Yankee Dental Congress ‘Raising the Bar’

Your chance to enjoy Boston and time with fellow dental professionals comes Jan. 24–28, with the 2018 Yankee Dental Congress at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. The congress is sponsored by the Massachusetts Dental Society in cooperation with the dental associations of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Organizers describe the event as “New England’s largest meeting for professionals seeking the highest quality dental continuing education, as well as dental products, services and resources.” Attracting approximately 27,000 dental professionals from across the U.S., the congress is the fifth largest dental meeting in the country, according to meeting organizers. Held in Boston every January, the meeting includes a three-day exhibit hall that features more than 450 exhibitors demonstrating innovative dental technology solutions. A wide range of education pavilions and C.E. opportunities also cover the exhibit floor.

With a 2018 theme of “Raising The Bar,” the meeting features more than 300 C.E. courses taught by industry experts covering a wide variety of topics touching needs and interests of every member of the dental team. You can find agenda details, housing options and online registration at www.yankedental.com. (Source: Yankee Dental Congress)

Renowned forensic pathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu will be the featured keynote speaker at the 106th annual Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting. The meeting, scheduled for March 22–24 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, serves as a comprehensive source of continuing education in dentistry.

“We are excited about this year’s program and theme, which is ‘Experience Hinman Invest in Your Future.’ It emphasizes the importance of continuing dental education for everyone, from millennials just starting out to seasoned professionals looking to revitalize their practices,” said Dr. Patrick Yancey III, general chairman for Hinman 2018. “We’ve created a quality continuing education program delivered by many new speakers as well as some of the profession’s favorites.”

Hinman will feature nearly 260 courses, including 73 participation and interactive courses covering topics that dental professionals can apply immediately. The meeting will feature more than 65 speakers — 20 new to Hinman — who will present the latest developments in the profession.

“We are also thrilled to feature Dr. Om- alu as our keynote speaker this year. His story, which is chronicled in the hit film ‘Concussion’ starring Will Smith, is one of incredible triumph in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds,” Yancey said.

Born in 1968 in Eastern Nigeria during the Biafran War, Omalu moved to America with his family as refugees in a town that was under constant fire. Despite suffering war-related malnutrition in the first two years of his life, he attended medical school at age 15 and became a physician by age 21.

In 2002, Omalu made a career breakthrough when he identified chronic brain damage as a major factor in the deaths of some professional athletes. He called the disease chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), which he discovered as the result of an autopsy he performed on Mike Webster, the legendary Pittsburgh Steelers and Hall of Famer who died at age 50. Within five years of reporting on Webster’s case, Omalu found CTE in eight more deceased NFL players, as well as in military veterans diagnosed with PTSD and professional wrestlers. But his findings were summarily dismissed — and even ridiculed — by professional peers, the NFL and the sports industry.

Today, though, CTE is generally accepted and Omalu’s findings have revolutionized neuroscience, sports medicine, the study of all types of brain trauma and the entire sports industry.

For meeting details, visit www.hinman.dental.org or contact Sylvia Ritchford, executive director, at (404) 251-1663. (Source: Hinman Dental Society)