Top speakers on agenda at CDA Presents

California meeting has latest on cone-beam CT, crown lengthening, obturating canals, periodontics, more

Dental professionals from around the world attend CDA Presents The Art and Science of Dentistry to learn about the latest clinical and technological advances in the industry, earn C.E. and network.

In the process, they hear from some of dentistry’s most captivating speakers, which will be the case at CDA Presents in San Francisco from Sept. 8-10. A series of cadaver dissection workshops will teach attendees about anatomic correlations between cone-beam CT and dissection, indications and contraindications for crown lengthening and tips for instrumenting, disinfecting and obturating canals.

Homayon Asadi, DDS, an associate professor and course director of advanced head and neck anatomy at the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry who also has a private practice in San Jose, Calif., will co-lead a workshop on cone beam CT and navigation-guided dissection of the head and neck.

David Hatcher, DDS, who received his dental degree from the University of Washington and was granted a specialty degree in oral and maxillofacial radiology and a master of science from the University of Toronto, will co-lead the workshop. James Grisdale, BA, DDS, a board-certified specialist in periodontics and prosthodontics with a part-time private practice in Vancouver, B.C., and a faculty member at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, will lead a workshop that will focus on the different techniques utilized in crown extension. Indications and contraindications for crown lengthening will also be addressed.

Ralan Wong, DDS, MSc, in private practice specializing in endodontics in San Francisco and an associate clinical professor at the University of California, is expected to discuss cone-beam 3-D imaging to develop educational content. Attendees will participate in a case involving full upper and lower dentures on four implants each.

Spherical Attachments

A clinician and technician provide an overview of a case involving full upper and lower dentures on four implants each.

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Sulzer acquires Geka, doubling size of mixing/applicator business unit

On July 1, Sulzer signed a binding agreement to acquire Geka GmbH, headquartered in Bechhofen, Germany. With the transaction, Sulzer is doubling the size of Sulzer Mixpac Systems (SMS), its plastic injection molding business, which develops proprietary 3-D mixing and applicator solutions for the dental and industrial adhesives markets. The enterprise value is USD $290.5 million.

Through the acquisition, SMS — a business unit of Sulzer’s Chemtech division — gains segment and geographical diversification. The two businesses share an industrial core, which is expected to support cost efficiencies. Complementarity geographic manufacturing footprints are expected to enhance the combined entity’s ability to compete globally.

Additionally, Geka’s cosmetics-based product range appears to be well matched to SMS expertise in applying liquids in a controlled way onto small surfaces. SMS, in turn, is positioned to further Geka’s emerging 3-D health-care focus. Geka, with approximately 900 employees, has two manufacturing locations in Germany, one in the U.S. and one in Brazil. Sulzer will add all of Geka’s employees to SMS.

The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter, subject to regulatory approval.

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Fessor of endodontics at the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, will co-lead a workshop with hands-on training that includes the latest endodontic oror instrumentation and retrograde microsurgical techniques.

In addition, there are other lectures and workshops that give both dentists and their staffs an opportunity to learn new things about the profession.

Compromised patients

Barbara J. Steinberg, DDS, clinical professor of surgery at Drexel University College of Medicine and adjunct associate professor of Oral Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, will help dentists understand the prevalence, risk factors, prevention and treatment of osteoporosis.

Dental materials

Gordon J. Christensen, DDS, MSD, PhD, founder and CEO of Practical Clinical Courses, CEO of Clinicians Report Foundation and a practicing prosthodontist in Provo, Utah, will lead a lecture that includes topics such as the state of the profession, CAD/CAM, diagnosis and treatment planning, equipment, esthetic dentistry, laboratory technology, operative dentistry, practice management, fixed prosthodontics and technology.

Esthetic dentistry

Gerard J. Chiche, DDS, the Thomas P. Hinman endowed chair in restorative dentistry and the director of the Center for Esthetic and Implant Dentistry at the Georgia Regents University College of Dental Medicine in Augusta, Ga., will lead a lecture on esthetic treatment techniques and managing key esthetic factors for predictable esthetic treatment.

Geriatric dentistry

Linda C. Niessen, DMD, MPH, dean and professor at the Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., will lead a lecture on practical approaches to patients with cardiovascular disease, stroke, diabetes, arthritis and osteoporosis.

Periodontics

Jon B. Suzuki, DDS, PhD, MB, professor, chairman, program director and associate dean for graduate education at Temple University in Philadelphia and chairman of the FDA Dental Products Panel, will lead a workshop on regeneration of extraction sockets for ridge preservation for implant site development.

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Dental practice leaders to convene in Boca Raton

The American Association of Dental Office Management (AADOM) will welcome dentists, practice leaders and administrators to the Boca Raton Resort & Club for three days of management-focused learning. The 12th annual session will be held Sept. 15-18 and will feature courses in leadership, medical billing, manager-doctor relationships and dental insurance. Donna Cutting, CSP, AADOM’s keynote speaker, will present “Red-Carpet Diem! Seize the Opportunity for Customer Service.” Attendees will learn how providing world-class customer service creates an experience for patients that will keep them loyal to you and your practice.

Other sessions will touch on topics such as medical billing, hygiene department productivity, treatment planning, leadership and dental insurance. The roster includes well-known speakers such as Dr. David Rice, Rachel Wall, Christine Taxin, Anastasia Turchetta, Dayna Johnson and Teresa Duncan. Software workshops to maximize production will be taught for users of both Eaglesoft and Dentrix software systems. The popular “Forum Live!” brings hundreds of dental practice administrators and business managers together to exchange ideas and share best practices.

The meeting also features a three-day exhibit hall with the latest products and services from 400 companies. For more information and to register, you can visit www.aadomconference.com.

(Sources: California Dental Association)