60th Annual AGD Meeting offers historic perspective, future insight

World’s second largest dental association anticipates more than 2,000 in Philadelphia

Drawing inspiration from the event’s host city, the theme of the Academy of General Dentistry 2012 Annual Meeting and Exhibits, June 21 to 24, is “Life, liberty and the pursuit of learning.” The academy’s 60th annual meeting packs an entire year’s worth of continuing education into the Philadelphia Convention Center, right in the heart of some of the most famous historical sites in the nation.

The world’s second largest dental association, the AGD is the only organization exclusively focused on serving the needs of general dental practices. And today, that covers a lot of territory. The meeting offers a diverse selection of educational opportunities of interest to dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, office staff, laboratory technicians and students.

Among the many top speakers and presenters delivering courses, lectures and hand-on training are Alan M. Atlas, DDS; Harold E. Crossley, DDS, PhD; Howard S. Glazer, DDS, FAGD; Karl R. Koerner, DDS, MS; Louis Malcomacher, DDS, MAGD; Joseph J. Massad, DDS, and Carl E. Mish, BS, DDS, AIDS, PhD.

And, of course, there’s an exhibit hall with the latest products and services from the most innovative names in dentistry. The exhibit hall also includes the opportunity to earn up to 15 hours of free C.E. credit (in addition to the C.E. opportunities found throughout the meeting).

More than 2,000 dental professionals from the United States and Canada are expected at the meeting, ready to soak up everything they can on the latest technologies and clinical practices in general dentistry. There will be more than 70 conference sessions presented by a global faculty of dental experts and hundreds of exhibitors showcasing the industry’s latest advancements in clinical applications and management practices.

Exhibit hall hours are 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21, with an all-attendee welcome reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The next day, Friday, June 22, the exhibit hall opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 6:30 p.m., with a new all-attendee networking session from 5 to 6 p.m. On the final day, Saturday, June 23, exhibit hall hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The exhibit hall welcome reception features foods that reflect Philadelphia culture during an event that offers attendees and guests a first look at the industry’s newest technologies and products. Friday’s networking reception features a complimentary beer and/or wine (full-registered attendees receive a drink ticket in their registration packet).

Among the meeting’s many other highlights is a “Social Media for Dentists” session on Thursday, June 21, from 8 to 8:30 a.m., featuring Jason Lipscomb, DDS, author of the book of the same title. Lipscomb provides perspective and advice on how to grow your practice with a few simple social media strategies.

On Friday, June 22, from 8 to 8:30 a.m., you can catch “Generation Talk” with international speaker Kathy Metzhas, who offers tips on how to better communicate with customers, staff, colleagues and others of any generation with whom you may not be in sync.

The annual AGD Foundation Silent Auction Fundraiser helps fund outreach and grant programs that make dental care available to underserved populations, children, the elderly, and those with physical and intellectual disabilities. Auction items consist of continuing education courses, new dental equipment and instruments, dental publications, jewelry, artwork, sporting event tickets, rare books, luxury gift baskets, cash, gift certificates, vacation getaways, “behind-the-scenes” tours and much more. Individuals, constituents, regions, and exhibitors are welcome and encouraged to donate and bid on items.

At the AGD Convocation, 4:30 p.m., Saturday, June 23, everyone is invited to help honor the accomplishments of the AGD 2012 class of Fellows, Masters, and Life Long Learning and Service Recognition recipients.

The President’s Dinner honors AGD award recipients on Saturday, June 23, at 7 p.m. The venue is the Grand Hall of the Pennsylvania Convention Center, which is the original elevated train shed at Reading Terminal. This is a seated dinner with cash bars.

Get meeting details at www.agd.org.

(Source: Academy of General Dentistry)

Philadelphia museum features 20,000 medical anomalies

Philadelphia, America’s birthplace, has no end of historical sites worthy of repeat visits, whether the Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall, Franklin Square, National Constitution Center or any number of others. But for medical-type folks, the can’t-miss destination is the Mütter Museum of the Philadelphia College of Physicians. It boasts one of the world’s most unusual collections, featuring more than 20,000 medical anomalies and curiosities, historic medical instruments and anatomical pathologies.

Known as the ‘wall of skulls,’ this collection of 105 skulls is found in one of the most unusual museums anywhere — the Mütter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. The museum features specimens of anatomy and pathology and historic medical instruments, including a few dental and oral-surgery items. For details, call (215) 563-3737 or visit the website, www.collegeofphysphil.org.

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The American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics and Linkow Implant Institute offer five-day course

The American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics (AAIP) will join with its affiliates, Atlantic Dental Implant Seminars (ADIS) and the Linkow Implant Institute, to present a five-day comprehensive implant training course in Kingston, Jamaica, July 3-7. The course will include lectures, hands-on participation, surgical and prosthodontic demonstrations, diagnosis and treatment planning of implant cases, the construction of surgical templates, diagnostic wax-ups, the insertion of two to six implants, and sinus lifts under supervision of the course faculty.

Upon completion of the one-week comprehensive implant training program, the clinician 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.

35 C.E. credits

A dental degree is required for participants. Patients will be provided, and malpractice insurance will not be necessary. The course is tax deductible, and 35 hours of dental continuing education credits will be awarded upon course completion. Patient treatment is provided in a Jamaican dental school 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, Jamaica, and the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics.

Dr. Mike Shulman is course coordinator. Dr. Leonard I. Linkow is course director. Dr. Sheldon Winkler is course advisor. Course faculty, in addition to Drs. Shulman, Linkow, and Winkler, include Drs. Robert Braun, Ira L. Eisenstein, E. Richard Hughes, Charles S. Mandell, Harold F. Morris, Peter A. Neff, Robert Russo, and Robert E. Weiner. Drs. Linkow, Winkler, and Shulman are scheduled to teach the July seminar.

Implants and components for AAIP/ADIS implant seminars are provided by HIOSSEN Dental Implants. Dental laboratory support is provided by DCA Laboratory, Inc., Citrus Heights, Calif., Dani Dental Studio, Tempe, Ariz., and Dutton Dental Concepts, Inc., Bolivar, Ohio.

About the AAIP

Founded by Dr. Maurice J. Fagan, Jr. in 1982 at the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Georgia, the objective of the Academy of Implant Prosthodontics is 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 and Thailand.

The academy has published two...

Annual AAIP meeting Nov. 3
The academy holds an annual convention and international meetings in cooperation with its affiliate and component societies. It offers continuing education courses, and sponsors a network of study clubs in the United States.

The AAIP will hold its 30th annual meeting on Nov. 3 in Carefree, Ariz., at the Carefree Resort and Conference Center, in association with the Dental Implant Clinical Research Group and Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine.

‘Implant Update — 2012’
The theme of the meeting is ‘Implant Update — 2012’ and will feature highly regarded dental clinicians. Podium speakers will be Drs. Robert J. Braun, Edward M. Feinberg, Jack Hahn, Leonard I. Linkow, Paul M. Mullasseril, William D. Nordquist, Robert Weiner and Mr. Christopher Forregressa. Dr. M. Joe Mehranfar is general chairperson of the meeting and Dr. Mahmoud F. Nasr will serve as moderator.

American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics is designated as an Approved PACE Program Provider by the Academy of General Dentistry. The formal continuing education programs are accepted by AGD for fellowship, mastership and membership maintenance credit. The current term of approval extends from Jan. 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2013.

Complete information on the AAIP/ADIS Jamaica implant continuing education programs, including tuition, faculty lectures, transportation and hotel accommodations can be obtained online 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) 888-0866; fax (480) 588-8296; e-mail swinkdent@cox.net. The AAIP website is www.aaipusa.com.

(Source: The American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics)

The AAIP/ADIS course is tax deductible and worth 35 hours of dental continuing education credits.

Participants at the AAIP/ADIS implant seminar, Kingston, Jamaica, March 12–16.

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Greater New York Dental Meeting attracts 6,656 international visitors with expanded programs

The Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) has done it again as it continues to be the largest dental congress and health-care meeting in the United States. In 2011, the GNYDM registered 33,728 attendees from all 50 states and 127 countries. The GNYDM offers a choice of more than 300 educational courses, including full-day and half-day seminars, essays, hands-on workshops and a ‘live’ 450-seat high-tech patient demonstration area. Attendees are urged to not only partake in the many educational courses but also to visit the meeting’s evolving exhibit floor with more than 1,500 exhibit booths and more than 600 exhibiting companies. There is never a pre-registration fee to attend the Greater New York Dental Meeting. The live dentistry arena is always a major hit, with standing-room-only in the ever-expanding arena. This revolutionary concept of treating patients with new materials and high-tech applications takes place in the educational hall right on the exhibit floor, with no tuition costs to attenders. The GNYDM has significantly expanded its international program, accommodating 6,656 international visitors from 127 countries in 2011 and offering programs in Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian and Russian. With three major airports nearby (Newark Liberty (EWR), Kennedy (JFK) and La Guardia (LGA)) and special discounted hotel rates for those attending the meeting, it is easy for dental professionals to visit New York City during a festive and colorful holiday time of the year. See all that New York City has to offer during what many believe is its most captivating season. The event runs from Nov. 23 through 28.

(Source: Greater New York Dental Meeting)

Hong Kong hosts FDI Annual World Dental Congress

If you are ready to network with more than 10,000 experienced and novice dental practitioners from around the world, the FDI Annual World Dental Congress is calling. The Aug. 29–Sept. 1 event brings together professionals from all fields of dentistry and features a diverse program addressing the wide-ranging needs of dental professionals and others interested in oral health. The conference venue is the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center, located in the heart of the city in the modern and dynamic Wan Chai District, overlooking the Hong Kong harbor. Participants can expect to be refreshed, challenged and informed of the latest trends and opportunities in the business and practice of dentistry. FDI World Dental Federation is an ADA-CERP recognized provider: Delegates who have registered for the congress are eligible to receive continuing education points by attending scientific sessions throughout the meeting. The number of C.E. points available is as follows: Main scientific program, five points per day, with a maximum of 20 across the entire event; early morning seminars (user pay, one point per day, maximum of four across the entire event); meet the experts (user pay), one point per day, maximum of four across the entire event. Exhibition, Dental Tribune Study Club Discover the latest cutting-edge developments in dental technology and oral care from local, Chinese and international companies at the 2012 Annual World Dental Congress Exhibition. Special features include the Dental Tribune International Study Club, an exhibit of FDI’s history through its 99 previous congresses, a historical collection of dental stamps and many more attractions. The exhibition operates all four days at the Hong Kong Conference and Exhibition Center, opening at 10 a.m. each morning and closing at 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday.

(Source: FDI)