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BIOMET 3i Continuing Education for German practitioners in sunny Florida

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Continuing education programs outside of Germany have always had a particular allure. Even though the number of these programs has shrunk considerably due to the increasingly altered economic landscape in dental medicine, foreign continuing education programs have retained their special appeal.



The conferences of renowned implant manufacturer BIOMET 3i Implant Innovations in south Florida, where the company is headquartered, are now of nearly historic import. These conferences have been and continue to be an integral part of the continuing education program for many European dentists.

This January a small group of European dentists (most of them from Germany) embarked for sunny Key Biscayne, Florida, in order to participate in the continuing education program at the renowned Pankey Institute. The program, entitled "Planning treatment for a challenging patient," augured a stimulating and exciting training session for the participants, and one bathed in Floridian sunshine.

The goal of this four-day seminar for advanced implantologists was to facilitate creative and comprehensive thinking about alternatives of treatment planning for the most challenging dental implant procedures. An interesting aspect of this event was the fact that the Pankey lecturers not only had their own expertise at their fingertips—and were ready to convey it to their audience—but also, throughout the entire seminar they placed a great deal of emphasis on discussion with the participants and on exchanges eliciting the experiences of each individual dentist attending the program.

The sessions included discussions moderated by the faculty in the course of which models and procedures recorded on video were used to demonstrate advanced techniques. The participants were invited to present difficult cases for discussion with other experienced members of unique discussion groups and their discussion leaders. The course, actively supported by BIOMET 3i, was attended by 21 implant dentists from Germany, France, Spain, Denmark, Switzerland and Romania who talked about the latest tech-