Pediatric dentists heading to Chicago

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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.

Welcome reception at Museum of Science and Industry

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, 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.

Keynote from the first female pilot with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds

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 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.

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