

# 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 group dating back to 1969 and has no affiliation with a specific implant system, but looks to glean and disseminate the best knowledge available in the field of Implant Dentistry within its membership.*

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As Christmas approaches, it is timely to provide members with an overview of the year that was. ASID has had a busy year, although not heavily advertised. The year began with the inaugural Level 4 Course which had 10 members and two students as participants. A series of lectures and dissections saw hands-on teaching of relevant anatomy, physiology, implant and bone grafting techniques, sinus-lift and suturing methods which are applicable to implant therapy.

N.B. A second Level 4 Course is in planning for early 2003—Feb.15<sup>th</sup>...23<sup>rd</sup> incl. Interested dentists should call (02) 9371 8407 for details. There are 3 positions available.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> a South Australian Branch was formed, with 48 local dentists attending a lecture by Dr. Ian Bills, "Doing your own Implant Surgery." This group is ably led by President, Dr. Robert Bickmore.

From May31-June2 a Levels 1 & 2 Course was held at the Melbourne Carlton Crest Hotel. There were 80 dentists in attendance.

Dr. Cary Shapoff from Connecticut, USA, presented lectures to the Level 2 course in Melbourne, and also to ASID Branches in Melbourne, Adelaide,

Brisbane, and Sydney. These were well attended and Dr. Shapoff gave valuable information to members and guests.

In August, Dr. John Giblin presented lectures to ASID members in Brisbane and Adelaide, "Incorporating Implants into General Practice."

In October, Dr. Giblin presented a lecture "Immediate Load Implants-Successes and Failures." To 560 delegates of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, in Los Angeles. There was keen interest in the topic

A Level 3 Course was held at the Carlton Crest, Sydney, October 18-20.. This year Dr Joseph Kan from Loma Linda University, USA, gave a detailed 3 day course to 72 dentists. Dr. Kan was recommended by Dr. William Chong, who has been our Level 3 lecturer over the last few years, but was unable to be with us this time. As members are aware, ASID is the only Implant-oriented group in Australia which has a formal lecture program leading to Certificated accreditation. There are now over 600 dentists who have completed Levels 1,2,&3, and passed the examinations to become Certificated members.

Also in October, Dr. Bruce Squire, presented "Occlusion in Implantology"

to 30 members of the Victorian Branch of ASID. This topic was well received.

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> saw Dr Tony Zahra present the annual lecture to the Dental Assistants Association students on implant dentistry. This lecture covered most facets of Implant Dentistry and Dr. Zahra emphasised the important role of the dental assistant in the smooth running and success of these procedures.

#### DR. GERRY MARISH

After 32 years of service to ASID, Dr. Marish is stepping aside as President. Supported by his delightful wife, Irene, Gerry has been a man for others, with vast energy and dedication. He was recently elected to Honorary Life Membership for his work in ASID, In his time, Gerry has exhibited wonderful leadership qualities and a mind for fine detail. During his time as President, ASID Branches were established in all Australian States. We congratulate Gerry on his achievement.

Dr. TONY COLLINS will take the office of President and will, no doubt, continue the fine work. We welcome Tony to the Presidency of ASID and look forward to his enthusiastic direction.

The Federal Executive of ASID is currently considering the establishment of further Membership Levels (as happens in some overseas groups.) This would be an experience-based program where members could apply for Certificated membership at a higher level. This would be related to clinical experience, and would give further credibility with respect to the discipline of Implantology, both in the community and the profession generally. If you feel such a program would be of interest to you, please let us know on (02 9371 8407).

THE FUTURE-- In a recent US article, "New Paradigms in Implant

Dentistry." (Int. Mag. Oral Implants 3/2002), Dr. Roger Levin talks about where he believes implant dentistry is heading. He suggests a new age in Implant dentistry where there is now an accepted 5 year success rate of 97.2%. Dr. Levin developed four categories of restorative dentists. Namely:-

1. Avoiders: (0 cases /year)- up to 50% of restorative dentists.
2. Amateurs: (1-3 cases/year)-do not regularly think of the implant option.
3. Enthusiasts: (4-10 cases/year)- keen to do implant dentistry. Potential for marked growth.
4. Professionals: (11+ cases/year)- "implant-excited" dentists. Keen to develop further.

The focus of segmentation in this study is on the restorative dentists, because they control the number of implants that will be referred and restored annually.

In the light of Dr. Levin's research, it can be asked, " Do we need more dentist / patient education for the proposed future of a patient's vacant dental space, or imminent extraction space?" It is apparent from Dr. Levin's article that Implant dentistry has a long future. Where do YOU fit? Where would you like to be with your implant dentistry practice in the future?

#### CALENDAR

In 2003, as well as the level 4 course in Sydney (Feb.15-23), ASID is hoping to present a lecture by Dr. J. Kan, "Achieving the optimum in Anterior Aesthetics with Implants and Bone Grafting." Further information on upcoming overseas Courses is often available by contacting either John Giblin (02-9476 2736) or Gerry Marish (02-91303212)

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!