Live from Hinman Dental: In-person and virtual offerings

It’s been more than a year since those in the dental industry have been able to meet up in person, but at the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting, being held Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13, the opportunity has finally arrived for those who want to embrace it.

For those who prefer to attend the meeting from the comfort and safety of their own home, that is also being accommodated.

For the first time, a meeting is being held both virtually and in-person, at the Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center, enabling everyone to attend in the method that works best for them.

Hinman, considered to be one of the nation’s largest dental meetings, will be offering an educational program that includes more than 45 in-person courses and 40 virtual courses, including live Q&As with the speakers, as well as an in-person and virtual exhibit hall.

“We’ve planned an exceptional program for those who want to be there virtually or in-person,” said CDS President Dr. Dean Nicholas.

“With this year’s virtual event, we’ve brought the conference to you,” he continued. “We’ve designed a program that allows you to engage with it from your own home or office.”

Attendees stroll through the halls at the 2019 Hinman Dental Meeting, the last time the event was held. This year, the meeting is being done both virtually and in-person.

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Chicago Dental Society recognizes three honorees for outstanding contributions to the dental profession

Annual awards were presented for scientific excellence, charitable care and community impact during the virtual 156th Midwinter Meeting

By Chicago Dental Society Staff

In recognition of their outstanding contributions to the dental profession and overall community impact, the Chicago Dental Society (CDS) honored three individuals for their dedication to academic and scientific excellence, volunteer services, efforts to provide access to care to underserved patients and communities and overall commitment to oral health.

Dr. Jeffrey B. Dalin, Lois Banta and Dr. Mark J. Humenik were presented with the George H. Cushing Award, Gordon J. Christensen Lecturer Recognition Award and Chicago Dental Society Foundation (CDSF) Vision Award, respectively, during the virtual Opening Session of CDS’ annual Midwinter Meeting.

“We are thrilled to recognize Dr. Jeffrey Dalin, Lois Banta and Dr. Mark Humenik for their leadership and outstanding contributions to the field of dentistry,” said CDS President Dr. Dean Nicholas. “Their dedication to the dental profession and positive impact in their communities is exactly the kind of contribution we encourage and seek to recognize.

“We thank them for their commitment to helping advance the dental profession and provide critical oral health care services and resources to those in need,” he added.

The George H. Cushing Award honors individuals who raise public awareness about oral health issues.

The Gordon J. Christensen Lecturer Recognition Award is named in honor of Dr. Christensen’s many outstanding contributions to dentistry and the Midwinter Meeting.

The CDSF Vision Award honors dedicated volunteers who generously support access to care programs and dental education for the underserved in their community and practice in the dental profession with integrity, honesty and truthfulness, with a commitment to protecting public trust.
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Cellerant Best of Class Technology Awards now open for 2021 submissions

By Cellerant Consulting Staff

Cellerant Consulting group is pleased to open the submissions window for the 2021 Cellerant Best of Class Technology Awards. Companies are invited to self-nominate innovative products and services up until the March 31 deadline.

The Best of Class Technology Awards were launched in 2009 to provide unbiased, non-profit assessment of available technologies in the dental space. The award recipients are selected by a panel of the most prominent technology leaders in dentistry: Paul Feuerstein, DMD; John Flucke, DDS; Marty Jablow, DMD; Pam Maragliano-Muniz, DMD; Chris Salerno, DDS; and Lou Shuman, DMD.

The winning technologies will be announced in early August and celebrated with a live awards presentation ceremony at the 2021 ADA annual meeting, SmileCon. Without the benefit of in-person meetings this past year, the self-nomination process is more important than ever,” said Shuman, CEO of Cellerant and founder of the Best of Class Technology Awards. “Our panel strives to be comprehensive in their review, so we encourage dental companies to take full advantage of the open submissions avenue.”

For more information about the Cellerant Best of Class Technology Award and to submit your product for consideration in 2021, visit www.cellerant-consulting.com/submit.

Attendees check out the exhibit hall during the 2019 Hinman Dental Meeting. This year, the in-person exhibit hall will be smaller and will require reservations, but more exhibitors will be virtually available. (Photo/Dental Tribune file photo)

Cellerant Best of Class Technology Award

BEGINNING 7 a.m. March 12, Hinman will offer its first live virtual participation course on Friday, March 12, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Attendees will need access to a handpiece and curing light and will receive a supply kit in advance. “Better, Faster, Prettier Composites” will feature Dr. David Clark broadcasting live from his home office. All virtual lectures are included in the registration fee. You do not need to register in advance. For in-person courses, attendees must have registered by March 31.

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To register for Hinman 2021 and learn more about the meeting, please visit www.hinman.org and its social media channels.

(Source: Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting)
Henry Schein hosts ‘Managing Through Crisis,’ a virtual global media event

Corporate leaders discuss key lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, dental industry trends and business updates during briefing for trade media editors

By Henry Schein Staff

Henry Schein Inc hosted a virtual global media event during the Chicago Midwinter Meeting, titled “Managing Through Crisis for a Stronger Tomorrow,” during which the company’s leadership presented its view of the future of dentistry within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To start the event, held the morning of Feb. 25, Stanley M. Bergman, Henry Schein’s chairman of the board and chief executive officer, presented key learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic, including how dentists around the world can play a key role as front-line responders during the pandemic as well as the importance of dental practitioners being involved with administering COVID-19 point-of-care tests and vaccinations.

“The past year has been incredibly challenging for the dental profession and for society in general,” Bergman said. “We are optimistic that dental teams globally will emerge stronger from the crisis as they accelerate the adoption of digital technologies to advance the delivery of care.”

Following Bergman’s presentation, Jonathan Koch, senior vice president and chief executive officer of Henry Schein’s Global Dental Group, provided insights on the Global Dental Group’s support of customers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and shared his perspective on emerging trends in the global dental market.

Six additional Henry Schein leaders also discussed how their regions handled the challenges presented by COVID-19.

New FDI World Dental Federation global survey reveals two-thirds of countries are not allowing dentists to administer COVID-19 vaccines

By FDI World Dental Federation Staff

The FDI World Dental Federation (www.fdiworlddental.org/vaccines) has called for more countries to enable dentists to administer COVID-19 vaccines after a survey of its members revealed the small number of countries currently permitting dentists to do so. The survey was facilitated by FDI’s COVID-19 Task Team.

Fifty-seven member national dental associations, from across the globe, revealed nearly two-thirds of countries had not granted permission to dentists to administer COVID-19 vaccines as part of national rollouts.

In Europe, countries where dentists are not permitted to administer the vaccine include Switzerland, Portugal, Austria, Denmark, Slovakia and Russia.

In France, the National Order of Dental Surgeons has called on the government to grant permission to the profession, but no authorization has been given to date. Discussions are also ongoing in Spain, Sweden, Ireland, Australia, Kenya, Hong Kong and Germany.

“Oral health is a fundamental component of overall health and well-being and oral health care is an essential public service,” said Dr. Gerhard Konrad Seeberger, president of FDI World Dental Federation. “Efforts should be made to enable dentists to administer COVID-19 vaccines when possible within national legislation and regulations, and with minimal disruption to oral healthcare services.”

Countries permitting dentists to administer COVID-19 vaccines

Of the 57 survey responses, the countries that have granted authorization to the profession to administer vaccines include Cambodia, Colombia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Serbia, Slovenia and the United Kingdom (17 percent). Significantly, some of these countries include those where dentists have not previously been allowed to administer vaccines, or at least the influenza vaccine.


Inclusion of dentists in priority vaccination groups

The survey also examined the prioritization of dentists in COVID-19 vaccine roll-out programs. A total 53 percent of responding countries said dentists would be included in priority vaccination groups, 12 percent said they would not be and 18 percent said the vaccination priority groups were still being planned.

Those countries not including dentists as a priority group include Cambodia, Colombia, Kazakhstan, Romania, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Thailand.

Ahead of World Oral Health Day on March 20, FDI will release a new set of data around the caseload of COVID-19 infection amongst dentists around the world.
This is how labs can benefit from digitization

Amann Girrbach presents attractive gateways to the future at a virtual congress

By Amann Girrbach Staff

Digitization is the key topic of the future for the dental industry. No doubt this necessitates change, but it also offers lucrative opportunities. Amann Girrbach will be showcasing how these opportunities can be easily exploited from April 20 to 24 in the innovative AG.Live CON virtual congress.

Renowned dental technicians and clinicians will meet with leading minds in research to explore the attractive avenues into advanced digitization. Amann Girrbach will not be participating to the usual extent at the International Dental Show IDS in Cologne in 2021, which has been postponed to September.

For many years now, Amann Girrbach has been supporting dental technicians in the digitization of their workflows with its innovative power. Stemming from its pioneering role, the Austrian company also supports laboratories and clinicians in taking the next step toward digital transformation.

The trend is clear: The demand for direct straightforward restorations is becoming increasingly greater. This threatens to break down established structures and traditional boundaries between the laboratory and the clinician. However, digitization is ideally suited to expand the win-win situation of dental technicians and clinicians through new forms of collaboration. And the well-being of the patient always remains the focus.

To provide optimal networking for both sides, Amann Girrbach has developed the AG.Live platform, which is now being presented as part of the virtual congress and expo. AG.Live provides infrastructure and patient case management with a level of consistency and efficiency that has never been achieved before, according to the company.

For example, the platform will make it possible to offer laboratory-quality direct restorations, the company asserts. And the expertise of the dental technician is permanently available to the dentist. Even in the case of simple restorations, a joint decision can be made quickly as to whether direct implementation is possible or whether the specialist in the laboratory is required.

About Amann Girrbach

Amann Girrbach develops and manufactures materials and tools as well as equipment and machines for the fabrication of dentures, largely based on CAD/CAM technology. Its customers in around 90 countries worldwide are mainly made up of dental laboratories and dental technicians. Amann Girrbach employs a total of around 500 people.

In addition to the production sites in Koblach (headquarters) and Rankweil in Austria, Amann Girrbach operates sales offices in Pforzheim (Germany), Charlotte (United States), Singapore, Curitiba (Brazil) and Beijing.

To register

For further information and registration for the virtual congress with expo, go to show.aglivecon.digital.

Register for the AG.Live CON virtual congress, being held April 20 to 24, at show.aglivecon.digital. Photo/Provided by Amann Girrbach
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Last chance to register for the AO Virtual Annual Meeting

There is still time to register for “Game Changers,” the Academy of Osseointegration’s 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting, but you must act right away! With this interactive symposium being held March 12 to 14, you are urged to take careful note that registration will close this Monday, March 8. There will be no registration after this date.

To register and for all the details, including the programming schedule, go to https://ao2021.osseo.org/

Why is AO’s Virtual Annual Meeting so unique? Here are a few things you can expect to find:

- 235 expert presentations
- The ability to earn up to 55 hours of ADA-CERP continuing education hours
- Live interaction in real time with plenary speakers
- Access to all meeting content until December 2021, including all live and on-demand recordings, Corporate Forums and exhibit hall booths
- Nearly 120 e-posters with video and audio presentations
- An interactive virtual networking with exhibiting companies and other AO registrants
- Ability to claim credits for up to 90 days after the live event
- Social networking
- Gamification and prizes

“Over the years, academy members and attendees of our in-person meetings have come to expect a dynamic, high-quality educational experience,” said AO President Clark M. Stanford, DDS, PhD, MHA, in the 2021 Program Guide. “This year, although virtual, will be no exception. Dr. Dwayne Karateew and his Program Committee have assembled top-notch presenters to contribute to this spectacular scientific meeting.”

One of the highlights of the meeting is expected to be the opening symposium, featuring Dr. Catherine Mohr, president of the Intuitive Foundation, the manufacturer of the daVinci Surgical Robot, who will speak on “New Frontiers in Robotic Surgery” and demonstrate how the latest technology will impact the future delivery of medicine.

The opening day program will be rounded out with presentations from Drs. Pravin Patel, Mitra Sadrameli, Sonia Leziy, Michael Miloro and Dr. Miguel Stanley.

The afternoon will culminate with a presentation by Dr. Allan Radaic, recipient of the AO-sponsored 2019 IADR Award.

Saturday will feature Surgical Track and Prosthetic Track sessions along with sessions on Esthetics in the morning and Complications in the afternoon. Sunday’s schedule includes Surgical Complications as well as Risk Management.

In addition, the meeting will feature a networking lounge to connect with your colleagues, a virtual exhibit hall where you can chat one-on-one with industry representatives and an e-poster area to view the latest research.

Dental professionals and students are strongly encouraged to register now at https://ao2021.osseo.org for the high-quality educational experience you have come to expect from the academy. After March 8, registration will close, along with your chance to participate.

(Source: AO)

NYU to increase access to dental implants for patients in need

New York University College of Dentistry has received funding and in-kind support from Straumann Group North America in order to make dental implants more accessible for patients in need and to foster and enhance student education.

“This donation directly supports NYU College of Dentistry’s mission to provide affordable, high-quality dental care to our patients, and we are grateful to Straumann for its generosity,” said Dr. Charles N. Bertolami, Herman Robert Fox Dean of NYU College of Dentistry.

The investment from Straumann Group North America includes a donation of products to NYU College of Dentistry’s clinics, which will subsidize implant treatment for patients in need, and other funding to support NYU College of Dentistry’s newly launched Patient Care Access Fund, created to reduce financial barriers for patients who would otherwise not be able to receive dental implants as part of their treatment plans.

“We are proud to invest in the education of NYU dental students and the community of patients they serve and believe this will have a true and lasting impact on underserved populations,” said Robert Woolley, executive vice president and head of Straumann Group North America.

“This important initiative aligns with our global mission to restore smiles and confidence.”

“Dental implants are an important restoration option for patients, but cost can be a barrier,” said Dr. Robert Glickman, associate dean for clinical affairs and hospital relations, and chair and professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at NYU College of Dentistry. “Through our new Patient Care Access Fund, as well as materials donated by Straumann Group North America, we can bring healthy, complete smiles to many patients who previously would not have considered dental implants.”
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