

High interest in newest endovascular techniques

Endovascular Neuroradiology Workshop and Live Cases Conference (LINC Course) 2006 in Houston, TX, USA



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About 600 experts met at the Marriott Medical Center in Houston, Texas, in October 2006 for this year's LINC course.

The organizers were pleased to announce a notable growth in the number of participants, which rose by about 25%. Approximately 55% of attendees were interventional neuroradiologists, followed by about 35% neurosurgeons and 10% industrial specialists. "These figures prove the experts' increasing interest in new endovascular techniques and the treatment of cerebrovascular diseases, which are the core topics of our event," states Michael E. Mawad, MD, Professor at the Houston-based Baylor College of Medicine and member of the LINC course planning committee.

One major goal of the annual LINC course is to enhance the consistency of surgical device usage across the globe. In this context, plenary lectures and panel discussions were held on the medical, neurosurgical, and endovascular treatment of aneurysms, AVMs, stroke, fibrinolysis, intracranial angioplasty, atherosclerotic carotid diseases and other subjects were held during the five-day meeting.

A definite highlight was the live transmission of endovascular procedures. The audience was able to interact directly with the physicians performing the interventions and discuss the results of the procedures in detail. Dr. Mawad himself presented various cases of cross-sectional imaging in the angio suite using Siemens' *syngo* DynaCT.

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