‘Inspiring Innovation’ at Yankee Dental Congress

See the latest dental technologies and products from 400-plus exhibitors

Nearly 27,000 dental health professionals and guests from around the United States are expected to attend the 2019 Yankee Dental Congress, which will be held from Jan. 31–Feb. 2, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.

“Yankee,” which according to the meeting’s organizers is New England’s largest dental meeting, is presented by the Massachusetts Dental Society in cooperation with the dental societies of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

The theme of this year’s Yankee is “Inspiring Innovation,” which according to the organizers exemplifies how dental professionals can get inspired by industry-leading speakers and innovative continuing education opportunities for clinical development to energize their passions and fuel advances in the dental field.

Among the education highlights this year, “The Morning Huddle” at Yankee will feature a course on “Science and Strategies for Managing Oral Systemic Inflammation.” Seventy percent of all deaths in the United States are caused by chronic disease, with chronic inflammation playing a key role in many of these conditions. This course will detail strategies for maintaining optimum overall health and decreasing inflammation.

An interprofessional symposium “Eating Disorders: Food for Thought” will review the diagnosis and treatment process for eating disorders, including dental restorative treatment — all with a focus on multidisciplinary communications between the various providers who treat patients with a history of bulimia.

“Human Resource Management Essentials” will follow the entire life cycle of an employee — from hiring to managing — to outline the best practices every practice owner and manager needs to know.

Yankee also will feature a special track of courses for new dentists designed to help them learn from experienced practitioners and network with their peers.

The “Yankee C.E. Recharged” program offers continuing education with an upscale premium format. On Friday, Feb. 1, Henry Schein Dental will immerse attendees in digital and esthetic dentistry, and Colgate will explain how to provide whole-mouth health through coaching.

Along with more than 300 continuing education and hands-on courses and events presented by leading experts in the dental profession, Yankee is bringing together dental peers and industry experts for a day of sharing programs and clinical practices.

The “Yankee Fast Track” program includes “Synergistic Digital and Analog Approaches to Esthetic Implant Therapy,” which will explore why, when and how to incorporate digital dentistry for efficient, productive, predictable, and optimal implant clinical outcomes.

Yankee also will feature a wide range of the latest dental technologies and products from more than 400 exhibitors, along with several education pavilions located on the exhibit hall floor.

For registration details and more information on Yankee Dental Congress 2019, you can visit yankeedental.com or telephone (877) 515 9071.

(Source: Yankee Dental Congress)

AO 2019 has surgical, prosthetic tracks

To drive home its theme of “Current Factors in Clinical Excellence,” the 2019 annual meeting of the Academy of Osseointegration (AO) will offer a full day of concurrent surgical and prosthetic tracks on Friday, March 15, to answer the clinical and scientific questions that all clinicians ask themselves, no matter their specialty.

Each track will begin with its own respective plenary session, titled “10 Years After.” “The idea to have a session ‘10 Years After’ means asking why you have changed, if you have changed, your practice, your protocols and your indications,” said Dr. Franck Renouard, 2019 annual program committee chair. “We will ask different speakers both in surgery and prosthetics what they did then and what they do now.”

Moderators for “10 Years After” will include: Edward Sevitz Jr., DMD, for the Surgical track and AO Past President Stephen Parel, DDS, for the Prosthetic track. Surgical topics will include vertical and lateral ridge augmentation; full maxillary reconstruction; and augmentation using biologics. For the prosthetic track, Parel will moderate a series of seven topics, including zirconium and screw retained prosthesis, overdenture, and tilted implants.

Following the morning plenary sessions, in the afternoon each of the tracks will continue return to the science that underpins implant dentistry, featuring sessions on peri-implant bone biology.

The surgical track includes “Osseointegration: Restoration of Homeostasis or a Foreign Body Response?” and “Soft Tissue Integration: What is our Current Understanding?”

The prosthetic track includes “The Evolution of Complex Maxillofacial Rehabilitation” and “Current Thought in Restorative Ceramics.”

Titled “Current Factors in Clinical Excellence,” AO’s 34th Annual Meeting, will be held from March 13-16, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

More information about the meeting and online registration can be accessed at www.aoo2019.osseo.org.

(Source: Academy of Osseointegration)
Ultra-bright light is ultralight in weight

High-definition, uniform light at maximum intensity

By Designs for Vision Staff

Designs for Vision is introducing an advanced photonic design that provides uniform light distribution with maximum intensity. The patent-pending headlights optically focus the light from the LED to provide 45 percent more light with uniform distribution.

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Designs for Vision’s WireLess headlights free you from being tethered to a battery pack. The simple modular designs uncouple the headlights from a specific frame or single pair of loupes.

Prior technology married a cordless light to one pair of loupes via a cumbersome integration of the batteries and electronics into the frame. The compact design of the LED DayLite WireLess headlights are independent of any frame/loupes.

Designs for Vision is also featuring the “REALITY five-star-rated” Micro 3.5EF Scopes, which use an innovative optical design that reduces the size of the prismatic telescope by 50 percent and reduces the weight by 40 percent — while providing an expanded-field, full-oral-cavity view at 3x magnification.

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Fix top disruptor of CBCT 3-D image quality

By Planmeca Staff

There has been a disruption in the capture of dental images, but remain CALM. Planmeca has the solution.

The No. 1 disruptor of image quality for dentists is patient movement. During a dentist appointment, a doctor may need to take several 3-D X-ray scans to get a single image of diagnostic quality.

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Minimize retakes, improve diagnosis
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“Dentists evaluating CBCT machines for purchase should focus critically on each manufacturer’s solutions for stabilizing the patient in the machine,” said Dale A. Miles, DDS, MS (Inside Dentistry, May 2017).

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