

AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF IMPLANT DENTISTRY



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The promotion and sharing of knowledge in the field of Implant Dentistry is a vital aim of this group. It is a society dating back to 1969 and has no affiliation with any specific implant system, but looks to glean and disseminate the best knowledge available in the field of Implant Dentistry

In this second half of the year it is satisfying to reflect on the achievements of the society. A successful Level IV Course saw the eleven participants gain a wealth of knowledge in areas of anatomy and techniques relevant to the safe placement of dental implants.

Levels I & II Courses were held at the Sheraton Four Points, Sydney, July 1-3. Ninety five dentists and four students were treated to a basic sciences outline of the fundamentals relevant to implant dentistry. This course is always well-subscribed and reflects the growing need for knowledge in this rapidly growing field of everyday dentistry.

It is in general practice that the need for implant treatment becomes apparent and it is wise for dentists to have a good working knowledge of the systems and technologies available for their valued patients. The choice of doing the surgery personally or referring to a more experienced colleague is a matter for each dentist's comfort zone and should be based on knowledge and available equipment required for the procedures. Members are encouraged to read Journals, join relevant implant societies and attend implant meetings to gain and exchange knowledge of possible treatment scenarios. Implantology is not a simple field. We are placing a mechanical device into an hostile biologic environment, the mouth...and asking for miracles! It is often a question of how many miracles at a time!!

As once said, "Implantology is like learning to snow ski. At the start it is difficult and there are many falls(often); but with time,

education and training a great deal of satisfaction can be achieved."

NOT TO BE MISSED

LEVEL III. October 7-9, Rydges Hotel, Melbourne(03 9662 0511) This course will provide an excellent learning experience for all. We are privileged to have Dr. William Chong BDS, MDS, FRACDS, Fellow & Diplomate ICOI, and Society Editor for 'IMPLANT DENTISTRY', to present a wealth of knowledge for this course. Dr. Chong, from Singapore, wrote his Master's thesis on Bone Regeneration and has a solid background in implantology and hard-tissue reconstruction. This is a rare opportunity to see an entertaining, talented practitioner who will give a well-rounded dissertation. Dr. Chong is currently updating his notes to be presented at the Level III lectures. Course participants will have the latest information available.

ASID Members and colleagues are welcome to register for the first two days of this three day Level III course. The third day is for hands-on technique and is only for those registered for the formal course leading to ASID Accreditation. Level III participants will have the opportunity to place dummy implants using seven systems over several hours. Please telephone Dr. David Rosenwax for details on: - (02) 9371 8407.

NB Previous Level III Accreditees (financial ASID members) may attend the two day lecture component of the course for a 50% fee,— \$605 instead of \$1210—a **BARGAIN!!**

2006 LEVEL IV

At this time, expressions of interest for this Course may be registered with Dr. David Rosenwax on (02) 9371 8407.

VICTORIAN BRANCH DINNER **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH**

This will be a special meeting, as Dr. William Chong will be our guest of honour for the evening. Venue is the Kelvin Club(03 9654 5711) (Melbourne Place, off Russell St; -between Bourke & Little Collins St.) 6.30 for 7.00pm. Details from Dr. Donna Mercado

TOPIC :-“Anterior Aesthetics in Implant Dentistry.”

Membership Categories

ASID members are reminded of the availability of formal recognition of their achievements in ASID as follows:-

Accredited Active Member

-Member of ASID

-Accredited with Levels I, II, & III

-Requirements to include completion of five cases; successful for one year. (Either Surgery, Prosthetics, or both); along with inclusion of treatment plan (medical and dental history), x-rays before and after, models, photos.

Fellow

-Completed and presented a folio (C.D., etc) of twenty-five cases; successful for five years.

-Performed both Surgery and Prosthetics; along with inclusion of treatment plan (medical and dental history), x-rays before and after, models, photos if possible and presentation of a case (or two) to a State Branch meeting.

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Congratulations!..to Dr. Kenneth Lee(ASID member) on achieving his Diplomateship in the ICOI. Dr Lee from Sydney was awarded this honour in Kuala Lumpur, at the ICOI Malaysia Congress, March 19th., 2005.

Upcoming meetings:-

AOS Congress

Members and colleagues are reminded of the upcoming 5th. Biennial Congress to be held in Canberra, 19-23 October, 2005. This promises to be an outstanding meeting for anyone interested in Implantology. A lot of good work has gone into the planning of this Congress which appears to be well structured and have excellent content. It is recommended viewing! For details please telephone :-Conference Solutions on (02)6285 3000 or email: aos@con-sol.com

ICOI World Congresses

As a component member of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI), ASID members attract a special rate for first time congress attendance. For details, visit: icoi@dentalimplants.com

9th Asia Pacific Congress. JEJU Island, Korea. September 1-4, 2005.

XXIII World Congress STRASBOURG, France November 10-12, 2005.

Winter Symposium SAN DIEGO, USA February 9-11, 2006

DID YOU KNOW?

Time-expired implants

Dr. Philip Worthington submitted a selection of Nobel Biocare “old stock” implants (6-11 years past expiry) for microbiological sterility testing. All specimens remained free of microbiological growth for 7-9 days. It seems that “expired” (unused!) implants are safe for use. Use-by dates are non applicable.

JOMI: 20/3,2005, p461.

Screw vs Cement retained implant crown

To Glue or Screw....that is the question!?! Almandini et al. concluded that screw-retained PFM crowns showed a significantly higher porcelain fracture when compared to cement-retained PFM crowns. The fracture resistance of cement-retained crowns was about four times greater than for the screw-retained specimens. JOMI:20/3,2005, p471.
IMPLANTOLOGY-always a challenge!