Regroup, retreat, re-energize

ADA annual meeting will be in the heart of Waikiki

Dental professionals attending the American Dental Association annual meeting in Honolulu, Oct. 18-22, will be just a few blocks away from some of the most popular beaches on Waikiki Bay, including Kuhio Beach Park, Kahanamoku Beach and Ala Moana Beach Park.

The Hawaii Convention Center and many of the official ADA hotels are just steps away from the gentle shoreline that downtown Honolulu is known for.

But it’s not just the thought of toes in the sand and wading into a calm surf that has dental professionals planning their days in Hawaii. The meeting’s array of C.E. courses, seminars and workshops are the big draw. And just as enticing is the opportunity to touch, feel and compare thousands of instruments and other offerings from the dental industry’s top companies and organizations, many of whom will be featuring discounts and other convention specials on dentistry’s latest innovations and must-have basic supplies.

The meeting’s three days of exhibits will be from Oct. 18–20 (Thursday–Saturday) at the Hawaii Convention Center’s exhibit hall.

Beyond the C.E. and exhibits — and in addition to the ocean breezes, sandy beaches and lush vegetation of Oahu Island — the Honolulu meeting will offer an extensive schedule of fun.

The ADA will bring Broadway to the islands on Oct. 18 by kicking off the meeting with an evening under the stars, featuring Tony-Award-winner Kelli O’Hara. The picnic-style event at the Waikiki Shell will also feature Broadway performers Ruthie Ann Miles and Telly Leung, former Miss Universe Brook Lee and the Kamehameha Schools Children’s Chorus. This is a complimentary event, but registration and tickets are required because the venue’s capacity is limited.

The New Dentist Conference kicks off early each day with morning yoga on the Great Lawn at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Each day of the New Dentist Conference features innovators and entrepreneurs who will help the profession’s newest members grow their business.

New dentists will be able to spend time with fellow new dentists at the New Dentist Reception, Oct. 19, from 5–6:30 p.m., where they can connect, mingle and expand their network in a fun environment.

In keeping with this year’s theme, the ADA 2018, Oct. 18-22, Honolulu: America’s Dental Meeting

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The Hawaii Convention Center, on the Ala Wai Canal, a stroll from Waikiki Beach, is host site of the ADA 2018 annual meeting.

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ADA 2018 exhibit hall
(Times reflect the meeting’s earlier hours so you can hit the beach and/or enjoy other fun in the sun)

Thursday, Oct. 18
7 a.m.–3 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 19
7 a.m.–3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20
7 a.m.–1 p.m.

ADA is inviting registrants to visit one of the “Re” lounges in the exhibit hall to regroup, retreat and re-energize. Visitors can stroll in the “Best of Class Aisle” and congratulate the winners of the 2018 Cellerant Best of Class Technology Award Winners. The meeting’s diverse and extensive schedule of courses are packaged into areas of concentration such as the Digital Future of Dentistry, Women in Dentistry, Campfire Sessions and a team-building track. Another meeting highlight is the New and Emerging Speaker Series, which offers up-and-coming educators the chance to present a one-hour, no-fee lecture. A select few will ultimately present at future annual meetings.

To secure the lowest fares, meeting attendees are being encouraged to search for flights that arrive in Honolulu a few days before the meeting starts and/or leave a few days after the meeting — to enjoy extra time on the islands.

The ADA has arranged reduced rates at multiple hotels on Oahu exclusively for annual meeting attendees. Visit ADA.org/Aloha and ADA.org/meeting.

Earn a pass to ADA 2019 ADA member dentists who spend a cumulative total of $3,500 or more with ADA’s cumulative total of $3,500 or more with exhibitors at ADA 2018 are eligible to receive free registration to next year’s meeting in San Francisco. Pick up an Incentive Buying Program envelope in the registration area.

Member dentists can submit receipts for purchases made in the ADA 2018 exhibit hall. Documented show-site purchases totaling a minimum of $3,500 must be presented collectively on-site at an ADA information desk (consult the official program or registration desk for location).

Receipts must be submitted before 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21. Before then will be applied to only the purchaser whose name is on the receipts. Only one registration is provided, regardless of total amount spent beyond $3,500.

(Source: American Dental Association)