Annual ADHA meeting cruising into Louisville

The 96th Annual American Dental Hygienists’ Association Conference will be from June 21–23 in Louisville, Ky. According to meeting organizers: “The largest, most comprehensive and cost-effective event for dental hygienists in the U.S., (the annual conference) is the only conference entirely focused on dental hygienists, by dental hygienists.”

All events, including two days of exhibits, will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center, which recently completed a $207 million renovation and expansion. Located in the heart of downtown Louisville, the center neighbors more than 6,000 hotel rooms, dozens of fine dining and casual restaurants and an array of museums, distilleries, gift shops and other attractions.

Shaping the future

The three-day event offers a broad and deep program featuring industry-leading keynotes and speakers, hands-on sessions and workshops and presentations exploring the most topical subjects shaping the future of dental hygiene.

According to the meeting organizers, the annual conference reflects the core issues of dental hygiene – seamlessly blending inspiration and practical application with an expert program boasting more leading oral-health-care minds focused exclusively on dental hygiene than offered anywhere else, along with hands-on workshops, an awards function and networking opportunities.

ADHA has secured discounted rates for a limited block of rooms at six hotels steps away from the Kentucky International Convention Center. The exhibit hall showcases the latest products and technologies and will offer discounted specials. The educational component focuses on enabling new and veteran practitioners alike to update skills by learning about the latest ground-breaking research through hands-on workshops and seminars. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a wide selection of cutting-edge, interactive continuing education courses.

Dental hygiene education project for Scouts expands

High interest among Scout troops across the U.S. has led to quick expansion of the America’s ToothFairy’s Health Education and Resource Outreach (HERO) Program through which Scouts can earn an Oral Health Action HERO patch.

Contributions from DentaQuest have enabled 4,000 patches to be available to Scouts participating in the program. The HERO program engages participants in addressing oral health issues unique to their geographical area by conducting research, teaching children, teens, parents and community leaders about the importance of oral-health, and promoting positive oral health behaviors in their communities. Since November, 23 troops have completed projects and collected more than 3,600 oral care products for children in their communities.

Through the program, Scouts choose three oral-health-related activities from a list of projects focused on changing perceptions, changing behaviors and changing the environment of children’s oral health.

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Handpiece motor shielded from microorganisms
By Avid Dental Products Staff

The Avid Premier hygiene handpiece system includes a lightweight, low-speed, maintenance-free air motor with four replaceable sleeves. One sleeve is used for each patient and then sterilized, while the motor can be used on up to 12 patients before needing to be sterilized. There is no need for multiple standard hygiene handpieces, which according to Avid Dental Products, will save practices time and money.

The company consulted an industry professional and hired an independent laboratory to validate the claim that its positive-air-pressure technology prevents the ingress of debris and microorganisms between the sleeve and the motor.

The purpose of the testing was to identify and quantify microorganisms from collected samples taken from the motor used in actual prophy procedures on public health patients. The lab tested for the following microorganisms with all results reported as “not detected.”
- Streptococcus (all species)
- Staphylococcus (all species)
- Fungi (most common types)
- Heterotrophic plate count (HPC)

All industry disposable prophy angles work with the Avid Premier hygiene handpiece. The motor comes with a five-year repair warranty when used with Avid Fit disposable prophy angles. For more information about the Avid Premier and other Avid Dental Products offerings, you can contact the company at (573) 483-2843.

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