

Press Release

12th International SCHWIND User Meeting in Oman Numerous SCHWIND innovations enthuses medical specialists

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More than 150 participants from 27 countries came to this year's SCHWIND User Meeting on 29th and 30th of January 2010 in Muscat, Oman. The international meeting, which was hosted by SCHWIND together with the reference clinic and investigator Muscat Eye Laser Centre under direction of Maria-Clara Arbelaez, MD, was all about innovative technologies and methods, as well as exchange of experiences. The event provided a perfect platform for a well-balanced mix of guest lectures and practice-oriented workshops. Therapeutic corneal surgery represented one major focus. Renowned surgeons reported on their experiences with the SCHWIND SIRIUS diagnostic system, which integrates Scheimpflug imaging and Placido topography in one device. Great response received furthermore two innovative SCHWIND technologies for corneal transplantation that perfectly compliment each other. With the SCHWIND Artificial Chamber and the Carriazo-Pendular, the donor's graft is optimally prepared. Pachymetry-assisted Laser Keratoplasty (PALK) with the SCHWIND AMARIS allows exact removal of damaged corneal layers on the recipient eye.

The medical specialists were especially impressed by the excellent results with SCHWIND's unique corneal wavefront. Numerous presentations on „Complicated Cases “showed that the visual acuity of patients with different optical problems was significantly improved as a result of the treatment.

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Of great interest were scientific thermodynamic measurements carried out by the University of Applied Sciences, Aschaffenburg, at the Eye Laser Clinic Recklinghausen, Germany (Diego de Ortueta, MD). Result: Despite a pulse rate of 500 Hz, the cornea is warmed less than 5 degrees centigrade during ablation with the SCHWIND AMARIS. Another key part of the program was the topic „Presbyopia treatment with PresbyMAX®“. In this regard, the scope of topics ranged from treatment of „virgin eyes“ over re-treatments to the use of monofocal intraocular lenses after a PresbyMAX® treatment.

The SCHWIND User Meeting proved once again to be a key platform for intensive dialogue. This included, for example, experience exchange regarding advantages and disadvantages of LASIK compared to surface treatments, which uncovered significant regional differences. Communicative networking continued even during leisure activities – ie. an excursion with traditional “dhow” boats. „The 12th SCHWIND User Meeting was again an all around complete success. The direct dialogue with a committed user family is a fundamental element of our company philosophy from which our users and ultimately the patients optimally benefit“, commented CEO Rolf Schwind.

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