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• Attendees check out Perio Park during the 2017 AAP Annual Meeting. Be sure to stop by to recharge your phones or recharge yourself during this year's meeting. (Photo/today Staff file photo)

Time to gather round

■ It's that time of year, when the sharpest minds in periodontics gather together to lead an array of courses while dental clinicians, students, hygienists, office staff and more show up in spades to take advantage of all the education, networking opportunities and events the next few days have to offer.

It is, of course, the American Academy of Periodontology's 104th Annual Meeting, which this year is presented

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AAP honors Dr. Oded Bahat with Master Clinician Award

■ The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) honored Dr. Oded Bahat with the Master Clinician Award at a ceremony held during the annual conference on Saturday.

"Oded is, without question, one of the most innovative thinkers of our generation," said Dennis P. Tarnow, DDS, clinical professor and director of implant education at Columbia University's College of Dental Medicine.

The Master Clinician Award is presented to a member who demonstrates

consistent clinical excellence and has continuously shared his research with others in the specialty.

Bahat is a pioneer in dental implantology who championed his findings that, for many people, the jawbone continues to grow throughout your life.

This research caused practitioners world-wide to change their approach to implant placement as originally the jawbone and surrounding craniofacial anatomy was considered

unchanging after a person matures.

Bahat also developed a protocol to take craniofacial growth into account before placing implants that is now widely accepted.

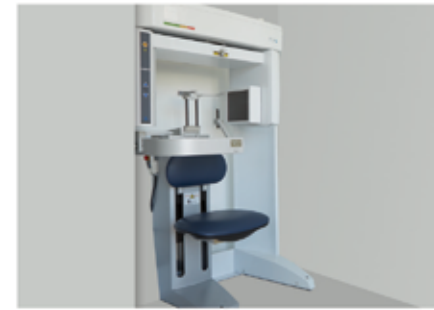
"[Bahat's] ideas and contributions regarding the growth and development of dentition with implant-supported restorations have awakened all practitioners," said Stuart J. Froum, DDS, past president of the AAP.

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• Dr. Oded Bahat. (Photo/Provided by eReleases)

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in collaboration with the Canadian Academy of Periodontology, the Japanese Academy of Clinical Periodontology and the Japanese Society of Periodontology.

Altogether, this year's meeting, which provides up to 25.5 continuing education credits, features 45 courses and more than 30 new speakers. Ten redesigned program tracks include oral pathology, oral medicine and oral diagnosis; emerging concepts and innovative therapies; implant surgery and prosthetic rehabilitation; and periodontal plastic and soft-tissue surgery.

“This year's annual meeting is set to be a gathering of our specialty's best and brightest from around the world,” said Steven R. Daniel, DDS, president of the AAP, in a press release sent out

before the meeting. “With the return of our Dental Hygiene Symposium, Student and New Periodontist series and the Insurance Coding Workshops, there's something for everyone in the field.”

To make sure you don't miss anything, here are a few highlights from the next few days.

- *Endeavor to Succeed at the Opening General Session:* Captain Mark Kelly, who spent more than 50 days in space aboard Space Shuttles Endeavour and Discovery, will share insights on leadership, teamwork and success during the keynote address from 8 to 10 a.m. today.

- *Proceedings from the 2017 World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions:* Members of the workshop's organizing committee will discuss findings from the recently

updated disease classification. This ticketed event takes place on Monday. (See Page 6 for more information.)

- *All-new Speaker Studio:* Located in the exhibit hall in booth No. 533, the Speaker Studio provides a unique opportunity for attendees to interact with speakers and moderators throughout the meeting. Course presenters will be on hand for post-session conversations and Q&A in an intimate, small-group setting.

In addition, the exhibit hall will be at the center of the action of this year's meeting. More than 300 booths will showcase an array of products and services, plus you can attend a career fair, buy some AAP merchandise at the Member Resource Center (booth No. 927), log your continuing education credits and, when you need a break, enjoy some down time at Perio Park.

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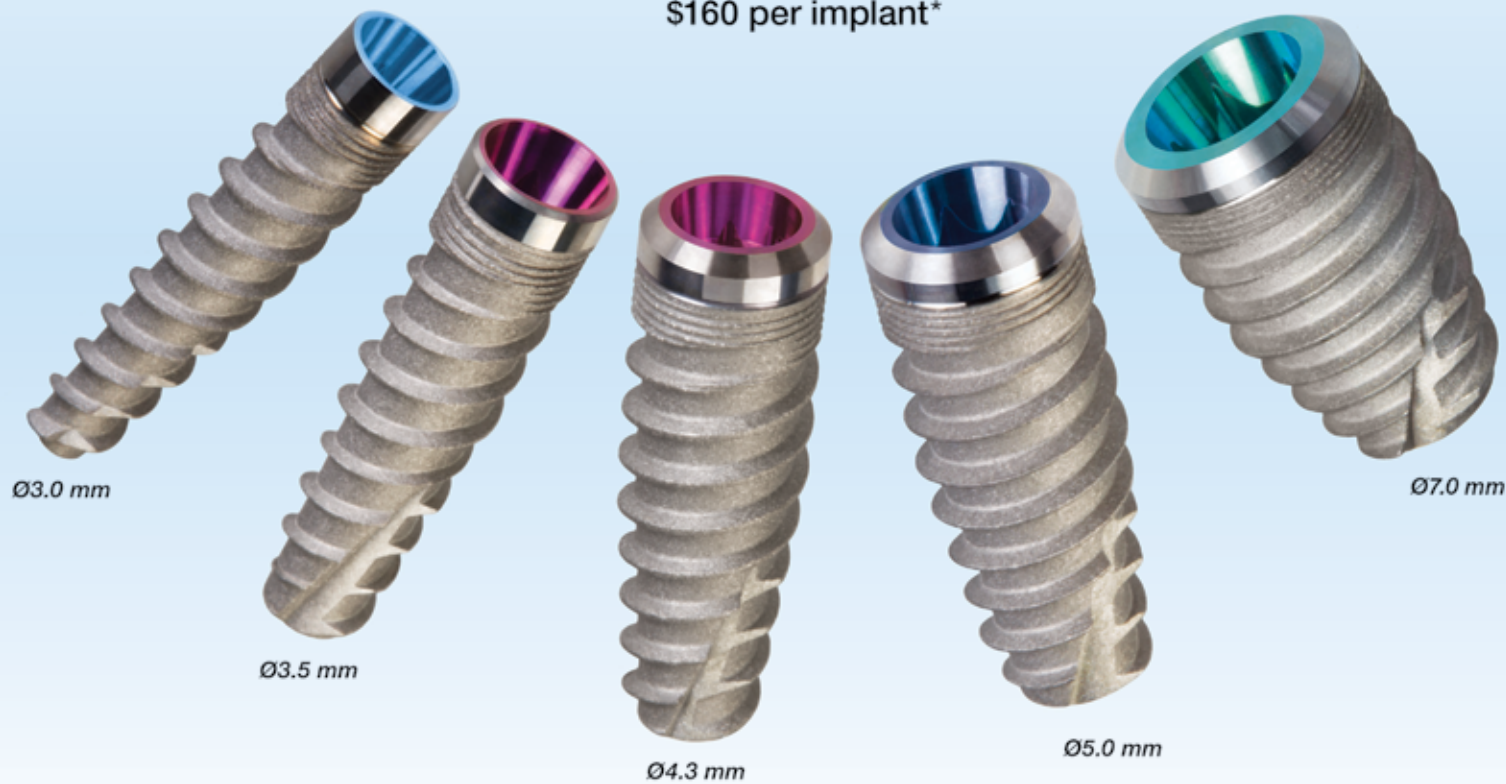
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Results from the World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions

■ In conjunction with the European Federation of Periodontology (EFP), the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) hosted the World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions from Nov. 9-11, 2017, at the Gleacher Center in Chicago.

More than 100 international researchers, educators and clinicians gathered there to review the latest literature and come to consensus on up-to-date guidelines for periodontal and peri-implant disease diagnosis and definition.

Participants conducted literature reviews, established case definitions and deliberated diagnostic considerations for the following topic areas: periodontal health and gingival diseases and conditions; periodontitis; developmental and acquired conditions and periodontal manifestations of systemic conditions; and peri-implant diseases and conditions.

The inclusion of peri-implant diseases and conditions within peri-

Here in Vancouver

The session, 'Results from the World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions,' will take place from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday. Jack Caton will moderate, and the speakers will be Gary Armitage, Kenneth S. Kornman and Panos N. Papapanou. The session is free but tickets are required to attend.

odontal disease classifications was a first, accommodating for what scientists and practitioners have come to understand about implant dentistry.

"Since the last World Workshop was held in 1999, periodontics has made notable advancements in the treatment and diagnosis of periodontal disease. The 2017 workshop intended to account for what we've learned in the last 18 years and help standardize the specialty's definition of disease," said Dr. Steven R. Daniel of the AAP shortly after the workshop

concluded. "Our collaboration with the EFP and periodontists from all over the world will work to positively shape the quality of patient care globally."

Now it is time to release the findings from that workshop for the industry to hear.

On Monday, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., members of the 2017 World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions will discuss findings from the recently updated disease classification. This ticketed event will highlight the newly developed staging and grading model for classification as well as the update's implications on patient care and dental education.

The new classification reflects what has been expertly reviewed today about the diseases and attempts to improve clinicians' level of comprehension and appreciation of disease progression, clarify gingival health and mucogingival conditions and

address peri-implant diseases for the first time and eliminate overlap of former disease categories and achieve more diagnostic precision.

By attending the session, attendees can learn how worldwide consensus was reached and how the new classification differs from the 1999 version; familiarize themselves with an innovative model for identifying and diagnosing periodontal diseases that introduces a multi-dimensional staging and grading system, similar to the method used in oncology; gain an appreciation for the complex nature of each patient and his/her individual response to treatment; and describe what new dental students will be taught about identifying and classifying periodontitis in their patients.

The 2017 World Workshop was the second recent collaboration of the EFP and AAP. The groups' joint workshop on periodontitis and systemic disease in 2012 was a major milestone in the specialty's understanding of the perio-systemic link.

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