It’s all in Anaheim in May

Once a year, sunny Anaheim, Calif., opens its arms to tens of thousands of dental professionals from around the world for CDA Presents the Art and Science of Dentistry. This year’s meeting will take place May 12 to 14 (Thursday through Saturday) at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the industry’s latest clinical and technological advancements, take advantage of an extensive exhibit hall, where nearly 600 companies will showcase today’s latest products and services at exclusive show-special pricing. In addition, the meeting will offer plenty of opportunities for networking and fun (more on that below). In all, meeting organizers expect 26,000 dental professionals to attend.

The CDA Presents Board of Managers plans meetings 18 months in advance by selecting speakers they have scouted at other national meetings. Their mission is to provide a wide range of continuing education programs to the entire dental team.

Here are some of the highlights of the meeting.

Lasers in dentistry workshop
Among the many educational highlights of the meeting will be a workshop, “The Wonderful World of Lasers in Dentistry,” to be held on Thursday from 8:30 to 11 a.m., and repeating from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Moderated by Dr. Donald J. Coluzzi, this course will use lecture and clinical simulation demonstration methods. Coluzzi will guide participants through basic laser physics, dental laser device description, operating modes, delivery systems and clinical uses for dental lasers.

Participants will then perform a variety of dental laser applications on pig jaws. The course will include clinical simulation of the most-used dental lasers.

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