their practices. Also on Saturday, Dr. Anne L. Koch will offer two presentations, starting with “The Single Cone Bioceramic Sealer Obturation Technique: A Historical Perspective” on Saturday, from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in Room 349. And, drawing from her personal experience, Koch will present “Treatment of the Transgender Dental Patient” from noon to 12:45 p.m. in Room 349.
Scenes from Thursday

Arnaud Wauters, left, and Doug Price of Planmeca USA (booth No. 550).

Dr. Charles J. Goodis of EdgeEndo (booth No. 629).

Dr. Brett Gilbert tells meeting attendees about endodontic treatment using apical negative pressure during an in-booth presentation Thursday morning at KaVo Kerr (booth No. 739).

Dr. Brian T. Wells presents ‘Instrumenting Less, Cleaning More’ on Thursday morning, one of numerous in-booth presentations offered by Sonendo (booth No. 649).

Dr. John J. Stropko of Prescott, Ariz., left, and Dr. Fred Weinstein of Vancouver, British Columbia, visit with each other on the exhibit hall floor Thursday morning.

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Alessandra Quintela, left, and Flavio Quintela of HelseUltrasonic (booth No. 654).

Mitzi Bass of Seiler Instrument (booth No. 447).
An obturation device that can heat and vibrate

By Medidenta Staff

The RootBuddy, now available from Medidenta, is the only endodontic obturation device that can heat, vibrate or even do both simultaneously.

Clinical studies prove that RootBuddy’s combination of heat and vibration technology results in a denser, more compact filling of the root canal space, according to the company.

The RootBuddy handpiece can generate heat from approximately 50 degrees C to 350 degrees C/120 degrees F to 660 degrees F, improving the flow of thermo-plastic filling materials.

The handpiece also produces a gentle, low-frequency (100 Hz) vibration that ensures the filling material is free of voids and air pockets.

This system is perfect for quickly heating the filling material, for distributing it laterally or vertically and for condensing it in the root canal, according to the company, which asserts that the result is an effective three-dimensional apical and coronal filling of the root canal.

To learn more about the RootBuddy, visit www.medidenta.com, call (800) 221-0750 or stop by the Medidenta booth, No. 434.

Meeting attendees visit Hu Friedy (booth No. 525) to learn more about endodontic equipment.

Student member Meghan Harley presents her research on the prevalence and dimensions of oval canals during the poster presentations on the exhibit hall floor Thursday morning.

Kelly Fogle, left, and Kathryne Ayala-Arias of B&L Biotech US (booth No. 355).

James Scyoc, left, and Anthony Gianni of Meisinger USA (booth No. 349).

From left: Will Parker and Alice Metevier of Coltene Endo (booth No. 347) offer product information to attendee Chin-Lo Hahn.

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Here at AAE17, Dentsply Sirona Endodontics is announcing the release of its new X-Smart IQ system, a full-treatment dental care solution that supports dental professionals through every step of the endodontic process — from patient education to treatment data.

Through its complete digital ecosystem, the system “redefines the endo experience at every stage of the procedure,” according to the company. The X-Smart IQ iOS app creates customizable treatment plans based on dental professionals’ preferred techniques. In addition, the app allows synchronization of future products and immediate updates, allowing the technology to grow with the dentist’s practice.

“We are excited to provide this unique product to clinicians, who have come to rely on us for the latest technological innovations for the dental care industry,” said Jennifer Beltran, brand development manager for Dentsply Sirona Endodontics, who demonstrated the new technology for Endo Tribune during an in-booth presentation Thursday morning.

“The X-Smart IQ is on the forefront of where endodontic treatment is going, and once again Dentsply Sirona is leading the way,” Beltran said.

The system and app allow clinicians to position themselves as leaders in the endodontic field and as early adopters of the most advanced products, she said.

In addition, the interactive app will help specialists answer questions for their patients or help address and ease concerns.

“The app really sets this product apart, and that’s one big reason we wanted to include this in our suite of offerings,” Beltran said. “When coupled with the portability and freedom of movement the product demonstrates, it provides our customers a full-treatment solution that supports and guides them through the entire endodontic process.”

The X-Smart IQ system allows practitioners to utilize a Dentsply Sirona file sequence or create their own and save the sequence for future use. They also can utilize the app to capture treatment notes, including tooth number, working length, last file used and obturation method.

The system offers several enhanced features, such as a cordless handpiece; a miniature contra-angle head to allow easy access and superior visibility; the ability to quickly switch from reciprocating to continuous motion; a 360-degree, adjustable, 6:1 contra-angle; a finger-activated motor to offer the same torque and power as a tabletop motor for pre-set files; and Bluetooth pairing along with battery autonomy for 16 treatments. It is also rechargeable during treatment.

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For more information about the X-Smart IQ, please visit the booth, No. 119, contact your Dentsply Sirona Endodontics sales consultant, call (800) 662-1202 or visit www.dentsplysirona.com/XSmartIQ.
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