Science, industry and pediatric dentistry

The annual session of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry this year is in the academy’s hometown, Chicago, from May 23–26. The meeting’s host site is the landmark Chicago Hilton on South Michigan Avenue, just across the street from Grant Park’s 8th Street Fountain and Formal Gardens and a short stroll from the iconic Buckingham Fountain. Twelve blocks north is the city’s internationally known shopping destination, the Magnificent Mile.

The Sunstar Welcome Reception will be held at the Museum of Science and Industry, in Chicago’s historic Hyde Park neighborhood. Attendees will be able to meet with new and old friends and colleagues against the backdrop of an endlessly fascinating and interactive experience. Among the museum’s most famed highlights are opportunities to explore a full-size replica of a German U-505 submarine captured during World War II, walk through a 40-foot-water-vapor tornado, pilot a fighter-jet flight simulator, lord over a 3,500-square-foot model railroad and peer into the Apollo 8 command module.

The opening ceremony keynote speaker is retired Colonel Nicole Malachowski, the first female pilot of the Air Force Thunderbird Aerial Demonstration Team. Her address, “Headwinds of Change,” could also serve as an overarching theme of the meeting’s scientific program, with an agenda packed full of timely topics reflecting dentistry’s dizzying pace of advancements. Topics include pediatric esthetics, brain development, precision medicine, obstructive sleep apnea, sedation, a dental benefits symposium and an evidence-based training workshop.

The scientific sessions open on Thursday with the preconference course “Speak Up for Patient Health: Critical Conversations on Controversial Issues.” The interactive session offers practical advice on how to effectively discuss difficult topics such as weight issues, eating disorders, substance use, transgender issues, pregnancy, sexual practices and sexually transmitted infections. Saturday’s invitation-only donor-appreciation gala for Healthy Smiles.

Healthy Children, the AAPD’s foundation, will be at the Art Institute of Chicago. The event supports the foundation’s mission of providing dental homes for underserved children. The President’s Farewell Dinner on Sunday will be held in a uniquely renovated pre-Chicago Fire building. Morgan Manufacturing is a 32,000-square-foot event venue that describes itself as a “world-class space with Chicago swagger, designed around a concept of modularity and industrial elegance.” Registration, lodging and other details can be found online at annual.aapd.org.

(Source: AAPD)

Dental Days of Quebec set for May 25–28

The 49th International Dental Days of Quebec (IDIQ), the annual conference of the Ordre des Dentistes du Quebec, will be held from May 25–28 (Saturday through Tuesday) at the Montreal Convention Center (the Palais des Congres de Montreal) in Montreal, Quebec, right near the heart of the old-world charm of historic Old Montreal.

The annual C.E. and exhibition event is the annual meeting place for Quebec dentists and dental-team members while also attracting attendees from across the world. With more than 12,000 participants, it is considered the largest dental conference in Canada.

The mission of the Ordre des Dentistes du Quebec, representing approximately 5,300 dentists, is to ensure the quality of dental services through high standards of practice and ethics and to promote oral health among the people of Quebec.

The C.E. courses feature theoretical and practical training presented by renowned speakers from Canada and around the world. The courses and workshops focus on topics related to dental practice, as well as the technical and scientific advancements that influence the current and future practice of dentistry.

The meeting’s two-day exhibit hall will be on Monday and Tuesday, May 27–28. IDIQ 2019 marks the third edition of the CELAration event. In collaboration with the Order of Dental Technicians of Quebec (OTTDQ), the meeting provides a full day of sessions and clinical tables, as well as an exhibition featuring specialized products and services.

(IDIQ) mobile app, available in French and/or English, can be downloaded through the App Store and Google Play, or through www.idiq.qc.ca. Also on the website, search under the “Congress” tab for details on registration, accommodations, tourist information and more.

(Source: IDIQ)
Discover the ‘Power of the Complete Team’ at the 2019 Florida Dental Convention (FDC), June 27-29, at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Orlando. This year’s program focuses on collaboration among the entire dental team. FDC2019 offers 130-plus courses to enhance and refine skills for everyone on the dental team. Attendees can earn up to 20 hours of C.E. credit. Course highlights include topics such as Botox/dermal fillers, dental implants, all-on-four dentures, insurance coding, reading body language and much more.

Exclusively at FDC2019, “Dawson Seminar 1: From TMJ to Smile Design” is being offered for a substantially discounted price. In this introductory seminar to The Dawson Academy’s “The Concept of Dentistry® Series,” participants will learn the timeless message that good, esthetic and complete dentistry must begin with a thorough understanding of dental occlusion and the functions of the masticatory system. In addition to this Dawson Seminar 1, attendees will be able to take advantage of individual breakout sessions being presented by a number of Dawson Academy faculty members.

New this year, attendees can visit the exhibit hall for free with an “Exhibit Hall Only” pass. It’s available to any dental professional or guest who opts to register as “Exhibit Hall Only” to take advantage of the offer. More than 300-plus exhibiting companies and organizations will be on the exhibit floor with the profession’s latest technology, materials, instrumentation and other products and services.

The adage, “Come for the C.E. and stay for the fun,” takes on new meaning at the Gaylord Palms Resort. Without ever having to leave the site, attendees will be able to relax at the adult-only pool or tap into your inner child on one of the many waterslides.

Other fun events during FDC2019 include Thursday’s “Beer Tasting in Paradise,” featuring a five-course tasting and beer pairing where all proceeds will benefit the FDA Foundation. Then, join your colleagues at an all-request show at “Dueling Pianos.” On Friday, you can walk the plank to “Pirate Island” for live music and family-friendly fun. If you are looking for nightlife, end the day celebrating the new dentists and ASDA students at “The After Party.”

Beyond the on-site events, you can “Stay for the Magic” and enjoy the area’s Walt Disney World theme parks at a discounted price for convention attendees.

Meeting organizers encourage you to bring your team and join your colleagues, June 27-29, to discover the “Power of the Complete Team.” You can register at www.floridadentalconvention.com. For questions, you can email fdc@floridadental.org or call (850) 681-3629.

(Source: Florida Dental Convention)