New hours for Lab Expo at 2018 PDC

**Possible to earn up to 20 C.E. credits at the annual Pacific Dental Conference**

The 2018 Pacific Dental Conference will be at the Vancouver Convention Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia, from March 8-10. Exhibit hall days are Thursday and Friday, March 8 and 9, and the PDC Lab Expo is on Saturday, March 10.

Online registration is open now at www.pdconf.com.

More than 300 knowledgeable exhibitors will be on hand to meet with practitioners and team members one on one. Attendees will be able to test out the latest products and take advantage of show specials offered by many companies.

For the majority of attendees, C.E. credit is given for general attendance (up to five hours) and for hour-for-hour credit for individual courses. It’s possible to acquire up to 20 C.E. credits.

The PDC Lab Expo brings together dental technicians and dentists to meet a selection of top companies to exchange information and forge new business relationships. For 2018, hours have been expanded to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and session start times will be staggered to enable more time in the exhibits area. There will be a beer and wine reception with exhibitors from 4-5 p.m. with complimentary wine, beer and snacks. The “Showcase Stage” in the PDC Lab Expo will feature 30-minute demonstrations during peak times, during which exhibitors will showcase their latest products and technologies.

(Source: Pacific Dental Conference)

Hinman meeting will feature nearly 260 courses

The 106th annual Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting will be March 22-24 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. Dr. Patrick Yancey III, general chairman for Hinman 2018, said, “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. 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.

Forensic pathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu will be the keynote speaker. His story is chronicled in the film “Concussion” (starring Will Smith). For details, visit www.hinman.org or contact Sylvia Ratchford, executive director, at (404) 231-1663.

(Source: Hinman Dental Society)

Top educators at AACD scientific session to focus on four core areas

The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry is referring to its upcoming annual meeting as “a masterpiece of comprehensive cosmetic dentistry education.”

The AACD 2018 program, from April 18-21 at McCormick Place Lakeside Center in Chicago, will feature a selection of topics and speakers that have been specifically selected to keep attendees in pace with the industry’s latest advancements.

The educational program will comprise four main collections of focused education.

The Complex Case collection features some of the biggest names in dentistry discussing some of the profession’s most complicated cases. Lee Culp, CDT; Joseph Kan, DDS, MS; Aldo Leopardi, BDS, DDS, and Michael Sesemann, DDS, FAACD, will tackle two cases: one involving six or more restorations in the upper arch, including implants and natural teeth, and another involving six or more indirect restorations in the upper arch where all restorations are on natural teeth. Attendees will be able to engage with these specialists as they discuss the challenges of these complex cases and solutions for treatment.

The Accreditation collection features top academy educators helping attendees on their way to achieving clinical excellence and professional distinction. Under the guidance of Accreditation Chairman John Rowe Jr., DDS, AAACD, and featuring J. Fred Arnold III, DMD, FAACD; Betsy Bakeman, DDS, FAACD; Scott Finlay, DDS, FAACD; Brian LeSage, DDS, FAACD; Brett Magnuson, DMD, AAACD; Frank Milnar, DDS, AAACD; Adamo Notarantonio, DDS, AAACD; Bradley J. Olson, DDS, FAACD; Michael R. Sesemann, DDS, FAACD, John Weston, DDS, FAACD, and Corky Willhide, DDS, FAACD, attendees can work hands-on toward mastery of some of the most in-demand and profitable cosmetic case types and get started on their journey to becoming an accredited member of AAACD.

The Lab Focus collection features two full days of the top dental technicians in the field presenting the latest techniques and materials. Jungo Endo, RDT; Edris Rasta, MDT; Thomas Sing, MDT; Sung Bin Im, CDT, MDC, and Aram M. Torosian, CDT, MDC, will touch on pink esthetics, biometric layering, matching a single central, and digital and esthetic considerations for creating predictable restorations respectively.

The Dental Team collection will educate dental team members on essential skills for assisting with cosmetic dentistry patients, including courses on leadership, communication, contemporary concepts in cosmetic dentistry and esthetic dental photography. Instructors will include Leigh Ann Faught, RDT; Salvatore Lotardo, DDS, AAACD; Debra Engelhardt Nash and Adamo Notarantonio, DDS, AAACD.

Additional courses fill out the educational program. In total, attendees will be able to choose from more than 40 hands-on workshops, 70 lectures, and 80 educators.

To register for AACD 2018, you can visit www.aacdconference.com.

(Source: AAACD)