Get ready for the 145th Ohio Dental Association Annual Session

The 145th Ohio Dental Association (ODA) Annual Session will take place Sept. 15–18 (Thursday through Sunday) at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC) complex in downtown Columbus, Ohio. The event will feature more than 60 continuing education courses, networking opportunities, unique social events and an expansive exhibit hall.

According to meeting organizers, the entire dental team can find valuable opportunities for learning, growth and fun.

All annual session events and courses will be held in the GCCC or the Hyatt Regency, which is connected to the GCCC. Continuing education courses and events are scheduled Thursday through Sunday. The exhibit hall will be located in the GCCC and will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Continuing education

A wide range of continuing education opportunities is available to the entire dental team, featuring such speakers as:

- Dr. Ellen Byrne
- Dr. John Cranham
- Dr. Howard Glazer
- Dr. Lou Graham
- Dr. Robert Lowe
- Dr. Michael Miyasaki
- Dr. Udell Webb
- Karen Davis, RDH
- Kristy Menage Bernie, RDH
- Anne Guignon, RDH
- Lois Banta

In addition to nationally known speakers, the ODA Annual Session features unique educational formats to enhance your learning experience, including several hands-on courses, dynamic lectures, panels and luncheons. Free courses are also available each day.

Course handouts will be available online only, in late August, at www.oda.org. Hard copies of handouts will not be available at the meeting. (Remember that not all speakers provide handouts.)

The exhibit hall is not only an exceptional shopping experience, but a learning opportunity as well. Attendees are invited to take advantage of the many different companies and products assembled under one roof to learn about new technologies, comparison shop and take advantage of show specials.

Bring your dancing shoes, or even just your comfortable ones,

to the special events planned this year. They include a “Lunch with the Chef” cooking adventure, a culinary tour of the Short North area, a tour of downtown Grandview Heights, a “Women DDS” luncheon, the Callahan Celebration of Excellence, The BASH and more.

Planning to attend a meeting, reception or luncheon event sponsored by a dental organization during the ODA Annual Session? Visit

Wurth most recently served as president and CEO of the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF), which raised more than $150 million for research and education during his 11-year tenure. Prior to joining the OREF, Wurth served as assistant dean for development of alumni programs at the University of Illinois College of Law, and he served as president and CEO of Provena Covenant Medical Center Foundation in Urbana, Ill.

Wurth earned a bachelor’s degree in English, a law degree and a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Wurth and his wife of 38 years, Mary, have a son, Stephen, who works as an attorney in Chicago, and a daughter, Melissa, who works as an educator in North Carolina.