The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) has partnered with Credly to offer AGD members a digital system to acknowledge their achievements, such as AGD fellowship and mastership, continuing education benchmarks and participation in AGD annual events and volunteerism.

The partnership was announced here during the AGD’s annual meeting. “In the same way a business might display membership signs in their storefront, soon you will have a method of promoting your professional development and unique expertise by way of digital badges,” 2015–2016 AGD President W. Mark Donald, DMD, MAGD, told AGD 2015 attendees during the opening session on Thursday.

Credly partners include employers and trainers; professional associations; credentialing and licensing boards; schools, colleges and universities; app and content providers; cultural institutions; community and youth programs; and events and conferences to “validate progressive levels of participation,” according to the Credly website, credly.com.

“At the conclusion of this conference, each of you will receive a digital badge,” AGD 2014–2015 President W. Carter Brown, DMD, FAGD, told attendees, also during the opening session. He said all attendees will receive an email asking them to accept and share the digital badge that they have achieved.

“These digital badges will provide members with a 21st-century method of describing one’s affiliations and commitments,” Donald said.

According to Brown, the concept of offering digital badges to AGD members was explored during the past year through the AGD Dental Education Council and Education Summit, and the digital badge system “will be phased in over the next year or two.”

“Look for more information in the future as to how you can curate and display your achievements,” Brown said.
Silent auction fundraiser closes today

The AGD Foundation’s silent auction fundraiser continues today until 5 p.m.—when it will close—at Moscone West, First Floor Lobby. A limited number of selected items will be available for extended bidding at the President’s Celebration to Honor Fellows and Masters, which begins today at 7 p.m.

Today’s courses

Today’s educational sessions will surely be no less compelling. Here are a couple you may want to check out:

- “Standard of Care vs. State of the Art — Legal Liability and the Digital Revolution,” with Dr. Richard Monahan. From informed consent to informed refusal, this presentation will sensitize you as a practicing clinician to the 21st-century legal landscape. (1 to 4 p.m., Moscone West, Room 2024)
- “Stainless-Steel Crowns Are a Snap — P.M. Session,” with Dr. Gregory L. Psaltis. In this hands-on workshop, you will learn how to properly diagnose for stainless-steel and anterior composite crowns. See the proper preparation and placement techniques for both (including a live demonstration) and perform them yourself on a typodont. (2 to 5 p.m., Moscone West, Room 2024)

Convocation Ceremony celebrates accomplishments

The AGD Convocation Ceremony is planned for today from 3 to 6 p.m. at Moscone West, Third Floor. Everyone is invited to share in the camaraderie as the AGD honors the accomplishments of its 2015 fellows, masters and lifelong learning and service recognition (LLSR) recipients. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open for guest seating at 2:45 p.m. It is recommended that guests not arrive before 2:35 p.m., as they will not be able to access the room during rehearsal.

Run or walk along the bay!

Many attendees will begin today with a run or walk along the bay, seeing the sites of beautiful San Francisco while supporting oral cancer awareness and research. The AGD Foundation Fun Run/Walk 5K Fundraiser was set for 6 a.m. today at AT&T Park.

The race route took participants around the city, past the sites of beautiful San Francisco along the Embarcadero and around AT&T Park, home of the 2014 World Series Champions, the San Francisco Giants. Awards were given for top 5K qualifiers.

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Oral cancer screenings continue

AGD Foundation Oral Cancer Screenings continue today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Moscone West, First Floor Lobby. The dental community is the first line of defense against oral cancer. To bring attention to this deadly disease and promote active screening of dental patients, the AGD Foundation hopes to screen an estimated 300 people as part of its two day oral cancer screenings.

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Celebrate fellows and masters

Join the AGD in celebrating its 2015 fellows, masters and LLSR recipients during its President’s Celebration to Honor Fellows and Masters, set for today from 7 to 10 p.m. at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis, Yerba Buena Ballroom Salons 8 to 15.

Enjoy an elegant, three-course dinner and dance the night away to the lively sounds of Encore, San Francisco’s hottest dance band. For your convenience, cash bars will be available in the ballroom. If you have purchased ticket(s), an exchange coupon will be included in your registration packet. Additional tickets can be purchased on-site.

Please take your exchange coupon to the Saturday night ticket exchange counter located in the AGD Registration Area (Moscone West, First Floor Lobby) to receive your actual ticket(s) and table assignment for the event. Please pick up your ticket(s) by today at noon.

(Editor’s Note: This content also is available in the AGD 2015 on-site program book.)
Scenes from AGD 2015

Tom Evans at Planmeca would be happy to introduce you to the Planmeca ProMax at booth No. 308.

Dental school students, residents and faculty highlight their work by presenting ePosters on Friday, as part of the Scientific ePoster Session.

Swing by the Orascoptic booth, No. 612, to test drive some new loups and lights.

Dr. Ron Nguyen demonstrates the use of Ultralight Optics products to an attendee at booth, No. 715.

Whitney Tharaldson, Gabriela Garces and Brad Pingle of Henry Schein present a check to Dr. Paula Jones and Dr. Gerry Botko of the AGD Foundation on Friday afternoon. Henry Schein contributed $15,000 to the AGD’s oral cancer screening event and donated 10 Identafi units, which the company distributes exclusively.

Visit the Shofu booth, No. 737, and Kathi Wearne will be happy to introduce you to the company’s products, such as the EyeSpecial C II camera.

Photos by Sierra Rendon, today Staff

Dr. Todd B. Engel teaches about biological preparation of the patient in his live implant surgical presentation Friday morning.

Stop by the Golden Dental Solutions booth, No. 920, and Jenna Golden can answer all your questions.
Stop by booth No. 324, and the BIOLASE team can introduce you to its latest technology!

Aaron Joseph of Glidewell Laboratories, booth No. 215, helps out an attendee Friday morning.

Did you know that Colgate Total combats the re-growth of gingivitis-causing bacteria for 12 hours? Stop by the Colgate booth, No. 328, to learn more.

Dr. Raymond Skryja conducts an oral cancer screening on attendee Dr. Daniel Harter during the AGD’s free screening event Friday. The screenings continue today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Save the date for AGD 2016 in Boston! The next annual meeting will take place July 14 to 17, 2016, at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. Find out more by stopping by the information desk in the First Floor Lobby.

RGP Dental Vice President and COO Jason DeCosta helps attendees test out new dental chairs at booth No. 231.

Jessica Wilson offers ‘Infection Control in Practice: Instrument Processing and Dental Unit Waterlines’ during a Friday morning Learning Lab.

Account rep Bryan McCullough, left, and David ‘Kim’ Solomon, vice president of sales and marketing, stand ready to help at the Keating Dental Arts booth, No. 809.

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Donate to the AGD Foundation

Philanthropy is an integral part of the AGD Foundation. Your contribution will help support AGD Foundation outreach programs and improve access to care for those in need. Here are ways you can donate:

- **Online**: 24 hours a day, using the secure, online form, available at www.agd.org/agd-foundation.
- **By phone**: (888) AGD-DENT (243-3368), ext. 4329, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. CST.
- **By fax or mail**: Print and complete the online contribution form and fax to (312) 335-3426, or mail to 560 W. Lake St., Sixth Floor, Chicago, IL 60661-6600.

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