For those who love attending dental conferences for the camaraderie and networking opportunities, AACD 2013 will offer several social events to help members connect with other dental professionals.

The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD) will host AACD 2013 from April 24–27 in Seattle at the Washington State Convention Center. In addition to organizing a lineup of world-class dental educators, a number of social events are planned to help attendees make the most of their time in the city.

“One of the things that sets the AACD’s conferences apart from other meetings is our incredible social events,” said Ron Goodlin, AACD president.

“Being social at AACD 2013 is almost as important as attending workshops and lectures. Connecting with like-minded professionals and being inspired by their work enhances your perspective on the field. Networking opportunities in Seattle are everywhere — and they’re a valuable part of your conference experience!”

On April 24, to kick off this year’s annual meeting, the AACD will host an evening welcome reception at the Experience Music Project (EMP) Museum, which is located at the base of the Seattle Space Needle. The reception is included in attendees’ tuition.

At the EMP, attendees will have a chance to learn about music’s impact throughout history. The EMP will help attendees explore musical revolutions from jazz to blues to the birth of rock ‘n’ roll and hip-hop.

On April 25, the AACD Charitable Foundation will host the Celebration of Smiles fundraiser, which benefits the AACD Charitable Foundation’s Give Back a Smile (GBAS) program. GBAS helps restore the smiles and lives of domestic violence survivors through the help of volunteer dentists and dental teams.

Celebration of Smiles will take place at the Tap House Grill, which is walking distance from the Washington State Convention Center. The Tap House is a Seattle staple that offers more than 160 beers on tap, including local craft brews. Wine and cocktails will also be available.

Tickets for the event can be purchased through the AACD’s online registration system at www.aacdconference.com.

In addition to the main events, there are other opportunities to be social in Seattle. The AACD hosts daily breakfasts and lunches in the exhibit hall so attendees can re-energize and chat with others.

To see who’s on this year’s lineup, check out the AACD’s digital version of the preliminary conference guide, available at www.blueprint.com/publications/35943. The digital conference guide lists courses, speaker bios, exhibitor lists, schedules of events and information about all the social events.