Distinguished speakers highlight 34th Yankee Dental Congress, Jan. 28 through Feb. 1, 2009

Come Aboard is the theme of the 34th annual Yankee Dental Congress® (YDC), New England’s largest dental meeting, which will be held Jan. 28 through Feb. 1, 2009, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC).

The YDC is the fifth largest dental meeting in the country and is sponsored by the Massachusetts Dental Society, in cooperation with the Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont dental associations. The estimated 50,000 dental professionals expected to attend the convention in Boston next year will not only discover YDC 34’s educational, fun and informative, but also filled with entertaining events, top-notch speakers, 500-plus exhibitors and more than 450 education courses from which to choose.

On Thursday, the Big Apple Circus To Go! will entertain and delight with acrobats, jugglers, clowns and wirewalkers. Have lunch with author Dennis Lehane, best-selling author of Mystic River and Gone. Friday evening, the YDC presents the first-ever Comedy Night, starring comedians Frank Caliendo and Kathleen Madigan.

YDC 34 highlights by day

Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009

The Scottsdale Center for Dentistry will offer attendees an integrated approach to achieving excellence that incorporates every aspect of success, including patient care, clinical excellence and business profitability. Featuring Drs. Gordon Christensen, George Bailey, Terence Donovan, Edward McLaren and Jon Suzuki.

Team Development Day: Real World Communications Made Easy is designed specifically for the dental auxiliaries attending the YDC. This day of practical sessions with the Coaching Center will build clinical knowledge and strengthen team relationships. In this participatory program you will learn the basic skills of effective communication with colleagues and patients.

Dr. Joe Camp, an adjunct professor in the department of endodontics at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry, will present “Mechanical Instrumentation of Root Canals” and “Endodontic Diagnosis.”

Dr. John Sorenson, a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and founder of the Pacific Dental Institute, will discuss “Optimizing Esthetic Outcomes in Implant Prosthodontics.”

Dr. George Priest, a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, will present “Young Patients and Implant Esthetics.”

Dr. Terry Tanaka, a clinical professor of graduate prosthodontics at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, will offer a talk on “Problem Solving for Fixed, Removable and Implant Procedures.”

Dr. Jeffrey Wood, president of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry and professor and chair of the department of pediatric dentistry at the University of the Pacific, will present “Space Maintenance in the Primary and Mixed Dentitions.”

Dr. Rhonda Savage, past president of the Washington State Dental Association and current CEO of Linda L. Mikes and Associates, will discuss “Communication and Teamwork.”

Gary Zelesky, who has been presenting to audiences around the world for over 25 years as a life and team coach for business professionals, dentists and teams, will speak on “The Passion-Centered Practice” and “Naked in Paradise.”

Dr. Theresa Gonzales, a diplomat of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a professor at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School, will present “Conducting a Head-and-Neck Examination” and “Redefining Dentistry’s Role in Forensics.”

Dr. L. Stephen Buchanan, past president of the American Board of Prosthodontics and professor and chair of the department of pediatric dentistry at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, will present “The Art of Direct Resin.”

Dr. Roger Levin, a world-renowned consultant, speaker and author, and the founder, CEO and president of the Levin Group, will discuss “Eight Secrets of Highly Successful Practices” and “Double Your Production and Profit.”

Robin Wright, PhD, a nationally recognized communications expert and president of Wright Communications, will speak on “Team Up for Treatment Acceptance” and “Tough Questions, Great Answers.”

Jerome Groopman, MD, the chief of the division of experimental medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and professor at Harvard Medical School, will discuss “How Clinicians Think.”

Dr. Ronald Jackson, the director of the advanced adhesive esthetic dentistry and anterior direct resin programs at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies, will present “The Art of Direct Resin.”

Dr. Stanley Malamed, a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Anesthesiology and professor of anesthesia and medicine at the University of Southern California, will offer a talk on “Local Anesthetics: Dentistry’s Most Important Drugs” and “Update on Local Anesthetic Techniques.”

Bill Reithman, RDH, a visiting clinical instructor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine and editorial director for Dimensions of Dental Hygiene, will discuss “Determining Risk, Redefining Treatment” and “An Update in Periodontics — What Every Office


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Friday, January 30, 2009

Loretta LaRoche, founder of The Human Potential Inc. and consultant to Fortune 500 companies, has starred in four PBS specials and teaches audiences to beat the odds with humor, wisdom and patience. She will present the personal development seminar “How to Prevent Hardening of the Attitude.”

Dr. L. Stephen Buchanan, a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics and an assistant clinical professor at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, will discuss “The Art of Endodontics.”

Dr. Gordon Christensen, the dean of the Scottsdale Center for Dentistry, director of Practical Clinical Courses and a senior consultant for Clinicians Report, will talk on “New Aspects of Dentistry for 2009.”
live from San Diego, it’s AAID!

Surgery broadcast live are the highlight of this year’s annual meeting

By Sierra Rendon, Implant Tribune Managing Editor

“I thought there was no way they were going to be able to pull it off...”

“I think they should do it every year.”

“I was really amazed at how well prepared they were — they came right in and the patients were ready to go.”

These were just a few of the glowing comments heard immediately following the first two live surgeries that took place the morning of Oct. 31 at the American Academy of Implant Dentistry’s 57th Annual Meeting at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego.

The morning started out with two pre-recorded surgical procedures performed at Loma Linda University, from which all of the day’s surgeries were located.

The first pre-recorded procedure demonstrated surgical application of recombinant human bone morphogenic protein (rhBMP-2) for sinus grafting. Successful repair of a sinus membrane perforation was also demonstrated during this first clinical procedure. The second pre-recorded surgery showed successful implant placement within the BMP-2 graft complex following six months of healing and revealed graft consistency and success.

Next came two live surgeries broadcast side-by-side on a mega-screen with Dr. Don Clem moderating. The first was “Radical Vertical Bone Augmentation” with Surgeon Istvan Urban, DMD, MD. Broadcast via the Internet, the live surgery demonstrated techniques to achieve successful vertical bone augmentation. With the use of e-PTFE membranes in combination with paracutaneous grafts and soft tissue grafts, Dr. Urban demonstrated how to predictably regenerate extremely challenging vertical defects using relatively conservative procedures and minimize complications.

Simultaneously, Alan Herford, DDS, MD, showcased “RhBMP in Implant Dentistry.” Herford said surgical procedures for the treatment of mandibular continuity defects, prophyactic atrophic alveolar ridge deficiencies, trauma and maxillary clafets have demonstrated extraordinary osseous regeneration induced by rhBMP-2. The application of rhBMP-2 was presented in the live case.

As the two surgeries drew near to an end, audience members were offered the opportunity to present questions that the moderator would ask the two surgeons. About a dozen questions from the audience were asked, creating an even higher level of audience participation from the standing-room only group.

The final live surgery by Joseph Y.K. Kan, DDS, MS, a professor at Loma Linda University, focused on “Surgical Biotype Transformation During Immediate Implant Placement in the Esthetic Zone: You Be the Judge.”

The session began with an explanation of the patient’s history and video from surgical preparation earlier in the day for the implant placement. During this surgery, the audience again was asked to submit any questions for Kan via the moderator, which many participants did, and, later in the session, the audience “voted” through audience response keypads on the question Kan asked regarding the techniques shown in the surgery.

The question was:

“How many of you believe this (tissue graft) technique is able to...”

Dr. Dan Nathanson, a professor and chair of the department of restorative sciences and biomaterials at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine, will offer a discussion on “Incorporating New Material Systems and Techniques in a Modern Restorative Practice” and “Corrective Esthetics — Communication, Diagnosis, Ceramic Selection and Treatment.”

Pediatric Specialty Symposium

Dr. Stanley Malamed, diplomate of the American Board of Dental Anesthesiology and professor of anesthesiology and medicine at the University of Southern California, will speak on “Pediatric Dental Emergency Medicine” and “Pediatric Dental Pain Management.”

For more information on the Yankee Dental Congress 54, please call the Massachusetts Dental Society at (800) 542-8747 or visit our Web site at www.yankeedental.com.
Oral Health America to hold 19th annual gala dinner and auction

Oral Health America, a non-profit organization that has been dedicated to improving oral health for all Americans for more than 50 years, will hold its 19th Annual Gala Dinner and Silent Auction Feb. 26, 2009 at Navy Pier in Chicago. The event will raise funds to support educational and service programs designed to improve oral health.

The Oral Health America Gala, held each year during the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting, is one of the dental industry’s premier networking events. The “party on the pier” has become so popular that it sells out early. For this reason, organizers are urging attendees to purchase their tickets early to avoid disappointment. The black-tie-optional evening features dinner, dancing and a silent auction. Oral Health America is also seeking event sponsors at the Gold ($3,000), Platinum ($5,000) and Diamond ($10,000) levels.

The Oral Health America 19th Annual Gala Dinner and Silent Auction will take place 6:30–11 p.m. on Feb. 26. Tickets are $285 each ($300 after Feb. 1, if still available); a table for 10 can be purchased for $2,500 ($2,750 after Feb. 1, if still available).

To reserve tickets or to get information on sponsorships or donations please contact Joe Donohue at OHA by calling (312) 836-9900 or e-mail him at joe@oralhealthamerica.org.

To enhance the periodontal biotype and improve implant esthetics?

(To many people’s delight, the theme from “Jeopardy” played in the background during the 30 seconds the audience was given to answer the question.)

The vote showed a 95 percent agreement with the technique Kan demonstrated.

The moderator joked Kan should run for president with numbers that good.

Friday’s afternoon sessions also used the audience response keypads during controversial topics such as mini implants and platform switching.

A sampling of other lectures that took place throughout the weekend includes:

“Computer Aided Technology for Implant Prosthodontics” by Scott D. Ganz, DMD.

“Can Dentists Feel How Much Torque They Are Exerting on Implant Components?” by Bill Holden, BSc, DDS.

“The Zygomatic Implant: A Graftless Solution for the Edentulous Patient” by Edmund Bedrossian, DDS.

“Loading Protocols for Grafted Bone: Immediate, Early and Delayed” by Craig M. Misch, DDS, MDS.

A customer gets the lowdown at the Southern Implants booth.

Justin Stefanick and Leslie Crowley show off their loving side at the Piezosurgery booth.