

# AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF IMPLANT DENTISTRY



## Federal Newsletter-March 2004

*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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Welcome to another year of growth and consolidation for this: ASID's 35<sup>th</sup> year as an implant-related group. Over the years, there have been some 690 dentists who have attended ASID Courses and each year this number continues to grow with the increasing public demand for implant dentistry and dentists' desire for further implant education.

### Level IV Accreditation Course

Already this year, the third such course has been completed with ten dentists achieving a wealth of knowledge over a ten day course held in the Anatomy Department of Sydney University. This Course is the brainchild of Drs. Tony Collins and Fiona Stewart, who organised a wide range of lecturers to provide comprehensive material in the many aspects of implant dentistry, including placement of fixtures, tissue regeneration methods and techniques to achieve sinus elevation, mandibular nerve location and lateralisation. This hands-on course was fully subscribed. Dentists interested in attending next year's Level IV Course should contact Dr. Tony Collins (0414 629 400), or Dr. David Rosenwax (0412 616 698).

### Levels I & II Courses

For 2004, these concurrent Courses will be held in Sydney at the Carlton Crest Hotel(0292816888), July 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. Registration 7.30am. Start 8.00. Please ring David Rosenwax for details.

### Level III Course

This Course will be presented once more by Dr. Joseph Kan from Loma Linda University, California, USA. Dr. Kan gives a well-balanced two day course on most aspects of modern implant dentistry, with an emphasis on tissue conservation and aesthetics. On the third day there is a well represented hands-on trade display for course candidates, which allows for a comparison of several systems on the same day. This Course will be held at the Carlton Crest, Sydney, on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Registration 7.30am. Start 8.00. Please ring David Rosenwax (0412 616 698) for details

N.B. Dentists wishing to advance their implant knowledge through the above ASID forums should note that to gain a Certificate of Accreditation and to become an Accredited Member or Accredited Active Member, they will need to have completed all Levels I, II, & III. Courses and passed the exam.

### Membership

Please be advised that it is somewhat difficult to run an organisation such as ASID without the support of the members by way of up to date mailing details and current financial status.

As an Implant Society we are growing steadily and need your input and recommendations to fellow dentists to

join our ASID family. We value our current members and appreciate new ones. As a "Component" member of ICOI, our members enjoy discounted international congress rates and receive four ' **Implant Dentistry** ' Journals per year. Membership advice is available from David Rosenwax.(0412 616 698)

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, revised membership classifications have been determined. Appropriate **Membership Certificates** are available for subscribed members. The membership categories are: -

- Member
- Associate Member
- Accredited Member
- Accredited Active Member
- Fellow
- Honorary Member
- Honorary Life Member
- Student Member

**N.B.** If you are interested in assessing your membership status and receiving a Certificate, please ring John Giblin on (02) 9476 2736 for further details

The NSW membership met on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for presentations by Dr. Malcolm Coombs who gave an insight into the new BDent Program, and Dr. John Giblin: "Experience with one stage and immediate implants." Seventy two were in attendance to make a good start for the year. A vote of 'Thanks' to members of the trade who attend and help to make the evenings more enjoyable by their sponsorship and interest in ASID events.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ICOI WORLD CONGRESS XXII**  
**June 24-27,2004, Bellagio Hotel,**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada** This may be a good time to get our membership together and make a trip! It is on the

west coast of USA and only a short flight from Los Angeles.

As a "Component" member of ICOI, ASID members would be made most welcome at this Congress, and we attract a discounted rate for the meeting. We could have a little fun, and learn a lot! There are four starters so far. Why not come? For details contact John Giblin-(02) 9476 2736.

### **Mastering Dental Implants & Tissue Regeneration Procedures**

This two day, hands-on training seminar, features Dr. Donald Callan, a well-renowned Periodontist from Little Rock, Arkansas, USA. The next Courses are planned for April2-3, June4-5, Aug.27-28, Oct.15-16, Dec.3-4, 2004, Feb.4-5, 2005. These are good courses from which to learn overall implantology. For details contact John Giblin- (02) 9476 2736

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

In a recent editorial (JOMI Vol.18, No 6, 2003), Thomas Taylor commented on, "The Changing Face of Implant Dentistry." He noted possibilities for the next twenty years. 'Will implant surfaces be coated with bioactive molecules that speed osseointegration and at a 100% success rate? Today's surface technology will probably be viewed as crude. The external hex connection is being replaced by an internal one. Will internal connections hold up over time, as cyclical loading of internally seated abutments causes hoop stresses in the walls of the implants? Vertical wall cracking in the body of the implant is a potential mode of failure as these units age and become brittle through fatigue. Perhaps the growth in acceptance of 'one stage' placement and the evolution of the one-piece implant/abutment will create a shift in implant technology and the way we do things.

Time and history will tell!