YDC expects 27,000 in Boston

Nine-day practice management continuum overlaps with congress

Yankee Dental Congress 2018 will be held from Jan. 24 to 28 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Yankee, which is known as New England’s largest dental meeting, is sponsored by the Massachusetts Dental Society, in cooperation with the dental societies of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Nearly 27,000 dental health professionals and guests from around the U.S. are expected to attend the 2018 event.

‘Raising the Bar’
The theme of Yankee 2018 is “Raising the Bar.” According to meeting organizers, this theme exemplifies how dental professionals can find innovative continuing education opportunities for clinical development in the dental field to grow the profession for the future.

Among the education highlights, Yankee has teamed up with Pride Institute and Tufts University Dental Continuing Education to offer a nine-day practice management continuum program. The program will kick off with a two-day event at Yankee beginning on Wednesday.

Yankee is again bringing recent legislation efforts to the forefront with the “Interprofessional Symposium: High Stakes — Medical Marijuana Pitfalls and Considerations.” This program will illustrate how dentists and the dental team need to be aware of the treatment considerations for medical and recreational marijuana users. This symposium will broaden attendees’ understanding of marijuana and how it impacts patients.

The new “CE RECHARGED” program offers continuing education like no other, meeting organizers say. On Thursday, Planmeca USA will immerse attendees in digital technology, and Henry Schein Dental will explore how innovations and concept modifications shape skills and treatment-planning solutions.

On Friday, the team that produces Dentsply Sirona World will present Digital Summit 2018, which will enable attendees to experience live-patient dental education.

Successful cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) and ethical patient education with more world-renowned speakers will end the week brought to attendees by KaVo Kerr.

Enhance practice; boost revenue
Along with more than 300 C.E. and hands-on courses and events presented by leading experts in the dental profession, Yankee is bringing together dental peers and industry experts for a day of sharing programs and clinical practices. The “Yankee FAST TRACK: Enhance Your Practice, Boost Your Revenue” program will demonstrate strategies for cost effectiveness and practice enhancement.

Yankee also features a wide range of the latest dental technologies and products from more than 450 exhibitors, along with several education pavilions located on the exhibit hall floor.

Special presentations include Olympic medalist Nancy Kerrigan, as well as bestselling author Michael Patrick MacDonald, a leading activist and organizer who has developed gun buyback programs and local support groups for survivors of poverty, violence and the drug trade.

For registration and additional meeting details, visit www.yankeedental.com or call (877) 515-5071.

(Source: Yankee Dental Congress)
Glidewell takes C.E. on the road

By Robert Selleck, Managing Editor

Event sells out

Attendee response to the inaugural Glidewell Dental Symposium 2017, held in November in Dallas, has the company planning a 2018 follow-up.

“It exceeded my expectations. I’m very, very pleased with it,” said Glidewell Laboratories President and CEO Jim Glidewell in an interview with Chairside Live, the company’s online educational and informational video platform. Commenting on the event’s unique format, Glidewell said, “I think it’s going to be a big hit, and we’re going to see this beyond Dallas. We’re getting information out there and helping dentistry to be more responsive and more valued.”

The sold-out, single-day symposium brought together 11 opinion leaders from various sectors of dentistry, each delivering 30- to 40-minute presentations. Topics included esthetic dentistry, digital dentistry, dental implants, tissue regeneration, sleep-related dentistry and practice management — all with a focus on tools and techniques that are helping dental practices achieve clinical and business success. Attendees of the sold-out event were able to earn up to eight C.E. units.

When asked in the Chairside Live interview if more such events will be held, Glidewell said, “Absolutely. We think we can go to every major city in the United States, and this idea will work.” In addition to the speakers, the event included an interactive exhibits area featuring the latest tools and resources Glidewell Dental has available for practices. Attendees were also able to take a virtual-reality tour of the main lab areas at the company’s 71,000-square-foot facility in Newport Beach, Calif. With a staff of 4,500, the company is the largest employer in Orange County, operating out of a total of 650,000 square feet of office space, Glidewell noted in opening remarks at the symposium.

Chad Duplantis, DDS, who is in private practice in Fort Worth and speaks internationally, presented “Digital Dentistry: The New Office Paradigm.” Duplantis covered the history of his increasingly digital practice. His set up incorporates the latest offerings from glidewell.io (In-Office Solution), which comprises a package of tools and support that enable practices to scan, design and even mill in house (with full support from the Glidewell lab) to provide patients with quicker service — not just with single crowns.

Hinman meeting will feature nearly 260 courses

The 106th annual Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting will be March 22–24 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Dr. Patrick Yancey III, general chairman for Hinman 2018, said, “We are excited about this year’s program and theme, which is ‘Experience Hinman: Invest in Your Future.’ It emphasizes the importance of continuing dental education for everyone, from millennials just starting out to seasoned professionals looking to revitalize their practices. We’ve created a quality continuing education program delivered by many new speakers as well as from the profession’s favorites.

73 Interactive courses, 65 speakers

Hinman will feature nearly 260 courses, including 73 participation and interactive courses covering topics that dental professionals can apply immediately.

The meeting will feature more than 65 speakers — 20 new to Hinman — who will present the latest developments in the profession.

Renowned forensic pathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu will be the featured keynote speaker. His story is chronicled in the hit film “Concussion” (starring Will Smith).

For meeting details, visit www.hinman.org or contact Sylvia Ratchford, executive director, at (404) 231-1655.

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but with bridges, inlays, onlays, partials, aligners, ortho appliances and more. It’s all about “simplifying your workflow and making your office more efficient,” Duplantis said, commenting on the process used to determine how and when to keep control in house or when to tap into additional expertise from the lab.

Tim Kosinski, DDS, MAGD, a general dentist in Bingham Farms, Mich., presented “Esthetic Implant Success.” Kosinski, who is an adjunct clinical professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, used a show of hands to determine that nearly half of the general dentists in the audience were placing implants. He quickly covered one of his recent cases involving a fractured tooth in a patient with very thin facial palatal bone. The case involved immediate implant placement with a Hahn Tapered Implant, graft material and a custom temporary abutment from Glidewell Dental Laboratories. “Visualize the case finished before you ever start,” Kosinski said, when sharing his thought process from initial scanning through follow-up.

“Every single one of you should be doing sleep dentistry,” advised Suzanne Haley, DMD, in presenting “Preventing Sleep Divorce.” The sleep dentistry and general dentist who practices in St. Simons Island, Ga., emphasized that dentists only screen and treat (or refer) — leaving diagnosis to physicians. Noting that research shows that snoring and other sleep disorders have a bigger negative impact on lifespan than smoking, Haley said, “You can save a marriage. You can save a life. You can change a life.” She explained in detail how she heavily relies on a number of Glidewell’s sleep-dentistry products.

Presenting “Quality Provisionals for Esthetic Success,” Steven Barrett, DDS, shared an emotionally charged video capturing his patients’ reaction upon first seeing their smiles following his placement of BioTemp Provisionals. Barrett is partner and clinical director with Greenberg Dental and Orthodontics, which has more than 70 offices and 240 practitioners across Florida. He outlined in detail how he approaches various cases and works closely with Glidewell lab professionals. “My goal is for my patients to pick up a mirror and say they love their provisional,” Barrett said.

Introduced as the “Father of Implant Dentistry,” Jack Hahn, DDS, delivered the event’s closing keynote, “The Emergency Implant.” Hahn, who maintains a private practice in Cincinnati, quickly and self-deprecatingly guided the audience through the earliest days of his 45 years of experience in placing dental implants. Today Hahn is perhaps best known for his involvement in the design of the Hahn Tapered Implant System. With a clinician’s eye, Hahn outlined in detail the latest thinking in evaluating and successfully performing immediate implant placements.

Other speakers included Anamaria Muresan, DMD, ME, CDT, on “New Techniques for Successful Veneers”; Carrie Webber on “Getting Your Patients to Say ‘Yes’ to the Big Cases”; Justin Chi, DDS, CDT, on “The Reengineered PFM”; Raymond Choi, DDS, on “Indications for Small-Diameter Implants”; Paresh Patel, DDS, on “Monolithic Zirconia from Single Crowns to the Full Arch” and Charles Schlesinger, DDS, on “Ridge Preservation Protocol for Success.”

Many of the presenters teach continuing education at the Glidewell International Technology Center, a 2,800-square-foot, state-of-the-art training, education and demonstration center that for years has provided comprehensive programs on all aspects of implant and restorative dentistry.

The Dallas event represented the first time the company has packaged a full symposium of such training outside of its Irvine base. The $125 preregistration tuition included breakfast, lunch and a closing cocktail event.

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Designs for Vision is introducing an advanced photonic design that provides uniform light distribution with maximum intensity. The patent-pending headlights optically focus the light from the LED to provide 45 percent more light with uniform distribution.

The new LED DayLite® Micro HDi™ uses the new high-definition imaging in an ultra-lightweight headlight in combination with the new Micro power pack. According to the company, the Micro is the market’s lightest and smallest power pack. The complete unit includes two power packs, and each power pack can run up to 10 hours.

Designs for Vision also has added high-definition imaging to the LED DayLite WireLess Mini HDi, providing a lightweight cordless solution with light intensity comparable to many cored headlights. You can choose high-definition imaging with either a wired or wireless design to meet your preference, and either HDi headlight will illuminate the entire oral cavity.

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Designs for Vision is also featuring the “REALITY five-star-rated” Micro 3.5EF Scopes, which use an innovative optical design that reduces the size of the prismatic telescope by 50 percent and reduces the weight by 40 percent — while providing an expanded-field, full-oral-cavity view at 3.5x magnification.

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New location

Designs for Vision has expanded into a new 67,500-square-foot location at 4000 Veterans Memorial Highway in Bohemia, N.Y. You can visit www.DesignsForVision.com/move.htm to check out some photos of the new facility.

You can see the Visible Difference™ yourself at the Yankee Dental Congress by visiting Designs for Vision’s booth Nos. 1000 or 1827. Or you can arrange a visit in your office by contacting the company at (800) 345-4009 or via info@dvimail.com.
JOI study: Bisphosphonates affect surgery

Postmenopausal women often suffer from osteoporosis, resulting in a loss of bone mass and strength. To combat this disease, many women take bisphosphonates (BPs), a group of medicines that help slow or prevent bone loss. However, BP therapy in terms of successful dental implantation has not been well-documented. Dental implantation tends to be highly predictive in terms of effectiveness, but when medication is introduced that will change the overall landscape of the mandible (jawbone) structure, implant failure can be a side effect.

Researchers from the Kanagawa Dental University Hospital and the Tokyo Medical and Dental University have recently performed a study focused on the use of BP therapy and its effect on the quality of the mandible. The researchers evaluated the bone mineral density and cortical bone thickness (the outer layer bone thickness) of the mandible, as well as how long-term BP therapy affected early implant failure.

This study included 25 female patients, at least 60 years of age, with a previous osteoporosis diagnosis and who underwent dental implant surgery in the mandible between January 2010 and March 2013. The patients were divided into two groups: (1) the BP group consisted of 11 patients who had been taking BPs for more than one year, and (2) the remaining 14 patients were in the non-BP group and had been prescribed a type of hormone therapy.

The patients were compared using several computed tomography (CT) scans of their mandible to gauge bone mineral densities, cortical bone thickness and the effect that the duration of BP therapy had on these two factors.

The researchers found that in the BP group, 11 patients with a total of 25 implants had three (11.1 percent) of those implants fail in three (25 percent) different patients within one year. In the non-BP group, the 14 patients had a total of 28 implants. Every implant in the non-BP group survived.

It was also found that the BP group had a higher bone mineral density than the non-BP group, and those patients with a longer duration of BP therapy had increased cortical bone thickness. Overall, the researchers believe that BP use is correlated with increased bone mineral density and cortical bone thickness.

The researchers conclude that, “These results indicate that BPs affect the quality and quantity of the cortical bone in the partially edentulous posterior mandible of patients with osteoporosis, which should be considered prior to treatment with dental implants in patients taking BPs.”

This study was limited by both its small population size and the question of whether or not the medications used in the non-BP group had an effect on the mandible as well (which was not tested). However, the researchers have found that BP therapy does impact the mandible, and clinicians should be mindful that remodeling of the mandible could occur in patients receiving BP therapy, prior to beginning implant treatment.


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