The National Dental Association organized in 1913 to address the needs and issues of African American dentists.

The organization held annual conventions in private homes, churches and schools because the “Negro” dentists were not allowed to patronize hotels and restaurants until the passage of the civil rights legislation and integration.

Today, the NDA identifies itself as being the premier organization for underrepresented minorities and the voice for the underserved. It is committed to strengthening the organization, and securing the success and impact of future generations of African American dentists and other underrepresented communities.

In 2012, the NDA convened the historic, first joint Oral Health Summit of the three major ethnic dental organizations in America: the NDA, the Hispanic Dental Association, and the Society of American Indian Dentists.

The $1 million Centennial Campaign focuses on an endowed student scholarship fund, community outreach support for local NDA chapters and NDA-HEALTH NOW, a community-based, grass-roots mobile health project.

The theme of this year’s meeting is “Preserving Our Legacy While Embracing the Future.” In addition to a wide variety of educational sessions and workshops, many worth C.E. credit, the meeting includes a two-day exhibit hall, on Saturday and Sunday, July 27–28.

The Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Md., minutes away from downtown Washington, D.C., hosts the National Dental Association’s centennial annual meeting from July 26–30.

Convention highlights:
Friday, July 26
• Eddie G. Smith Leadership Institute (invitation only)
• Minority Faculty, Administrators’ and Practitioners’ Forum
• WHS Children’s Community Outreach
• New Dentist Conference starts
• Opening Session
• Get Acquainted Reception
Saturday, July 27
• Exhibitors Showcase opens
• WHS Women Dentist’s Awards Luncheon
• Dr. Joseph Blues New Products Sessions
• President’s Symposium
• Minority Faculty, Administrators’ and Practitioners’ Forum
• SNDA Rites of Passage Ceremony
• NDHA Scholarship Fundraiser
• Alumni receptions
Sunday, July 28
• Last day for the exhibit hall/silent auction/raffle
• ANDA fundraiser event
• New Dentist Conference
• NDA Centennial Gala
• CPR (limited attendance)
Monday, July 29
• Golf tournament
• Civil Rights Luncheon
• Grand finale

Information and registration
To download a full version of the program for the NDA meeting, as well as the schedules for the SNDA, NDHA, NDA and ANDA meetings, visit the NDA website at www.ndaonline.org.

Also available through links on the website is conference hotel information and registration details.

(Sources: National Dental Association and VOCO)
IACA meeting addresses ‘coordinated attack on neuromuscular dentistry’

Diverse programs anchor International Association of Comprehensive Aesthetics conference in Calgary, Aug. 1–3

An opening-morning panel discussion titled “The Coordinated Attack on Neuromuscular Dentistry, and What That Means for Your Future,” is just one of the many sessions expected to attract lively discussion at the International Association of Comprehensive Aesthetics 2013 annual meeting. The panel discussion is being moderated by Bill Dickerson, DDS, FAACD, LVIM, founder and CEO of LVI Global, a core IACA supporter.

The IACA annual meeting runs from Aug. 1 through 3 in Calgary, Alberta, at the Calgary Telus Convention Centre.

A synopsis of the session moderated by Dickerson from the IACA website states: “There is an organized movement in our profession that is attempting to restrict the treatment of our TMD/Temporomandibular disorders) and comprehensive restorative cases based on false science and inaccurate Bio Social model. This forum will introduce you to the threat and discuss the historical aspect and accomplishments of this well-organized attack as well as the science that discredits its conclusions as misguided obsession.”

Whole-patient focus

But in the spirit of the best defense being a powerful offense, the overall content of the conference in total has far less to do with defending the neuromuscular approach to dentistry than it has to do with advancing its principles and practice — and supporting a whole-patient focus in dentistry.

The topics are as diverse and comprehensive as you’ll find at any dental meeting, according to the organization. Among them: “Understanding the Use of Moderate Sedation to Optimize Patient Comfort and Treatment Outcome,” presented by Dr. Edward “Dave” Davilman and Dr. Dan Davilman; “Batteries Not Included: The Keys to Successfully Assembling and Empowering a Highly Motivated Team,” presented by Dr. Ed Suh; “Looking Deeper Into the Pain Patient: Experience in our TMD Patients,” presented by Dr. Anne-Marie Cole; and “The Implant World is Rotating: The Independent Implant Market,” presented by Dr. Edward “Dave” Davilman at the Toyasteel Symposium.

Moderate Sedation to Optimize Patient Comfort and Treatment Outcome — a topic that was presented by Dr. Edward “Dave” Davilman and Dr. Dan Davilman — is one of many sessions expected to attract lively discussion about the treatment of TMD/Temporomandibular disorders (TMD) and comprehensive restorative cases. The session was moderated by Dr. F. William Dickerson, DDS, FAACD, LVIM, founder and CEO of LVI Global.

The first IACA annual meeting was held in San Diego in 2005 and attracted more than 600 attendees and 30 exhibitors. In more recent years, attendance has surpassed 800. The majority of attendees are dentists and lab techs, but all members of the dental team are represented along with dental students and recent dental-school graduates.

Host facility of this year’s conference, the Calgary Telus Convention Centre, is located in the heart of downtown Calgary and features indoor connections to 1,100 rooms in three four-star hotels. A variety of shopping, restaurants and entertainment is within walking distance of the venue.

The IACA meeting has three event hotels to choose from, with special rates available by referencing “IACA.” The event hotels are the Calgary Marriott Downtown, the Fairmont Palliser Calgary and the Hyatt Regency Calgary.

Registration and event details can be found at www.theiaca.com.

About the IACA

Prior to the inception of the IACA, there were a limited number of organizations with which neuromuscular dentistry practitioners — committed to furthering their education and advancing the profession — could affiliate. Recognizing this void and left with the impression that existing dental groups were losing touch with their membership, a small, dedicated group of dentists (the founding members of the IACA) identified the importance and value in keeping abreast of the latest advances in oral health care and providing the very best care for their patients. In that spirit, the IACA was created.

The IACA was established not only to provide a vehicle for health care professionals to learn and experience advanced oral health and practice management education, but also to create an enjoyable environment in which dentists, their team members and their families could interact.

The annual IACA conference offers a variety of lectures and hands-on workshops presented by world-renowned professionals representing a wide range of dental-profession sectors.

Conference attendees develop comprehensive esthetic treatment skills, network with a wide variety of health care professionals and are introduced to proven practice-management techniques, all of which are designed to support the common goal of building a successful comprehensive esthetic approach.
Registration is free at Greater New York Dental Meeting

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Greater New York Dental Meeting

Registration is now open for the 2013 Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM). Organizers of the 89th annual meeting anticipate the largest attendance yet. Now for the 2013 meeting will be a re-design of the exhibit floor — with the addition of new technology pavilions and a unique dental laboratory exhibition.

The exhibit floor and the diverse continuing education programs are the centerpiece of the expansive annual meeting. Attendees are able to walk the exhibit floor for free (no preregistration fee) and meet with more than 600 companies selling the newest products and advanced technologies.

The education program will include 300 full- and half-day seminars, essays and hands-on workshops. Among the specialty programs are topics including orthodontics, endodontics, cosmetic dentistry, pediatric dentistry and implant dentistry.

The GNYDM is introducing three new hands-on educational pavilions that will focus on lasers, CAD/CAM and cone-beam/CT/X-rays. Each of these pavilions will house multiple companies providing information on the latest technologies that can be used in the dental office. Attendees will be able to instantly compare all of the products in one location, while also becoming more familiar with the state-of-the-art technology by attending morning and afternoon educational programs presented at each pavilion.

The GNYDM and Aegis Publishing, Inside Dental Technology, have announced a ground-breaking partnership in laboratory technology. Collaboration 2013 will provide a designated laboratory exhibit area on the GNYDM exhibit floor, specialized education, demonstrations, digital dentistry and technology that will engage technicians and dentists side-by-side in an integrated, hands-on experience.

The GNYDM continues to offer a modern, high-tech free “live dentistry” arena daily from Sunday through Wednesday.

Yankee Dental Congress has hands-on cadaver programs

Organizers of the 2014 Yankee Dental Congress invite dental professionals to join 28,000 fellow professionals from Jan. 29 to Feb. 2 at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.

With a general theme centered on the concept of overall health starting with oral health, the YDC meeting offers the chance to explore and discover best practices, products and resources to improve your practice, increase your knowledge, and better serve your patients.

Organizers describe Yankee Dental Congress 2014 as being the best opportunity in New England for every member of the dental practice to participate in a wide variety of programs.

YDC 2014 highlights include:

• The Ritz-Carlton Leadership Center — Back by popular demand, this program promotes performance and practice excellence by developing your leadership skills and creating the best possible service for your patients. Courses include “The Fire Within — Igniting Passion for Ritz-Carlton Performance Excellence,” and “Legendary Service with a Smile,” both presented by Jennifer Blackmon.

• Hands-On Cadaver Programs — This unique opportunity enables participants to attend hands-on courses using cadavers while exploring topics that cover areas such as anesthesia, crown lengthening and anatomy.

• Evolutionary Dentistry — Hear about the research and activities at the Manot Cave Dig in Israel and discuss the relationship of evolutionary biology to modern dental problems led by Mark Haro, DDS, and Bruce Latimer, PhD.

• The Pankey Institute: Update 2014 — Discover new techniques and innovative approaches in treatment planning that will have a valuable impact on your practice. The series includes three courses featuring speakers Gregory Di Lauri, DDS, Matthew Messina, DDS, and Kenneth Myers, DDS.

• Master the Skills of Marketing Your Practice in One Day — A one-day symposium designed to help expand your practice with the power of marketing. Courses include “High Energy Marketing to Explode Your New Patient Numbers,” “Secrets of Social Media Success and Online Marketing,” “Get Noticed, Get Booked, and Grow Your Practice” and “Best Practices for Leveraging Social Media to Engage Patients.”

• Dental Team Playbook: Strategies for Success (an expansion on the popular team-development day) — Your entire dental team can benefit from this one-day program with courses tailored to dental assistants, hygienists and office personnel. Team members can learn from experts in their respective fields. Presenters include Lois Banta, Amy Kirsch, RDH, Shannon Pace Brinker, CDA, Diane Peterson, RDH, and Anastasia Turchetta, RDH.

• Social Media Hot Spot — Learn how effectively utilizing social media such as Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter can help improve practice performance by drawing new patients in and keeping current patients connected to your dental practice.

You can visit www.yankeedental.com for more information.

(Source: Yankee Dental Congress)
Live dentistry stage is back at Pacific Dental Conference

Three days of demonstrations with live patients scheduled in Exhibit Hall

The 2014 Pacific Dental Conference, from March 6–8 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) in Vancouver, British Columbia, features a varied selection of open C.E. sessions, hands-on courses and a live dentistry stage.

The variety of topics covered by more than 130 speakers means the entire dental team can access the latest information on dental technology, techniques and materials. Speakers in the 2014 lineup include John Kois, Greg Psaltis and Glenn van As.

Highlights
With the University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry celebrating its 50th anniversary, the PDC will present the “UBC Speakers Series,” featuring UBC alumni addressing a variety of topics.

The Live Dentistry Stage is back on the Exhibit Hall floor, with demonstrations on Thursday and Friday. Saturday’s “So You Think You Can Speak?” features 50-minute presentations by speakers who responded to the call for presentations and were accepted by the meeting’s scientific committee.

Registration and lodging
Special hotel rates are available to PDC attendees, with early booking recommended to ensure availability. Reservations can be made directly with conference hotels through the links on www.pdconf.com. Registration opens Oct. 15 with early bird rates for all members of the dental team.

Planning is under way for 2014 JDIQ

With the most recent Journées dentaires internationales du Québec just wrapped up in May, the JDIQ staff is already looking ahead to the 2014 meeting, set to run from May 23 to 27.

Meanwhile, the meeting staff reminds you that you can still consult the course notes provided by some of the 2013 speakers in the “Program and Registration” area of the convention section on the order’s website www.odg.qc.ca/Convention. Also, you have until Aug. 30 to submit your lecture evaluation forms, available at www.odg.qc.ca/evaluation.

More than 12,000 dental professionals turned out for the 2013 edition of the JDIQ, once again making the convention one of the most popular in Canada.

Highlights
This 43rd Journées dentaires internationales du Québec (JDIQ), which was held from May 24–28, offered a diverse selection of lectures, hands-on workshops and other educational opportunities.

The exhibit hall opened to big crowds at 8 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday morning, thanks in part to a new, complimentary continental breakfast on the agenda. Also new and well-received was the free Wi-Fi access throughout the host facility, the Palais des congrès.