Hinman adds to lab offerings

A highlight: Two master lab techs each create and match a central incisor crown in live competition

The Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting — one of the nation’s leading dental meetings and comprehensive sources of continuing education — is adding lab-related programming to this year’s meeting, which will be from March 23–25 in Atlanta.

A “Learning Lab Co-Op” designed specifically for dentists, lab techs and staff is the newest pavilion in the exhibit hall and will feature several one-hour tabletop demonstrations for C.E. credit.

In addition, Hinman will host a lab-tech day billed as “Deliver the World’s Most Beautiful Dentistry,” featuring a full day of courses from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 25.

“We are excited to offer more courses and programs for laboratory technicians and those dentists and staff who work closely with lab techs or do their own laboratory work,” said Dr. Jane Fuskas, general chairman of the 2017 Hinman Dental Meeting. “We have lined up a number of experts in the field to share with us the latest developments so that the restorative team can deliver the best possible outcomes for our patients.”

Learning Lab Co-Op pavilion
At the new Learning Lab Co-Op pavilion in the exhibit hall, attendees will be able to obtain C.E. from exhibitors and laboratory technician professionals who will be presenting live tabletop demonstrations of techniques and materials.

On Thursday, several exhibitors such as Henry Schein, Carestream, Atlanta Dental, Planmeca, 3M, 3Shape and others will conduct tabletop presentations.

On Friday, master dental technicians will offer free C.E. and tabletop presentations. Presentations will include a live, 90-minute, head-to-head competition between two master technicians creating and matching a single central incisor crown under dental laboratory conditions.

On Saturday, attendees will be able to hear from Patterson Dental representatives and watch an E4D/CEREC side-by-side, live competition.

Exclusive exhibit hall hours
Hinman is introducing exclusive exhibit hall hours to the exhibit hall.

More than 430 companies demonstrating the latest in dentistry will be in the exhibit hall at the 105th annual Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta, March 23–25.

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hall hours this year, on Thursday, March 23, from 3 to 5 p.m. This time will allow attendees one-on-one networking and shopping time, as well as free C.E. opportunities in the Learning Lab Co-Op, Table Clinics and Total Health Pavilion.

The exhibit hall will be open on Thursday, March 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, March 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, March 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees can obtain free continu-
ing education credit in the exhibit hall throughout the meeting. The Table Clinics, held in the back of aisle 1900, will offer 135 tabletop presentations during the three-day meeting. The presentations, provided by volunteers in the dental community, including military personnel, will each run about 10 minutes. Participants receive one hour of C.E. credit for each hour they spend in the Table Clinic area. Table Clinic hours are: Thursday, March 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m., Friday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lab-tech day packed with courses

Saturday’s “Deliver the World’s Most Beautiful Dentistry” lab-tech day has no fee for dentists, laboratory technicians, staff and students. You can check www.hinman.org for complete details on each area. Courses and speakers include:

- **Wisdom Is Not Measured in Teeth,** with Joshua Polansky, from 8:30–10 a.m., covers how creating successful restorations for clients depends on having a restorative team that communicates and includes the patient, the dentist, the specialist and the technician.

- **Re-Create Nature in Your Removable Prosthetics,** with Brian Carson, 10–11:30 a.m., covers occlusal concepts via the natural functional prosthetic and demonstrates natural wax-up techniques that show the foundation that recreates the beauty of nature.

- **The Esthetic Handshake,** with Skip Carpenter, 1–2:30 p.m., covers topics crucial in day-to-day communication, as well as protocols necessary to create the esthetic handshake at a distance.

- **Delivering Excellence to Our Patients,** with Al Hodges, 2:30–4 p.m., covers the use of digital photography to market services to patients; improve the dental team’s knowledge and technical skills, and provide the communication needed to create beautiful and successful dentistry.

To register and learn more about Hinman 2017, visit www.hinman.org.

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