AGD: ‘Golden Opportunity’ in California

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) annual meeting, AGD 2015, is from June 18 to 21 in San Francisco. “In addition to the cutting-edge lectures and participation courses from the top continuing education speakers of our profession, this year’s meeting features a live-patient implant placement surgery,” said AGD President W. Carter Brown, DMD, FAGD. “The surgery, performed by Dr. Todd Engel, is one of many new additions to this meeting, which focuses on innovative technologies, procedures and clinical skills. Our exhibit hall will showcase new technologies and techniques, while our evening courses provide something for everyone, including students, new dentists and dental team members.”

Taking place at the Moscone West Convention Center, the 2015 annual meeting will feature new technologies, new continuing education courses for dentists and staff and a keynote address from Travelocity.com founder Terry Jones.

Meeting highlights
In addition to creating Travelocity.com and the executive chairman of Wayblazer, In a presentation sponsored by Colgate, he will share his knowledge about creating a culture of innovation within your dental practice and embracing opportunities found in today’s age of information.

More innovation will be on display at “Modern Practice for Today’s Patients,” presented by Henry Schein Inc. Located in the exhibit hall, this display invites attendees to imagine the possibilities of a technologically enhanced dental office. Visitors will be able to try out cutting-edge equipment, use patient management software and catch a glimpse of the aesthetic options available for transforming a practice space.

After catching a glimpse of the future

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The AGD 2015 meeting agenda focuses on innovative technologies, procedures and clinical skills. The exhibit hall showcases new products and techniques. Photo/Provided by www.freeimages.com

Academy of General Dentistry, June 18–21, San Francisco
Bahamas is site of implant training and conference

‘Summers in Paradise’ conference will be from July 30–Aug. 1 in Nassau

By Paradise Dental Institute Staff

Nassau, Bahamas-based Paradise Dental Institute formally launches this July with a live-surgery implant training course followed by a working conference. The three-day working conference, “Summers in Paradise,” which the institute intends to hold annually, will be from July 30 to Aug. 1 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino Themed “Navigating the Past, Sailing to the Future,” the conference will explore the exciting but challenging world of implant dentistry. The institute will feature its faculty members as speakers (‘captains’) and also have guest speakers, with sessions ranging from an introduction to single-tooth implants to full-mouth reconstruction and prosthetics.

The speakers will navigate traditional, sound surgical practices of the past and sail to guided treatment planning and surgery that is both the present and future of dentistry.

The three-day working conference will help dentists improve their ability to diagnose, treat and perform surgery, manage post-surgery needs (including potential complications) and deliver a final prosthesis. The interactive sessions will provide dental professionals — whether new or experienced with implant dentistry — with a deeper understanding of the ‘when, why and how.’

Following is the conference schedule:

July 30: “Introduction to Implants and Soft-Tissue Grafting” with speakers Dr. Rick Ferguson and Dr. Avi Schetritt.

July 31: “Predictable Impression Taking and Temporization” with speaker Dr. Stacy Linc.

July 31: 6–9 p.m.: “Official Launch Party” (all-white attire on the beach).


Each day will include continental breakfast from 7–8 a.m. Lectures will be from 8 a.m.–1 p.m. with breaks in between. Lunch and exhibit-only hours will be from 1–3 p.m., with a live calypso band, local and American cuisine and a happy hour with the exhibitors. After 3 p.m., guests can continue with happy hour or explore Atlantis. Friday night is the official launch with an all-white-attire beach party and cultural entertainment.

Bringing families is encouraged. Atlantis has something for everyone, and the group rate ($226 per night, including breakfast from 7–8 a.m. Lectures will be last day before and after the conference. The institute and the summer conference are the brainchild of founder and CEO dental technician Indira Darling and co-founder and clinical director Dr. Derwin Munroe. The pair, both Bahamian-born and American-trained, will combine their love of dentistry and their beautiful country to provide a comprehensive implant-training program with the philosophy, “No man is an island.”

The institute will provide dentists and all team members with the surgical, theoretical, clinical and business skills needed to build a successful implant practice. The faculty comprises oral surgeons, American Board of Oral Implantology-certified dentists, hygienists, lab technicians, surgical assistants and office managers. The faculty will provide continued mentoring and support to dental teams as they begin or advance in implant dentistry. You can learn more by calling (844) 229-7192.

(Source: Paradise Dental Institute)

‘Power of Digital Dentistry’ registration open

Planmeca Romexis, imaging and CAD/CAM combine in one learning opportunity

Planmeca has announced that registration is now open for its Power of Digital Dentistry Conference, the first-ever conference bringing together Planmeca Romexis, imaging and CAD/CAM users.

The conference is scheduled to be held from Oct. 6–7 at the Gaylord Texas Resort in Grapevine, Texas.

Special rates are available for dentists, lab technicians, auxiliary team members and other attendees across the profession. To register, attendees can go to www.powerofdigitaldentistry.com.

The conference will host more than 20 distinguished panelists, speakers and other industry leaders.

The agenda features more than 30 educational and hands-on courses led by imaging and CAD/CAM industry leaders. Highlights among the topics to be covered include “Restorative Success with Digital Dentistry,” “Advanced Utilization of 3D Technology,” “Patient Virtualization — Digital Implant Diagnosis,” “The Ultimate Dental Assistant,” “The Power of Teamwork in Restorative Diagnosis and Care” and “Marketing Your High-Tech Practice.”

“We are very excited about the level of enthusiasm we have received from speakers, sponsors and attendees for this unique conference,” said Bob Pienkowski, president of PlanmecaUSA. “We look forward to bringing together the leaders in the dental industry and our customers for two days of inspiration, connection and the opportunity to experience the latest in Planmeca innovations.”

The lead sponsor for the conference is Planmeca, a leading global dental products company. Additional sponsors include Ivoclar-Vivadent and Premier Dental.

For more information and to register for the conference, you can visit www.powerofdigitaldentistry.com.

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in office design, attendees can get up close and personal with the future of the dental profession at the clinical and research e-poster presentations. Using captivating digital displays, today’s dental students and residents will present their ideas for shaping the dental landscape of tomorrow.

Education highlights
AGD 2015’s celebration of change is most readily apparent in this year’s new continuing education tracks. The courses will help attendees focus on particular subject areas, such as endodontics, implants and special-patient care.

Also new this year, in addition to the 90-minute live-patient dental implant course hosted by Engel Institute founder Todd B. Engel, DDS, are fundamental and intermediate Invisalign® courses for dentists and their teams. Another change is the addition of an education track for the entire dental team.

Among the many course highlights:
- “Live Implant Surgical Demonstration — The Magic Circle,” with Todd B. Engel, DDS. This comprehensive surgical treatment course will include initial consultation and case blueprinting, biological preparation of the patient (grafting and tissue management for general practitioners), occlusion for the proposed plan, and the surgical component. Surgical placement on the patient will be seen live by the audience. This approach will allow the audience to witness a patient in a “guarded” state at the time of consultation, through the grafting and healing time, followed by the placement of implants and delivery of the restoration.
- “Everything You Wanted to Know About Oral Surgery, But Were Afraid to Ask,” with Ronald P. Morris, DDS. This hands-on course will cover routine surgeries, from extractions to impactions, socket grafting with and without membranes, infections, pain management and surgical complications. Tips and techniques for faster, more efficient and less painful surgery will be presented. The session also will cover anatomy, local anesthetic blocks and oral sedation.
- “Today’s Top Clinical Tips,” with Lee Ann Brady, DMD. In this lecture course, Brady will present some of today’s top clinical tips, trends and techniques. Some are old, tried-and-true approaches that remain successful, while others introduce brand new materials and approaches. Tips will span the areas of prevention, posterior composites and indirect all-ceramics.
- “Clinical Considerations Related to Head and Neck Anatomy,” with Henry A. Gremillion, DDS, MAGD. This two-day program is designed to provide the participant with an anatomical review of the dynamic masticatory system and contiguous structures. The first day will have a lecture, with areas of emphasis to include osteology, the oral cavity, the nasal cavity, salivary glands, musculature and the temporomandibular joint. Relationships to routine dental assessment and differential diagnosis of orofacial pain will be highlighted on the second day, which also will include dissection of a cadaver specimen.
- “Keys to Social Media Marketing Success,” with Rita Zamora of Get Marketing LLC. This course explains why more than 40 percent of potential new patients will never consider your practice unless you provide them with ample opportunity to research you online. Attendees will learn what top dental practices are doing today to successfully grow their practices with social media.
- “Achieving Clinical Excellence in Esthetic Posterior Restorations,” with Jeff Brucia, DDS. This in-depth workshop will provide insight into why continuous improvements in adhesive materials and techniques, combined with ever-increasing demands for esthetic restorations, have made metal-free dentistry a quality option for every treatment plan. It covers the total spectrum of direct and indirect restorative materials indicated for use in
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As these grand Victorian homes in Haight Ashbury illustrate, few cities in the country can match San Francisco’s ability to change with the times while still embracing the proven and timeless. Fittingly, AGD 2015’s ‘Celebration of Change’ in San Francisco is evidenced by new continuing education tracks at this year’s meeting. The courses will help attendees focus on particular subject areas, such as endodontics, implants and special- patient care.

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Fun and philanthropy
Meeting attendees are encouraged to bring their friends and family to the “President’s Celebration to Honor Fellows and Masters,” to enjoy fine dining and live music while networking with colleagues.

Friends and family are also invited to support oral cancer awareness and research at the “5K Fun Run/Walk” presented by the AGD Foundation. Other foundation events at the meeting include a silent auction and on-site oral cancer screenings designed to emphasize the importance of detecting this disease in its earliest stages.

Event details can be found at www.agd2015.org. The official hotel of AGD 2015 is the San Francisco Marriott Marquis at 780 Mission St., (877) 622-3056 or (415) 836-1600 for international callers.

The Academy of General Dentistry
AGD is a professional association of 39,000 general dentists dedicated to providing quality dental care and oral health education to the public. AGD members stay up-to-date in their professions through a commitment to continuing education. Founded in 1952, the AGD is the second largest dental association in the United States, and it is the only association that exclusively represents the needs and interests of general dentists. Learn more at www.agd.org.

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