Let the party begin

114th annual session takes over New Orleans

Welcome to New Orleans and to the 114th annual session of the American Association of Orthodontists. For the next four days, you will have a chance to listen to world-class lectures, participate in hands-on workshops, mingle with your colleagues and check out the newest products and technological advancements the orthodontic industry has to offer.

To kick off the festivities, the AAO’s Annual Session Opening Ceremonies, taking place today from 4–6 p.m., will feature musical artist Kenny Loggins. If football players are more your thing, then be sure to attend the Excellence in Orthodontics Awards Luncheon with keynote speaker Denver Broncos Quarterback Peyton Manning. The luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, and tickets are $55 for the awards and the luncheon and $15 for just the awards.

You might have noticed the multitudes of people in town, all ready to get their jazz on at the annual New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, which features more than 400 acts on 12 stages during the course of 10 days. Being held this weekend and next at the Fair Grounds Race Course, centrally located at 1751 Gentilly Blvd., 10 minutes from the French Quarter, the festival showcases music on multiple stages, Louisiana cuisine in two large food areas and crafts artisans from the region and around the world demonstrating and selling their work.

Besides a focus on contemporary and traditional jazz, the festival also includes every style of music associated with the city and the state: blues, R&B, gospel, Cajun, zydeco, Afro-Caribbean, folk, Latin, rock, rap, country, bluegrass and everything in between.

Tickets are still available at www.nojazzfest.com and www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (800) 745-3000. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Jazz Fest ticket office located at the New Orleans Arena Box Office. The cost is $70 for a single-day ticket. The festival runs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.
The First Annual Review of the Orthodontic Literature” will present the editors of the AJO-DO, the Angle Orthodontist and the European Journal of Orthodontics discussing the articles in this year’s literature that will have the greatest impact on how orthodontists will practice in the future.

“The College Bowl” will feature debates between selected universities on two controversial topics. You can be sure they will have the literature organized to put the best argument forward on each side of the controversies, the AAO says.

“New this year will be the “AAO 101” kiosk, where AAO staff members will give mini-presentations on member resources. Topics will include customizing AAO marketing materials, locating legal resources and much more,” says the society.

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