The ICOI is delighted to once again hold its World Congress in the Asia-Pacific region. The site for the 2014 ICOI World Congress XXXI will be the grand Tokyo International Forum and Convention Center.

The theme for the congress, as designed by the scientific chairmen, Dr. Koichi Ito and Dr. Jon Suzuki, is “The Future of Implant Dentistry.”

The meeting will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-5. The congress will commence on Friday morning with a program featuring special guest speakers Drs. Dennis Tarnow, Craig Misch and Sang Choon-Cho.

Tarnow will peek into his learned crystal ball as he speaks on “The Realities in an Implant Dentistry Future.” Misch will channel Shakespeare as he discusses, “To Graft or Not to Graft, That is the Question,” and Choon-Cho will expound on “Implant Oriented Sinus Augmentation — From Autogenous Bone to BMP”.

Following these three lectures will be two doctors who present cases from the young implantologists’ perspective. Dr. David Holmes will show cases involving “Implant Surfaces and Peri-Implantitis: From Surface to Supperation,” followed by Dr. Teruaki Homma, whose focus will be “One Miracle at a Time, One Abutment at a Time.”

On Saturday and Sunday, the main podium of the congress will be a host of international speakers including Drs. Mani Alikhani, Mabil Barakat, Bach Le, Scott Ganz, Thomas Han, Joseph Kan, Tatsuro Komiyama, Richard Kraut, Paul Lin, Preston Miller, Ady Palti, Gerald Scortecci and Takashi Tsuji.

Sponsors’ workshops by Nobel Biocare and Biomet 3i will be featured Friday, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Attendees should plan to attend one of these courses, organizers said.

There will also be a full-day program for hygienists presented on Friday, Oct. 3 by ADIA Executive Director Lynn D. Mortilla, RDH. Doctors should plan to bring their team member hygienists to this important program.

The social highlight of the World Congress will be the gala dinner, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Imperial Hotel. Labeled “A Night in Tokyo,” this evening promises to be filled with entertainment, food and drink.

The dinner will also honor the incoming ICOI President Dr. Gerard Scortecci from France and newly elected president of the ICOI Asia-Pacific Section, Dr. Shohei Kasugai from Japan.

For complete information on World Congress XXXI, please visit www.icoi-ap.org.