Dental professionals from around the world attend CDA Presents The Art and Science of Dentistry to learn about the latest clinical and technological advancements in the industry, earn C.E. and network.

In the process, they hear from some of dentistry’s most captivating speakers, which will be the case at CDA Presents in San Francisco from Sept. 8–10. A series of cadaver dissection workshops will teach attendees about anatomic correlations between cone-beam CT and dissection, indications and contraindications for crown lengthening, obturating canals, periodontics, more.

Homayon Asadi, DDS, an associate professor and course director of advanced head and neck anatomy at the University of Washington and was granted a specialty degree in oral and maxillofacial radiology and a master of science from the University of Toronto, will co-lead the workshop. James Grisdale, BA, DDS, a board-certified specialist in periodontics and prosthodontics with a part-time private practice in Vancouver, B.C., and a faculty member at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, will lead a workshop that will focus on the different techniques utilized in crown extension. Indications and contraindications for crown lengthening will also be addressed.

Ralan Wong, DDS, MS, in private practice specializing in endodontics in San Francisco and an associate clinical professor at the University of California, San Francisco, will co-lead a workshop on cone beam CT and navigation guided dissection of the head and neck.

David Hatcher, DDS, who received his dental degree from the University of Washington and was granted a specialty degree in oral and maxillofacial radiology and a master of science from the University of Toronto, will co-lead the workshop.

On July 1, Sulzer signed a binding agreement to acquire Geka GmbH, headquartered in Bechhofen, Germany. With the transaction, Sulzer is doubling the size of Sulzer Mixpac Systems (SMS), its plastic injection molding business, which develops proprietary B2B mixing and applicator solutions for the dental and industrial adhesives markets. The enterprise value is USD $290.5 million.

Through the acquisition, SMS — a business unit of Sulzer’s Chemtech division — gains segment and geographical diversification. The two businesses share an industrial core, which is expected to support cost efficiencies. Complementarity geographic manufacturing footprints are expected to enhance the combined entity’s ability to compete globally.

Additionally, Geka’s cosmetics-based product range appears to be well matched to SMS expertise in applying liquids in a controlled way onto small surfaces. SMS, in turn, is positioned to further Geka’s emerging B2B health-care focus.

Geka, with approximately 900 employees, has two manufacturing locations in Germany, one in the U.S. and one in Brazil. Sulzer will add all of Geka’s employees to its current 77,000 employees.

(Sources: Sulzer)
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Dental practice leaders to convene in Boca Raton

Florida’s Boca Raton Resort & Club will host the 12th AADOM Annual Session, Sept. 15–18. Up to 800 attendees and 100 exhibiting companies are expected to attend the meeting. Learn more at www.aadomconference.com. Photo/Provided by AADOM

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The American Association of Dental Office Management (AADOM) will welcome dentists, practice leaders and administrators to the Boca Raton Resort & Club for three days of management-focused learning. The 12th annual session will be held Sept. 15–18 and will feature courses in leadership, medical billing, manager-doctor relationships and dental insurance. Donna Cutting, CSP, AADOM’s keynote speaker, will present “Red-Carpet Diem! Seize the Opportunity for Customer Service.” Attendees will learn how providing world-class customer service creates an experience for patients that will keep them loyal to you and your practice.

SPEAKERS

- Practice for 33 years and a world-recognized teacher and clinician (he taught for 10 years at the Loyola University School of Dentistry), will lead a workshop to discuss and demonstrate techniques to create morphologically precise direct anterior composite restorations.

- Shannon Pace Brinker, CDA, CDD, ACE, a national and international speaker and published author who was selected one of Dentistry Today’s Top 100 Clinicians and one of Dental Product Review’s most influential women in dentistry, will lead a workshop on how to use the provisionals as an assessment tool to help evaluate form and function.

- Jeff J. Brucia, DDS, who practices esthetic and restorative dentistry in San Francisco and is co-director of the FACE institute, where he chairs the Department of Esthetics and Adhesive Material Science, will lead a workshop to provide detailed insight into the total spectrum of indirect restorative materials indicated for use in the posterior area.

- Jamison R. Spencer, DMD, MS, director of the Center for Sleep Apnea and TMJ in Boise, Idaho, and director of dental sleep medicine for Lane and Associates Family Dentistry in Raleigh, N.C., will lead a lecture to review the basics of normal sleep, snoring and obstructive sleep apnea in adults and children. He will also cover diagnosis and treatment of obstructive sleep apnea, including the dentist’s role and appliance selection.

- Chris Scappatura, who promotes personal and office development through humorous and thought-provoking seminars and coaching, will lead a lecture on improving office communication to improve office environment and create better patient experience.

- Dave Weber, BA, an internationally recognized speaker, author and humorist who helps dental practices “make progress on purpose,” will discuss the secret to bringing out the best in the people you work with and the patients you serve.

Other sessions will touch on topics such as medical billing, hygiene department productivity, treatment planning, leadership and dental insurance. The roster includes well-known speakers such as Dr. David Rice, Rachel Wall, Christine Taxin, Anastasia Turchetta, Dayna Johnson and Teresa Duncan. Software workshops to maximize production will be taught for users of both Eaglesoft and Dentrix software systems. The popular “Forum Live!” brings hundreds of dental practice administrators and business managers together to exchange ideas and share best prac-

The meeting also features a three-day exhibit hall with the latest products and services from 400 companies. For more information and to register, you can visit www.cdapresents.com.

(Source: California Dental Association)