Yankee Dental Congress 2017 will be from Jan. 25–29, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Organizers describe the congress as New England’s largest dental meeting. It is sponsored by the Massachusetts Dental Society in cooperation with the dental societies of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Nearly 28,000 dental professionals and guests from across the U.S. are expected.

The theme is “Focus. Fast. Forward.” It is meant to “emulates how dental professionals can focus on innovative continuing education opportunities for intellectual development in the dental field, to fast-forward the industry for the future.”

Among the 300 courses are programs tying into Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker’s effort to combat addiction in the commonwealth. This includes the Third Annual Interprofessional Symposium: "CTL-ALT-DELETE: Rebooting the Approach to Pain Management," and a "Fast Track" program on pain management and prescription monitoring.

The Sleep Apnea Pavilion will showcase new technologies from laboratory providers and educate attendees on oral appliance therapy and laser procedures — as well as pediatric dental sleep medicine. The 3-D Printing Pavilion will demonstrate high-resolution desktop 3-D printing and how it provides affordable access to advanced digital workflows for labs and dental practices.

The exhibit hall will host more than 450 exhibitors along with several education pavilions.

Special presentations this year include “A Conversation with Dr. Lisa Genova,” author of the best-selling novel “Still Alice,” basis for the identically titled Academy Award-winning film. Another special presentation features Nancy Frates, mother of Pete Frates, who was the inspiration for the ALS ice-bucket challenge.

For more about Yankee Dental Congress 2017, visit www.yankeedental.com or call (877) 515-9071.

(Source: Yankee Dental Congress)

Lab Expo ‘showcase stage’ at Pacific Dental Conference

Online registration is now open for the 2017 Pacific Dental Conference. The annual meeting will be from March 9–11 in Vancouver, British Columbia, at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Register at www.pdconf.com.

The PDC is one of the largest dental conferences in North America, offering a broad selection of continuing education programs. With more than 200 open sessions and hands-on courses and close to 300 exhibiting companies occupying 650 booths — the meeting is designed to serve dentists and their entire dental team.

The exhibit floor will be open to all attendees on Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10. Special hotel rates are available through Jan. 13, then rates will increase.

For the majority of attendees, C.E. credit is given for general attendance (up to five hours) and hour-for-hour credit for individually attended courses. It’s possible to acquire up to 20 C.E. credits.

Entering its fourth year at PDC, the dental technicians’ conference day will have a new look and direction. The PDC Lab Expo will be Saturday, March 11, bringing together dental technicians, denturists, dentists and their teams. Expo attendees will be able to visit the exhibits area between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. and during session breaks.

Attendees will be able to enjoy lunch and meet company representatives to learn about some of the industry’s latest tech advancements. A new “Showcase Stage” in the PDC Lab Expo will feature 30-minute demonstrations throughout the day looking at the latest products and technologies.

In British Columbia, the tradition of gathering to share information on dentistry began in 1936 when the first BC Study Club was established. As time passed, the need for an annual convention became evident. An annual convention was created, and in subsequent years it experienced continued growth and with that the need to expand from smaller hotel settings into the world-class Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre (now the Vancouver Convention Centre), In 1998 the meeting became the Pacific Dental Conference, with dentists and teams attending from B.C., other provinces and across the U.S.

The PDC Organizing Group (made up of nine dentists and one hygienist) volunteers its time to present one of the most reputable dental conferences in North America.

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