The National Dental Association celebrated its 100th anniversary at its annual meeting, held July 26–30, at the Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, Md. The event marked 100 years since NDA organized in 1913 to address the needs and issues of African American dentists, who because of segregated practices and racial discrimination were not allowed to join the white organizations of the era.

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Among the many highlights at this year’s meeting was the presentation of the NDA’s Centennial Recognition Award to Henry Schein Chairman and CEO Stanley M. Bergman.

The mission of the NDA is to promote oral health equity among people of color by harnessing the collective power of its members, advocating for the needs of and mentoring dental students of color, and raising the profile of the profession in communities across the United States.

(Source: National Dental Association)
AAP meeting’s Town Square helps new, existing and non-members

American Academy of Periodontology 99th annual meeting is from Sept. 28 through Oct. 1

Any attendee at the upcoming annual meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology has an entire Town Hall available to find information about membership, member resources, the AAP Foundation, AAP Connect, local societies and more. (Previously the service was called “AAP Member Central.”)

This year, the AAP and AAP Foundation are teaming up to deliver a Town Hall that they describe as being “a wealth of resources” in one central location. Whether you’re picking up literature in the library, browsing the silent auction at the marketplace, listening to an informative presentation in the theater or relaxing in the city park, the Town Square promises something for everyone. Centrally located across from registration in the grand hall, the Town Square is designed to serve as a one-stop destination for everything one might want to know about the AAP and AAP Foundation.

In addition to the detailed information, attendees will be able to find photos, giveaways, silent-auction bidding, presentations and more.

The AAP annual meeting, the organization’s 99th, runs from Sept. 28 – Oct. 1 in Philadelphia.

Also held in conjunction with the meeting will be the Dental Hygiene Symposium, which is facilitated through the New Jersey Society of Periodontists and the Pennsylvania Association of Periodontists. Part of the focus of the half-day program includes topics covering instrumentation skills and the perio-systemic connection.

This year’s welcome reception takes place in the National Constitution Center, open for attendees personal touring — to the backdrop of music by The Return, a popular Beatles tribute band.

In addition to featuring the annual presidential address, the opening general session will feature former Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times reporter and author Stuart Diamond, who will talk about how mastering certain negotiating skills can help in the pursuit and achievement of goals.

A smartphone app is available to help attendees connect with exhibitors and colleagues. The app is available to Android, BlackBerry and iPhone users, and it functions in areas of poor Internet connectivity. There’s also a Web-based version for all other smartphone platforms. Highlights include up-to-the-minute meeting notification on a dashboard, a schedule-at-a-glance, alerts, Twitter feed, exhibitor locator tool and local destination listings — with maps — for sightseeing, dining, entertainment, shopping discounts and other attractions.

The meeting’s various presentations are structured under broad headings such as: clinical technique showcases, continuing education programs, shorter, focused continuing education sessions, general sessions, hands-on workshops, and innovations in periodontics.

Education tracks include imaging and emerging technologies, implants, interdisciplinary therapy, periodontal systemic relationships, periodontal plastic/oral reconstructive surgery, practice development and management, regeneration/tissue engineering and treatment of inflammatory periodontal diseases.

Back for its 12th year is the Corporate Forum, on Saturday, Sept. 28, featuring speakers and topics selected by sponsoring companies.

The exhibit hall hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 29 and 30, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Advance registration ended Aug. 5. Late registration ends Sept. 26, followed by a cost jump for onsite registration that will be available from Sept. 27 through Oct. 1.

Details about the meeting are available at www.perio.org.

About the AAP

The American Academy of Periodontology is committed to supporting the dental specialty and its service to the public. Its vision is to ensure periodontists are recognized as an indispensable part of health care for optimal health and quality of life. The organization’s mission is to provide members the expertise and resources to enhance the evaluation and diagnosis of oral conditions, assessment of risk for future disease, and delivery of specialty periodontal non-surgical, surgical and medical care for patients. To accomplish this, it promotes advocacy, awareness, collaboration, education, leadership, outreach and science.

(Source: American Academy of Periodontology)
SimWars competition one of many highlights at next AAOMS meeting

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons meets from Oct. 7–12 in Orlando

It sounds like a theme park attraction, but SimWars at the upcoming American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons meeting isn’t just fun and games—it’s a serious competition that advances operator emergency skills that save lives.

It’s too late to register a team for the 2013 competition, which takes place on the second day of the Anesthesia Update preconference program at the meeting. But there’s still plenty of time to make sure you’re in the SimWars audience, which can be almost as exciting as being a competitor.

SimWars is an unscripted, simulated competition in which anesthesia teams work together to save the “patient” in an emergency situation. Following each simulation encounter, a panel reviews the scenario and debriefs the team. The overall experience is described by meeting organizers as “an exciting, interactive event” for the teams and audience alike.

The 3.5-hour SimWars program includes an airway station, demonstration of various advanced airway devices with hands-on experience and two simulation stations where the participants will execute management of simulated emergencies in real time. To make the best use of the available time, participants are provided with a list of the “mock” drugs and equipment that will be available.

To learn more about the 2013 SimWars, or to see if you can still sign up as a substitute, contact the AAOMS continuing education and professional development division at conteducate@aaoms.org or at (847) 233-4377. Visit www.aaoms.org/orlando for overall meeting registration information.

Product theater in exhibit hall

The overall meeting is from Oct. 7–12 in Orlando, Fla., at the Orange County Convention Center West and Peabody Orlando hotel. The agenda comprises a symposium, abstract and poster sessions, open forums, CIG programs and an exhibition.

The exhibit hall is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 10 and 11, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. A member pavilion in the exhibit hall is open during those same hours. In the pavilion you can learn more about AAOMS resources and services, including its career line.

Also in the exhibit hall, there will be Corporate Forums, which provide an opportunity to see, learn and discuss how the latest technologies and services can benefit your oral and maxillofacial surgery practice. Corporate Forum presentations are open to all annual meeting registrants. There is no fee, but space is limited.

A product theater in the exhibit hall provides an opportunity for oral and maxillofacial surgeons and their staff to learn and discuss the features, value and benefit of various exhibitors’ products. It is scheduled specifically so as not to conflict with the timing of any continuing education sessions. Again, there is no fee, but attendance is limited.

Individual session tickets are required for all clinical and hands-on courses. Daily passes are required for admission to practice clinics and professional allied staff courses.

Tickets and passes are obtained by submitting a completed registration form online, by mail or via fax.

Clinical courses

Tickets are required for all clinical courses, and attendance for each clinical course is limited. Attendance is determined on a first-come, first-served registration basis. With the new day pass, each team member pays one flat fee for unlimited choices, including: morning and afternoon sessions, a variety of topics that address the unique needs of a practice, and a diverse and renowned faculty of experts eager to share knowledge. All registrants must pay the general registration fee in addition to the day pass cost. Seating for these events is on a first-come, first-served basis.

New day pass option

New in 2013 is a day pass for practice management and allied staff sessions. The day pass lets practitioners and their team members attend as many practice management/allied staff sessions as their schedule will allow for one daily registration fee. That eliminates the per-course fees that can limit your program options. With the new day pass, each team member pays one flat fee for unlimited choices, including: morning and afternoon sessions; a variety of topics that address the unique needs of a practice; and a diverse and renowned faculty of experts eager to share knowledge. All registrants must pay the general registration fee in addition to the day pass cost. Seating for these events is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fun for entire family

The meeting’s host city, of course, is well known for its abundance of theme parks, some of which will be hosting meeting social activities. Universal Orlando Resort will host the 2013 President’s Event on Friday, Oct. 11. From 7–9 p.m., The Promenade of Universal CityWalk will provide dinner and beverage buffet stations and live music. At 9 p.m., guests will move to Islands of Adventure for exclusive access to the rides and attractions. Rides include the Dragon Challenge, Flight of the Hippogriff and Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey.
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Yankee Dental Congress rounds up top speakers

Overall health starts with oral health, and it all starts at the Yankee Dental Congress 2014.

The event offers a diverse agenda of continuing education courses and includes an exhibit hall that will feature the latest in new products from more than 450 exhibitors. Attendees will have the chance to learn from some of the most highly regarded dental professionals in their respective fields. Among the speakers this year:

• Kirk Behrendt — Looking to improve your practice management skills? This first-time YDC speaker will put you on the right track to boost practice excellence.

• James Dunn, DDS — A choice of four courses enables you to learn from an expert in dental photography and restorative dentistry.

• Paul Fletcher, DDS — Join this implant specialist and first-time YDC speaker on Thursday for two courses: “Restorative Esthetic Challenges Around Teeth and Implants” and “Peri-Implant Disease: Stop It in Its Tracks.”

• Theresa Gonzales, DMD — Explore women’s health topics in the Conference for Women in Dentistry, or learn more about clinical examinations of the head and neck and diagnosing oral cancer in her Saturday courses.

• Shannon Pace Brinker, CDA — Brinker, the coach for “Team Assistant” for the Dental Team Playbook program, will be offering three individual courses perfect for dental hygienists and assistants who want to improve auxiliary techniques.

• Elizabeth Somer, RD — Author of “Eat Your Way to Sexy,” this first-time YDC speaker is part of the Conference for Women in Dentistry, and also presents two other courses on nutrition:

• Clifford Ruddle, DDS — This expert in endodontics presents the full-day “Creating Endodontic Excellence” course on Friday.

• John Sorensen, DMD, PhD — Restorative dentists might find “Materials and Systems Selection for Posterior and Direct Restorations” and “Clinical Mastery of Anterior Restorations: Treatment Planning” a good fit.

• Barbara Steinberg, DDS — Learn about general health topics in her Friday morning lecture, “Medical Update for the Dental Team,” or join her in the afternoon at the Conference for Women in Dentistry.

• Dennis Tarnow, DDS — On Friday, join Tarnow in two lectures on dental implants, including “Immediate Versus Delayed Socket Placement of Implants” and “When to Extract or Save a Tooth in the Esthetic Zone.”

Meeting organizers invite you to join 28,000 colleagues, friends and family from Jan. 29–Feb. 2 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Registration opens Sept. 18 at www.yankeedental.com.

(Source: Yankee Dental Congress)
130 speakers on agenda at Pacific Dental Conference

Topics include occlusion, nutrition, orthodontics, social media, oral pathology, pediatrics, management, more

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. Some of the speakers in the 2014 lineup include: Damon Adams, ceramics; John Cranham, occlusion; John Kois, occlusion; Sergio Kuttler, endodontics; Tieraona Low Dog, health and nutrition; Derek Mahoney, orthodontics; Jesse Miller, social media; Samson Ng and Charles Shuler, oral pathology; Greg Psaltis, pediatrics; Rhonda Savage, practice management; and Chris Scappatura, practice management.

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?” will feature 50-minute presentations by speakers who respond to the call for presentations and are accepted by the meeting’s scientific committee.

The exhibit hall should be busy with more than 300 companies projected to fill approximately 600 booths. Exhibit hall hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

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.

(Source: Pacific Dental Conference)
Next year’s JDIQ meeting includes Association of Prosthodontists of Canada

More sessions expected on implants, restorations

Following what meeting organizers describe as a highly successful convention this past spring, planning is now in full force for the 44th edition of the Journées dentaires internationales du Québec, which will take place from May 23–27 at the Palais des congres de Montréal.

At the 2014 meeting, JDIQ will host the Association of Prosthodontists of Canada. Among the results expected from this joint venture, which also involves the Association of Prosthodontists of Quebec, will be a larger number of top speakers in implant and restorative dentistry — and a presence at the meeting of a larger number of prosthodontists from across Canada.

The annual meeting of the Ordre des dentistes du Québec continues to be one of the highest-attended dental meetings in North America. In 2014, meeting organizers expect to host well more than 12,000 delegates from around the world.

The meeting will feature a scientific program with more than 100 lectures and workshops presented in English and French. The JDIQ meeting is described by organizers as being Canada’s most highly attended bilingual convention.

More than 225 exhibitors will occupy approximately 500 booths in the exhibit hall, making it one of the largest in Canada. The exhibition will be open on Monday and Tuesday, May 26 and 27, and it will feature a continental breakfast on both days for the early risers as well as a wine and cheese reception to close out both afternoons.

Featured 2014 speakers already in the lineup include Drs. Dale Miles, Robert Langlais, Steven Olmos, Stephen Niemczyk, Manor Hass, Jonathan Bregman, Michael Di Tollia, Gerry Kugel, Karl Kerner, Joe Blaes, Jason Smithson, Brian Novy, Ken Hargreaves, Thomas Dudney, Robert Gutneck, Tieraona Low-Dog and James Mah, to name just a few.

For more information about the meeting, you can call (800) 361-4887, visit www.odq.qc.ca or send an email to congres@odq.qc.ca.

(Source: Ordre des dentistes du Québec)