New ways to connect at Midwinter Meeting

Chicago Dental Society adding a lunch bistro and entertainment in exhibit hall

The exhibit hall at the Chicago Dental Society’s Midwinter Meeting has long been a popular draw at the 150-plus-year-old meeting. And this year there are even more reasons to include it as a core component of your Midwinter Meeting experience.

Online registration for the Chicago Dental Society’s Midwinter Meeting is available through Feb. 19. The meeting will be held from Feb. 25–27, at McCormick Place West in downtown Chicago.

Midwinter Bistro

New at this year’s meeting is the Midwinter Bistro, located in the CDS Restaurant on Level 3 and in the exhibit hall. You can reserve your seat online for lunch in the CDS Bistro by visiting www.bistrotickets.com/cds after you preregister for the meeting.

Of course, the 460,000-square-foot exhibit hall also will feature its usual array of the latest in professional products and instruments. Attendees will be able to experience hands-on introductions to equipment and materials, meet with reps knowledgeable about top products and learn more about dentistry’s latest state-of-the-art advancements from more than 600 exhibitors.

Early registration encouraged

CDS members can attend the meeting at no additional charge, but all dental professionals are invited to register. Also, dental professionals from outside the immediate area can join the CDS as associate members to qualify for member registration for the meeting.

Early registration is recommended to guarantee your seat in whichever of the numerous courses are of most interest to you. If you register before Jan. 31, your badge and registration materials will be mailed to you, eliminating any need to wait in line to pick up your badge at the meeting.

If you register after Jan. 31 but prior to the Feb. 19 deadline, badges will be available for pick-up at McCormick Place West. (Registration deadline for mailed materials for international attendees was Jan. 8).

Exhibits, entertainment and a Virtual Tradeshow Bag

The Midwinter Meeting exhibit hall adds another new twist this year when Ronnie Rice (formerly of Chicago’s own New Colony Six) and Skip Graparis (musician, film actor and comic, who also sang with new ways to connect at Midwinter Meeting

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the New Colony Six and appeared as Monte the Colorman in “Major League.” I and II) perform from 2–3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, and Friday, Feb. 26. They will perform at the Hospitality Hub, behind the Overlook Café on the exhibit floor. Also new for the 35th Midwinter Meeting, attendees can take advantage of special offers via a Virtual Tradeshow Bag. The Virtual Tradeshow Bag will be emailed to the primary registrant beginning Feb. 24. All attendees can access the Virtual Tradeshow Bag when they download the Midwinter Meeting mobile app.

**Treats in the exhibit hall**

When you visit the exhibit hall, you also can enjoy an ice cream treat courtesy of the CDS. Free-taste ice cream treats will be available on the exhibit floor during all three days of the meeting, starting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, and Friday, Feb. 26, and starting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, while supplies last on each day (so be sure to get there on time if you’re set on enjoying a treat).

**Innovative continuing education**

The CDS member-leadership team reports that it is always looking for ways to improve the Midwinter Meeting. And evidence of that is visible this year in the three new learning tracks that have been added to the meeting. For the first time, the University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry, the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine and the Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine will each have their own C.E. tracks at the meeting.

**Don’t miss Navi**

It’s not all dentistry at the Midwinter Meeting, as confirmed at the ticketed opening session, 5:30 p.m. Thursday. The session features a performance by Navi, described as the No. 1 Michael Jackson impersonator. The performer from the United Kingdom will present his show “King of Pop – the Legend Continues.”

(Source: Chicago Dental Society)
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Strong dollar adds to Canadian meeting’s appeal

The exchange rate at press time had the U.S. dollar worth more than $1.30 Canadian, which according to Pacific Dental Conference organizers, translates to great deals on travel, accommodations and other costs for U.S. residents attending the meeting.

But the deals are just the beginning. The real benefits come from the more than 130 speakers and 193 sessions — and an exhibit hall with more than 600 booths. If that’s not enough to get you heading to Vancouver, British Columbia, the meeting also will include a bunch of St. Patrick’s Day fun, including a Celtic Celebration with Tiller’s Folly on March 17.

The PDC, which typically attracts more than 12,500 dental professionals, is from March 17–19 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Online registration is available at www.pdconf.com. For most attendees, C.E. credit is given for general attendance (up to five hours) and individual courses (up to 20 C.E. credits).

(Source: Pacific Dental Conference)

Pediatric dentists heading to the River Walk

The fun and history of Alamo City combine with top speakers and high-value C.E. at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) 2016 annual session. The event will be held from May 26–29 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Online registration is open via www.aapd.org, with the cutoff for advanced registration set for April 4. You can use AAPD’s online itinerary planner to find details on the scientific program, social events and other events in San Antonio.

Barbecue, hoedown, carnival rides
The welcome reception on Friday, May 27, will feature a family-friendly fiesta San Antonio style, with barbecue, southern hoedown and carnival rides for the kids. The keynote speaker on Friday, May 27, will be Erik Wahl, an internationally recognized graffiti artist known for his high-energy, inspirational live performances. The best-selling author of the business book “UNThink” uses his on-stage painting as a visual metaphor to communicate his core message: encouraging organizations to achieve greater profitability through innovations and superior levels of performance.