A preview of AO Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

By AO Staff

With a focus on multidisciplinary evidence-based implant dentistry and the latest surgical, prosthetic and laboratory technologies, the Academy of Osseointegration’s (AO) Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting will feature AO member presenters from leading university programs along the East Coast.

To be held at the Gaylord Resort & Conference Center in scenic National Harbor, Md., the program will consist of two hands-on workshops on Sept. 14 plus a full-day program on Sept. 15.

Kicking off the full-day main program on the 15th will be El Chaar, DDS, MS, director of Postgraduate Periodontics Specialty Program at New York University. His presentation will be entitled, “Innovative Strategies and Techniques in Ridge Augmentation.”

El Chaar asserts that ridge augmentation procedure and implant dentistry have evolved over the years and become a cornerstone in the treatment plan. With that, a number of practitioners have embarked on this journey, raising the bar and revealing complications that require a new, more creative way of solving them. With the advent of technologies and material, a more predictable result is achievable in this ever-changing environment. “A practitioner involved in implant dentistry, and bone regeneration in particular, needs predictability in rendering treatment. I will be sharing the latest innovation that I have introduced based on sound biological foundation to help render a more predictable regenerative outcome. With that, biology always wins,” El Chaar said.

Thomas Taylor, DDS, MSD, head of the Department of Reconstructive Sciences at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, will follow El Chaar with his presentation on “Occlusion and Dental Implants – What Gives?”

“I’m looking forward to spending some time with folks who are interested in what factors dictate long-term success and failure in dental implants. There is so much myth and misconception out there that could be dangerous in the wrong situation. I hope to shed some light on what occlusal factors are important and which are not so important,” Taylor said.

AAOMS to honor 100th anniversary during its annual meeting in Chicago

By AAOMS Staff

The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) will celebrate its centennial anniversary during its 100th Annual Meeting, Scientific Sessions and Exhibition from Oct. 8 to 13 in Chicago.

More than 4,000 oral and maxillofacial surgeons, faculty, residents and others are expected to gather in the city where the association was originally founded. In 1918, 29 doctors convened to hold the first meeting of the American Society of Exodontists, the organization that later became AAOMS.

The AAOMS Annual Meeting — one of the largest and most comprehensive educational conferences in the world for oral and maxillofacial surgeons and staff — will feature approximately 170 educational programs at the Hilton Chicago and McCormick Place West. Sessions will expound on such timely topics as the treatment of war injuries, advancements in cancer care and emerging technologies in maxillofacial nerve injuries.

Among other highlights of the centennial celebration are:

• A history museum will showcase artifacts related to the specialty — such as surgical mallets and cheek retractors — a historical timeline of association milestones and videos of interviews of past association presidents.

• A “100 Years of AAOMS” course will summarize the specialty’s history and discuss the evolution from exodontists to oral and maxillofacial surgeons.

• Former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.), will deliver the meeting’s keynote address, “Leadership: Taking Charge,” on Oct. 10.

• A new educational program will feature nine tracks based on the OMS scope of practice: anesthesia, cosmetic and orthognathic surgery, dental implants, dentoalveolar, head and neck oncology, pediatrics and cleft reconstruction, temporomandibular joint and trauma.

• The Chalmers J. Lyons Memorial Lecture focusing on how induced pluripotent stem cells may be used for tissue regeneration.

• Meet the Experts and Master Class sessions allowing attendees to discuss trends and innovations with legends in the specialty.

• A new World Café, where senior surgeons will address patient cases and best practices while attendees will be able to connect with their peers from around the globe.

• A two-day Beyond the Basics Coding Workshop that will review procedural coding, health-care reform initiatives, audit tips and reimbursement issues.

Registration is now open. More information is available at AAOMS.org/Chicago.
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