AO heads to Tampa

The emphasis in the scientific program for the Academy of Osseointegration’s 28th Annual Meeting in Tampa, Fla., from March 7–9, will be on achieving quality and leveraging the advantage conferred by the interdisciplinary team approach.

The annual meeting program will focus on the future with the theme, “Moving Forward: Evidence, Experience, Excellence.” The opening symposium on Thursday, March 7, features some of the biggest names in implant dentistry.

Leading off will be researcher/clinician Lyndon F. Cooper, DDS, PhD, Chapel Hill, N.C., on the topic, “Translating Evidence Into Treatment Predictability: What Evidence Do We Have? What Do We Need?”

Cooper is Stallings Distinguished Professor of the University of North Carolina Department of Prosthodontics and a member of the department of biochemistry and biophysics in the UNC School of Medicine. He is director of the Bone Biology and Implant Therapy Laboratory.

Cooper’s presentation will examine the current status of dental implant therapy and attempt to interrogate the levels of treatment predictability that exist for these different therapies. His presentation will be on page 4.

Group’s scientific program emphasizes quality, advantage of interdisciplinary team approach.
Laser polishing accelerates surface finish of implants, researchers say

By Dental Tribune International

AACHEN, Germany — Researchers have developed a flexible and cost-effective apparatus to polish implants automatically. The project team has managed to reduce the time needed to process dental and blood-carrying implants while maintaining their high bio- and haemocompatibility.

The surface quality of an implant plays a significant role if it is to be used in the body successfully. For example, bone implants require a porous structure so that cells can grow into them well. Other implants, however, need as smooth a surface as possible to prevent bacteria from attaching to them and the surrounding tissue from being damaged.

The MediSurf project has made these kinds of implants the object of its research. The seven partners of the project, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology and led by the Fraunhofer Institute for Laser Technology ILT, recently presented their research results in Aachen.

The main focus was the optimization of the surface of the titanium ventricular assist system INCOR, made by Berlin Heart. The project aimed at reducing production time while guaranteeing high haemocompatibility. This means that the implant should leave blood corpuscles undamaged, and corpuscles should be prevented from settling on the implant as far as possible. Blood clots are prevented from forming, thus significantly reducing the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

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current clinical interests focus on the development of cell-based tissue engineering for clinical bone formation and the immediate loading of dental implants. Other opening symposium topics and speakers are:

- "Practical and Predictable Surgical Approaches in the Esthetic Zone: Multiple Challenges," by Daniel Buser, DDS, DMD, of Bern, Switzerland. Buser will present surgical approaches in the esthetic zone developed at the University of Bern, which offer successful outcomes with high predictability.

- "The Dental Implant: What Are the 'Right' Implants for Today's Indications? Surfaces, Connections, and Flexibility," by Clark M. Stanford, DDS, PhD, of Iowa City, Iowa. His presentation will show how the predictability of the process of tooth replacement with dental implants is becoming enhanced through the applications of new technologies expanding on our long-established protocols for implant therapy.

- "Implant Dentistry: The Interdisciplinary Advantage," by Richard D. Roblee, DDS, MS, orthodontist from Fayetteville, Ark., Edward P. Allen, DDS, PhD, prosthodontist from Dallas, and Robert R. Winter, DDS, prosthodontist from Scottsdale, Ariz. Their presentation will focus on utilizing an interdisciplinary approach to maximize comprehensive results in implant dentistry.

The program retains many very popular features, beginning with the Corporate Forums Thursday morning. This year's participants are Biologic Horizons, Biomet 3i, Dentsply Implants, Geistlich Biomaterials, Hiossen, Millennium Dental Technologies, MIS, Nobel Biocare, Osteogenics, Osteohealth, Straumann USA and Zimmer Dental. Poster presentations will be introduced Thursday afternoon, just before the welcome reception held in the exhibit area. The popular, intimate round-table clinics and limited-attendance lectures with leading experts will be Friday morning. Oral abstract research presentations will be also be presented Friday morning, and clinical innovations presentations will be Friday afternoon, preceding the president's reception to be held at the Florida Aquarium.

The Allied Staff Program and the Laboratory Technician Program will be held Saturday. The popular "Lunch & Learn Sessions" return Saturday at noon. Saturday's Closing Symposium addresses the topic, "Where Are We Today and What Does the Future Hold?" Speakers will address esthetic parameters of tooth replacement, the role of team in implant dentistry, peri-implant tissue management and the evolving role of radiology in improving predictability.

More speakers and topics include:

- Urs C. Belser, DMD, of the University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, "Contemporary Implant-Assisted Options for Patients with High Esthetic Demands: Where Are We Today and Where Will We Be Tomorrow?" Belser will discuss the rationale for an early placement/early loading concept for replacement of extracted teeth.

- David A. Garber, DMD, Henry Salama, DMD, and Maurice A. Salama, DMD, of Atlanta, on "What Was, What Is and What Will Be: The Evolving Role of Team in Implant Dentistry." Their discussion will focus on a defined algorithm for the interdisciplinary team and will cover the diagnosis of deficiencies and the varied treatment options in detail.

- Joseph Y.K. Kan, DDS, MS, of Loma Linda, Calif., on "Peri-Implant Tissues in the Esthetic Zone: What Do We Really Know and What Can We Realistically Achieve?" Focusing on current implant treatment philosophies and methodologies, Kan will cover diagnosis and treatment planning, surgical, prosthetic management and the evolving role of radiology in improving predictability.

- William C. Scarfe, DDS, BDS, MS, of Louisville, Ky., on "The Evolving Role of Radiology in Improving Treatment Predictability in Implant Therapy." Scarfe's presentation will provide a closer look at how CBCT imaging will provide the 3-D framework for implant therapy totally within the digital domain, thereby improving treatment predictability.

Friday morning's program features the highly successful parallel surgical and restorative tracks, annual meeting organizers said. Speakers will include Drs. Craig Misch, Sarasota, Fla.; Robert Marx, Miami; Paul Fugazzotto, Milton, Mass.; Eduardo Lorenzana, San Antonio, Texas; Dennis Shanelec, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Hideaki Katsuyama, Yokohama, Japan; Thomas Wilson, Dallas; Brody Hildebrand, Dallas; Ronald Jung, Zurich, Switzerland; Hans-Peter Weber, Boston; Stephen Pareil, Dallas; German Gallucci, Boston; Mario Roccuzzo, Torino, Italy; and J. Robert Kelly, Farmington, Conn.

The program was created by the 2013 Annual Meeting Committee, chaired by Dr. Dean Morton, Louisville, Ky.

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From the moment a new patient walks into the practice, members of the dental office staff play an indispensable role in learning about the past dental histories of patients and what kind of smile that person would like to have. They have an opportunity to educate patients about options for treating missing or hopeless teeth and/or replacing ill-fitting removable prostheses.

The patient experience starts with the receptionist (the face of the practice at this point), who can make patients comfortable with the knowledge that they are in the right place and will be taken care of. Receptionists must have the skill sets to graciously pass the patients off to the assistants and/or implant treatment coordinator. This transfer must be done professionally and with great care, such that patients continue to feel that they are in the right place.

Assistants generally walk the patient through the exam process and should educate the patients as to what they can expect: medical and dental histories, digital radiographs, complete physical examination, assessment, diagnosis and treatment plan options.

Treatment coordinators, depending on the particular practice, will then be called upon to explain the diagnoses and describe the benefits and limitations of the treatment plan options. Dental hygienists, who develop trust and rapport with their patients over time, can further support this process by educating them about the options that are now available.

An extraordinary opportunity for staff members to enhance their skills will unfold Saturday, March 9, at the dedicated Allied Staff Education Program that is a part of this year’s 28th AO Annual Meeting in Tampa, Fla. The program is intended for implant treatment coordinators, dental hygienists, assistants and business office staff/receptionists.

The day will start with Dr. Carl Drago’s overview of comprehensive care needs of “dentally exhausted” patients. Although many dental practitioners have spent their careers “saving” debilitated teeth, when ongoing expensive and time-consuming dental care continues to yield less than optimal results, patients may fare better by having their compromised teeth extracted, followed by immediate placement of implants and full-arch restorations. This approach represents a significant paradigm shift from “traditional” dentistry. Drago, of Waukesha, Wis., will discuss how office and clinical staff can interact with and support patients in their decisions regarding full-arch implant-supported restorations.

A significant number of patients do not warrant full-arch treatment and have one or two problem teeth or areas. Accelerated treatment protocols have been well researched and clinically proven. However, not every patient is a candidate for immediate implant placement and provisional restoration in the esthetic zone. Dr. Joseph R. Carpentieri of White Plains, N.Y., will discuss the delicate balance that must be struck between using accelerated implant-placement protocols and achieving predictable esthetic outcomes. In particular, he will focus on criteria for distinguishing which patients are good candidates for implant placement and provisional restoration immediately after extraction of anterior maxillary teeth.

After an audience-participatory discussion and a break for lunch, Dr. Robert N. Eskow of Livingston, N.J., will continue the focus on the role played by staff members in identifying potential candidates for elective implant therapy. He also will explain some of the pre-treatment therapeutic measures that can be administered to enhance the likelihood of achieving optimal results.

Before, during and after implant treatment, effective preventive care is essential to sustaining esthetic restorations, teeth and implants over time. Registered Dental Hygienist Valerie Sternberg-Smith of Summit, N.J., will be discussing the causes of peri-implantitis and how to recognize the early signs. She also will explain how to determine the best plaque-control aids for various esthetic restorative/prosthetic designs.

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AACD lineup revealed

Garber, Salama among the list of speakers at upcoming meeting

Courses and educators for AACD 2013 have now been revealed, including Drs. David Garber, Maurice Salama and many others among the lineup.

AACD 2013, the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry’s (AACD) annual scientific session, is slated for April 24–27 in Seattle. Attendees who register before April 5 will receive $150 off their tuition. To register, visit www.aacdconference.com. What sets the AACD’s meeting apart from other dental meetings is the live learning experience, AACD President Ron Goodlin said.

“Our courses are geared toward all members of the dental team — from dentists to lab techs, hygienists, team members, office staff and more,” Goodlin said. “AACD 2013 is a place where dentists and teams can evolve together. They’ll return to their practices the following Monday with a new set of skills, new techniques and new energy.”

To see who’s on this year’s lineup, check out the AACD’s digital version of the preliminary conference guide, available at bluetoad.com/publication/?i=85943. The digital conference guide lists courses, speaker bios, exhibitor lists, schedules of events and information about social events, including receptions and fund-raising activities for the AACD Charitable Foundation.

The conference kicks off at 2:30 p.m. April 24 with a “power session” featuring Drs. Garber and Salama. Following the power session is the AACD’s welcome reception, which will be held at the Experience Music Project, located at the base of Seattle’s famous Space Needle.

Attendees are encouraged to register for the conference as soon as possible and to view the courses in the preliminary guide prior to course selection opening. For more information or to register, visit www.aacdconference.com.

Fraunhofer ILT. “For this reason, we had to test various parameters to reach the desired result.” The haemocompatibility of the implants was tested at the Münster University Hospital. The result: laser-polished implants exhibit the same haemocompatibility as those polished manually, but laser polishing is 30 to 40 times faster than manual polishing. With large lot sizes, this means an enormous reduction in production costs. In addition, laser polishing has a higher reproducibility. It guarantees a homogeneous smoothness over the entire surface of a free-form geometrical component, even on corners and edges, which are difficult to reach when polished manually.

Unlike in conventional processes, the edges are not rounded off when polished with lasers, thus guaranteeing high geometrical accuracy of the component. Another advantage of laser polishing lies in its far cleaner and more environmentally friendly process. In contrast to manual polishing, no polishing or abrasive materials are used, leaving no chemical residue on the implant.

Alongside this polishing process, a prototype apparatus has been developed at the Fraunhofer ILT for automated laser polishing of implants. For the first time, scientists have developed a glove box with a six-axis articulated robot, which can grasp the implants and process a complete series of them on its own. This automated machine engineering makes the entire process less expensive, more flexible and appropriate for industrial series production.

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Managing your debt

By David Keator, Keator Group

Many investors track their assets closely — checking the Dow, following certain companies and consulting with a financial advisor. But what about the often overlooked liabilities side of the balance sheet?

There are lots of pieces to the “balance sheet” puzzle. Amazing value can be brought by addressing the debt side of an individual’s personal balance sheet. It’s just as important as the investment side.

Affluent investors, in particular, have access to a wide variety of creative lending options — the home equity line of credit and collateralized securities are considered to be chief among them. What one often finds is that clients don’t necessarily have too much debt; it’s just organized poorly. People are not taking advantage of more appropriate borrowing options. There’s debt — and then there’s debt.

Consumption vs. conservation

The difference between debt types is generally a matter of consumption versus conservation.

“Borrowing for consumption is usually not a good idea,” says Mary Sexton, former director of lending services of Wachovia Securities.

“You’re using a home equity line of credit to buy shoes? You’re accessing leverage to maintain a lifestyle you can’t currently afford? That’s borrowing for consumption. We want people to learn you should not borrow for consumptive purposes.”

Debt can be used most wisely for conservation purposes.

“These are larger expenses you just can’t fund from current cash flow, such as a big tuition bill,” Sexton says.

“It’s critical when thinking of incurring debt to consider how it will impact your investment decisions.”

With that college tuition bill, for example, it wouldn’t make sense to disrupt your long-term investment plan for a short-term need. Instead, Sexton advises, you could consider a home equity line of credit, or you may elect to borrow against your securities.

Smart debt management

To work with debt strategically, first clearly identify your overall goals and establish priorities. Then look at all your assets and liabilities and figure out your cash needs going forward.

It’s also important to determine your suitability for borrowing and, just as with investing, set your risk tolerance level.

When you acquire debt using an adjustable interest rate, you must think about interest-rate risk. If you are borrowing in a rising-interest-rate environment using adjustable rates and the prime goes up 500 basis points (5 percent), would you have the ability to pay off the loan to reduce your risk? You need to consider the implications of borrowing. At the end of the day, you need to be able to sleep at night.

Of course, basic principles of money management hold true when dealing with interest rates, whether you are working with good debt or bad debt — you want to earn more money than you pay out.

The key is to borrow at the lowest available rate while maximizing your investment returns. You wouldn’t want to borrow on a credit card charging a double-digit interest rate while investing in a money-market fund paying below 5 percent, for example.

Selecting a borrowing method is key to smart debt management. Consider these possibilities:

- Credit cards are OK, but only if you pay off the balance. There are highly sophisticated, affluent investors who are carrying $40,000 credit-card balances and don’t have a home equity line of credit. That may not be the best thing to do, depending on your situation.

- A home equity line of credit works well for investors who need immediate liquidity — and even those who don’t. A home equity line is flexible, you only draw on it as you need it during the draw period. It can offer relatively low risk, may be priced at a currently low prime rate or prime plus or minus a margin1 and may be tax-deductible.

- It could be one of the best borrowing options available if you take into consideration your short-term, long-term and interim cash flow needs.

- And you never know when you’re going to need liquidity — you want the ability to access it in life-altering events. There could be a medical emergency, a divorce, widowhood. You want that line in place beforehand.

Borrowing against securities is another option. This strategy provides low-rate financing, prime or prime plus or minus a margin, by using the client’s stocks, bonds and even savings accounts and certificates of deposit as collateral. Investors can continue to trade their securities and earn on their investments while they are collateralized.

The bottom line: Consult a qualified financial advisor to help you make sure you’re considering all the borrowing options available to you. It could make a dramatic difference in your future financial life.

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Glidewell Laboratories announces the open platform Inclusive Tooth Replacement Solution

Glidewell Laboratories, an industry-leading provider of digital dental laboratory products and services, announced recently the expansion of the Inclusive® Tooth Replacement Solution to accommodate a number of popular implant systems including DENTSPLY Implants, BIOMET 3i, Nobel Biocare, Straumann and Zimmer.

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Biomet 3i welcomes new vice president of global marketing

Biomet 3i is pleased to announce that Francois Michelon has joined the company as vice president of global marketing. Michelon holds a bachelor’s in economics from the University of Chicago, an MBA in marketing from Carnegie Mellon University and has more than 15 years of experience in marketing, general management and operations within the medical device industry.

He spent the last seven years with Smith & Nephew as group director, visualization and global services, leading the commercialization of three new capital products, several new class II products, and creating supporting innovative value-added services. Prior to Smith & Nephew, Michelon spent more than seven years with GE Healthcare in several positions of expanding responsibility throughout the organization.

Michelon has demonstrated success in leading cross-functional initiatives and a strong belief in marketing/sales alignment, bringing added value to this position within the company.

“I am thrilled to join the BIOMET 3i Team,” Michelon said. “I look forward to supporting continuous product innovation, world-class education services, new market expansion and the long-standing relationships the company has with its customers, global dental schools and societies.”

Juliet Johansson, senior vice president of global commercialization agrees: “We are very excited about Francois joining BIOMET 3i. I am confident that his keen knowledge of marketing and experience with product commercialization will be instrumental in helping us accomplish our goals.”

About BIOMET 3i

BIOMET 3i is a leading manufacturer of dental implants, abutments and related products. Since its inception in 1987, BIOMET 3i has been on the forefront in developing, manufacturing and distributing oral reconstructive products, including dental implant components and bone and tissue regenerative materials. The company also provides educational programs and seminars for dental professionals around the world. BIOMET 3i is based in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., with operations throughout North America, Latin America, Europe and Asia-Pacific. For more information about BIOMET 3i, visit www.biomet3i.com or contact the company at (800) 342-5454; outside the U.S. dial (561) 776-6700.

Francois Michelon is the new vice president of global marketing at BIOMET 3i.

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ZEST Anchors introduces a new narrow-diameter implant system featuring overdenture attachment

Until now, choosing a narrow-diameter implant could often mean a sacrifice in attachment performance and, ultimately, patient satisfaction. ZEST Anchors responds to that need by introducing the LOCATOR® Overdenture Implant System (LODI), featuring a new narrow-diameter implant combined with the world-leading LOCATOR Attachment, providing clinicians with solutions to the attachment limitations often found with O-ball mini implants.

The ZEST Anchors LOCATOR Overdenture Implant System features critical elements that optimize patient satisfaction, the company says. The LOCATOR Attachment is seated after the implant is placed, making case planning, implant surgery and restoration easier. In addition, its unique two-piece design allows for attachment replacement should wear occur throughout time.

LODI is available in narrow diameters of 2.4 and 2.9 mm and is ideal for those patients with very narrow ridges who refuse the additional appointments and the cost often associated with grafting procedures. Made from the strongest titanium available, LODI features a proven RBM surface and is designed to provide primary stability when immediate loading is indicated, the company says.

LODI is packaged with the LOCATOR Attachment so it incorporates all of LOCATOR’s sought-after features including its patented pivoting technology and customizable levels of retention, all while maintaining a dramatically reduced vertical height as compared to O-ball mini implant designs.

"The LOCATOR Overdenture Implant System is the result of a collection of inputs from market demands and clinicians expressing their needs," said Steve Schiess, CEO of ZEST Anchors. "To the many clinicians who asked us why a trusted leader in overdenture attachments that has a proven, 40-year track record of continuous innovation doesn’t make a narrow diameter implant for overdentures, I can finally say here is LODI."

For more information about the LOCATOR Overdenture Implant System from ZEST Anchors, call (855) 868-LODI (5634) or visit the new website at www.zestanchors.com.
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D4D Technologies introduces E4D version 4.5 featuring E4D Sky

With the recent release of E4D Den-taLogic™ software version 4.5 featuring E4D Sky, D4D Technologies announces the creation of a truly open network of chairside restorative solutions for pa-tient treatment.

The E4D Sky communication network enables E4D system operators to exchange case data via the Internet with internal and external service providers, greatly extending the range of treat-ments they can provide their patients.

“With E4D v 4.5 and E4D Sky, a den-
tal office has total flexibility and a full range of options for assistance with more complex cases, for some extra help at busy times, or for additional material options to those that are typically milled in office, like zirconia,” said Gary Sever-ance, DDS, for D4D Technologies.

E4D Sky is supported by Henry Schein’s DDX (Digital Dental Exchange) and con-nects E4D systems running version 4.5 software with a variety of outsourcing options for restoration design and fabri-
cation:

• E4D Digital Services experts design, mill, or complete restorations, as well as make models or bridges
• E4D Certified Laboratories offer a va-

riety of services
• Any third-party provider can be sent an .stl open platform file

“E4D Sky takes the E4D system to the next level while supporting the launch of our E4D Solo scan-only options. Op-
erators will also be able to exploit the flexibility of the .stl open platform file export to access numerous other ser-
vices with their scanned data,” said Glen Freeman for D4D Technologies. “We are pleased to announce the expanded capabilities of E4D DentaLogic software version 4.5 with E4D Sky are now avail-
able to all new and current customers.”

For more information, visit www.e4d.
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About D4D Technologies

D4D Technologies is taking the dental profession to a higher level of produc-
tivity, patient comfort and convenience with its E4D restorative solutions. Den-
taLogic software in the E4D Design Cen-
ter enables the operator to customize a virtual restoration before it is sent to the robust E4D Mill for fabrication. With the introduction of version 4.5 and E4D Sky, each of these system components is now also available for custom configura-
tions and interfaces to meet the needs of any dental office or laboratory. E4D Sky communicates with E4D Digital Ser-

vices, certified E4D dental laboratories, and any third-party provider accepting open format files (.stl) for a full range of production and delivery options. E4D Compass™ integrates E4D restorative designs with cone-beam data to plan and communicate restoratively driven implant therapies.

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Incorporating all of LOCATOR’s proven features, including its patented pivoting technology, LODI has remarkable resiliency and exceptional durability, while allowing for replacement of the attachment should wear occur throughout time.

The LOCATOR Overdenture Implant System now allows you to treat edentulous patients with the minimum standard of care of an implant overdenture,* at a reduced cost and with greater satisfaction.

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* The McGill Consensus Statement on Overdentures, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, May 24-25 2002.
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polar_eyes is a cross-polarization filter that makes it easy to eliminate unwanted reflections on teeth that are caused by a flash. These specular highlights can obscure details in the teeth and cause problems when communicating with the lab.

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A filter for the Nikon R1 macro system will be available shortly.

For more information, contact PhotoMed at (800) 998-7765 or visit www.photomed.net.

BIOLASE now a U.S. reseller for TRIOS

3Shape, a global leader in 3-D scanners and CAD/CAM software for dental applications, announced recently that it has signed a non-exclusive five year agreement with BIOLASE to sell the 3Shape TRIOS, a next-generation digital impression solution, to dentists, dental specialists and dental schools. Through the TRIOS’ unique lab communication features and technology, dentists will be able to focus more on treating patients and providing best quality restorations.

“The dental office is becoming more digital by the day and the TRIOS will be an integral part of these advances,” says Henrik Vestermark, vice president of operations in North America. “We believe the shift to digital scanning creates a paradigm change in dental care with the benefits to dentists and patients being proven every day.”

The 3Shape TRIOS is a complete digital impression solution that includes intraoral scanning, clinical scan-validation, and seamless communication with the lab. It enables dentists to rapidly capture the complete intraoral situation and send the 3-D model directly to the lab. It does not require pre-spraying of the teeth. The system clinically validates the impression and includes flexible tools allowing dentists to edit their scans.

About BIOLASE

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About 3Shape

3Shape is a Danish company specializing in the development and marketing of 3-D scanners and CAD/CAM software solutions designed for the creation, processing, analysis and management of high-quality 3-D data for application in complex manufacturing processes. 3Shape envisions the age of the “full digital dental lab,” and its more than 130 developers provide superior innovation power toward reaching this goal.

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