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The courses are based on collaboration between the Trinon Collegium Practicum and established university clinics in the Dominican Republic, Cambodia and Laos.

The first Q-Implant Marathon in Cuba was born from an idea to give surgeons the opportunity to quickly gain in-depth experience in implantology by directly working with the patient.

In addition, there was a common understanding that practical educational seminars for surgeons were not being offered, and this resulted in a lack of experience and a hesitation while inserting implants.

Course curriculums

- *Beginner course:* You will gain basic

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Implant pioneers meet in New York



Drs. Leonard Linkow, Victor Sendax, Jack Wimmer and Ronald Bulard host a celebration of the past and future of Park Dental Research Corporation. (Photos/Provided by Park Dental)

Park Dental Research celebrates its past and future with Drs. Bulard, Linkow, Sendax and Wimmer during the 2011 Greater N.Y. Dental Meeting

Old friends and new gathered in Manhattan to celebrate the continuing legacy of Park Dental Research Corporation, a leader in dental implant research and products since 1967.

Hosted by Drs. Ronald A. Bulard, Leonard Linkow, Victor Sendax and Jack Wimmer on Nov. 28, the reception honored the life's work of Park Dental's founder, Wimmer, and his pioneering partners and restated its commitment to bringing value-based implant solutions to dental patients around the globe.

Linkow, who has published 17 books that have been translated into many languages, delivered a

summary of Wimmer's early loss of his family at the Dachau concentration camp, his study of dental medicine in Germany and subsequent move to the United States with his wife Sally and his notable contributions to dental implantology.

Wimmer became a visionary in dental implantology, working with legends to research, develop and distribute tooth replacement solutions around the world through the company he founded, Park Dental Research. Linkow traveled the world with his friend and described Wimmer's zest for life and the people they met while



Implant pioneer Dr. Leonard Linkow speaks during the celebration.

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practical experience in implantology by placing 30 implants while acting as the main surgeon, under the supervision of the teacher. Furthermore, you will participate in approximately 60 operations by assisting other colleagues in the group. You will receive an introduction to the basics of bone augmentation and reconstruction, and you can take part in training for prosthetic treatment.

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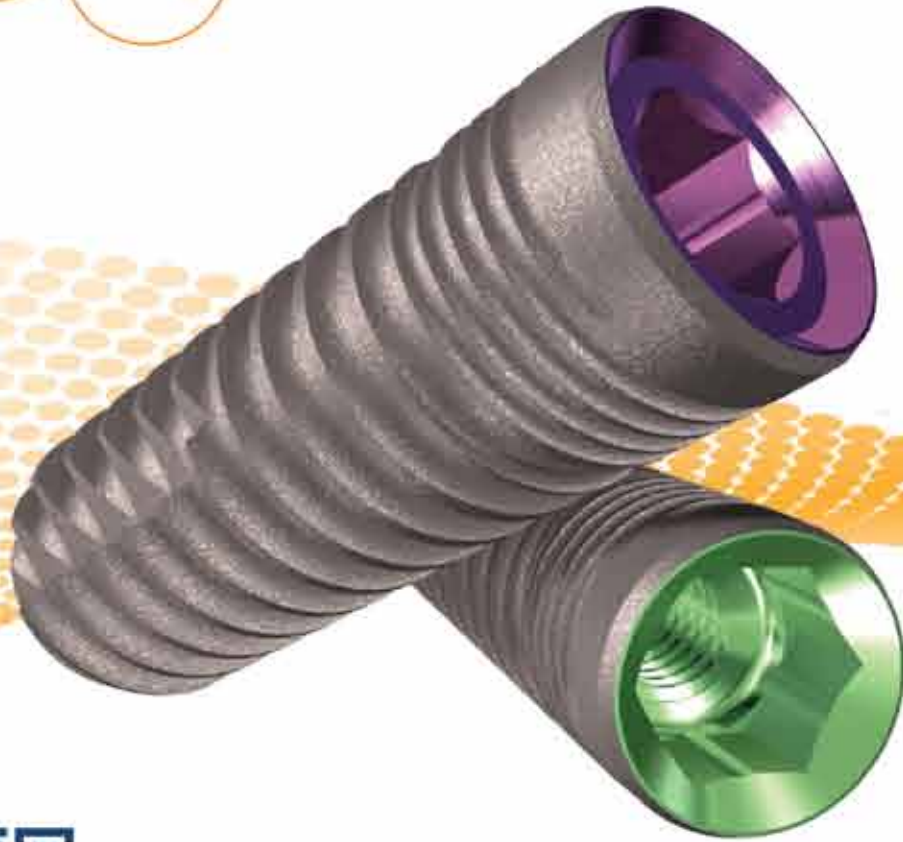
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AAIP holds 29th annual meeting

Implant clinicians explore wide variety of controversial topics and procedures

The American Academy of Implant prosthodontics (AAIP) held its 29th annual meeting on Oct. 1 in Carefree, Ariz., at the Carefree Resort & Conference Center, in association with the Dental Implant Clinical Research Group and Midwestern University

College of Dental Medicine.

The theme of the meeting was "Implant Update — 2011," and it featured an array of dental clinicians as podium speakers. Dr. M. Joe Mehranfar was general chairperson of the meeting, and Dr. Mahmoud F. Nasr served as moderator.

Major dental implant manufacturers and several dental laboratories exhibited at the meeting.

Dr. Harold F. Morris, co-director of the Dental Implant Clinical Research Group and clinical professor of restorative dentistry at Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia, spoke on "Recent

Advances in Implant Research."

Dr. Azfar Siddiqui, associate professor of dentistry at Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine, discussed "Commandments of Implant Dentistry Revisited."

Dr. Clement Guarlotti, past president of the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics, presented "New Implants for Old Fixed Protheses."

Dr. Robert Weiner, who has lectured extensively throughout North and South America and Europe, discussed "Achieving Esthetic Results with Dental Implants in the Anterior Maxilla."

Dr. Richard Hughes, a national and international lecturer on restorative and surgical implant dentistry, presented "Progressive and Immediate Loading."

Dr. Mike Shulman, director of Atlantic Dental Implant Seminars, covered "Implant Therapy for Missing Teeth to Full Arch Replacement."

Dr. Raul R. Mena, director of the Quantum Implant Institute, secretary of the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics and a national and international speaker on oral implantology and occlusion, spoke on "Do Not Accept Bone Loss — Beyond Osseointegration."

Daniel J. McNeff, a published author and CEO of Legally Mine, discussed "The Key to Lawsuit Prevention and Tax Reduction."

Founded by Dr. Maurice J. Fagan, Jr., in 1982 at the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Georgia, the academy has an objective to support and foster the practice of implant prosthodontics as an integral component of dentistry.

The academy supports component and affiliate implant associations around the world, including organizations in Egypt, France, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Paraguay and Thailand.

The academy has published two textbooks, "The Dental Implant" in 1985 and "Implant Prosthodontics" in 1990. The Journal of Oral Implantology is the official publication of the academy. It also publishes a newsletter.

The academy holds an annual convention as well as international meetings in cooperation with its affiliate and component societies, offers continuing education courses and sponsors a network of study clubs in the United States.

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Officers of the academy are Dr. Sheldon Winkler, Scottsdale, Ariz., president; Dr. Harold F. Morris, Canton, Mich., president-elect; Dr. Peter A. Neff, North Palm Beach, Fla., vice president; Dr. Raul R. Mena, Plantation, Fla., secretary; and Dr. James Fagan, III, Atlanta, treasurer. Dr. M. Joe Mehranfar, Scottsdale, Ariz., served as general chairperson of the 2011 annual meeting.

Membership information can be obtained from the AAIP headquarters at 8672 East Eagle Claw Drive, Scottsdale, Ariz., 85266-1058; telephone (480) 588-8062; fax (480) 588-8296; e-mail swinkdent@cox.net.

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Left, after being introduced by Park Dental founder Jack Wimmer, new owner and CEO Dr. Ronald A. Bulard accepts the honor of leading the company to future successes. Right, Dr. Bulard congratulates Dr. Victor Sendax for his recent Isaiah Lew Memorial Research Award, given every year by the AAID. Lew developed products for Park Dental in the 1960s and 1970s, as represented by the present-day Lew MDIs.

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lecturing to eager dental groups.

After Linkow's introduction, Wimmer spoke modestly of his career and boldly of a new era at Park Dental Research. Wimmer revealed that he chose Bulard to succeed him at Park Dental because of Wimmer's confidence that Bulard understood the history of dental implants and has a realistic vision of how to build upon Park Dental's experience to achieve new heights.

For the first time, Wimmer also revealed to Bulard that the idea for Park Dental came to him while sitting on a bench in Central Park.

In accepting Wimmer's challenge, Bulard described the honor he felt to take over Wimmer's legacy at Park Dental.

He noted that the new management team quickly developed affection for Wimmer and is committed to ensuring Park Dental's success. Bulard then discussed the Isaiah Lew Memorial Research Award.

The Isaiah Lew Memorial Research Award is presented by the American Academy of Implant Dentistry to an individual who has contributed significantly to research in implant dentistry.

Dr. Isaiah Lew, an implant pioneer and a founding member of the AAID, was committed to the "where, why and how of implant dentistry" and spent a lifetime conducting surgical and prosthetic clinical implant research. The award is given every year to perpetuate Lew's spirit and enthusiasm for implant dentistry. Lew was a key collaborator with Park Dental, as reflected by the products bearing the Lew name, including the LEW MDI implant line.

Bulard then formally recognized Sendax for receiving the Isaiah Lew Memorial Research Award. Bulard reminisced about meeting Sendax at their common office building on 30 Central Park South in New York City and how their initial meeting and ongoing professional relationship changed the way Bulard viewed implantology. Bulard then invited "his good friend," Sendax, to the podium for a few words.

Sendax spoke about his experiences with so many colleagues and collaborators of Park Dental Research, including one of his mentors, Lew.

After expounding upon the past successes of mini dental implants, Sendax said he envisioned a future where minimally invasive implantology could bring great gains in quality of life to patients around the world. He also said he believed strongly in the ability of Park Dental's new management team to continue a legacy of bringing innovative dental implant technologies to market.

After the speeches concluded, guests continued to mingle and enjoy the diverse company, availing themselves of photo opportunities with the group of dental implant pioneers assembled. **IT**

(Source: Park Dental Research Corp.)

New implant institute opens

Institute for Implant and Reconstructive Dentistry opens to serve dental professionals worldwide

Dental professionals worldwide can hone their skills, learn about the latest techniques and share information — online or on location — through the new Institute for Implant and Reconstructive Dentistry (IIRD™). The state-of-the-art facility opened on Nov. 16 at the South Florida campus of BIOMET 3i, a global leader in dental implants, abutments and regenerative oral health-care products.

Education and knowledge sharing of evidence-based dentistry using leading-edge technology is at the heart of IIRD. World-renowned leaders in the fields of implant and reconstructive dentistry comprise the faculty and guest-speaker panel.

The facility is equipped with state-of-the-art dental and educational technology to maximize experiential learning through live surgeries,



(Photo/Provided by BIOMET 3i)

tele-surgeries, hands-on training, educational programs, lectures and information sharing. The IIRD also will conduct online educational programs, including lecture series, university partnership programs and industry events and meetings.

“The Institute for Implant and Reconstructive Dentistry is designed to serve dental professionals as a trusted educational partner. However, we go beyond providing ‘continuing education’ courses,” explains Anthony Singleton, BIOMET 3i global director, the Insti-

tute for Implant and Reconstructive Dentistry. “Regardless of their experience level, dental professionals will be able to fine-tune their skills, build their confidence with the latest dental technology and, perhaps, be challenged by new perspectives on patient care. All this can lead to growing their practices and enhancing patient outcomes.”

The IIRD is the culmination of the vision of BIOMET 3i co-founder Richard J. Lazzara, DMD, MScD, who passionately believes education, evidence-based research and

leading-edge dental techniques are essential to providing the best dental solutions and care to patients. Lazzara is one of many world-class dental professionals who will serve as faculty of the institute.

Subject matter ranging from treatment planning, advances in digital dentistry, implant dentistry innovations, implant restoration, CT-guided surgery and advanced diagnostics and complex case management provides a comprehensive education continuum for varying levels of dental specialists and clinicians, allied staff and dental laboratory technicians. Programs are continuously added and can be found by visiting www.iird.com.

In addition to information about course offerings and online registration, the IIRD website allows visitors to take a virtual tour of the facility. Articles and research, videos and interviews are also included on the website, along with links to the Journal of Implant and Reconstructive Dentistry® (JIRD), the official publication of the IIRD.

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