Science meets fun at pediatric meeting

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 18th 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 coal mine, wend through a German U-505 submarine captured during World War II, and tour 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, including pediatric esthetics, brain development, precision medicine, sleep apnea, sedation, dental benefits 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 held 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 Morgan Manufacturing building, 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.

12,000 expected at 2019 JDIQ in Montréal

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

The 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 Québec, 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 the 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.

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

The AAPD 2019 Welcome Reception at Chicago’s famed Museum of Science and Industry will feature emersive exhibits open to attendees, including the chance to tour a German U-505 submarine captured during World War II. (Photo by B. Spector/Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago.)