AAOMS to honor 100th anniversary during its annual meeting in Chicago

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The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) will celebrate its centennial anniversary during its 100th Annual Meeting, Scientific Sessions and Exhibition from Oct. 8 to 13 in Chicago.

More than 4,000 oral and maxillofacial surgeons, faculty, residents and others are expected to gather in the city where the association was originally founded. In 1918, 20 doctors convened to hold the first meeting of the American Society of Exodontists, the organization that later became AAOMS.

The AAOMS Annual Meeting — one of the largest and most comprehensive educational conferences in the world for oral and maxillofacial surgeons and staff — will feature approximately 170 educational programs at the Hilton Chicago and McCormick Place West. Sessions will expound on such timely topics as the treatment of war injuries, advancements in cancer care and emerging technologies in maxillofacial nerve injuries.

Among other highlights of the centennial celebration are:

- A history museum will showcase artifacts related to the specialty — such as surgical mallets and cheek retractors — a historical timeline of association milestones and videos of interviews of past association presidents.
- A “100 Years of AAOMS” course will summarize the specialty’s history and discuss the evolution from exodontists to oral and maxillofacial surgeons.
- Former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.), will deliver the meeting’s keynote address, “Leadership: Taking Charge,” on Oct. 10.

A new educational program will feature nine tracks based on the OMS scope of practice: anesthesia, cosmetic and orthognathic surgery, dental implants, dentoalveolar, head and neck oncology, pediatrics and cleft, reconstruction, temporomandibular joint and trauma.

Other notable events include:

- Meet the Experts and Master Class sessions allowing attendees to discuss trends and innovations with legends in the specialty.
- A new World Café, where senior surgeons will address patient cases and best practices while attendees will be able to connect with their peers from around the globe.
- A two-day Beyond the Basics Coding Workshop that will review procedural coding, health-care reform initiatives, audit tips and reimbursement issues.
- Registration is now open. More information is available at AAOMS.org/Chicago.
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