New meaning to being green in Vancouver

2016 Pacific Dental Conference to incorporate St. Patrick’s Day festive spirit

With opening day of next year’s Pacific Dental Conference falling on St. Patrick’s Day, attendees will get to experience the Irish holiday with a Western Canada flavor — while also earning C.E. credits. The PDC, which typically attracts more than 12,500 dental professionals, will be from March 17–19 in Vancouver.

More than 130 local, North American and international speakers will present 150 open sessions and 36 hands-on courses covering a variety of topics. Attendees also will be able to explore Canada’s largest two-day dental tradeshow (with more than 300 exhibitors), getting the year’s first chance in Canada to see the latest in dental equipment and services.

For most attendees, C.E. credit is given for general attendance (up to five hours) and individual courses (up to 20 C.E. credits). Online registration opens Oct. 15 at www.pdcconf.com. Special hotel rates are available now.

It’s not just the roof of the Vancouver Convention Centre that will be green at the next Pacific Dental Conference. Because the 2016 PDC opens on St. Patrick’s Day, attendees will get the chance to experience Western Canada’s take on the Irish holiday.

Interest growing in bio-emulation

By Dental Tribune International

The 2015 Bio-Emulation Colloquium, held July 4 and 5 in Berlin, more than doubled in attendance compared with its predecessor last year in Santorini, Greece. More than 300 dentists and dental technicians attended the 16 lectures and 13 workshops on biomimetics in dentistry.

The event was organized by Dental Tribune International in collaboration with the Bio-Emulation Group.

Key opinion leaders in adhesive and restorative dentistry provided insights on the latest methods in a histo-anatomical approach to emulating nature and achieving high esthetic standards.

Attendees learned about mechanical and optical properties of natural teeth and gained knowledge on techniques and materials. Many of the workshops, such as Dr. Pascal Magne’s session on dental morphology function and esthetics, were fully booked. More than 95 percent of attendees completing evaluation surveys said they would “definitely recommend” the event. The colloquium was held at the European School of Management and Technology, a historical site in the center of Berlin, next to the office of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The landmark building was refurbished in 2004 and 2005, transforming into the private business school.

Dental manufacturer GC Europe was the event’s main sponsor, and Shofu Dental Corp. was the official partner. Other sponsors/supporters were Ivoclar Vivadent, CROIXTURE, American Dental Systems, anaxdent and Velopex International.