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For dental professionals of every stripe, 102nd Hinman meeting offers a world of opportunity

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It’s the 102nd Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting, and the Georgia World Congress Center and Omni Hotel at CNN Center are alive with opportunity for dental professionals. The theme of this year’s event is “Aiming for Excellence.”

“Hinman offers the highest caliber of continuing education and world-class exhibits to help everyone in attendance achieve excellence in their careers and practices,” said Dr. Brian Carpenter, general chairman of the 2014 Hinman Dental Meeting.

“We have assembled an impressive roster of speakers and special courses designed to elevate learning for our dental professionals attend a lecture on atraumatic extraction and socket grafting, led by Dr. Lee H. Silverstein on Thursday morning on the exhibit hall floor. (Photo/Fred Michmershuizen, today Staff)

Organizers of the 102nd Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting have brought in more than 65 leading dental authorities to Atlanta this week to present more than 230 courses, including all-day educational tracks for dentists, dental hygienists, assistants and office staff.

Course topics range from Botox and dermal fillers to myofascial pain treatment and interactive CEREC instruction. This year, unique course pairings that combine speakers who address both diagnosis and therapies for select topics are being offered.

Four new educational tracks are being offered: “Hygiene, Health & Happiness,” “Achieving Excellence in Assisting,” “Business Office Bullseye” and “Health and Wellness.”

Check the show guide or Hinman 2014 app for times and locations.

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The exhibit hall at the Georgia World Congress Center bustles with activity Thursday morning. (Photos/Fred Michmershuizen, today Staff)
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more than 22,000 dentists and dental professionals who attend our annual meeting."

On the exhibit hall floor, nearly 400 companies are on hand to demonstrate the latest in dentistry. Exhibitors are showcasing new technology, equipment, products and services for the entire dental staff.

Convergent Dental (booth No. 239), developer of Solea, is exhibiting for the first time at the Hinman meeting this year.

According to the company, Solea is the first computer-aided preparation (CAP) laser system in dentistry and the first dental laser using the unique wavelength of 9.3 µm, which allows Solea to operate on any tissue and with more precision and speed than any other hard tissue laser available on the market.

“Solea’s laser enables dentists to start and nearly finish without touching the drill for a majority of dental procedures,” the company said. “Dentists have been reporting that 95 percent of patients don’t feel any pain. Of that group, 50 percent feel nothing; 45 percent feel cold or some pressure; and 5 percent say they feel some pain.”

Ellman International (booth No. 1515) is demonstrating its Surgitron line of advanced radiofrequency (RF) generators.

Operating at a frequency of 4.0 MHz, the Surgitron is designed to provide surgical precision and controlled hemostasis for a variety of general dentistry procedures, including gingivectomies, frenectomies, crown and bridge preparations, pulpotomies, incision and drainage, and coagulation, according to the company.