A bridge to the world

By Ortho Tribune Staff

It’s all about building bridges this weekend at the American Association of Orthodontists’ annual session — bridges between the old and the new, between science and technology, between you and your patients. And, of course, it couldn’t be more fitting for a meeting with the theme of “Bridging Science and Technology” to be held in San Francisco, home of one of the most famous bridges in the world.

During the next four days, you will have the chance to attend some of more than 100 doctors’ lectures focusing on numerous clinical and practice-management topics.

Featured speakers include Dr. Laura Schlessinger, a world-renowned sex and relationship educator and therapist, TV, radio and Internet host, and assistant clinical professor of ob-gyn and psychiatry at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago. She has helped countless couples build stron-

Get out and see San Francisco

Even though there is plenty to see inside the Moscone Center, there are many other things to see outside of it. Here are a few things you might not have seen before.

‘Whales: Giants of the Deep’ at California Academy of Sciences

Mighty and mysterious, colossal and charismatic, whales have captured our minds and inspired our wonder for centuries, yet remain some of the most elusive creatures on the planet.

Visitors to the California Academy of Sciences can now explore “Whales: Giants of the Deep,” an interactive exhibit featuring enormous whale skeletons, interactive media and rarely seen cultural artifacts. “Whales” is developed and presented by the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, home to one of the largest marine mammal collections in the world.

In this 4,100-square-feet exhibit, visitors will dive deep below the ocean’s surface to explore the fascinating evolutionary biology, adaptations and diversity of whales.

While gazing in awe at enormous whale skeletons and literally climbing through the inside of a life-sized blue whale heart model, adults and children alike will gain new perspectives of these majestic underwater giants.

For more information, visit www.calacademy.org.

Alcatraz Island and Angel Island combination tour

In collaboration with California State Parks and the National Park Service, Alcatraz Cruises offers a seasonal tour including both Angel Island State Park and Alcatraz Island. This combination tour runs during the spring and summer seasons. Ticket prices are $63.50 per adult.

The combination tour is a five-and-a-half-hour journey. Ticket prices include the ferry rides to both islands, a one-hour historic tram tour on Angel Island and the cell-house audio tour on Alcatraz.

For more information, visit www.alcatrazcruises.com.

Muir Woods Shuttle

The easiest way to visit Muir Woods National Monument is also the most environmentally friendly. The Muir Woods Shuttle eliminates the hassles of parking and mountain driving, making the trip to this historic redwood grove more enjoyable. The convenient and low-cost service ($5 for adults 16 and older) operates on weekends and holidays. For schedules, routes, locations and fees, visit www.marintransit.org/routes/66.html.

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Here at the AAO
For more information, including times and locations for education sessions, a list of exhibitors and more details about events, download the AAO mobile app on your smartphone or pick up an onsite program.

Manage Complex Orthodontic Problems with Ravindra Nanda
- "Digital Orthodontics: Efficiency and Effectiveness of Tooth Alignment with the SureSmile System" by Anthony Puntillo
- "Micro-perforations: Indications and Application in Your Daily Orthodontic Practice" with Mani Alikhan
- "Surgery-facilitated Orthodontic Tooth Movement: What is the Evidence and How Does it Work?" by Yijin Ren

On top of all the learning opportunities, this year’s AAO session is also jam-packed with a bevvy of interactive and social events you won’t want to miss. Some of these include:
- Opening ceremonies today from 5-7 p.m. featuring legendary rock ‘n’ roll band Huey Lewis and the News. Tickets are $25.
- $5 Fun Run and Walk on Sunday from 6:30-8 a.m. $15 per person and includes T-shirt.
- Excellence in Orthodontics Award Ceremony, noon to 2:15 p.m. Sunday. It’s a $50 ticket and includes lunch (or $15 ticket for awards/speaker, not including lunch). The keynote speaker is former TV late-night host Jay Leno.
- Finally, you will definitely want to check out the 300,000-square-foot AAO Exhibit Hall featuring more than 300 exhibitors all gathered under one roof. If you have questions about a new product or want to learn what technology is best for your practice, you will want to save some time to browse the hall.

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ger relationships, improve their sex lives and achieve a heightened level of intimacy through her TV and radio shows, books, columns and website, along with her private practice based in Chicago. She serves on the advisory board for “The Dr. Oz Show” and is a regular guest on “The Steve Harvey Show.” Her AAO session is called “The Passion Prescription.”

Sixteen Pacific Rim speakers will lecture on topics such as management of third molars, photobiomodulation and lingual orthodontics using mini-tube appliances (MTAs).

A wide variety of other educational sessions are available, including:
- “Lessons Learned in 20 Years of Treating Obstructive Sleep Apnea” with Harry Legan
- "Efficient Mechanics with TADs to
- "Lessons Learned in 35 Years of Treatment..."
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