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AAID conference packs the Palace in Las Vegas

By Sierra Rendon, Managing Editor

Thousands of clinicians and supporting staff descended on the grounds of Caesars Palace in Las Vegas to attend the American Academy of Implant Dentistry’s 64th Annual Educational Conference from Oct 26-29.

This year’s AAID’s meeting, “Where Classic Principles Support Cutting-Edge Implant Dentistry,” aimed to provide “practical education for the practicing implant dentist.” Topics included the science of implant dentistry, pharmacology of implant dentistry, future of dental implants, soft-tissue management, formulas for success, management of complications, and much more.

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One such new technology was X-Guide, an easy-to-use, clinically proven device that supports the jaw during treatment. Designed by dental researcher and educator Dr. Eric L. Schiffman, the device has been tested in clinical trials for more than a decade.

“One of our clinicians said it best: You may not need it for every client, but when you need to use it, it can be a real lifesaver,” Schiffman said.

AAP to host annual meeting in Orlando

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The American Academy of Periodontology will host its 68th annual meeting in Orlando from Nov. 14-17 at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center.

With thousands of periodontists, hygienists, dental students and researchers in one place, this year’s annual meeting is about more than lectures and workshops, it provides an opportunity to learn, share, and network with like-minded dental professionals from around the world, according to AAP President Joan Otomo-Corgel.

Show attendees can count on a wealth of continuing education opportunities (more than 25 C.E. hours) and informative fare to suit each individual’s tastes. Whether you’re interested in treatment techniques, emerging technologies, scientific advancements, practice development or clinical applications, there is a place for you.

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Otomo-Corgel also says the AAP is excited to present special opportunities designed for those at all levels of the dental profession. Once again, the AAP will host a symposium for dental hygienists on Nov. 14. This special series of lectures recognizes the role of hygienists in oral health care, equipping them with the latest information on such topics as periodontal disease and regenerative periodontics.

The AAP will also host programs geared toward emerging periodontal professionals, including those who are just beginning to practice and those who have recently completed or will soon complete residencies. One such program is a dedicated symposium, presented in conjunction with the AAP Foundation and the Osteology Foundation.

For more on the annual meeting, visit www.perio.org.