The IACA has become the premier educational meeting in dentistry and, by far, the best meeting I personally have ever attended. And I hear that from almost every speaker that has presented at the IACA as well. It’s not just the outstanding speakers, cutting edge presentations or the diversity of concurrent lectures, which are critical so that everyone (team, hygienists, doctors and technicians) has something to see that they are interested in during every time slot. In reality, it’s “The Event”; the positive attitude of those in attendance and the enthusiasm of everyone involved. It is infectious!

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The IACA is one of the few places that you can see the giants of dentistry present as well as up-and-comers who may someday be the giants of dentistry for their generation of dentists. Many of the best presentations are given by people you won’t see anywhere else because they don’t fall into the “status quo” of accepted topics or information. Many meetings actively prevent controversial advances in dentistry from being presented, denying you the chance to make your own decisions. I guess the easiest way to put it is that the IACA is 10 years ahead of current dentistry. Literally, what you will hear is the “future” of dentistry and those that jump on the train early will be light years ahead of other dentists in the field who only attend other meetings.

Lastly, the other thing I think is so wonderful about the meeting is the “family atmosphere” that is present. They seem to always pick great locations for dentists to bring their families with them for a vacation. Hollywood, Fla., is filled with so much for people of all ages to do, not to mention the perfect weather.

This is a great way to not only write off your vacation but get the best of both worlds — a great vacation and a great education. Don’t be one of those people that every year after missing the IACA meeting and finding out how incredible it was from those that did attend, say, “I wish I would have gone!”

I’m looking forward to seeing you at the IACA!

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