Editorial
12th ISPRD: Four Days of New Ideas and Inspiration

The 12th International Symposium on Periodontics & Restorative Dentistry (ISPRD) took place June 16–19, 2016, at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, co-hosted by Quintessence Publishing and the American Academy of Periodontology. The extensive program included 85 speakers and moderators whose goal was to update participants on contemporary dentistry and to prepare and challenge them for the future. Three concurrent sessions were offered each day on dental implants, periodontal therapy, and prosthetic dentistry. Each session concluded with a 30-minute panel discussion, creating interesting and educational interaction among the speakers and attendees.

The implant sessions covered treatment planning for complex cases and solutions for the edentulous patient; provided algorithms for the prevention, treatment, and management of peri-implantitis; and investigated the future of implant dentistry. Sessions focusing on bone grafting for regeneration included strategies for predictable horizontal and vertical ridge augmentation therapy and esthetic management of compromised extraction sites.

The role of technology in managing inflammatory diseases opened the forum for treating natural teeth. This was followed by a session on periodontal regeneration and a special orthodontics session on esthetics. A session on surgical solutions for root coverage procedures presented unique surgical techniques and strategies to optimize success.

Restorative dentistry has continually changed due to the introduction of digital methodology and advances in ceramic materials. Looking at the integration of these technologies in practice was truly exciting. The quality and artistry of the esthetic dentistry presented was inspiring for all attendees.

Two special recognition awards were presented Friday evening at the Welcome Reception. Dr Burton Langer and Dr David Garber received the Distinguished Clinician Award for their contributions to advancements in periodontics and restorative dentistry, respectively. In addition, Dr Myron Nevins was honored at the speakers’ dinner in celebration of his 35+ years serving as editor-in-chief of The International Journal of Periodontics & Restorative Dentistry. Dr Nevins has also served as program chair for each of the 12 ISPRDs to date. This unique editorial commitment and longevity is unmatched in the profession.

We look forward to having you join us in Boston in 3 years to participate in the 13th ISPRD. Mark your calendars now for June 6–9, 2019.

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