

The 10. High Altitude Comprehensive Implant Symposium

Neuss, 20.02.2020 - The High Altitude Comprehensive Implant Symposium (HACIS) visited Europe for its 10th anniversary. In January 2020 the prestigious event took place in Zürs in Austria – one of the most famous ski-regions in Europe. For three days the picturesque city of Zürs changed into a hotspot for leading experts in dentistry and oral surgery and offered a wide range of lectures and workshops about implantology and bone augmentation.

In the fantastic scenery of the Austrian Alps approximate 80 guests met with world-renowned speakers, gained practical insights at hands-on workshops and enjoyed their leisure time on the ski slopes. The course outlined implant treatment planning, site preparation, crestal sinus elevation, bone augmentation, implant placement, surgical basics in implantology, and much more.

One of the early highlights was the opening lecture by Prof. Dr. Fouad Khoury and his presentation about soft tissue management in implant and augmentation surgery for long term stability of functional and esthetical rehabilitations. At his hands-on workshop the guests also had the chance to learn more about Khoury's techniques. Dr. Giles B. Horrocks and Dr. Stavros Pelekanos spoke in their presentations about the controlled assisted ridge expansion with simultaneous implant placement and the treatment modalities with implants in the esthetic zone.

On the second day Ashok Sethi, Dr. Daniel Cullum and Dr. Raward Samarani gave further insights in new possibilities of modern implant treatment. Prof. Dr. Georg-Hubertus Nentwig explained various ways of osteotomy and outlined how to achieve an optimum of implant stability for immediate restoration even in weak bone qualities. The finishing highlight was a lecture by Prof. Istvan Urban, who shared his knowledge about vertical and horizontal ridge augmentation. In the afternoon the participants had the opportunity to learn more about the 'sausage technique' and receive first-hand advice for their own attempts by Urban himself.

In between lectures and workshops was enough time to meet other expert colleagues and exchange expertise, knowledge and experience. The alpine surroundings also offered the guests an opportunity to prove their skills on the on the ski slopes. A ski race on the last day marked the end of the symposium and gave a last chance for a fair and friendly competition between colleagues.

Next year the 11th HACIS will take place in Vail, Colorado from 27th - 31st January 2021.

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