

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.

As 2005 begins it is good to reflect on the productive 2004 year and what is planned for the current year. 2004 began with a Level IV Course in February. This unique Course was a marked success and is to be repeated for the fourth time in 2005, Jan29th-Feb6th, at Sydney University. Details from David Rosenwax on (02)9371 8407.

Levels I & II Courses were held in Sydney (July 2nd-4th), with 75 dentists present. These popular courses grow in attendance each year as both the public and dental world embrace this new field of dentistry; and where more previously-saved teeth are failing and people are more aware of potentially better options to dentures, particularly implants. These courses covered the basic sciences and gave a good overview of the protocols related to the field of Implantology

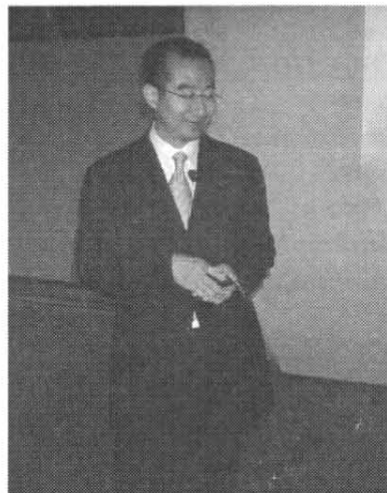
A Level III Course (November 19th-21st) was officially opened by the new Dean of the Dental Faculty, Sydney University, Professor Eli Swartz. Professor Swartz was welcomed by the ASID president, Dr. Tony Collins.

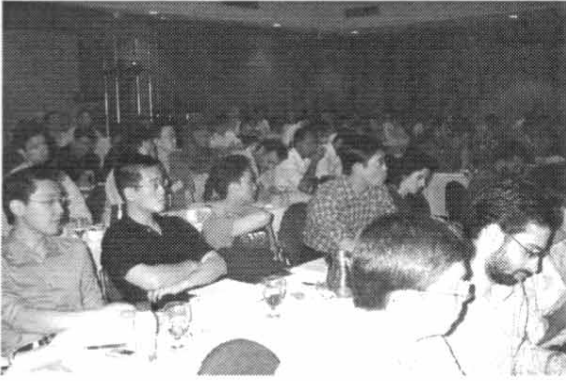


This remarkable Course attracted 93 dentists, learning the essentials and the details from a dynamic presentation by Dr. Joseph Kan, Loma Linda University, Ca, USA. This was an informative three days, and included an examination which is a requirement for ASID accreditation for those members who had completed all Levels I, II, & III Courses. In this course, there was also a busy day where several of the more commonly-used implant systems in Australia were available for course participants to familiarise themselves with.

On Monday, Nov 22nd, Dr. Kan presented a further course on anterior aesthetics and the planning of more predictable protocols for tissue management and ultimate implant aesthetics. This was a good summary of what is currently known from the literature in this growing and dynamic area of Implantology.

-Dr. Kan fielding a question or two-





-Participants at Dr Kan's Level III program-

Other ASID activities throughout the year included several meetings of the Queensland, New South Wales and Victorian Branches. All branches report meetings that are attended by enthusiastic dentists who are keen to learn and to share their implant experiences. It is at these important local forums that much of our learning and questioning issues are resolved.

The QLD Branch is an active branch with a proposed 2005 program as follows;

Meetings on Thursdays:-March 3, May 12, Aug 4 & Oct 13. Venue: Tattersalls, 6-6.30pm. Details:- Jonathan Cichero (07)3345 1099.

NSW & Vic Branches- to be advised separately.

In 2005, as stated earlier, the year will begin with a **Level IV Course** in the Anatomy Dept., Sydney University, commencing **Jan29th**. This is a limited attendance Course with details available from Dr. David Rosenwax on:- (02) 9371 8407.

A **one-day Course** will be presented Thursday **March 3rd** in conjunction with the ADA Conference in **Adelaide**. This pre-Congress program entitled:-

RISK REDUCTION IN IMPLANT DENTISTRY will feature:-

Dr David Rosenwax: Is your patient suitable for implants?

Dr John Giblin: Strategies for failing teeth- incorporating implants into your practice.

Dr Tony Collins: Problem solving when things go wrong.

Dr Bill O'Reilly: The avoidance of litigation with regard to Implant dentistry.

Plans are afoot for an innovative, regional lecture program to take implant-related knowledge to more remote districts of this Continent. This initiative follows a growing Public awareness of alternatives for tooth replacement, in a better-informed, more technologically-aware population.

Options to dentures, including tissues preservation, Crown & Bridgework and Implants, will be discussed in conjunction with patient assessment and treatment planning in this program. This is an exciting new ASID educational forum which will hopefully benefit both our patients and dental colleagues.

A **Level I & II Course** will be held **early July** and hopefully a **Level III in early October**. Details to be advised separately.

DID YOU KNOW?

It seems that all is not as it could be in our implant world. There are a growing number of literature articles addressing post-operative problems with differing implant systems. There is a common thread which could be summarised by:- "All systems work -- all have their problems." It is timely to reflect on the literature, when many systems have emerged and have been in the field for many years.

In JOMI, Vol 19, Supplement, 2004, there is a summary of proceedings of the third ITI Consensus Conference. One article, referring to implant survival and complications, states that; "Implant-supported and implant/tooth-supported FPDs present with high implant and restoration survival rates. However, biologic and technical complications occurred in about half the cases after 5 years of function (p 152).

Other articles (p128) refer to "Antimicrobial Treatment of Peri-implant Diseases" and to the "Surgical Treatment of Peri-implantitis" (p140). At this time in implant dentistry, it is comforting to know that there are fellow dentists who also experience problems and who are prepared to solve these problems and share their experiences - however humbling! Dentistry will do that to you; always questioning! Welcome to another year of learning, camaraderie and challenges!