



International Dental Implant Association Awards Existing Member With Highest Status In Prestigious Organization

Diplomate Status Acknowledged at Recently Concluded Miami Continuum Series Recognizes Continuance of Exciting Professional Journey and Distinguished Implant Excellence

Miami FL, April 21, 2014 – The [International Dental Implant Association](#) (IDIA), an alumni organization for influential clinicians who have attended Implant Seminars dental continuing education programs with world renowned Arun K. Garg D.M.D., today announced that Dr. Jacob Plawner has recently achieved the organization’s highest award, reaching Diplomate status. Diplomate status marks the pinnacle of an exciting journey that indicates to clinicians and patients that the admitted member has achieved excellence in the field of implant dentistry.

“Diplomate status is our most coveted award; it’s an achievement that says Dr. Plawner takes his dedication to the IDIA seriously and we thank him for his continuing efforts and the mentorship he offers IDIA members that are still advancing through the organization’s ranks,” said Dr. Garg. “Diplomate status is also an accomplishment for the International Dental Implant Association as a whole. As our members advance to more challenging status tiers, the more our organization’s collective knowledge expands. This is a win-win scenario, helping doctors share and exchange ideas in a collaborative manner – something the world of social media is already adept at doing.”

Acceptance into the IDIA as a Diplomate requires completion of at least 350 continuing education (CE) hours of dental theory training and successful placement of over 150 dental implants on live patient with hands on training supervised by Dr. Garg and his qualified staff. Dr. Garg and his Implant Dentistry Continuum Education program have provided this training to thousands of dentist for over two decades. The IDIA’s Miami Series graduation – celebrated January 18-19, 2014 – is a triumph that encourages alumni and other interested clinicians to further their education in implant dentistry, while recognizing the achievements of the current class. By attending these programs Dr. Plawner has earned more than 350 CE hours approved by the Academy of General Dentistry and the IDIA and returns home with increased knowledge in dental implants.

Founded in 2008, the IDIA has grown to a membership of over 2,500 clinicians and is an organization that encourages collaboration and communication among dental professionals from all areas of dentistry, with the goal of improving the profession and its practices. The International Dental Implant Association supports professional education to improve dental implant techniques and products as well as increase public awareness concerning the benefits of dental implants.

The IDIA’s membership structure is built on four tiers – Member, Fellowship, Mastership and Diplomate, with each level requiring increased credentialing and certification. Members must obtain dental implant course credit of 100 hours, while Fellows, Mastership and Diplomate require 150, 250 and 350 hours respectively, as well as additional qualifications.

“A healthy mouth is as important to the mind as it is to the body,” Dr. Garg added. “So whether it’s performing back-to-back surgeries in busy clinics, or attending IDIA seminars – separated from home for several weekends out of the year – that hard work

and effort doesn't go unnoticed. Dr. Plawner has joined an elite group of dentists from around the world, and on behalf of the IDIA, we're pleased that he's reached seniority status and is now considered part of the organization's coveted 'inner sanctum.' I want to wish him the greatest success and look forward to his future contributions to the IDIA and dentistry at large."



Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus hosted the graduation of 80 students of the International Dental Implant Association's Miami Continuum Series on January 18-19, 2014.