76th Annual Winter Clinic packs an entire dental convention into a single-day event

The Winter Clinic is the largest one-day dental convention in North America, where dental professionals come to learn from world-class speakers and explore and save on products and services. The 76th Annual Academy of Dentistry Winter Clinic is Friday, Nov. 8. The single-day event features 24 separate programs in contemporary dentistry, offering something for the entire dental team.

This year’s clinical program covers a broad spectrum of topics and includes an examination of the way digital technology is transforming the workflow in the dental office, demonstrations of cutting-edge tools and equipment, specialized techniques for prosthetic tooth repositioning, the use of lasers in periodontal therapy, a discussion of current views on the use of X-rays as a diagnostic tool, advice on the latest legal requirements for health and safety in the dental office, and how to meet the demands of the modern dental practice through healthy habits and humor.

Among the sessions: “Death, Taxes and Other Disasters: A Silver Linings Financial Playbook for Dentists,” “Managing Adverse Outcomes,” “The Future of Practice Values: Good-bye Routine Recall ... Hello Healthy Patient and Practice,” “To Polish or not to Polish? — That is the Question.” There also are five category-1 core courses scheduled. And the event will include a full exhibit floor with a wide selection of dental products and service providers offering demonstrations and special show pricing.

Education sessions spill over to the exhibit floor, too, with topics such as “Prepare Your Practice for a Medical Emergency,” “Technology in Your Practice” and “Are Your Patients Still Practising Unsafe Sports?”

For more information or to register, you can call the Toronto Academy of Dentistry at (416) 967-5649, or all the details can be found online at www.tordent.com.

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was first presented in 1959 at the centennial session of the American Dental Association in New York City as a joint venture between DENTSPLY International and the ADA. Thanks to this now global research program, dental students work with faculty advisors to prepare and present their scientific discoveries at a series of local, regional and international dental meetings and venues.

The ADA hosts an SCADA program at each annual meeting as a popular feature of the scientific session in which students at each U.S. dental school are selected by their individual schools to compete and present their work. DENTSPLY International sponsors the students’ attendance at the ADA Annual Session and World MarketPlace Exhibition to present their research. The program also invites student winners who competed in their national dental association meetings across the world. In addition to the 60 U.S. dental students, 17 more students representing dental schools throughout the world also will present their research results this year.

Based on a philosophy that “better dentistry depends on research,” the SCADA teaches students the discipline of scientific inquiry needed to search for better methodologies and better materials.

The students are exposed to the rigors of laboratory-based research, and, in turn, the entire profession benefits. In fact, many of today’s dental educators were first drawn to research through SCADA. “When you look at our researchers, when you look at our deans, many of them are former SCADA clinicians,” said Richard Tatum, DDS, MPH, SCADA past president.

According to DENTSPLY representatives, the company’s history of innovation in dentistry has continued to advance the practice of dentistry. And one way DENTSPLY encourages innovative thinking is through its long-standing support of SCADA. DENTSPLY has been the program’s sole sponsor since the program’s inception in 1959.

According to DENTSPLY representatives, the ongoing sponsorship supports the company’s mission, “For Better Dentistry,” by developing the next generation of dental scientists, educators and visionary leaders — while advancing the science of dentistry.

Attendees at the ADA Annual Session in New Orleans can meet the 2013 SCADA student clinicians, view their research and earn C.E. credit from 1–4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the 2013 ADA Student Research Poster Exhibit, in Hall B, Level One, Room B21, of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. For C.E. credit, reference course No. 7399 and verification code No. 9117.

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