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 worldwide 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.

To learn more about Bahat, visit www.odedbahat.com.

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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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. 933, 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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