

Press Release

SCHWIND User Meeting 2005: Intensive scientific exchange of experience

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At the end of January 2005 Schwind eye-tech-solutions held its international user meeting in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. An extensive, application-oriented program around refractive surgery and the adoption of technology made by Schwind attracted approximately 80 ophthalmologists and distributors from Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. "Our user meeting has proved to be a platform for an intensive scientific exchange of experience", summarized CEO Rolf Schwind. Reports and Studies on general topics, customized ablation and treatment of Hyperopia using the Excimer Laser Esiris represented a major part of the program.

Among the speakers were Prof. Jorge Alio, M.D., Spain, Ahmed Barrada, M.D., Egypt, Carmen Barraquer, M.D., Colombia, David O'Brart, M.D., England, Annette Feuermannova, M.D., Czech Republic, Gerold Fiedler, M.D., Germany, Annette Geerards, M.D., Netherlands, Angela Gutierrez, M.D., Colombia, Diego de Ortueta, M.D., Germany, Mohamed Sedky, M.D., Egypt. Furthermore the lectures focused on the Carriazo Pendular microkeratome. Maria Clara Arbelaez, M.D., Oman, Ahmed Galal, M.D., Spain and Rainer Wiltfang, M.D., Germany, reported excellent treatment results with the microkeratome, which the FDA has cleared for the US-American market since September 2004. According to a study of 1,100 eye treatments analyzed by Dr. Arbelaez, she noted in particular the precision and reliability of the Pendular. Postoperatively, an excellent flap quality and a constant flap thickness were shown to have an extreme low standard deviation of only 12

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micrometer. The reliability of cutting both thin and thick corneas allows a surgeon to select from a wide variety of patients to undergo a safe Lasik. The presentation of the new ORK-CAM software and first empiric reports by users led also to a very positive echo. A highlight was the final presentation titled "The future of refractive surgery, wound healing and biomechanics" by Prof. John Marshall, M.D., England, followed by a round table and panel discussion.

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