Advanced hands-on implant workshop

Four days of intense learning and training with Dr. Sascha Jovanovic

Online dental institute, Global Institute for Dental Education (gIDE), hosts four hands-on workshops per year at its training facility in Los Angeles. Topics covered include soft-tissue management and grafting around dental implants; bone, ridge and socket grafting; and sinus elevation and grafting.

This advanced implant and grafting workshop is a four-day hands-on clinical course developed by Dr. Sascha A. Jovanovic, a periodontist from Los Angeles and pioneer in implant dentistry, bone regeneration and esthetic procedures. Jovanovic is also the course director at UCLA CE, past president of the EAO, author of more than 60 scientific publications and one textbook, and is the editor in chief of Implant Tribune.

The next workshop is planned for June 15–18.

Clinicians can benefit from taking one, two or all four days at gIDE’s Training Center. Day 1 is composed of an interactive lecture in the morning addressing flap design and management, suturing methods, soft-tissue autografts and allografts, abutment design modifications, perio-implant papilla support and more.

During the second half of the day, participants will practice on fresh porcine maxilla models with the latest implant designs, microsurgical hand instruments, filler materials, resorbable and non-resorbable sutures and dermal allograft.

The second part of the course consists of a two-day workshop covering the latest techniques for successful bone grafting in implant placement, esthetic implant procedures and socket grafting. Two live surgery cases will be demonstrated: a posterior case for ridge and sinus augmentation purposes, and an anterior esthetic case exhibiting optimal implant placement and site development. Participants will practice recognizing implant dentistry’s global reach, the Academy of Osseointegration debuted an International Symposium to highlight clinical research, technology and treatment advances that may be unfamiliar to U.S.-based practitioners during the AO’s 2011 Annual Meeting, which took place March 3–5, in Washington, D.C. For more pictures from the event, see Page 2B.

AO goes to Washington, D.C.

AAIP, Jamaican Ministry of Health offer implant education course in Montego Bay

The College of Health Sciences and the School of Oral Health Sciences, University of Technology, Jamaica, in conjunction with the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics and the Ministry of Health, Jamaica, presented a hands-on dental implant conference and continuing education program called “Implants in Paradise,” in Montego Bay, from Jan. 16–21. Held at Cornwall Regional Hospital, the course was the third cooperative effort of the Jamaican Ministry of Health and the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics.

The six-day course was the fulfillment of a vision to establish a training program in oral implantology in Montego Bay, with the pristine Jamaican white sand beaches providing the recreational backdrop. Drs. Leonard I. Linkow and Sheldon Winkler presented a series of lectures, and clinical treatment was performed under the supervision of Dr. Mike Shulman.

The conference began on Jan. 16 with an induction ceremony where Linkow and Winkler were conferred as adjunct professors, and Shulman was named an adjunct associate professor in the School of Oral Health Sciences, University of Technology, Jamaica. The Hon. Errol Morrison, Dr. Mike Shulman demonstrates surgical implant procedure at Cornwall Regional Hospital during AAIP continuing education course. (Photos/Provided by AAIP)
Scenes from the AO
Group’s annual meeting took place March 3-5 in Washington, D.C.

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president of the University of Technology, Dr. Irving Fitzgodfrey McKen zie, interim dean of the School of Oral Health Sciences, and Dr. Winston E. Grey, adjunct associate professor at the School of Oral Health Sciences, were named honorary fellows of the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics.

In attendance at the ceremony were the first year DMD students from the School of Oral Health Sciences. Participating in the hands-on course were clinicians from the United States, India, Thailand, Myanmar and 10 local Jamaican dentists. During the course, the participants placed 19 implants in 12 patients, performed five sinus-lift procedures, placed abutments and temporary restorations and continued restorative treatment for patients who had implant surgery performed during the previous two courses.

Linkow developed and introduced numerous implant systems, many of which are in use today throughout the world. In 1992, New York University created the first and only endowed chair in implantology in perpetuity with Linkow as the recipient. Linkow is considered by many of his colleagues as the “Father of Oral Implantology.” He is clinical professor of implant dentistry at New York University College of Dentistry. He has authored 14 textbooks and almost 200 articles and guest chapters in professional journals and textbooks. Linkow is currently honorary president of the AAIP.

Winkler is adjunct professor at the School of Dental Medicine, Midwestern University, Glendale, Ariz. He previously served as professor and chairperson of the department of prosthodontics and dean of advanced education, research and continuing education at Temple University School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, Pa. Winkler has authored or co-authored six textbooks (including “Essentials of Complete Denture Prosthodontics”), approximately 185 articles and chapters in professional journals and textbooks and founded the journal Implant Dentistry, which he edited for six years. Winkler is currently senior editor of the Journal of Oral Implantology.

Founded by Dr. Maurice J. Fagan, Jr., in 1982 at the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Georgia, the objective of the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics is to support and foster the practice of implant prosthodontics as an integral component of dentistry.

The academy supports component and affiliate implant associations around the world, including organizations in Egypt, France, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Israel, Italy, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, South Korea and Thailand.


The academy holds an annual convention, international meetings in cooperation with its affiliate and component societies, offers continuing education courses and sponsors a network of study clubs in the United States.

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Officers of the academy are Winkler, Scottsdale, Ariz., president; Dr. Harold F. Morris, Canton, Mich., president-elect; Dr. Peter A. Neff, N. Palm Beach, Fla., vice president; Dr. Robert Wood, Philadelphia, Pa., secretary; and Dr. James Fagan, III, Atlanta, treasurer. Dr. M. Joe Mhenifar, Scottsdale, Ariz., is general chairperson of the 2011 annual meeting.

In a letter to the academy after the joint program, McKenzie, interim dean of the School of Oral Health Sciences, wrote, “On behalf of the University of Technology, Jamaica, and the people of Jamaica, I wish to express sincere gratitude to the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics for this priceless act of kindness and humanitarianism that has exceeded every expectation.”

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