Ready to hit Beantown? The American Academy of Periodontology 103rd Annual Meeting will take place in Boston from Sept. 9-12. According to Terrence J. Griffin, DMD, this year’s theme — “Navigating the Future of Periodontology” — is more than just a slogan. It is an intention that the academy has set for all annual meeting participants.

“As the tide continues to change on the periodontal specialty, this meeting will equip you with the knowledge and skills to steer your career in the direction of success,” Griffin asserts in his program welcome letter.

As always, the AAP has a compelling educational program planned, including hands-on workshops, seminars and symposiums created specifically to challenge and inspire attendees. Griffin notes the AAP is especially excited to welcome New York Times bestselling author Alison Levine, whose climbing expeditions to Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Everest may just motivate you to ascend new heights in your own life and career. Levin will speak as part of the opening session on Sept. 10.

The AAP believes that whether you are a seasoned practitioner, a member of the periodontal practice staff or a clinician who is just starting out in periodontics, you will find courses to suit you at this year’s meeting.

Back by popular demand is the interactive Dental Hygiene Symposium, which offers a hygienist’s perspective on issues such as implant maintenance and endoscopic periodontal debridement.

In addition to the Student/New Periodontist Series (a series designed to help jumpstart new careers in periodontics), the academy will also host its first Periodontal Career Fair for those seeking a new position or those seeking new associates. Additionally, the new “Perio Park” will serve as a key exhibit hall destination, offering networking opportunities, refreshments and camaraderie with colleagues.

The annual meeting offers plenty of opportunities to go “where everybody knows your name.” From various alumni receptions to the Welcome Reception (Sept. 10), there’s sure to be associates you’ll want to catch up with … or maybe meet for the first time. For practitioners who live or work outside of the United States, the International Reception on Sept. 9 will be an event you won’t want to miss.

While catching up with colleagues is always an important part of meetings, don’t forget about all of the new products and technology you can learn about and purchase while at the AAP. The exhibit hall will provide more than 350 booths full of trusted implant creators, dynamic new technology and maybe even some new products you did not even know you needed!

What else is new at the AAP 103rd Annual Meeting? More than 20 new speakers, a host of fresh periodontal-related topics and VIP registration. To learn more or to register, visit perio.org.