**MEETINGS**

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"Beyond Expectations" is the theme of the 2015 Yankee Dental Congress, billed as "New England's largest dental meeting." The meeting will run from Jan. 28-Feb. 1, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

According to the organizers, YDC is the fifth largest dental meeting in the country. The annual event is sponsored by the Massachusetts Dental Society, working in cooperation with the dental associations of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Nearly 28,000 dental professionals from across the U.S. are expected to attend, attracted by the opportunity to choose from more than 300 dental continuing education courses and events taught by leading experts in dentistry.

On Thursday, Jan. 29, YDC is again offering "dental camp," this year focusing on immediate implant placement in the esthetic zone. The series provides an opportunity for dentists to learn about implant planning, the esthetic zone and immediate implant placement in six, one-hour sessions by several different speakers.

New to Yankee is the "Interprofessional Symposium: Complete Health Dentistry," which will be on Jan. 29. The symposium will enable attendees to share knowledge, discuss comprehensive dental cases and question an expert panel of physicians from some of New England's leading hospitals about the management of patients with medical issues that dentists will likely encounter in daily practice.

Also on Jan. 29 is "The Dental Team Playbook: The 360 Experience," a unique C.E. experience for all team members, including dentists, assistants, hygienists and front office personnel. Each team member will join his or her respective "team" for a session intended to improve production, case acceptance and office communication. This program is offered as a work session.

Spear Education Lectures will be offered on Friday and Saturday during the conference. On Friday, Gary DeWoo, DDS, will lead "Identifying Occlusal Risks and Solutions" and "Occlusal Design and Creation," while Steve Ratcliff, DDS, will teach "Making Complex Cases Simple" and "Unless You Hear ‘No,’ You Will Never Hear ‘Yes.’" Join DeWoo and Ratcliff will discuss "Treatment Planning and Equilibration," offered in the morning and afternoon on Saturday.

'Robust' exhibit hall

According to organizers, the YDC also is known for its robust exhibit hall floor, featuring the latest in dental products and technologies from more than 450 exhibitors, along with a variety of continuing education programs, including "Catapult Continuum," "Healthy Living Pavilion" (brought to Yankee for the first time by Brigham and Women's Hospital), "Live Dentistry" and "Dental Office Pavilion," all returning following popular reception at previous meetings.

The PDC 

The PDC has an expert lineup of low and high PDC sessions, cements, composites, lasers, impression materials and much more. At the centerpiece of the PDC will be the reduced rates and the family-friendly accommodations at the Longboat Key Club and Resort. The 2015 speakers include:

- Howard S. Glazer, DDS, covering "What's Hot and What's Getting Hotter: New Materials and Techniques" Glazer is a past president of the AGD and founding member of the Canadian Academy for Esthetic Dentistry (CAED). He has been named a "Leading Clinician in Continuing Education" by Dentistry Today, and a "Top Dentist" by New Jersey Monthly. He lectures and publishes internationally and writes a monthly column for AGD IMPACT. He has a general practice in Fort Lee, N.J.

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For more information you can call (877) 535-9475, or visit www.yankeedental.com.

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**YDC ready to go ‘Beyond Expectations’**

You can experience the true flavor of the West Coast — and earn C.E. credits at the same time — at the Pacific Dental Conference, March 5-7, in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The PDC has an expert lineup of local, North American and international speakers. With more than 150 presenters, 150 open sessions and hands-on courses covering a variety of topics, the meeting should be able to offer something for every member of your dental team.

According to meeting organizers, you will be able to explore the largest two-day trade show in Canada and have the year’s first opportunity to see the newest equipment. The exhibit hall features innovative new techniques demonstrated on the live dentistry stage, and attendees will be able to examine products and services from more than 300 exhibiting companies with representatives who are ready to discuss new technology and discuss new technology and innovations in hygiene. You can take a day to relax and revitalize by exploring some of Vancouver’s tourist attractions. The ocean is just steps from the Vancouver Convention Centre, and nearby pristine snow-capped mountains offer up choice late-season skiing.

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**Time again for ‘sunsational’ education**

Quality location plus quality education plus quality family time equals Smiles in the Sun 2015 in Longboat Key, Fla., April 22-26. Now you can earn C.E. credit while you enjoy the sun. All the programs are in the morning — leaving you the balance of your day to spend time with your family. Many attendees bring their children and enjoy the reduced rates and the family-friendly accommodations at the Longboat Key Club and Resort. The 2015 speakers include:

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