**Hinman 2010 offers new highlights**

The 98th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting will take place March 25–27 in Atlanta. According to organizers, the 2010 meeting is where excellence will abound. In fact, the Hinman meeting is known for its world-renowned reputation of excellence — bringing together the highest quality programming from the foremost authorities in the field of dentistry.

Some of the highlights at Hinman 2010 include the following:

- More than 60 leading experts in the field of dentistry will offer presentations.
- More than 25 percent of courses offer the opportunity for hands-on participation.
- New, all-day educational tracks will be offered for dental hygienists, assistants and business office personnel.
- Also new this year is Art in the Hall. Hinman and The Foundation for Hospital Art will combine forces to create murals for medical facilities in need. Meeting attendees can stop by and paint for a few minutes or stay until a mural is finished.
- Two hours on Saturday will be dedicated exhibit hall time, with no education held during this period.
- The exhibit hall will offer courses for assistants and doctors, interactive artwork and the return of the popular Hinman Eatery.
- The meeting also offers plenty of networking opportunities and social events.

**Educational opportunities**

This year, Hinman has designed special, full-day courses for each team member. A “Prevention Convention” for hygienists will be held on Thursday, a “Business Office Bonanza” and an “Assisting Extravaganza” will be held on Friday.

These special courses are offered so that each team member can get a variety of information on different topics from six of the most respected lecturers in their specific areas of expertise.

In addition, there are separate speaker “tracks,” highlighting all the speakers who might be of interest to hygienists, business office staff and assistants, respectively.

Each lecture is 50 minutes with a mid-day break for lunch and to visit the exhibit hall. These special courses are offered at a special fee of $75 for the full day.

A variety of lunch options are available at the Hinman Eatery in the exhibit hall.

This year’s keynote session not only presents an esteemed roster of expert speakers, but also features one of Hinman’s more unique keynote speakers in recent history. Frank W. Abagnale is one of the world’s most respected authorities on the subjects of forgery, embezzlement and securities documents. His name might sound familiar. The movie “Catch Me If You Can,” starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks, was based on his life and book.

In addition, an auxiliary reception will be held on Friday night and a dentist reception on Saturday night. With live music and buffets filled with appetizing foods, attendees will get to spend time catching up with friends and colleagues and dancing into the wee hours of the night.

**Technical exhibits**

Hinman’s 90,000-square-foot exhibit hall will feature the leading dental industry companies, sharing the latest products and services in the dental field.

More information on the Hinman meeting is available online at www.hinman.org.