ADA and FDI meetings link up in San Francisco

World Dental Congress 2019 is Sept. 4–8, at Moscone Center

The ADA FDI World Dental Congress, a combination of the annual meetings of the American Dental Association and FDI World Dental Association, will be celebrating ADA’s 160th anniversary as well as the 100th anniversary of the San Francisco Dental Society.

The ADA and FDI associations are presenting the meeting in San Francisco with support from the California Dental Association and the San Francisco Dental Society.

Anchoring the celebrations will be an expansive array of C.E. courses, exhibitors, entertainment and numerous special events and activities.

The ADA FDI World Dental Congress 2019 will be held from Sept. 4–8 at the Moscone Center.

Attendees will be able to participate in a scientific program that comprises more than 350 lectures and workshops and visit a three-day exhibit hall filled with more than 500 companies and organizations from around the world.

All of this will be available against the backdrop of San Francisco and the Bay Area with endless opportunities for exploration.

Combined, the ADA and FDI represent 1 million oral-health professionals in 130 countries. This year’s historic joint meeting brings together these two organizations that influence health policy affecting billions of patients worldwide. The opening ceremony and general session will spotlight how dental professionals succeed by working together toward achieving optimal health for every human being.

Among the special activities will be “A Taste of San Francisco” on Friday evening, Sept. 6, which will enable ticket holders to roam the “city” to see the art of Mission Street, taste fresh seafood from Fisherman’s Wharf, experience the different cultures in Chinatown and more, — without leaving Moscone Center.

Registration and more details are available at www.world-dental-congress.org/registeration.

National Dental Association panel explores U.S. health-gap solutions

Henry Schein Inc. Chairman and CEO Stanley Bergman was among a group of health-care-related industry leaders who participated in a panel discussion at the 2019 National Dental Association Convention President’s Symposium, which this year explored the challenges associated with bridging the health gap in the 21st century.

The other symposium panelists were Catherine Alicia Georges, EdD, RN, FAAN, president, AARP National Volunteers, and Rear Admiral Timothy L. Ricks, DMD, MPH, chief dental officer of the U.S. Public Health Service and assistant surgeon general of the United States.

The panel of distinguished leaders discussed the roles of the public, private and philanthropic sectors to identify and address the factors that lead to disparities in health care. The panel was moderated by Hazel J. Harper Johns, DDS, MPH. Welcome remarks were delivered by NDA President John T. Daniels II, DDS, FICOI.