The International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) will convene its World Congress XXX in Istanbul, Turkey, from Oct. 3–5 at the Istanbul Lutfi Kirdar International Convention and Exhibition Centre in the heart of the European side of the dual-continent city. Situated on one of the world’s busiest waterways, Istanbul is flanked by the Black and Mar- mara seas and separated by the famous Bosphorus, or Istanbul, Strait.

Two-thirds of Istanbul’s 12 million people live on the European side of town, while one-third reside on the Asian side. ICOI’s World Congress will be held at an ideal time of year in Istanbul, and attendees are assured of favorable weather, the ICOI says.

An endless array of tourist opportunities awaits the delegates to the congress. Istanbul is home to the famous Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia Museum, the Topkapı Palace, the Grand Bazaar and the Egyptian Spice Market, among other attractions.

The theme for ICOI’s 30th World Congress is “International Innovation and Perspectives for Implant Reconstruction,” and it will feature a world-class international faculty. The scientific program was designed by Dr. Scott Ganz from Fort Lee, N.J., and Dr. Ady Palti of Baden-Baden, Germany.

The Scientific Committee, in concert with the co-hosts for this World Congress, the Turkish Society of Oral Implantology and the Meffert Implant Institute, has put together a lineup of speakers who will present on topics such as immediate loading, bone grafting, three-dimensional imaging, guided-surgical applications, occlusion and more.

Main Podium lecturers include Drs. Shinichi Abe from Japan, Volkan Arisan from Turkey, Nabil Barakat from Lebanon, Georg Bayer from Germany, Fred Bergman from Germany, David Garber from the United States, Aslan Godbuget from Turkey, Cuneyt Karabuda from Turkey, Christian Makary from Lebanon, Stavros Pelekanos from Greece, Marco Rinaldi from Italy, Nigel Sayer from the United Kingdom, Georgios Romanos from the United States, Avi Schettrit from the United States, Deborah Schwartz-Arad from Israel, Gerard Scortetti from France, Marius Steigmann from Germany, Jon Suzuki from the United States, Istvan Urban from Hungary and Gerlig Widmann from Austria.

The Congress will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3. However, on Thursday day morning, delegates will get the opportunity to attend several pre-congress courses given by the congress’ sponsors. Scientific table clinics and poster presentations will also be a part of the program. Those interested in presenting either a poster or table clinic should visit the ICOI website, www.icoi.org, for guidelines and application forms or e-mail Dr. Avi Schettrit at dravi@perio.org.

The social event of the World Congress will be held at the Palas Cahid as congress attendees take over the whole club. This popular night spot is located near the convention center, but buses will take guests there, leaving from the convention center at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. Cocktails will be served starting at 8 p.m., followed by dinner. A stage show will entertain the guests until midnight.

For complete information on ICOI’s World Congress XXX, visit www.icoi.org. The ICOI is based in Upper Montclair, N.J. (Source: ICOI)