It's not just via the lectures, courses and workshops at the 2015 Annual Spring Meeting that you can learn from some of dentistry's top minds. The Ontario Dental Association’s annual meeting also presents the opportunity to meet one-on-one with some of the industry's most creative problem solvers — in the exhibit hall booths.

More than 300 exhibiting companies are here in Toronto at this 148th edition of the ASM. And the only reason those companies are here is to enable dental professionals to meet with key representatives face-to-face to see first-hand how the latest advancements in dental products and services can improve patient experiences and results — and support dental-practice success.

The ASM exhibit hall enables you to touch, test-drive and compare the newest materials and technology in dentistry. And perhaps best of all, there is opportunity to meet directly with the people who best understand how the new materials and technology can most effectively be put to use.

Among the highlights: DENTSPLY Canada is here in booth No. 1503 with a number of new products, including Nupro® Varnish, TPH Spectra and Prime & Bond® Elect. And, of course, you can learn more about its many other long-proven products. Also prominently featured is the new high-tech electric handpiece system, the Midwest E, powered by one of the market’s smallest and lightest electric motors.

In booth No. 130, you can find Implant Direct, one of the industry’s fastest-growing major dental implant companies. The company has earned a strong reputation for innovative products and fair pricing, with one of the top examples being all-in-one packaging that includes implant, coverscrew, healing collar and carrier/transfer. You can tell such thinking comes straight from dental professionals placing implants, because the packaging concept doesn’t just make things more efficient chairside, it also makes it easier to track actual, total treatment costs.

Another fast-growing operation is National Dental Inc., in booth No. 1028. The company’s unique blend of prod-

In Toronto today at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre South Building, home of the Ontario Dental Association Annual Spring Meeting, are some of the industry's top innovators and imaginative thinkers — not just in the classrooms, but in the exhibit hall as well. (Photo/©iStock.com/Veni)
Exploring Toronto

Toronto’s list of attractions is enticing: international cuisine, unique shopping venues, diverse cultural facilities and events, trails, parks, distinctive architecture and endless top-caliber entertainment.

Here is a nearby possibility, especially if the kids are with you: Just getting to the Toronto Islands is enough of an adventure on its own, with a 10-minute ferry ride required as the first leg of the excursion. You catch the ferry at the Toronto Ferry Docks west of the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel at 9 Queen’s Quay W, between Yonge and Bay streets. Ferries travel to each of the three main islands, which are connected by bridges.

Many of the other smaller islands are accessible only by boat. There are plenty of ways to spend money on the main island, Centreville, including: a children’s amusement park, children’s garden, cafes, food vendors, canoe rentals and weekend bike rentals. The islands are home to a community of about 800 people, who have the

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ucts and services always generates steady traffic. Among the offerings are the LightWalker Dual Wavelength Laser system (the only dental laser capable of delivering both ND:YAG and ER:YAG laser energy); the DocPort 10 fog-free intraoral camera; the EverClear mirror (doesn’t need to be cleared of spray and debris during procedures); and the Carl Zeiss Cinemizer 3D Video Glasses (even if you’re not yet ready to get them for your patients, you’ll want to check them out for yourself).

Patterson Dental Canada is here, in booth No. 802/803, with its usual full representation of equipment and supplies to support every aspect of your practice.

Another industry leader in innovation is Septodont, in booth No. 1124. The company has a broad selection of products that reflect its more than 85 years of experience developing and manufacturing tools and materials for dental professionals. Its highly trained representatives are here to answer all of your questions about its anesthetics and pain-control products as well as adhesives, composites and restoratives.

Whether you’re just wandering around or on a mission to link together your must-visit booths, the 75,000 square feet of exhibit hall space has more to offer than you’ll ever be able to take advantage of. Today is your final opportunity, though, at least for the 2015 ASM, with the exhibit hall open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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