**Head to Jamaica for AAIP/ADIS hands-on implant courses**

The American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics (AAIP) will join with its affiliates, Atlantic Dental Implant Seminars (ADIS) and the Linkow Implant Institute, to present five-day comprehensive hands-on implant training courses and three-day intermediate courses in 2014 for dentists who have completed the basic course, in Kingston, Jamaica, at the University of Technology, School of Oral Health Sciences.

The next AAIP/ADIS basic implant seminars are scheduled for Jan. 4–8 and July 2–6. The intermediate implant dentistry courses are scheduled for March 29–31 and Oct. 11–13. Details can be obtained at www.adiseminars.com or (201) 788-7665.

The basic course includes lectures, surgical and prosthodontic demonstrations, hands-on participation on anatomic manikins and cadavers, diagnosis and treatment planning of implant cases, the construction of surgical templates, diagnostic wax-up, the insertion of two to six implants by each participant, and sinus lift under the supervision of the course faculty.

Upon completion of the basic 35-hour comprehensive implant training program, participating clinicians are able to accomplish the following tasks: identify cases suitable for dental implants, diagnose and treatment plan for preservation and restoration of edentulous and partially edentulous arches, demonstrate competency in the placement of single tooth implants, soft tissue management, and bone augmentation, obtain an ideal implant occlusion, work as part of an implant team with other professionals, and incorporate implant treatment into private practice with quality results, cost effectiveness and profitability.

Patient treatment is provided at the dental clinic of the University of Technology, School of Oral Health Sciences in Kingston, with personalized training in small groups. The courses are cooperative efforts of the Jamaican Ministry of Health, the School of Dental Sciences, and the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics.

Dr. Mike Shulman is course coordinator, Dr. Leonard I. Linkow is course director, and Dr. Sheldon Winkler is course advisor. Additional faculty includes Drs. Robert J. Braun, Ira L. Eisenstein, E. Richard Hughes, Charles S. Mandell, Harold F. Morris, Robert Russo and Richard W. Stewart.

Founded by Dr. Maurice J. Fagan Jr., in 1982 at the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Georgia, the academy supports and fosters the practice of implant prosthodontics as an integral component of dentistry.

The academy supports affiliate associations around the world, including Egypt, France, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Paraguay and Thailand.

The academy has published two textbooks, “The Dental Implant” in 1985, and “Implant Prosthodontics” in 1990. The Journal of Oral Implantology is the official publication of the academy. An annual convention and international meetings are held in cooperation with its affiliate and component societies. It also offers continuing education courses, and it sponsors a network of study clubs across the United States.

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The current term of approval extends to Dec. 31, 2015.

AAIP holds 31st annual meeting, 'Implant Update — 2013'

The AAIP held its 31st annual meeting on Oct. 5 in Carefree, Ariz., at the Carefree Resort and Conference Center, in association with Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine.

Themed as “Implant Update — 2013,” the meeting featured top dental clinicians, including, Drs. David D. D’Alise, Robert J. Braun, Edward M. Feinberg, E. Richard Hughes, Leonard I. Linkow, Harold F. Morris, Matthew R. Young, and Messrs. Gil Morlock and Christopher Torregrossa. Dr. M. Joe Mehranfar was general chairperson of the meeting, and Dr. Mahmoud F. Nasr served as moderator.

Major dental implant manufacturers and several dental laboratories exhibited at the meeting.

Dr. Leonard I. Linkow, considered by many of his colleagues to be the “father of oral implantology,” discussed “Five Decades of Dental Implants.” In 1992, New York University College of Dentistry created the first and only endowed chair in implantology in perpetuity, with Linkow as the recipient.

Dr. David D. D’Alise, founder of OCO Biomedical, spoke on “Osteosseous Fixation: Guide to Immediate Loading.”

Dr. Robert J. Braun, professor of oral and maxillofacial pathology, medicine and surgery at Temple University School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, presented “Systemic and Dermatologic Contraindications to Implant Placement.”

Dr. Edward M. Feinberg, director of the Westchester Academy of Restorative Dentistry, reviewed “Provisional Restorations: Key to Successful Implant Dentistry.”

Dr. E. Richard Hughes, an international lecturer on restorations and implants, presented “Hader Bar Retained Overdentures.”


Officers of the academy are Dr. Sheldon Winkler, Scottsdale, Ariz., president; Dr. Harold F. Morris, Canton, Mich., president-elect; Dr. Mike Shulman, Clifton, N.J., vice president; Dr. Raul R. Mena, Plantation, Fla., secretary; and Dr. James Fagan, III, Atlanta, Ga., treasurer.

Membership information can be obtained from the AAIP headquarters in Scottsdale by calling (480) 588-8062 or emailing swinkdent@cox.net. You can learn more about the academy online by going to www.aaipusa.com.

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Overall health starts with oral health, and it all links up at the 2014 Yankee Dental Congress, when approximately 28,000 dental professionals will gather at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center from Jan. 29 through Feb. 2.

The YDC provides opportunities to discover best practices, products and other resources to improve your dental practice, increase your knowledge and better serve your patients—regardless of your role on the dental team. With more than 300 hands-on courses, lectures, and workshops covering a wide variety of topics, the agenda has something on it for everyone.

The 2014 YDC will feature a number of new programs, including:

Botox and dermal fillers
Learn the anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, diagnosis, treatment planning and delivery of Botox and dermal fillers, brought to you by the American Academy of Facial Esthetics. These fast-paced, entertaining and educational courses are perfect for dentists and dental teams who are interested in joining the fastest growing area of dentistry.

Master practice marketing skills
This one-day symposium will help you expand your practice with the power of marketing. Master the essentials of marketing your dental practice using both conventional strategies and more modern web-based tactics to expand practice visibility and excellence.

The exhibit hall floor will feature products and technologies from more than 450 exhibitors, along with C.E. programs brought back by popular demand, including the "Dental Office Pavilion," "High-Tech Playground," “Healthy Living Pavilion” and “Live Dentistry.” The 2014 show floor also will have two new programs:

Catapult continuum
Discover the best in continuing dental education from the Catapult Group. It will bring you the most current and relevant information in dentistry on Thursday, Friday and Saturday during the congress.

Social media hot spot
Learn to draw new patients in and keep current patients connected to your dental practice using social media, including Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram. On Thursday evening, share your passion for health, fitness and fun with colleagues, friends and family at Going for the Gold at Yankee, which is free for everyone. On Friday evening, join the Massachusetts Dental Society for its 150th anniversary. Celebrate the legacy of the MDS at this free anniversary celebration with hors d’oeuvres, music and cash bar.

Visit www.yankeedental.com to get more details on all of the courses and events that Yankee has to offer and to register for the event.

The Yankee Dental Congress exhibit hall features more than 450 exhibitors, C.E. programs, "Dental Office Pavilion," "High-Tech Playground," “Healthy Living Pavilion” and “Live Dentistry.”

Live dentistry stage rounds out the three-day program

The 2014 Pacific Dental Conference, from March 6–8 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) in Vancouver, British Columbia, features a varied selection of open C.E. sessions, hands-on courses and a live dentistry stage. One registration fee gives access to all 144 open sessions, which means no pre-selection of courses is necessary.

The variety of topics covered by more than 135 speakers means the entire dental team can access the latest information on dental technology, techniques and materials. Speakers in the 2014 lineup include John Kois, John Cranham, Sergio Kuttler, Greg Psaltis, Ross Nash, Derek Mahony, Rob Roda, Louis Malcmacher, Bart John-son, Jesse Miller, Rhonda Savage and Nan-cy Andrews.

Two days of ‘live dentistry’ on stage
With the University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry celebrating its 50th anniversary, the PDC will present the “UBC Speakers Series,” featuring UBC alumni addressing a variety of topics.

The Live Dentistry Stage is back on the exhibit hall floor, with demonstrations on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, the “So You Think You Can Speak?” program features 50-minute presentations by speakers who responded to a call for presenta-tions and were accepted by the meeting’s scientific committee. A number of timely dentistry topics will be covered.

The exhibit hall should be busy with more than 300 companies projected to fill approximately 600 booths. Exhibition hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

Booking early recommended
Special hotel rates are available to PDC at-tendees, with early booking recommended to ensure availability. Reservations can be made directly with conference hotels via the links on www.pdconf.com. Registration opens Oct. 15 with early bird rates for all members of the dental team.
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What has 30 hands, a belly full of food and smiles all day? If you said “last year’s is very happy Smiles in the Sun fishermen,” the event’s organizers say you’d be right.

Every year, in concert with the Smiles in the Sun lecture series, the organizers host a fishing tournament on the Gulf of Mexico, one of the most plentiful fisheries in the world. Organizers say a trophy catch is almost a guarantee for all participants. Kingfish, amberjack, cobia and Spanish mackerel are just a few of the species likely to get hooked.

The half-day event, sponsored by Shofu Dental Corp. for 2013 and 2014, takes place on a custom charter fishing boat, piloted by an experienced local captain. Participants meet for breakfast at sunrise, share in the camaraderie of making new friends and renewing old ones, fish till everybody’s quivers are full and then retire to a local restaurant, where the catch is grilled, fried and baked. Plentiful “grog and sides” round out the meal. Cash prizes will be awarded for a variety of accomplishments.

The excursion takes place on the Wednesday before the lectures commence. So mark your calendar, and register early if you want to participate.

Cost for the fishing event is $165, which includes transportation, rod and reel, bait, breakfast and lunch.

You can register for the Smiles in the Sun meeting at www.smilesinthesun.net or by calling (631) 423-5200. Tuition is $595, and each accompanying person or team member is $295.

The Sixth Annual Smiles in the Sun Seminar will take place Thursday through Saturday, April 24–26, at the Longboat Key Club and Resort in Longboat Key, Fla. Educational programs are from 8 a.m. to noon and are CERP/PACE approved credit hours. Those wishing to participate in the tournament should arrive on Tuesday, April 22.

Profits from the tournament will be donated to the Smiles in the Sun charitable trust, and the money will be distributed to the top three performers. Participants are encouraged to register early to guarantee their spot in the tournament. The event organizers say they look forward to sharing the smiles with you in April and they encourage you to remember that Smiles in the Sun provides “Continuing education above and beyond the ordinary for a sensational experience.”

(Source: Smiles In The Sun)

The annual meeting of the Ordre des dentistes du Québec continues to be one of the highest-attended dental meetings in North America. Above, an Invisalign lecture with Dr. Christian Fournier at the 2013 meeting. Photo/Provided by Ordre des dentistes du Québec

JDIQ features more than 100 lectures and workshops in English and French

Following what meeting organizers describe as a highly successful convention this past spring, planning is now in full force for the 44th edition of the Journées dentaires internationales du Québec, which will take place from May 23–27 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal.

At the 2014 meeting, JDIQ will host the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada. Among the benefits expected from this joint venture, which also involves the Association of Prosthodontists of Quebec, will be a larger number of top speakers in implant and restorative dentistry — and a presence at the meeting of a larger number of prosthodontists from across Canada.

The annual meeting of the Ordre des dentistes du Québec continues to be one of the highest-attended dental meetings in North America. The exhibition will be open Monday and Tuesday, May 26 and 27, and it will feature a continental breakfast on both days for the early risers as well as a wine and cheese reception to close out both afternoons.

Featured 2014 speakers already in the lineup include Drs. Dale Miles, Robert Langlais, Steven Olmos, Stephen Niemczyk, Manon Hass, Jonathan Iregman, Michael Di Tolla, Gerry Kugel, Karl Kerner, Joe Blaes, Jason Smithson, Brian Novy, Ken Hargreaves, Thomas Dussey, Robert Gutneck, Tieraona Low Dog and James Mah, to name just a few.

More than 255 exhibitors will occupy approximately 500 booths in the exhibit hall, making it one of the largest in Canada. The exhibition will be open Monday and Tuesday, May 26 and 27, and it will feature a continental breakfast on both days for the early risers as well as a wine and cheese reception to close out both afternoons.

For more information about the meeting, you can call (800) 361-4887, visit www.odq.qc.ca or send an email to congres@odq.qc.ca

(Source: Ordre des dentistes du Québec)