The National Dental Association organized in 1913 to address the needs and issues of African American dentists

The National Dental Association will celebrate its 100th anniversary at this year's convention, to be held from July 26–30, at the Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, Md., minutes away from downtown Washington, D.C.

The NDA was officially organized in 1913 to address the needs and issues of African American dentists, who because of segregated practices and racial discrimination were not allowed to join the white organizations.

The organization held annual conventions in private homes, churches and schools because the “Negro” dentists were not allowed to patronize hotels and restaurants until the passage of the civil rights legislation and integration.

Today, the NDA identifies itself as being the premier organization for underrepresented minorities and the voice for the underserved. It is committed to strengthening the organization, and securing the success and impact of future generations of African American dentists and other underrepresented communities.

In 2012, the NDA convened the historic, first joint Oral Health Summit of the three major ethnic dental organizations in America: the NDA, the Hispanic Dental Association, and the Society of American Indian Dentists.

The $1 million Centennial Campaign focuses on an endowed student scholarship fund, community outreach support for local NDA chapters and NDA-HEALTH NOW, a community-based, grass-roots mobile health project.

The theme of this year’s meeting is “Preserving Our Legacy While Embracing the Future.” In addition to a wide variety of educational sessions and workshops, the meeting includes a two-day exhibit hall, on Saturday and Sunday, July 27–28. Hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on both days.

Simultaneous with the main NDA meeting will be the Undergraduate Student National Dental Association (SNDA), with a separate schedule devoted specifically to students.

Also during the same time period are separate schedules of events for the National Dental Hygienists’ Association (NDHA) meeting, the National Dental Assistants’ Association (NDAA) meeting, and the Auxiliary National Dental Association (ANDA) meeting, which includes a number of events and activities for children, spouses and guests.

Convention highlights:

Friday, July 26
• Eddie G. Smith Leadership Institute (invitation only)
• Minority Faculty, Administrators’ and Practitioners’ Forum
• WHS Children’s Community Outreach
• New Dentist Conference starts
• Opening Session
• Get Acquainted Reception

Saturday, July 27
• Exhibitors Showcase opens
• WHS Women Dentist’s Awards Luncheon
• Dr. Joseph Blaes New Products Sessions
• President’s Symposium
• Minority Faculty, Administrators’ and Practitioners’ Forum
• SNDA Rites of Passage Ceremony
• NDHA Scholarship Fundraiser
• Alumni receptions

Sunday, July 28
• Last day for the exhibit hall/silent auction/raffle
• ANDA fundraiser event
• New Dentist Conference
• NDA Centennial Gala
• CPR (limited attendance)

Monday, July 29
• Golf tournament
• Civil Rights Luncheon
• Grand finale

Information and registration

To download a full version of the program for the NDA meeting, as well as the schedules for the SNDA, NDHA, NDAA and ANDA meetings, visit the NDA website at www.ndaonline.org. Also available through links on the website is conference hotel information and registration details.

(Sources: National Dental Association and VOCO)
An opening morning panel discussion titled “The Coordinated Attack on Neuromuscular Dentistry, and What That Means for Your Future,” is just one of the many sessions expected to attract lively discussion at the International Association of Comprehensive Aesthetics 2013 annual meeting. The panel discussion is being moderated by Bill Dickerson, DDS, FAACD, LVIM, founder and CEO of LVI Global, a core IACA supporter.

The IACA annual meeting runs from Aug. 1 through 3 in Calgary, Alberta, at the Calgary Telus Convention Centre.

A synopsis of the session moderated by Dickerson from the IACA website states: “There is an organized movement in our profession that is attempting to restrict the treatment of our TMD [temporomandibular disorders] and comprehensive restorative cases based on false science and inaccurate Bio Social model. This forum will introduce you to the threat and discuss the historical aspect and accomplishments of this well-organized attack as well as the science that discredits its conclusions as misguided obsession.”

Whole-patient focus

But in the spirit of the best defense being a powerful offense, the overall content of the conference in total has far less to do with defending the neuromuscular approach to dentistry than it has to do with advancing its principles and practice — and supporting a whole-patient focus in dentistry.

The topics are as diverse and comprehensive as you’ll find at any dental meeting, according to the organization. Among them: “Understanding the Use of Moderate Sedation to Optimize Patient Comfort and Treatment Outcome,” presented by Dr. Edward “Dave” Davissian and Dr. Dan Davissian; “Bruxic Adenoids to Periodontal Therapy,” presented by Jill Taylor, RDH; “Batteries Not Included: The Keys to Successfully Assembling and Empowering a Highly Motivated Team,” presented by Dr. Ed Suh; “Looking Deeper Into the Pain Patient: Experience in our TMJ Patients,” presented by Dr. Anne Marek; and “The Implant World is Not Surgery,” presented by Dr. Edward “Dave” Davissian and Dr. Dan Davissian; “The Implant World is Not Surgery,” presented by Dr. Leo Malin.

In addition to the educational sessions and workshops, the meeting features a full exhibit hall featuring a broad representation of providers of dental industry products and services. The exhibit hall hours are Thursday and Friday, Aug. 1 and 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Last year’s annual IACA meeting attracted more than 40 exhibiting companies, continuing an annual trend that has seen a steady rise in the number of participating exhibitors.

Ninth annual meeting

The first IACA annual meeting was held in San Diego in 2005 and attracted more than 600 attendees and 30 exhibitors. In more recent years, attendance has surpassed 800. The majority of attendees are dentists and lab techs, but all members of the dental team are represented along with dental students and recent dental-school graduates.

Host facility of this year’s conference, the Calgary Telus Convention Centre, is located in the heart of downtown Calgary and features indoor connections to 1,100 rooms in three four-star hotels. A variety of shopping, restaurants and entertainment is within walking distance of the venue.

The IACA meeting has three event hotels to choose from, with special rates available by referencing “IACA.” The event hotels are the Calgary Marriott Downtown, the Fairmont Palliser Calgary and the Hyatt Regency Calgary.

Registration and event details can be found at www.theiaca.com.

About the IACA

Prior to the inception of the IACA, there were a limited number of organizations with which neuromuscular dentistry practitioners — committed to furthering their education and advancing the profession — could affiliate.

Recognizing this void and left with the impression that existing dental groups were losing touch with their membership, a small, dedicated group of dentists (the founding members of the IACA) identified the importance and value in keeping abreast of the latest advances in oral health care and providing the very best care for their patients. In that spirit, the IACA was created.

The IACA was established not only to provide a vehicle for health care professionals to learn and experience advanced oral health and practice management education, but also to create an enjoyable environment in which dentists, their team members and their families could interact.

The annual IACA conference offers a variety of lectures and hands-on workshops presented by world renowned professionals representing a wide range of dental-profession sectors.

Conference attendees develop comprehensive esthetic treatment skills, network with a wide variety of health care professionals and are introduced to proven practice-management techniques, all of which are designed to support the common goal of building a successful comprehensive esthetic approach.

(Source: International Association of Comprehensive Aesthetics)
Registration is free at Greater New York Dental Meeting

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Greater New York Dental Meeting

Registration is now open for the 2013 Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM). Organizers of the 89th annual meeting anticipate the largest attendance yet. New for the 2013 meeting will be a redesign of the exhibit floor — with the addition of new technology pavilions and a unique dental laboratory exhibition.

The exhibit floor and the diverse continuing education programs are the centerpiece of the expansive annual meeting. Attendees are able to walk the exhibit floor for free (no preregistration fee) and meet with more than 600 companies selling the newest products and advanced technologies.

The education program will include 300 full- and half-day seminars, essays and hands-on workshops. Among the specialty programs are topics including orthodontics, endodontics, cosmetic dentistry, pediatric dentistry and implant dentistry.

The GNYDM is introducing three new hands-on educational pavilions that will focus on lasers, CAD/CAM and cone-beam/CT/X-rays. Each of these pavilions will house multiple companies providing information on the latest technologies that can be used in the dental office. Attendees will be able to instantly compare all of the products in one location, while also becoming more familiar with the state-of-the-art technology by attending morning and afternoon educational programs presented at each pavilion.

The GNYDM and Aegis Publishing, inside Dental Technology, have announced a ground-breaking partnership in laboratory technology. Collaboration 2013 will provide a designated laboratory exhibit area on the GNYDM exhibit floor, specialized education, demonstrations, digital dentistry and technology that will engage technicians and dentists side-by-side in an integrated, hands-on experience.

The GNYDM continues to offer a modern, high-tech free “live dentistry” arena daily from Sunday through Wednesday. The interactive “live” program features top clinicians performing dental procedures on actual patients on stage, in front of 600 clinicians performing dental procedures from around the world. And you’ll get to see all that New York City has to offer during one of its most beautiful times of the year, Nov. 29 through Dec. 4. Free registration is now open for the 2013 meeting at www.gnydm.com.

Unchanged: free registration. But new at the 2013 Greater New York Dental Meeting are three hands-on pavilions with lasers, CAD/CAM and cone-beam/CT/X-rays. Photo/Provided by GNYDM

There is never a preregistration fee at the GNYDM. You are invited to be part of the 2013 meeting to experience the energy of an event that draws top dental professionals from around the world. And you’ll never get to see all that New York City has to offer during one of its most beautiful times of the year, Nov. 29 through Dec. 4. Free registration is now open for the 2013 meeting at www.gnydm.com.
Live dentistry stage is back at Pacific Dental Conference

Three days of demonstrations with live patients scheduled in Exhibit Hall

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

The variety of topics covered by more than 150 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, Greg Psaltis and Glenn van Aar.

Highlights

With the University of British Columbia School of Dentistry celebrating its 10th anniversary, the PDC will present the “UBC Speakers Series,” featuring UBC alumni addressing a variety of topics.

The Live Dentistry Stage is back on the Exhibit Hall floor, with demonstrations on Thursday and Friday’s “So You Think You Can Speak?” features 50-minute presentations by speakers who responded to the call for presentations and were accepted by the meeting’s scientific committee. The Exhibit Hall should be busy with more than 300 companies projected to fill approximately 600 booths. Exhibit Hall hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

Registration and lodging

Special hotel rates are available to PDC attendees, with early booking recommended to ensure availability. Reservations can be made directly with conference hotels through the links on www.pdconf.com. Registration opens Oct. 15 with early bird rates for all members of the dental team.

(Source: Pacific Dental Conference)

Planning is under way for 2014 JDIQ

With the most recent Journées dentaires internationales du Quebec just wrapped up in May, the JDIQ staff is already looking ahead to the 2014 meeting, set to run from May 23 to 27.

Meanwhile, the meeting staff reminds you that you can still consult the course notes provided by some of the 2013 speakers in the “Program and Registration” area of the convention section on the order’s website www.odg.qc.ca/Convention. Also, you have until Aug. 30 to submit your lecture evaluation forms, available at www.odg.qc.ca/evaluation.

More than 12,000 dental professionals turned out for the 2013 edition of the JDIQ, once again making the convention one of the most popular in Canada. This 43rd Journées dentaires internationales du Quebec (JDIQ), which was held from May 24–28, offered a diverse selection of lectures, hands-on workshops and other educational opportunities.

The exhibit hall opened to big crowds at 8 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday morning, thanks in part to a new, complimentary continental breakfast on the agenda. Also new and well-received was free Wi-Fi access throughout the host facility, the Palais des congrès.

(Source: JDIQ)