AAPD takes full advantage of Seattle location

Welcome reception features exclusive access to Space Needle, EMP Museum

Some of the top thought leaders in pediatric dentistry will be in Seattle May 21–24 for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) annual session. Scientific sessions will be at the Washington State Convention Center, in the heart of downtown, adjacent to hotels, restaurants, nightlife and shopping. There are offerings for dentists, dental-team members and spouses. The AAPD is an ADA/CERP-recognized provider, with C.E. credit available on an hour-for-hour basis for most education sessions.

Taking advantage of the location, the welcome reception on Thursday, May 21, will include exclusive access to the Space Needle, EMP Museum and Chihuly Gardens.

The keynote, on May 22, features Frank Abagnale with “The True Story of Catch Me If You Can.” An authority on forgery, embezzlement and secure documents, Abagnale became an expert of sorts 40 years ago as a world-famous con man, as depicted in his best-selling book, “Catch Me If You Can.” Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks starred in a Steven Spielberg film based on the book.

Three-day exhibit hall
Products and services in the meeting’s exhibit hall will be geared toward pediatric dental practices. The main AAPD booth (No. 517) will have a bookstore, which will have copies of the Handbook of Pediatric Dentistry available as a souvenir from this year’s annual session. Also in the AAPD booth you can get an update on the evidence-based dentistry guidelines and other EBD resources.

Also in the exhibit hall will be the Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children Donor Lounge, where you can learn more about Access to Care Grants and donate to the cause’s supporting foundation.

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A hospitality area on the exhibit hall floor for all three mornings will offer a continental breakfast as well as complimentary beverages each morning and afternoon. Lunches will be for sale on Friday and Saturday. The exhibit hall hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

Conference app
The 2015 AAPD event app includes a complete list of sessions, speakers, exhibitors, local attractions, facility maps and more. View the link posted on the AAPD website for the mobile website for Blackberry users or download the app from the Android Marketplace or the App Store. A dedicated “Poster App” also will be available in the App Store in May. It will include all of the meeting’s full-color posters and presenter’s research. You can register for the meeting online by visiting www.aapd.org/annual.

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With the Seattle Center as the site of the welcome reception, attendees will be able to wander through three separate venues. You can catch the views from the Space Needle observation deck and admire the intriguing glass artwork in the Chihuly Glass and Gardens Museum. And there is far more than just rock ’n’ roll in the EMP Museum, including the traveling Smithsonian exhibit of original costumes from the “Star Wars” movies, “Art, Rebel, Jedi, Princess, Queen: Star Wars and the Power of Costume.” You can register for the meeting online by visiting www.aapd.org/annual.

The EMP Museum, Space Needle, Chihuly Gardens ... and ‘Star Wars’ costumes. (Sources: AAPD, EMP Museum)