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AAE holds its annual meeting in Honolulu

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The American Association of Endodontists held its 2013 Annual Session in April at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, offering plenty of educational opportunities, an exhibit hall filled with innovative products and services, and numerous social events.

The theme of this year’s event was “Exceeding Expectations,” and, judging by the wide range of technical expertise and new technology that was on offer, it’s clear the event likely lived up to its billing for most attendees.

The meeting offered what was called “the largest endodontic exhibit hall in the world,” where meeting attendees could talk to representatives from major dental and medical suppliers, explore new products and services being offered and take advantage of show deals that were only available in Honolulu.

Educational topics included tissue engineering, pain management, outcome assessments, medical myths in dentistry and more. “Mega-Session Wednesday,” new to the meeting this year, allowed attendees to delve deeper into various topics.

The always-popular Master Clinician Series and hands-on workshops featured leading experts in topics such as “Differential Diagnosis of Pain,” “Clinical Application of High-Resolution CBCT in Endodontics,” “Maximizing the Value of Your Endodontic Service” and “Functional Crown-Lengthening Surgery.”

A number of individuals were honored with awards.

Dr. William Powell, who is in private practice in Knoxville, Tenn., received the President’s Award,
bestowed only nine times in the AAE’s history. Powell was recognized for dedicating countless hours to the advancement of the AAE since joining in 1970.

Dr. Samuel O. Dorn received the AAE’s highest honor, the Edgar D. Coolidge Award, given for leadership and exemplary dedication to dentistry and endodontics. Dorn is professor and chair of the department of endodontics and director of the advanced specialty education program in endodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Dr. Peter E. Murray, an endodontics professor at Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine, received the Ralph F. Sommer Award, in recognition of his research on regeneration of teeth and tissues.

Dr. H. Robert Steiman received the I.B. Bender Lifetime Educator Award. Since his first appointment in 1967, Steiman has dedicated 41 years of his life to education at the University of Detroit School of Dentistry, serving as chair of the department of physiology, basic sciences and endodontics, and as the director of graduate endodontics from 1980 to 2001.

Dr. Anthony T. Borgia received the Edward M. Osetek Educator Award. Borgia left his private practice in February 2012 after more than 25 years and is now the department chair and predoctoral director in the department of endodontics at West Virginia University School of Dentistry.

Dr. Terryl A. Propper received the Spirit of Service Lifetime Award, for helping to build and grow the Interfaith Dental Clinic in Nashville, Tenn., where she is also a senior partner in a private practice.

Dr. J. Gordon Marshall received the Part-Time Educator Award. Since obtaining his certificate in endodontics, Marshall has been in private practice in Vancouver, Wash., and also teaches part-time as an associate professor in the department of endodontology at Oregon Health and Science University.