The 2011 Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting — the 99th — will be held March 24 to 26 at the Georgia World Congress Center and Omni Hotel in Atlanta. The theme of the Hinman meeting is “Quality Continuing Education Served With Southern Hospitality," and organizers say this year’s event will not disappoint.

Some of the highlights of Hinman 2011 include the following:

- At least 60 leading authorities in the field of dentistry.
- More hands-on courses (60-plus) offered than ever before for the entire dental team.
- All-day educational tracks for dental hygienists, assistants and office staff.
- New “Business of Dentistry” track for dentists.
- Multiple one-hour courses, allowing for more time on the exhibit floor.
- Hinman Eatery, located at each end of the exhibit hall.
- A Dentist Reception to be held on Friday night.

Education in Atlanta

No matter what your area of interest, there are courses available just for you. Specialty educational tracks include those for dentists, hygienists, assistants and business office staff. The Hinman Dental Meeting utilizes a computerized accreditation process. Attendees who register for courses will receive a ticket listing the course and speaker for each class and a C.E. scan ticket. These tickets can be stored in the badge holder.

Be sure to make note of the C.E. code announced at the conclusion of each course and keep the C.E. scan ticket and your badge number included in your registration materials. C.E. certificates can be printed out at the conclusion of each course, at the end of the meeting or from www.hinman.org for up to six months following the meeting.

The Thomas P. Hinman Dental meeting is an Approved PACE Program Provider (FAGD/MAGD Credit) by the Academy of General Dentistry. To receive AGD credit, include your AGD number where indicated on the registration form.

Upon processing your C.E. codes for credit, your completed information will be submitted to the AGD following the 2011 Hinman Meeting.

Table clinics

Table clinics are complimentary tabletop presentations, which are each 10 minutes in length and are given by volunteers from the dental community. Spend a minimum of one hour and attend at least six table clinics to receive one hour of continuing education credit. C.E. cards for table clinics will be available at the table clinic desk in Exhibit Hall A5. Table clinic presenters will stamp the card at the completion of each presentation, and a code will be provided for C.E. credit as you exit. Enter behind the 2700 aisle.

Exhibit hall

The exhibit hall is a great place to see the latest dental products, technologies and meet people. Free Internet access is available in the Cyber Café, and complimentary morning and afternoon snacks are also provided.

Make sure you check out some of the table clinic presentations, several of which are presented by dental students.

And don’t miss the closing party in the exhibit hall on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. and enjoy a complimentary cocktail.

The exhibit hall will be open on the following dates and times:

- Thursday, March 24, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 25, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Special events

The meeting also offers several fun events to attend. Be sure not to miss:

- Auxiliary Reception on Friday. This gathering is filled with free food, drinks and dancing.
- Dentist Reception on Friday. This event has a spread of food and a live band.
- “Up on the Roof” party on Saturday at STATS in the Luckie Marietta District.

Other things to do include a Thrashers hockey game, taking a cooking class and much more.

More information on the 2011 event is available online, at www.hinman.org.

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