American Dental Hygienists’ Association hosting its 94th annual conference

June 14–17, at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville, Fla.

The American Dental Hygienists’ Association’s premier gathering of dental hygienists at its 94th annual conference. The conference features 30 hands-on workshops and 30 unique seminars led by the top educators and practitioners in the field.

The four-day event, running June 14-17, will be held at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville, Fla., with more than 1,500 dental hygienists from all parts of the U.S. participating.

ADHA’s annual conference offers opportunities for all dental hygienists to learn, engage and advance professional and personal skills through continued education, exhibits, networking and social events. Sessions will be held for clinical practitioners, public health professionals, students, emerging professionals, educators and researchers.

Some of the workshop topics include “Periodontal Instrumentation,” “Individual Career Power Sessions and Garnering the Respect You Deserve,” “Digital Imaging,” “Cardiovascular Disease and Dental Considerations,” “New Gingivitis Coding,” “Oral Cancer Clinical Guidelines,” “Teledentistry and Addressing the State of Decay in Older Adults” and “The Importance of Trauma Informed Care.”

The conference features a keynote address by Olympic Gold Medalist Laurie Hernandez, with the core educational sessions led by top industry speakers, including Tom Viola, RPh, CCP; Patti DiGangi, RDH; Kristine Hodsdon, RDH, MS; Michelle Noblet-Vacha, RDH; Jasmin Hely, RDH, BSDH, CDA; JoAnn Gurenlian, RDH, PhD, Cathy Draper, RDH, MS; Cynthia C. Gadbury-Amyot, MSDH, EdD; and Hannah Maxey, PhD, MPH, RDH.

In addition to a full educational agenda, the event features a packed exhibit hall, a 5K Fun Run/Walk and lots of giveaways, contests and awards.

ADHA honored her with the Hu-Friedy/American Dental Hygienists’ Association Master Clinician Award at its 2010 annual conference as well as the ADHA Award for Excellence in Dental Hygiene. The meeting will be at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville, Fla., from June 14 to 17. For details, visit www.adha.org/annual-conference and follow ADHA on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter at @YourADHA.

‘In Motion: 5K Run-Walk-Fun’ event returns to ADHA gathering

The American Dental Hygienists’ Association is bringing back the “In Motion: 5K Run-Walk-Fun” on Thursday, June 15, as part of its 94th Annual Conference in Jacksonville, Fla. ADHA also is launching a virtual fun run so people from across the U.S. can help raise funds for the Institute for Oral Health (IOH), ADHA’s foundation that serves to support, empower and advance dental hygiene professionals.

Thanks to support from platinum sponsors Colgate and Sunstar; gold sponsors Dentsply Sirona, Crest/Oral B and Henry Schein Dental; and bronze sponsor Hu-Friedy, the event will help fund scholarships for dental hygiene students, provide research grants for those expanding the field of dental hygiene, and support dental hygienists who donate their services to improve access to oral health care and education in their communities.

“The level of participation, enthusiasm and camaraderie we had last year at the inaugural Run-Walk-Fun and After Glow Party was through the roof,” said IOH Chair Jill Rethman, RDH. “In fact, not only did we raise more than $50,000 for scholarships, research grants and community service but we had dental hygienists from across the country ask how they could be involved and support this event.”

This year, dental hygienists who are unable to attend the ADHA Annual Conference can pick any time from June 14-19 to run or walk a 5K in their community, join an existing team or create their own. For a $15 registration fee, virtual participants will receive a T-shirt and a race medal.

For all information, on both on-site and virtual registration, you can visit www.crowdrise.com/ADHARUNWALK2017. You can follow the ADHA on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter at @YourADHA and use the hashtag #IOH5K.

Founded in 1957, the IOH is the association’s philanthropic foundation advancing professional excellence in dental hygiene education, community service and research. Working for the dental hygiene community, the IOH provides opportunities for academic achievement through scholarships and fellowships, resources to advance the professional field through research grants, and support for dental hygienists to improve the public’s health through community service grants. For more information, visit www.adha.org/institute-for-oral-health.

Teledentistry and seniors’ oral health are among topics at ADHA conference

Among the featured speakers at this year’s American Dental Hygienists’ Association’s 94th Annual Conference is Michelle Noblet-Vacha, RDH, who will present “Teledentistry and Addressing the State of Decay in Older Adults.”

Noblet-Vacha is the founder and executive director of Senior Mobile Dental, a nonprofit organization serving the oral health care needs of individuals, with a focus on the elderly. Earlier in her career, Noblet-Vacha saw how many seniors living in assisted care facilities were struggling with performing their daily oral care, which was impacting their overall health. Senior Mobile Dental, which provides oral care regardless of income or insurance, solves this problem by going directly to the patients in their care setting.

Noblet-Vacha has been recognized for her work by the American Dental Association (ADA), American Red Cross Community Service, Sunstar Americas, Colgate and Crest.

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