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ICOI heads to Vancouver

World Congress XXXV to celebrate 45 years of ICOI, implant education

By Sierra Rendon, Managing Editor

The International Congress of Oral Implantologists will host its World Congress XXXV in Vancouver, Canada, from Aug. 17-19.

This year, the ICOI is celebrating its 45th anniversary, and August’s World Congress is sure to offer attendees a wide array of education, camaraderie with colleagues and exposure to the latest technologies in the implant industry.

Implant therapy is one of the most successful treatment modalities in dentistry because of the excellent biocompatibility of titanium and the process of osseointegration, says event chairman Avi Schetritt, DMD. However, biological
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The ICOI World Congress XXXV will begin Thursday morning with multiple pre-congress lectures and hands-on workshops. This will be followed by the popular “Young Implantologists Program,” which will showcase up-and-coming clinicians from around the world. The program will continue Thursday evening with table clinics and poster presentations. Schetritt invites attendees to enjoy a drink during the cocktail hour and visit with colleagues.

The two-day main podium scientific sessions will begin Friday morning with speakers from North America and abroad, including ICOI President-Elect Dr. Michael Pikos. The focus of the lectures will be achieving long-term implant success, Schetritt said.

Attendees will gain a wealth of knowledge by seeing what the leaders in implant dentistry are doing in their practices and learning how to incorporate these techniques into their own clinical practices, according to Schetritt. Of course, the ADIA will simultaneously host its program for the entire auxiliary implant team. The ADIA main podium will feature renowned speakers addressing issues crucial to implant success. On Saturday, auxiliaries can choose one of four full-day certification courses that are sure to educate and energize.

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