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“The level of participation, enthusiasm and camaraderie we had last year at the IOH 5K was inspiring,” said IOH Chair Jill Rethman, RDH. “In fact, not only did we raise more than $50,000 for scholarships, research grants, and support for dental hygiene students, provide research grants for those expanding the field of dental hygiene, and support dental hygienists who donate their services to improve access to oral health care and education in their communities. Thanks to support from platinum sponsors Cotaga and Sunstar, gold sponsors Danstaff Plastics and Iona, Crest/Ora B and Henry Schein Dental, and bronze sponsor Hu-Friedy, the event will help fund scholars ships for dental hygiene students, provide research grants for those expanding the field of dental hygiene, and support dental hygienists who donate their services to improve access to oral health care and education in their communities.”

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In Motion: 5K Run-Walk-Fun’ event returns to ADHA gathering

The American Dental Hygienists’ Association is bringing back the “In Motion: 5K Run-Walk-Fun” on Thursday, June 15, as part of its 94th Annual Conference in Jacksonville, Fla. ADHA also is launching a virtual fun run so people from across the U.S. can help raise funds for the Institute for Oral Health (IOH), ADHA’s foundation that serves to support, empower and advance dental hygiene professionals.

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Teledentistry and seniors’ oral health are among topics at ADHA conference

Among the featured speakers at this year’s American Dental Hygienists’ Association’s 94th Annual Conference is Michelle Noblet-Vacha, RDH, who will present “Teledentistry and Addressing the State of Decay in Older Adults.”

Noblet-Vacha is the founder and executive director of Senior Mobile Dental, a nonprofit organization serving the oral health care needs of individuals, with a focus on the elderly. Earlier in her career, Noblet-Vacha saw how many seniors living in assisted care facilities were struggling with performing their daily oral care, which was impacting their overall health. Senior Mobile Dental, which provides oral care regardless of income or insurance, solves this problem by going directly to the patients in their care setting.

Noblet-Vacha has been recognized for her work by the American Dental Association (ADA), American Red Cross Community Service, Sunstar Americas, Coldgate and Crest.

ADHA honored her with the Hu-Friedy/ADHA Master Clinician Award at its 2010 annual conference as well as the ADHA Award for Excellence in Dental Hygiene. The meeting will be at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville, Fla., from June 14 to 17. For details, visit www.adha.org/annual-conference and follow ADHA on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter at @YourADHA.

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