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Editor's Notebook

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The theme, content and approach of the scientific program make this year's Annual Meeting in Boston, October 20 – 23, 2010 a must-attend. **“Navigate Zones of Implant Dentistry: Confidence, Comfort”** will help you identify potential complications in advance and teach you how to deal with them.

New this year will be interactive clinical roundtables, limited to only 20 participants. Staff will find the substantive programs spread over three days well worth their while. And you will appreciate the discounted registration fee if you bring three or more staff. I look forward to seeing you in Boston. ▶

Clinical Bite

Does Sex or Age Make a Difference?

Does sex or age make a difference when placing an implant immediately after extraction of maxillary incisors?

The answer is yes, according to the winning poster presentation at AAID's 58th Annual Meeting held in New Orleans last year.

Pakawat Chatriyanuyoke, DDS, MS, along with Chun-I Lu, DDS, Ysuke Suzuki, DDS, and Jaime Lozada, DDS, all of Loma Linda University presented “An Assessment of Incisive Canal Dimension Using Cone Beam CT-Scan.” Their stated objective was “to determine incisive canal dimension between sex and age group using CBCT to verify the presence, location, and dimension relating to maxillary central incisors.”

Following is a summary of their presentation:

Materials & Methods: CBCT scan images of 60 subjects were included. The

subjects were divided into six groups by age and sex: 21–40 Male (YM), 41–50 Male (MM), 61–80 Male (OM), 21–40 Female (YF), 41–60 Female (MF), 61–80 Female (OF). The M-D and B-L width of incisive canal at the apex of maxillary incisors were measured. The distance between incisive canal and two maxillary incisors was also measured at the apex and mid-root of both incisors. Significant differences between groups were determined by Mann-Whitney U and Kruskal-Wallis statistical analysis.

Results: The mean M-D and B-L width of the incisive canal at apex area is 4.35 ± 1.4 and 3.49 ± 0.87 for male and 3.8 ± 1.13 and 3.57 ± 1.01 for female. There is no statistical significance among the groups. At mid-root area, M-D width of male is significantly larger than female. The mean distance between maxillary incisors and incisive canal at mid-root and apex area is

2.22 ± 0.095 and 5.15 ± 1.79 for male and 1.58 ± 0.94 and 4.9 ± 1.44 for female. There is also no statistical significance at the apex area. However, at the mid-root area, the mean distance in male is significantly larger than female. Moreover, the distance between maxillary incisors and incisive canal at mid-root of #8 and #9 and apex of #9 in the 61–80 age group is significantly larger than the 21–40 age group.

Conclusion: Mesio-distal width on incisive canal at mid-root region is larger in male than female. Male has larger distance between incisive canal and maxillary incisors than

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“Haute” Doc

AAID members are more than just excellent dentists. Every member has a personal side that may surprise you. Find out more about this issue's “haute” doc on page 18.



President's Message

By Joel L. Rosenlicht, DMD
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The last three months have been an exciting time for the Academy as we pursued three of our major strategic initiatives — obtaining recognition for our credential, increasing awareness of the Academy to the public, and leveraging relationships with other dental organizations.

As you know, one year ago, we won a significant victory in the state of Florida in the so-called “DuCoin” decision — one that allows all AAID credentialed members the opportunity to use their hard earned credentials in their communications with current and prospective patients. Then, in early February we learned that the State of Florida had agreed to pay the Academy over \$700,000 to reimburse us for the legal costs we incurred during the case. A check for \$100,000 has been received, and the balance is to be paid this summer after the start of the state’s fiscal year. And we will earn a very attractive six percent rate of interest on the unpaid balance.

Not surprisingly, the

State of Florida is proposing a new rule that we believe flies in the face of the court’s decision. The new rule requires a disclaimer if the dentist “states or implies that the dentist has received formal recognition as a specialist in any aspect of the practice of dentistry, unless the dentist has in fact received such recognition and such recognizing agency is approved by the Board.”

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The rule goes on to grant automatic recognition to specialty certifying agencies recognized by the American Dental Association and CODA, and “such other recognizing agencies as may request and receive future approval by the Board.”

The Academy has pointed out on multiple occasions that this violates not only the letter but the spirit of the “DuCoin” decision, and the Academy will continue the fight. We also believe that the fact that the State of Florida must pay over \$700,000 to the AAID will have a chilling effect on other states that currently

have or are thinking of enacting rules that are similar to that overturned in the “DuCoin” case.

In furtherance of our strategy of letting the public know about AAID and its members, I had the unique and quite enjoyable experience of recording several video messages that will be made available on the AAID Web site, through AAID’s YouTube Channel and to members for use on their

Joe Orrico and I met with representatives from the Academy of General Dentistry. The Academy’s Board of Trustees had earlier approved a joint letter of understanding that included a number of mutually beneficial undertakings. We continue to work with the

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were caught and released, there were some tasty dinners from our catch, prepared in different ways by our guides' chef." And just what was a favorite liquid refreshment to wash down the delectable bass? A capuna, or lime rum drink, turned out to be popular after a long day of casting on the mighty Amazon.

The river "convoy," if you want to call it that, consisted of a series of small, interconnected barges or pontoons – seven in all – with two persons to a barge for living quarters and also barges for power generation, the guides, and for cooking and dining, along with a towboat.

A typical day, Art recounted, consisted of rising at 6 am, grabbing breakfast about 6:30 am and packing a light lunch, and then heading out with the veteran native guides for a full day of fishing covering dozens and dozens of miles, interrupted only by a quick lunch and what he fondly remembers – a nice afternoon snooze – before heading back to camp about 5 to 6 pm. "We'd put hammocks up in the trees," he said, "and take a brief siesta after lunch before our afternoon fishing venture and return for dinner and an evening of storytelling and camaraderie."

The most memorable fish species in the hundreds of Amazon miles explored by the group was the bril-

liantly-colored freshwater peacock bass, native to the Amazon region and usually weighing 15 to 20 pounds. Other fish varieties included piranhas up to five pounds and dragon fish or arowana which Kim said have teeth "that look like those pictures you see of prehistoric monsters."

While it was the normally dry summertime in the Brazilian jungle, Art and Kim both noted that the Amazon river level was exceptionally low, perhaps the lowest ever according to the native guides, which only made fishing conditions even more ideal. Fishing usually took place in a water depth of perhaps only five to eight feet at most and "we were really traveling along a big sandbar since the river was so low, occasionally meandering off into backwater areas where the guides knew large schools of fish were located," Kim said. And with a chuckle, Kim recalls how bruised Art became on his sides from repeatedly jerking the lure fast to make noise and attract the bass. "But that didn't stop him – no way!"

While maybe not bound for a Hollywood premiere, the trip is being documented, Art revealed. "My son, who's a film major at Pratt College in New York and graduates this spring, is busy making a movie of our adventure from all the camera footage he has, but



One of the 1,200 fish caught by Dr. Molzan and his party.

I have no idea what he is putting together. It will be a surprise when he shows me the finished product."

So what do you do for an encore? What's next on the planning docket for these adventuresome anglers? "Well, on our way down to the Amazon, we talked with some expert South American fishermen and they said you just have to try Uruguay," Art said. "So we're looking at the best

areas in Uruguay along the Argentina border for some time in 2011. It's something new to me so it's definitely on our radar. And I can't rule out visiting the Amazon again."

Meantime, it looks like Alaska again this fall with son Kyle. And, Art, would you reconsider going to Antarctica for fishing some day? "Not on your life," he chuckled. "It's just too cold!" ▀

President's Message

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AGD to develop an implant education curriculum for their Mastership program.

We have engaged in joint meeting marketing efforts as well with the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. At the February meeting of the Board of Trustees, we authorized

communicating with several other dental organizations seeking avenues for mutually beneficial and cooperative activities.

I believe that we are making excellent progress with these strategic initiatives and look forward to reporting more to you later this summer about these as well as our other initiatives. ▀