A world of opportunity

Put your thinking cap on

By Fred Michmershuizen, Dental Tribune

If you want to learn something new, you are in the right place. That’s because here at the 100th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting, there are more than 200 lectures, presentations and hands-on workshops to choose from. The leading authorities in the field of dentistry are here in Atlanta to share their knowledge and expertise. No matter what your area of interest is, there is a course for you.

Many of the classroom offerings are divided into various educational tracks, including “Prevention Convention,” “Assisting Extravaganza,” “Business Office Bonanza,” “Dentist Fast Track” and the new “Emerging Dentist’s Survival Guide.”

In addition, there are offerings in glass classrooms right on the exhibit hall floor, and in many of the exhibitor booths. With so many opportunities, it might be difficult to choose. But whatever you decide to partake in, one thing is certain: The knowledge you gain here will surely pay off once you return to your practice.

Nancy Andrews of Costa Mesa, Calif., leads the Infection Control Workshop Friday afternoon.

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And speaking of the exhibit hall, there are many new products and services to discover, as well as plenty of veteran exhibitors to visit. Atlanta Dental Supply (booth No. 1231) and SS White Burs (booth No. 1422) win the seniority award. Both companies have been participating as exhibitors for more than 60 years.

Representatives at Millennium Dental Technologies (booth No. 1396) have been busy telling attendees about the company’s latest enhancement to the PerioLase MVP 9. The new product display enhancement features the first and only Android-based control screen in the dental laser industry, making it the world’s first truly upgradable dental laser.

The Dental SideKick, available from InfoStar (booth No. 801), is a user-friendly, chairside patient education program. Representatives from the company told Dental Tribune the program is being redesigned with new capabilities, including PC and Mac compatibility, network servers, and Internet, tablet and smartphone accessibility.

VOCO America (booth No. 705) has plenty of products on tap, including its new Quick Up implant pick-up system, which is designed to eliminate the risk of interlocking. Designed specifically for bonding attachments, Quick Up can also be used for reattaching secondary elements in a denture, such as bar retainers.

South Tree Enterprises (booth No. 843) is a full-service construction firm engaged in the development and marketing of properties. If you need to build or re-design your office, this company has more than five decades of general contractor, construction management and design build experience.

Solmetex (booth No. 2029) has products available for amalgam and lead foil recovery, biohazard and sharps disposal, and OSHA training.

NSK Dental (booth No. 1557) is introducing the S-Max Pico handpiece head, designed to provide easier access for hard-to-reach molars and pediatric cases. It features slender styling, cellular glass optics and patented Clean Head technology.

PhotoMed (booth No. 1222) is offering a wide selection of photography equipment, including the Canon Rebel T3i, which is the first Rebel model to include the ability to work with wireless flashes. The exhibit hall is open until 4:30 p.m. today.

You can take a brushing break at the Crest Oral-B booth (No. 827). If you happen to run into Dr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Hinman, be sure to give them your ticket for the $100 cash prize drawing.

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