Known for its ideal weather conditions, the seaside city of San Diego, Calif., will host the International Congress of Oral Implantologists’ (ICOI) Summer Symposium this August. The venue will be the Hilton San Diego Bayfront hotel, a stone’s throw from Old Town of San Diego.

The theme for this meeting will be “Implant Dentistry as a Team Sport: Together, We can Achieve More.” The program was designed by the Scientific Program Chair, Dr. Jin Y. Kim, of Los Angeles. In the words of Kim: “The ICOI Summer Symposium will focus on looking at implant dentistry as a team sport: the synergistic potential that can offer the best dentistry possible, when talents come together with interdisciplinary team approach.”

The faculty for this symposium is composed of international clinicians and academicians as well as laboratory technicians. The first day will feature a full afternoon podium devoted to “Young Implantologists.” Fast becoming a highlight of ICOI meetings, this afternoon session on Thursday, Aug. 25th, will showcase the fresh ideas and talents of our younger practitioners. Event planners encourage everyone to attend this important session.

On Thursday morning, we are proud to present a number of sponsored pre-symposium workshops, beginning with our gold sponsor, Keystone Dental, which with Dr. Robert Walinchus will present a hands-on course on guided implant surgery.

A wide range of silver sponsors will provide something for everyone. For example, BioHorizons and Dr. Frank La Mar will offer options for full-arch treatment. Dr. Bruce Baird and Comprehensive Finance will show attendees how to double daily productivity. Dentis and Drs. Jin Kim and Amr H. Elkhadem will conduct a hands-on course for guided implant placement. Drs. Randolph Rentnik and Carl E. Misch will take an in-depth look at full-arch implant solutions for Glidewell Laboratories. Lending Club Patient Solutions and Dr. Ara Nazarian will provide a protocol for computer-guided implant reconstruction from case presentation to final delivery. Implant Dentist, with the help of Drs. Timothy Kosinski, Robert Miller and Adj. Prof. Maurice Valen, will cover “Predictable and Cost-Effective Bone Graft Composites: From Socket Preservation to Advanced Surgical Concepts in Bone Regeneration.”

Park Dental Research will call upon Drs. Ronald Bulard, Ady Palti and Kenneth Judy to conduct a hands-on course on the use of narrow ridge implants (NRI). Dr. Avi Schetritt will demonstrate for Salvin Regenerative a simple and predictable method of lateral ridge augmentation using the guided bone regeneration concept. With all of these courses being held on Thursday morning, there is ample opportunity for delegates to select a course to meet their needs.

Starting at 1 p.m. Thursday will be the Young Implantologists Program, featuring speakers such as Drs. Lincoln Harris, Randolph Rentnik and Carl Misch.

ICOI symposium heads to sunny San Diego

By Craig Johnson
ICOI Executive Director

August event to focus on ‘Implant Dentistry as a Team Sport’

In response to a growing number of AO members seeking distinction in the field of implant dentistry, the Academy of Osseointegration recently launched the AO Certificate in implant dentistry.

To learn more about the certificate, Implant Tribune met with Dr. Amerian Sones, who chairs AO’s Fellowship and Certificate Committee for a brief interview.

Why is the Academy of Osseointegration initiating such a program?

The AO has implemented this program to offer its membership a credentialing process to recognize the level of implant dentistry accomplishment among its membership. This program is a direct result of addressing the membership requests. This certificate represents the highest standards of excellence in implant dentistry and distinguishes practitioners’ continuing education efforts and knowledge to patients and colleagues around the globe.

This recognition will be appreciated by many entities — patients, staff and colleagues — and will impact the clinician’s practice for years to come.

Who can apply?

All AO members from around the globe are encouraged to apply. Re-
requirements are the same for general practitioners and specialists alike. Post-graduate students may submit cases completed in the post-graduate programs.

Who reviews the certificate applications and how long does the review process take?
The review process involves calibrated committee members who assess the requirements of the applicant relative to training, continuing education, meeting attendance and membership status. In addition, the four cases submitted with each application will be reviewed with specific guidelines for assessment. Committee members will be assigned to focus on either the surgical or restorative aspect of the application. Please allow two to four weeks for review of completed applications.

How will the awardees of the AO Certificate in implant dentistry be recognized?
All awardees will receive recognition at a special ceremony at the annual meeting, where they are presented with the AO Certificate and lapel pin. Photographs of each awardee will be featured in implant dentistry, obtaining the AO Certificate of Achievement will be certain to catch their attention, recognizing the training, education and skill their doctor has attained.

Should new AO members make this a goal for themselves?
A new AO member will surely want to include this certificate as a professional goal, because of the educational and clinical achievement represented in completing the process. To begin, start documenting the diagnosis, treatment planning and treatment sequence of the four required cases: the single tooth implant case, the overdenture case, the multiple-unit fixed dental prosthesis and the full arch case. Also, plan to include this certificate as a professional goal for themselves?

What does it mean for the patients of clinicians who achieve this distinction?
Patients will feel proud and assured that they are in the best clinical dental practice possible. Patients are very smart these days, and as they research the internet for doctors specifically trained in implant dentistry, obtaining the AO Certificate of Achievement will be certain to catch their attention, recognizing the training, education and skill their doctor has attained.
MIS Implants signs distribution agreement with Datum Dental for OSSIX PLUS Membrane

By MIS Implants Staff

MIS Implants, a global leader in implant dentistry, recently announced a new distribution agreement with Datum Dental Ltd, a global manufacturer of dental regenerative products, for the distribution of the OSSIX PLUS membrane in the United States. MIS USA President, Motti Weisman, said: “We are very excited to reintroduce the OSSIX Plus membrane back to implantologists in the USA market. Due to a string of acquisitions, this previous market-leading premium membrane left the market in 2005. Many customers who have used OSSIX in the past are excited about the return of this unique product. We are thrilled to partner with such an innovative company with such a long successful history in the USA.”

The OSSIX line of membranes was introduced in 2001 and has more than 15 years of clinical history with more than 90 publications supporting its clinical success. The OSSIX PLUS resorbable membrane is manufactured using a proprietary collagen crosslinking technology called GLYMATRIX to crosslink collagen molecules using sugars. GLYMATRIX is based upon the naturally occurring glycation process in the human body. OSSIX PLUS maintains a barrier for four to six months, resists degradation when exposed and provides sufficient time for bone regeneration of osseous defects, according to the company.

Dr. Michael Jaffin of New Jersey, a former user of OSSIX, said about its use: “This is a unique membrane. I used the OSSIX membrane in the past, and I was very happy with it. I really like the membrane’s handling properties, and I’m looking forward to bringing it back into my clinic.”

Order the OSSIX PLUS membrane at www.misimplants.com, by calling MIS customer service or through your local MIS territory manager. You may also call toll free at (866) 797-1333 or email service@misimplants.com.

About Datum Dental
Datum Dental, a subsidiary of Datum Biotech, was founded in order to develop, manufacture and market a full line of biomaterial products for dental tissue and bone regeneration. Datum Dental develops sugar crosslinked collagen products in various forms for dental regeneration.

About MIS Implants
MIS Implants Technologies designs, develops, manufactures and markets dental implants, abutments, prosthetics and accessories, including surgical instruments and kits. The company is based in Bar Lev Industrial Park, Israel, and has distribution channels in more than 65 countries including MIS USA, a division of MIS located in Fair Lawn, N.J. MIS developed and distributes one of the most widely used dental implants in the world: the SEVEN implant.
Why 510(k) clearance means peace of mind for you.

Knowing more is doing more when it comes to patient safety.
Before an abutment or implant can be sold or promoted, it must undergo an extensive review process by the FDA. Clearance is a mark of success and provides confidence knowing that the device has met FDA requirements for 510(k) compliance.

3 important facts you should know.

1. Today’s technology means that labs have become more industrialized to be more competitive. The process is no longer limited to “one-off” custom devices but includes the use of thousands of parts being produced by labs that may be non-compliant with FDA requirements. The FDA considers this an increased risk.

2. The FDA is concerned about the abutment potentially damaging the implant or putting the patient at risk.

3. The FDA wants to ensure that abutments are designed and produced in a controlled manner that does not go beyond agreed upon limits.

Your role. Your responsibility.
Be aware of the new FDA requirements. Speak to your laboratory partners about the abutment solutions they are providing so you can make an informed decision.

Is the solution you are using FDA compliant?
An FDA-Compliant CAD/CAM Abutment Guide is available for your reference. It’s easy... and only a click away.
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