ACP heads to SF

Event focuses on ‘Transforming Prosthodontics: Bridging the Gap Between Current Practice and Future Trends’

By ACP Staff

The 47th annual session of the American College of Prosthodontists is headed to San Francisco from Nov. 1-4.

Today, prosthodontists are taking on cases that were never before treatable. However, evolving technologies and changing practice models are about to upend decades of thinking about who we are and what we do as specialists.

“Transforming Prosthodontics” is designed to bridge the gap between current practice and future trends. Led by Program Chair Dr. Lars Booma and President Dr. Susan E. Brackett, this meeting will delve into surgical foundations, challenging restorations, digital solutions and much more.

The meeting will be packed with focused, intensive education sessions throughout the course of four days — including “Virtual Treatment from Diagnosis to Prosthetic Care,” an immersive experience presented live and in 3-D.

Dr. Ann Wei, Dr. Arun Sharma, Dr. Sara Hahn and Dr. Fiorella Potestaknoll live and practice in the Bay Area. Their recommendations for dining, entertainment and activities will help make your visit to San Francisco an unforgettable experience. Check those out at www.prosthodontics.org/assets/1/7/San_Francisco_Guides.pdf.

In the beautiful city of San Francisco, you’ll enjoy great restaurants and a week full of workshops, receptions and social events with old friends and colleagues — the people who understand your passion for excellence in patient care.

The ACP Annual Session is the premier meeting of the American College of Prosthodontists, which actively promotes the meeting to more than 3,800 members and affiliates internationally including prosthodontists, dental technicians, dental students and other dental professionals who have significantly contributed to the specialty.

Many thanks to the members of the 2017 Annual Session Program Committee:

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The annual session draws about 1,400 attendees and registration has consistently increased during the past five years. For more information, visit www.prosthodontics.org/continuing-education/2017-annual-session/.

AAID elects new officers

By AAID Staff

The American Academy of Implant Dentistry elected David G. Hochberg, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID, of Atlanta, Ga., as president at its recently concluded 66th annual conference.

Selected as president-elect was Natalie Wong, DDS, Cert Prosth, FAAID, DABOI/ID, of Atlanta, Ga., and Adam Poleck, DMD, FAAID, DABOI/ID, of Norfolk, Va., was elected treasurer. Brian J. Jackson, DDS, FAAID, DABOI/ID, of Utica, N.Y., was elected secretary.

Other members of the AAID Board of Trustees include:

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Dr. David G. Hochberg
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Dental, a leading technological innovator in restorative dentistry for 47 years, announced recently its sponsorship of the inaugural Glidewell Dental Symposium. Scheduled for Nov. 17 at the Dallas Marriott Las Colinas in Irving, Texas, this full-day event will bring together nearly a dozen distinguished speakers to present on a variety of topics. The advancement of dental technology continues to introduce new treatment modalities and make traditional ones more predictable, efficient and reliable than ever before. But we also live in an age of increased financial pressures, as well as a rising demand of patients expecting outstanding esthetic outcomes and accustomed to greater comfort and convenience. This means that today’s clinicians face mounting pressure to keep abreast of the latest advancements. By assembling a diverse group of experts in several areas of importance to dental practitioners, this educational symposium will cover a wide range of topics, including esthetic dentistry, digital dentistry, dental implants, tissue regeneration, sleep-related dentistry and practice management.

Contemporary dentists are surely aware of these new developments,” Park added, “but may still be wondering which might be most beneficial to their practice or how to incorporate them. The scope and speed with which new options have proliferated in the marketplace can make it difficult to assess those solutions most valuable to a particular practitioner.”

Glidewell Dental is an ADA-CERP approved FACD Program Provider. The symposium attendees will have the opportunity to earn up to eight units of continuing education (C.E.) while hearing from and visiting with various esteemed opinion leaders. Dr. Jack Hahn, a noted pioneer in the field of dental implantology, will provide the closing keynote.

Whatever a clinician’s comfort or experience level, the symposium intends to provide an expansive look at some of the most exciting tools and techniques available to the modern practice. By showcasing time-tested solutions augmented by state-of-the-art technology, we must strive first and foremost to provide the best possible service for our patients. In following this creed, I’ve found that those of us looking to advance the industry — ‘adapting at the speed of change’ — often end up benefiting greatly ourselves.”

Tuition for the event is set at $995. For the complete symposium agenda or to submit a registration request, visit GlidewellSymposium.com or call (866) 791-9539. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, along with an evening cocktail reception with hosted bar. Glidewell Dental is among the world’s largest producers of custom restorative service and recognized as an industry-leading materials and devices manufacturer. Established in 1970 in Orange County, Calif., Glidewell continues to build on its storied history of technological innovation and continuing education, committed to making conservative treatment more accessible to patients domesticaly and internationally. For more information, visit GlidewellDental.com.
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By Dentatus USA Staff

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