Register now for PDC

Online registration is open for the 2019 Pacific Dental Conference, which is held annually at the Vancouver Convention Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia. Always running from Thursday through Saturday, the meeting in 2019 will be from March 7-9. It features a comprehensive agenda of more than 200 open sessions and hands-on courses presented by some of dentistry’s top clinicians and thought leaders. The program enables attendees to earn up to 20 C.E. credits.

The exhibit floor typically sells out months in advance, and this year is no exception. More than 300 dental companies and organizations will be available to help attendees try out the industry’s latest technological innovations and ever-improving products. And attendees will be able to take advantage of the many show specials. The exhibit hall will be open on Thursday and Friday, March 7-8.

On Saturday, March 9, in addition to the meeting’s final day of educational sessions, the Dental Technicians Association of British Columbia will hold its annual conference in conjunction with the annual PDC Lab Expo. The Dental Technical Association conference features a keynote address and concurrent sessions. The PDC Lab Expo, Western Canada’s largest dental technology tradeshow, brings together dental technicians and dentists to exchange information and forge new business relationships with some of the industry’s top companies displaying their latest tools, technology, techniques and other advancements. All registered PDC attendees also have access to the PDC Lab Expo. Dentists and their team are invited to join the more than 3,000 dental professionals that attend the PDC isn’t limited to the courses and exhibit hall. Many dental-school class years hold annual reunions at the meeting and there are a number of socializing opportunities, including PDC After Hours and De La Vigne — French Wines Explored.

PDC After Hours takes place Friday evening for their own activities. The annual membership meeting will be held Thursday, so attendees can have more time shopping in the exhibit hall, exploring San Diego or catching up with friends and colleagues.

Besides the location change to sunny San Diego, the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Professional Education Committee has designed the educational program at the 2019 annual AACD meeting to optimize C.E. opportunities while enabling greater access to the meeting’s many other offerings. Featuring more than 50 speakers, 25 lectures and 30 workshops, the 35th Annual American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Scientific Session will be from April 24-27 at the San Diego Convention Center.

Thursday’s AACD headlining educator is Stephen Chu, DMD, CDT, and Friday’s Rapid-Fire Educators — “No Prep to Prep” session — will run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with breaks so attendees can spend more time shopping in the exhibit hall, exploring San Diego or catching up with friends and colleagues.

The education committee also is consolidating the accreditation case type lectures into an accreditation super session, which will run Thursday from 9 a.m.-1:50 p.m. Attendees will be able to work through the five case types with AACD’s top Accredited and Accredited Fellow Members and then use the afternoon as best fits their needs.

Member Pearl presenters are moving out of the exhibit hall and into the AACD Virtual Campus, to give attendees more time with educational opportunities in sessions or with exhibitors.

Attendees may want to arrive on Tuesday to not miss any of these additions to Wednesday’s educational program:

- Practice transition courses will be offered Wednesday afternoon for any attendee looking to buy or sell a practice or even expand a current practice.
- A dental team course titled “Generational Diversity: Adaptation Strategies” by Lisa Philp will be offered Wednesday afternoon.
- A special course for Accredited and Accredited Fellow members (each also able to include a guest) titled “The Bio-Emulation Approach: A Histo-anatomic Based Technique for Direct Restorations,” by Javier Tapia Guadix, DDS, will be offered Wednesday morning.

Registration materials and a special issue AACD 2019 event T-shirt will be delivered right to the room of attendees staying at the meeting’s host hotel, the Marriott Marquis. The annual membership meeting will be held Thursday, so attendees can have Friday evening for their own activities. Breakfast Saturday morning will be in the exhibit hall to give attendees an opportunity to place orders and finalize purchases before moving on to the highly anticipated program by Pascal Magne, DMD, PhD.

Magne will present “Crescendo of Techniques for Anterior Bonded Restorations,” an intense lecture program for all practitioners wishing to update their skills in anterior bonded restorations using direct composite resins and indirect porcelain veneers.

To register for AACD 2019, visit www.aacdconference.com/tuition.

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