To accommodate the growing demand for dental implant training and education, the Academy of Osseointegration (AO) has expanded its 31st annual meeting to include hands-on workshop sessions. These sessions will be held the afternoon of Feb. 17, the day before the opening symposium and welcome reception. For the next three days (Feb. 18-20), specialists and general dentists will continue to learn together about the latest in science and technology from the world’s leading clinicians and researchers.

The meeting, themed “Globalization of Implant Dentistry: A World Collaboration,” will be held at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego. Follow AO on Facebook and Twitter using #AO2016 to stay up to date.

“Clinicians, residents and students who carve time out of their busy schedules to attend our annual meeting do so because they share our conviction that knowledge and training are essential for the successful use of dental implants,” said AO President Dr. Russell Nishimura. “We owe it to them to maximize their time by ensuring this experience gives them world-class education in an outstanding learning environment, and that it translates into optimal patient care.”

The annual meeting will include more than 50 clinical presentations, an expansive exhibit hall, hundreds of ePosters, as well as oral scientific abstracts and oral clinical research sessions; corporate forums; lunch and learn sessions, a young clinicians lecture series; and a TEAM Program and laboratory technician program. In addition to the opening and closing symposiums, there will be a “Focus on China Symposium,” where speakers from different regions of China will present on their clinical experiences and research in implant dentistry.

“We have put together an unparalleled line up of clinicians, teachers and researchers from around the globe to present on the topics most important to today’s implant dentist,” said Dr. Peter Moy, 2016 annual meeting program chairperson. “The whole point of this meeting is to ensure our members and guests take valuable information back to their practices to provide optimum care for our implant patients, and that’s exactly what we plan to do.”

Throughout the conference there will be numerous opportunities to network and socialize, including the president’s reception, a time-honored event complimentary to all attendees. This year’s reception will be held at the San Diego Air and Space Museum.

“San Diego is easy to fly into from anywhere in the world,” Nishimura said. “With its warm weather and great amenities, such as beaches, golf, shopping and the zoo, it’s an awesome place to bring your family.”

For more information on the annual meeting, visit http://meetings.osseo.org/

About the Academy of Osseointegration

With 6,000 members in 70 countries around the world, the AO is recognized as a premier international association for professionals interested in implant dentistry. AO serves as a nexus where specialists and generalists can come together to evaluate emerging research, technology and techniques; share best-practice information; and coordinate optimal patient care using timely, evidence-based science and methods. Follow AO on Facebook and Twitter.