AO brings together specialists, GPs

Nearly 2,000 clinicians from 54 countries discuss implant science, guidelines and evidence supporting optimal patient care

By Academy of Osseointegration Staff

Nearly 2,000 clinicians from 54 countries attended the 30th annual meeting of the Academy of Osseointegration (AO) from March 12-14 in San Francisco. With the theme of “Science, Collaboration and Clinical Excellence for 30 Years,” the event featured presentations from internationally renowned speakers offering their experience and expertise in dental implants and tissue engineering.

This year’s meeting also showcased a record-breaking amount of research and a sold-out exhibit hall.

“Every year, I keep coming back because it’s eye opening every time,” said Dr. Luigi Massa, a general dentist from San Antonio. “Dental school gave us the basics, but AO has definitely opened the door to what is possible.”

Save the date for the next annual meeting, Feb. 18-20, 2016, in San Diego, titled “Globalization of Implant Dentistry: A World Collaboration.”

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California Implant Institute presents live patient surgical courses in Mexico

By California Implant Institute Staff

The California Implant Institute is pleased to present five-day, Level I and Level II comprehensive live patient surgical externship courses in Baja California, Mexico, this year.

Level I course
Attendees of the Level I course will implement step-by-step implant surgical protocols on live patients under the supervision of Louis Al-Faraje, DDS, and additional faculty.

The four-day course will include eight hours of lectures on diagnosis and treatment planning of implant cases (around two hours each morning). Each attendee will place 10-15 implants and assist with multiple implants on live patients.

Course participants will increase their knowledge and skill in the areas of flap design, alveoloplasty, implant placement, bone grafting and suturing techniques. Upon completion of the externship, attendees will have smoother transition from the classroom to surgically placing implants in their own offices.

All patients are carefully selected by the California Implant Institute faculty, and CT scans are provided for all patients. During the last program, 15 participants placed more than 110 implants, including immediate and computer-guided placements, and performed multiple bone-grafting procedures.

Level II course
Attendees of the Level II course will implement implant surgical protocols on live patients under the supervision of Louis Al-Faraje, DDS, and additional faculty.

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AO honors Professor Brånemark

“He was hypnotizing,” said Dr. Burton Langer, a periodontist from New York City, one of many who gave tribute to Professor Per-Ingvar Brånemark during a special video that played before the opening symposium and memorialized his life.

In the video, AO Past-President Dr. Joseph Gian-Grasso says, “It is because of Professor Brånemark that the Academy of Osseointegration exists, and we aspire to encompass his passion and to continue his lifelong work to enhance oral health globally.”

Following the video, Osseointegration Foundation President Dr. Clarence Lindquist presented the eighth Nobel BioCare Brånemark Osseointegration Award to Dr. Stephen Parel, noting the award will now be given in memory of Brånemark.

That evening, nearly 3,000 attendees celebrated with 2014-15 AO President Gian-Grasso as his presidency drew to a close. They strolled galleries, tunkering with interactive exhibits and enjoying lively entertainment and conversation with colleagues at the Exploratorium.

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