Osteogenics 2014 Global Bone Grafting Symposium boasts largest attendance and first time as ‘sold-out’

By Osteogenics Staff

Osteogenics 2014 Global Bone Grafting Symposium was held April 3–5 at the Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale, Ariz., which marked the fifth global symposium hosted by Osteogenics Biomedical.

Distinguished as the first dental education meeting in the United States focused on bone grafting and treatment planning, this year’s program featured several bone-grafting topics, including a special focus on vertical ridge augmentation using GBR techniques.

Considered by many to be the most difficult defect to predictably treat, vertical ridge augmentation was covered by four experts on the topic, including Dr. Massimo Simion, Dr. Marco Ronda, Dr. Istvan Urban and Dr. Sascha Jovanovic.

In addition to discussing patient selection, treatment planning, surgical techniques and materials, there were special discussions on flap management, preventing and handling complications, and soft-tissue grafting following augmentation.

Additional bone-grafting topics included maxillary arch reconstruction or partial and completely edentulous patients by Dr. Michael Pikos, minimally invasive sinus elevation techniques by Dr. Daniel Cullum, the evidence for socket grafting and the histology of various graft materials by Dr. Brian Mealey and Dr. Gustavo Avila-Ortiz, and the meeting concluded with a lecture by Dr. Kirk Pasquinelli on the topic of soft-tissue manipulation and grafting around implants.

In addition, a treatment-planning session, led by the speakers and Dr. Thomas Wilson, was held each day.

The day before the symposium, there were optional hands-on workshops, which included the following topics: vertical ridge augmentation using GBR techniques, clinical guidelines and surgical techniques for implant site development and state-of-the-art sinus elevation and grafting techniques.

During the past five years, the symposium has grown from 175 attendees from six different countries in 2009 to a sold-out 500 attendees from 15 countries and 44 of the 50 states in 2014. Limited to 500 participants, this year’s event marked the first sell-out in the symposium’s history.

This symposium was arguably the most successful in the history of the event, event organizers said.

Periodontist Dr. Bernardo Villela said: “I like the great selection of speakers. The quality of the materials as well as the clinical results were very impressive, but at the same time with options to apply the techniques to our practice. I would recommend this course to periodontists, oral surgeons and general practitioners who have been involved in implantology.”

Periodontist Dr. Lloyd Nattkemper added: “I felt that the caliber of presentations — from the quality of the images, videos and statistical analyses, to the manner in which each presenter shared materials and fielded questions — was among the finest I have enjoyed in my 28 years as a periodontist. The quality of the presenters, without exception, was in my opinion, the finest available in the world. I would have no qualms attending another Osteogenics symposium next year with the same lecturers.”

Osteogenics plans to host its next Global Bone Grafting Symposium in the spring of 2016.

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