

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Vegas, Baby!

A 1981 TMJ Symposium in Dallas, jointly hosted by the AAO and the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, was the precursor to what is now known as the AAO Winter Conference, which officially began in 2014. The 2023 Winter Conference will be held Jan. 27-29 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

This meeting's focus will be on three-dimensional printing and in-house aligners. The impressive list of speakers includes many frequent JCO contributors. For example, Dr. Christian Groth, who operates Motor City Lab Works in Birmingham, Michigan, will be speaking on the "ABCs of Printing in 3D"; Dr. Jason Cope, who runs the nation's premier in-house aligner course (which my own office has attended), will discuss "How to Become an In-House Aligner Powerhouse"; and Dr. Roberto Carrillo of San Pedro Garza Garcia, Mexico, will speak on "Going Pro with Your [In-Office] Aligners."

I am also excited to attend many other lectures that I hope might lead to JCO articles. Dr. Lisa Alvetro will present "A Guide to Optimizing Digital Indirect Bonding"; Dr. Ki Beom Kim will be speaking on "Direct Printing Orthodontic Aligners"; Dr. Alfred Griffin, founder of Light-Force Orthodontics, and Dr. Brandon Owen,

founder of KLOWen Braces, will cover 3D-printed custom brackets; and more.

As the current Chairperson of the AAO Committee on Technology (CTech), I would be remiss not to point out that the 2023 Winter Conference is perfectly aligned with our mission to help AAO members apply new technologies in their practices. Before or after the meeting, be sure to check out TechSelect (techselect.aaoinfo.org), a website created by CTech to publish up-to-date material on 3D printing and in-house aligners. AAO members can even save money by purchasing products through this site.

The Winter Conference early registration fee (before Dec. 31) is \$750 for AAO members and their staff, \$300 for AAO students, \$375 for AAO members who are full-time faculty, and \$500 for immediate family-member guests. This is an incredible value, considering that an in-office aligner course can cost thousands of dollars. Best of all, the Winter Conference will be held both in person and virtually. If you decide to make the trip, please say hello. Enjoy a weekend of education and relaxation in Las Vegas, and treat yourself to the Rain Man suite. Vegas, baby, Vegas!

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