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 flap design and management, suturing methods, soft-tissue autografts and allografts, abutment design modifications, perio-implant papilla support and more.

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.

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 AAPI continuing education course. (Photos/Provided by AAPI)
Scenes from the AO

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president of the University of Technology, Dr. Irving Fitzgoffrey McKen-zie, interim dean of the School of Oral Health Sciences, and Dr. Win-ston E. Grey, adjunct associate pro-fessor at the School of Oral Health Sciences, were named honorary fel-lows of the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics.

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The Honorable Errol Morrison, at right, president of the University of Technology, Jamaica, presents an adjunct professor certificate to Dr. Leonard L. Linkow.

restorations and continued restor-ative 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 through-put the world. In 1992, New York University created the first and only endowed chair in implantology in perpetuity with Linkow as the recipi-ent. Linkow is considered by many of his colleagues as the “Father of Oral Implantology.” He is clinical profes-sor 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 presi-dent of the AAIP.

Winkler is adjunct professor at the School of Dental Medicine, Mid-western University, Glendale, Ariz. He previously served as professor and chairperson of the department of prosthodontics and dean of advanced education, research and continu-ing education at Temple University School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, Pa.

Winkler has authored or co-authored six textbooks (including “Essentials of Complete Denture Prosthodon-tics”), 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 Den-tistry, Medical College of Georgia, the objective of the American Acad-emy 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 organi-zations in Egypt, France, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Israel, Italy, Par-aguay, Peru, Spain, South Korea and Thailand.


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

The American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics is designated an Approved PACE Program Provider by the Academy of General Dentist-ry. The formal continuing education programs of this program provider are accepted by AGD for fellowship, mastership and membership main-tenance credit. The current term of approval extends through Dec. 31, 2015.

Officers of the academy are Win-kler, 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., secre-tary; and Dr. James Fagan, III, Atlanta, treasurer. Dr. M. Joe Meh-nifar, Scottsdale, Ariz., is general chairperson of the 2011 annual meet-ing.

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, Jamai-ca, 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 expecta-tion.”

Future meeting, continuing edu-ca-tion and membership information can be obtained from AAIP head-quarters at 8672 E. Eagle Claw Drive, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85266-1058; telephone (480) 588-8062; fax (480) 588- 8296; e-mail to swinkdent@cox.net. The AAIP website is www.aaipusa.com.
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For its latest lecture on demand, “Oral Plastic Surgery,” gIDE worked with an expert in restorative dentistry, Dr. Nelson Carranza. In many cases, especially in implant dentistry, the challenge still present today relies on soft-tissue management. Periodontal surgery is evolving to meet these challenges into a new concept termed “oral plastic surgery.” Carranza filmed two versions of this lecture, in English and in Spanish.

Dr. Sam Strong, who has previously recorded nine lectures for gIDE, most recently contributed “Treating the Edentulous Arch with Removable Overdentures.” This presentation is the second of four modules related to treating the fully edentulous patient with removable overdentures. It focuses on the use of a jaw relation recording device (or tracing device), which gives the clinician new accuracy in procuring centric relation.

“The Emergency Implant Immediate Replacement” is the newest lecture from Dr. Jack Hahn, a well-recognized pioneer in the field of implant dentistry. Immediate extraction replacement is an option applied when patients present themselves with an un-restorable tooth, especially in the esthetic zone where they want something that will allow them to engage in social situations without a missing tooth.

gIDE has published more than 200 lectures online, while constantly adding new and innovative content. Access to these lectures is available through DVD purchase, but gIDE’s lecture library is most conveniently utilized via the online membership. Yearly subscription to this comprehensive library provides instant access to scientific knowledge in the fastest growing segments in dentistry. gIDE is ADA certified and offers a growing number of up to 200 continuing education credits.

Founded in 2003 by world-renowned implant dentist, Dr. Sascha A. Jovanovic, and colleagues, gIDE is a private dental institute blending online digital education with hands-on learning, dedicated to the advancement of clinicians and the healthcare of their patients worldwide. For additional information regarding gIDE’s lectures on demand and additional benefits of the membership, visit www.gidedental.com or call (310) 696-9025.