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The 149th Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting, featuring more than 100 lectures, demonstrations and participation courses — and more than 600 exhibit booths — is Feb. 20–22 at Chicago's McCormick Place West. The meeting typically attracts around 30,000 attendees, making it one of the biggest dental meetings in North America.

The 2014 meeting’s theme is “The Bridge: Past, Present and Future.”

The exhibit hall is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all three days of the meeting. In addition to the full-registration options, exhibit-only passes are available to ADA dentists, international dentists and non-ADA dentists. That pass, sold on site at McCormick Place, does not allow entry into any of the course rooms, including free course rooms. However, it does provide access to the live patient demonstrations in the theater on the exhibit floor — and lets you earn a daily C.E. credit hour just by exploring. Signs in the exhibit hall near the Overlook Café provide the C.E. code need for the C.E. verification form.

The televising of the live patient demonstrations on the exhibit floor has been expanded for the 2014 meeting. Attendees will be able to view the daily demonstrations in a theater constructed on the east side of the exhibit hall, near the Starbucks entrance to the hall. Details are available in the course descriptions section for each day's program.

Online registration for the meeting at www.cds.org was scheduled to end Feb. 14, after which registration will be available on site. Typically, approximately 5,000 attendees register on site for the meeting between 7:30 a.m. and noon on each of the first two days of the event, so be prepared for a line. General registration will be open on all three days of the meeting from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in McCormick Place West, Level 3 Concourse.

Access to most of the scientific programming offered at the meeting is included as part of the registration fee, which varies based on a range of registration criteria. Note, too, that the registration fee (but not the registration process) is waived for the 2014 meeting for Chicago Dental Society members and associate members.

The free courses (those courses that are included in the registration fee) at the meeting are seated on first-come, first-served basis. The free courses are ticketed, so advanced registration and on-time arrival to the class is required to secure a seat. Those who do not reserve a ticket through registration need to arrive at the classroom early to obtain a ticket, if available, at the classroom door.

Live patient demonstrations

The live patient demonstrations on Thursday are from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Each session is worth three C.E. hours for a total of six. The demonstration, “Contemporary Implant and Periodontal Therapy,” is presented by Nolen Levine, DDS, and Carl Misch, DDS, MSD. Techniques covered include sinus grafting, Ramus Onlay Grafting, implant placement, root coverage and flap surgery for pocket elimination and crown lengthening.

On Friday, the live patient demonstration will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with “The Evolution of Digital Restorative Dentistry,” by Alex Touchstone, DDS, Angela Guanzini, CDD, RDH, and Lee Culp, CDT, considered three of the leading dental professionals in digital dentistry.

A live restorative procedure with a metal-free restoration will be completed in a single session, with chairside design and fabrication. In addition to showing the possibilities of in-office same-day restorations, the demonstration covers cooperative restoration design and fabrication options with laboratories. The session is worth three C.E. hours.

Saturday’s live patient demonstration, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., is “Clinical Approaches for Extractions: Immediate Implantation, Provisionalization,” with Michael Miloro, DMD, MD, and Matthew Hallas, DMD. The session is for dentists who have a surgical background and basic knowledge of implant dentistry. The course focuses on immediate implant techniques following tooth removal. The session is worth three C.E. hours.

Special events include new dentists reception, music, fashion, more

The Chicago Dental Society welcomes new dentists with a reception for those who have been in the profession for 10 or fewer years. The Friday, Feb. 21, event provides recent dental school graduates and other newer dentists the opportunity to enjoy cocktails, food and conversation with one another. The reception will be from 5–6:30 p.m. at 210 restaurant, Level 2, in McCormick Place West. Tickets are $10 each through advanced registration and $20 on site.

Other special events include a mentor luncheon, opening session, fashion show, Friday night concert and the CDA president’s dinner dance.

All of the special events are ticketed. For those who do not order tickets when registering, tickets may also be available on site on Thursday morning, Feb. 20, at McCormick Place at the special events ticket counter in the registration area, Level 3. Concourse, subject to availability.
300-plus exhibiting at PDC

Pacific Dental Conference, March 6–8, includes two-day exhibit hall, Thursday and Friday, March 6–7

The 2014 Pacific Dental Conference, from March 6–8 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) in Vancouver, British Columbia, will feature a varied selection of open C.E. sessions, hands-on courses and a live dentistry stage.

One registration fee gives access to all 144 open sessions, which means no pre-selection of courses is necessary.

More than 35 speakers, with topics of interest to the entire dental team

The variety of topics covered by more than 35 speakers means the entire dental team can access the latest information on dental technology, techniques and materials.

Speakers in the 2014 lineup include John Kois, John Cranham, Sergio Kutler, Greg Psaltis, Ross Nash, Derek Mahony, Rob Roda, Louis Malcmancher, Bart Johnson, Jesse Miller, Rhonda Savage and Nancy Andrews.

Event includes University of British Columbia Speakers Series

With the University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry celebrating its 50th anniversary, the PDC will present the “UBC Speakers Series,” with UBC alumni addressing a variety of topics.

The Live Dentistry Stage is back in the exhibit hall, with demonstrations on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, the “So You Think You Can Speak?” program features 50-minute presentations by speakers who responded to a call for presentations and were accepted by the meeting’s scientific committee. A number of timely dentistry topics will be covered.

Two-day exhibit hall

The exhibit hall promises to be busy with more than 300 companies projected to fill approximately 600 booths. Exhibition hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday. Special hotel rates are available to attendees, with early booking recommended to ensure availability.

Reservations can be made directly with conference hotels via the links on www.pdconf.com. (Source: Pacific Dental Conference)
Hands-on implants training in Jamaica is with real patients

The American Academy of Implant Prosthodontists (AAIP) will join with its affiliates, Atlantic Dental Implant Seminars (ADIS) and the Linkow Implant Institute, to present a basic five-day comprehensive implant training program in Kingston, Jamaica, at the University of Technology, School of Oral Health Sciences, from July 2–6.

The AAIP Basic Course (Level 1) will include lectures, surgical and prosthodontic demonstrations, hands-on participation on anatomic mannequins and cadavers, diagnosis and treatment planning of implant cases, the construction of surgical templates, diagnostic wax-ups, the insertion of two to six implants by each participant, and sinus lifts under supervision of the course faculty.

Upon completion of the 35-hour comprehensive implant training program, participating clinicians will be able to accomplish the following tasks: identify cases suitable for dental implants, diagnose and treatment plan for preservation and restoration of edentulous and partially edentulous arches, demonstrate competency in the placement...
of single-tooth implants, soft tissue management and bone augmentation, obtain an ideal implant occlusion, work as part of an implant team with other professionals, and incorporate implant treatment into private practice with quality results, cost effectiveness and profitability.

Implant treatment will be performed on provided patients in the dental clinic of the University of Technology, School of Oral Health Sciences, in Kingston, with personalized training in small group settings. The course is a cooperative effort of the Jamaican Ministry of Health, the University of Technology, School of Dental Sciences, Kingston, Jamaica, and the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics.

A dental degree is required for all participants. The course is tax deductible, and 35 hours of dental continuing education credits are awarded on course completion. No malpractice insurance is required for course participants.

Dr. Mike Shulman is course coordinator, Dr. Leonard I. Linkow is course director and Dr. Sheldon Winkler is course adviser. Course faculty, in addition to Shulman, Linkow and Winkler, include Drs. Robert Braun, Ira L. Eisenstein, E. Richard Hughes, Charles S. Mandell, Virgilio Mongalo, Harold F. Morris and Roberto Russo.

Implants and components for AAIP/ADIS implant seminars are provided by Optimum Solutions Group. Dental laboratory support is provided by DCA Laboratory Inc., Citrus Heights, Calif., and Dani Dental Studio, Tempe, Ariz.

Founded by Dr. Maurice J. Fagan Jr. in 1982 at the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Georgia, the Academy of Implant Prosthodontics exists to support and foster the practice of implant prosthodontics as an integral component of dentistry.

The academy supports component and affiliate implant associations around the world, including organizations in Egypt, France, Italy, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Paraguay, Peru and Thailand.


American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics is designated as an approved PACE program provider by the Academy of General Dentistry. The formal continuing education programs of this program provider are accepted by AGD for fellowship, mastership and membership maintenance credit. The current term of approval extends through Dec. 31, 2015.

Complete information on the AAIP/ADIS Jamaica implant continuing education programs, including tuition, faculty lectures, transportation and hotel accommodations, can be obtained from the course website, www.adiseminars.com, or by calling (551) 655-1909.

AAIP membership information can be obtained from the AAIP headquarters at 8672 East Eagle Claw Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85266-1058, telephone (480) 588-8062; fax (480) 588-8296, or online from the AAIP website at www.aaipusa.com.

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Greater New York Dental Meeting adds new events

Next meeting is Nov. 28 through Dec. 3

A number of new events are already on the schedule for the 2014 Greater New York Dental Meeting. Some highlights:

- The World Implant Expo, four days of innovations in implantology.
- An expanded Collaboration Dental Laboratory Meeting, bringing together dentists and lab techs in a highly interactive environment.
- An expanded exhibit floor with more than 1,700 exhibit booths filled by more than 700 companies.

Collaboration, the dental laboratory meeting presented with Aegis Publishing, is expected to surpass its inaugural 2013 numbers: 1,183 technicians and technician students, 50 exhibitor booths and two classrooms for seminars and workshops.

The new World Implant Expo will be held simultaneously with the main Greater New York Dental Meeting, from Nov. 28 through Dec. 3.

The 2014 GNYDM exhibit hall dates will be from Nov. 30 through Dec. 3.

Again for 2014, the GNYDM, which is sponsored by the New York County Dental Society and Second District Dental Societies, will remain free of any registration fee.

Four days of exhibits
Other distinctions that help make the GNYDM stand out include:
- Only event with four-day exhibit hall
- More than 300 educational programs
- One C.E. unit for exploring the exhibit floor
- Eight “Live Patient Demonstrations”
- Multilingual programs (in Spanish, Russian, Portuguese, French and Italian)

Three major airports — Newark Liberty (EWR), Kennedy (JFK) and La Guardia (LGA) — and hotel discounts make it easy for professionals to attend the meeting and enjoy all that New York City has to offer during the holiday season. Learn more at www.gnydm.com.

(Source: Greater New York Dental Meeting)