AO set to celebrate the big ‘30’

AO President Dr. Joseph Gian-Grosso offers sneak peek of the group’s 30th annual meeting

By Sierra Rendon, Managing Editor

A O President Joseph Gian-Grasso, DMD, recently visited the site of Academy of Osseointegration’s 30th Annual Meeting and shares with Dental Tribune International highlights of what’s in store for attendees.

Where will this year’s meeting be? The academy will return to San Francisco’s Moscone West Convention Center, a premier meeting location, for our 30th annual meeting from March 12–14. After making a recent visit to the site, I can assure you we could not have a better venue for this historic meeting. The center is adjacent to the Intercontinental Hotel and across the street from our headquarters hotel, the Marriott Marquis. For those who attended the 2004 annual meeting, it will be familiar — though updated and enhanced.

What’s the theme for this year’s meeting? The theme for the 2015 annual meeting is “Science, Collaboration and Clinical Excellence for 30 Years.” The program will examine what the academy has learned during its 30-year history and summa-

‘Lessons Taught, Lessons Learned’ with ICOI

By Craig Johnson
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The International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) will host its 2015 Winter Implant Symposium in Orlando, Fla. The venue for this symposium will be the commodious Orlando World Center Marriott Hotel. The dates for the annual symposium are Jan. 22-24.

The theme for this conference, as designed by Scientific Chair Dr. Avi Schetritt, is “Lessons Taught — Lessons Learned.”

The faculty includes the following international lecturers: Drs. Jeffrey Babushkin, Joseph Carpentieri, Gordon Christensen, Mohamed Sherine El Attar, Scott Ganz, Rick Ferguson, Larry Grillo, Joseph Kan, Dwayne Kadareew, Bach Le, Alan Meltzer, Alan Moscovitch, Ady Palti, Michael Pikos, Mitra Sadrameli, Nigel Saynor, Gerard Scortecci, Marius Steigmann, Christian Stohler and international motivational speaker and retired professional hockey player Ryan Walter.

The educational objectives of this conference are many and varied. However, upon completion of this symposium, attendees will:
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In addition to the e-Posters, we had a record number of more than 75 submissions for oral clinical research presentations. Our judges are in the process of choosing the best submissions to be featured in oral clinical and oral scientific sessions.

Are you excited about the AO President’s Recent Journey?

You bet! It’s complimentary to all registered guests and will take place Friday evening at the Exploratorium, founded by physicist and educator Frank Oppenheimer. The Exploratorium has been described by the New York Times as one of the most important science museums in the world. It is located conveniently in the Moscone district, a welcome addition to ICOI’s total convention program.

Tell us about AO’s new E-Poster format

The academy’s annual meeting will feature the new E-Poster format for more than 360 e-Posters. The new format will allow the submitters to display their posters conveniently located in the Moscone West Convention lobby for attendees and guests to book specially discounted tours within the San Francisco area.

After the meeting, bring your family and journey north into Napa and Sonoma Valley, two of the most prized wine regions of Northern California, and enjoy wine tasting and exclusive estate tours. Stroll through 1,000-year-old ancient Redwood trees towering 250 feet at the famous Muir Woods National Monument and, on the way back before crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, stop at beautiful Saulito and stay for a few extra hours, and take the return ferry back to San Francisco.

Of course, your trip to the Bay wouldn’t be complete without walking through Fisherman’s Wharf with its many fine dining establishments and unique shopping. It’s also where you can book a ferry to Alcatraz, formerly a maximum-security penitentiary and home to one of San Francisco’s popular attractions. Also, riding San Francisco’s famous cable cars throughout the city and shopping at Union Square are both musts.

What else are you looking forward to about the upcoming meeting?

I’m looking forward to all of the sessions related to collaboration between professionals to ensure the best patient outcomes. AO’s new member lunch is incredible because there is a great deal of interaction between AO’s new members and AO directors. I believe our younger clinicians will also really enjoy checking out “Young Clinicians” social events.

I’m also excited about the OA exhibit hall and new product showcases, the TEAM Program and the record-breaking amount of clinical research being presented.

We’ve designed the 2015 annual meeting to include a large selection of sessions and activities to choose from, so you can customize a meeting experience that best suits you and your staff. Take a look at all events and register early to take advantage of discounted rates. Also, remember that certain sessions offer limited attendance—don’t wait to secure your place in these very popular sessions!

And please don’t forget to follow AO on Twitter and Facebook to keep up-to-date on new details and opportunities.

Tell us what you think!

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the profession today.
– Recognize impact of digital technologies on the practice of dentistry and dental education.
– Learn an extra treatment modality that avoids extensive surgery, both with immediate and delayed loading.
– Identify and discuss controversies in dental implants.
– Review the management of difficult implant situations.
– Understand how to achieve improved predictability for dental implant placement.
– Explore clinical attributes of screw-retained vs. cement-retained provisional prostheses. Complementing the doctors’ program will be a one-and-a-half day program for staff members given by AO’s component, the Association of Dental Implant Auxiliaries (ADIA). The valuable training offered to the staff members has become a welcome addition to AO’s total continuing educational programs.

On Thursday morning, Jan. 22, delegates to this winter symposium should plan to attend one of several workshops that will be given by our sponsors, such as the hands-on course offered by Dr. Andrew Spector with platinum sponsor, MIS. This limited attendance course will focus on computer-aided implantology and CAD/CAM design.

Our gold sponsors for this event are Zest Anchors and Millennium Dental Technologies. The Zest Anchors course will feature Dr. Christian, who will lecture on single, affordable, and predictable treatment for edentulous patients.

Dr. Raymond Yukna and his sponsor, Millennium Dental Technologies, will focus on the LANAP and NAP Laser for periodontists and peri-implantists.

Rounding out the pre-symposium workshop program will be silver sponsors, BioHorizons, DENTSPLY, OCO Bio-medical and Salvin Dental Specialties. BioHorizons’ course will have Dr. Marius Steigmann discussing soft-tissue management of the thin biotype in the esthetic zone.

Dr. David Wong and DENTSPLY will give a comprehensive A-to-Z update on socket graft management and soft-tissue grafting concepts.

Dr. Charles S. Schlesinger will provide an introduction and hands-on placement of the OCO Biomedical implant system. Dr. John Russo’s hands-on workshop for Salvin Dental Specialties will deal with socket grafting for implant placement.

Dr. David C. Wilson will provide a course on periodontal disease.

Escape the winter cold. Come to warm Florida this month with ICOI. For more information on this event, visit ICOI’s website, www.icoi.org.