Drop in on some ‘Live Dentistry’

By Robert Selleck, Managing Editor

Perhaps nowhere at the Pacific Dental Conference do the event’s core offerings blend better than on the Exhibit Hall’s Live Dentistry Stage. Companies providing dental products and services connect with clinicians who are highly skilled at putting such products to use — to deliver insights to attendees who feel as if they’re standing at the practitioner’s side throughout the procedure. It’s a drop-in learning experience that’s difficult to match.

The 300 seats fill quickly, with attendees typically standing at the back and sides to follow the procedures on the high-def big-screen monitors.

Today’s ‘Live Dentistry’ schedule

This year’s sessions are as diverse and timely as ever, starting today with “Laser Dentistry” at 11:30 a.m. and “Implant with Sinus Surgery” at 2 p.m.

On stage conducting the “Laser Dentistry” procedure, sponsored by Oral Science, is Glenn van As, BSc, DMD, who is in full-time private general practice in North Vancouver, where he works extensively with lasers and the dental operating microscope. He has a mastership from the Academy of Laser Dentistry and served as an assistant clinical professor from 1989 to 1999.

The conference’s Exhibit Hall promises to keep you busy as ever this year, with more than 276 companies occupying more than 570 booths. Exhibit Hall hours are today, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, March 8, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

136 speakers, 190-plus open sessions

The conference provides one of the most diverse compilations of continuing education programs in Canada. Some of the top speakers in the 2013 lineup are: Barbara Bancroft, Nasser Barghi, Cathia Bergeron, Marvin Berman, Anthony (Rick) Cardoza, Clayton Chan, Cliff Ruddle, Arthur DiMarco, Kathy B. Bassett, Jeff Coil, Timothy Donley, Robert Gerlach, Peter Jacobsen, Mahesh Nagarajan, Tricia Osuna, Ray Padilla, Geza Terezhalmy, Richard Young and Bethany Valachi.

The “So You Think You Can Speak?” series is back for a fourth year on Saturday, again featuring 50-minute presentations by speakers who responded to the call for presentations and were accepted by the PDC Scientific Committee. A number of trending dentistry topics will be covered.

The good part: The Pacific Dental Conference’s open-session concept means your registration automatically opens the door to more than 190 educational sessions. The hard part: That makes narrowing your choices a bit of a challenge.

With 136 speakers presenting this year on a wide range of topics, the PDC provides one of the most diverse compilations of continuing education programs in Canada. Some of the top speakers in the 2013 lineup are: Barbara Bancroft, Nasser Barghi, Cathia Bergeron, Marvin Berman, Anthony (Rick) Cardoza, Clayton Chan, Cliff Ruddle, Arthur DiMarco, Kathy B. Bassett, Jeff Coil, Timothy Donley, Robert Gerlach, Peter Jacobsen, Mahesh Nagarajan, Tricia Osuna, Ray Padilla, Geza Terezhalmy, Richard Young and Bethany Valachi.

The “So You Think You Can Speak?” series is back for a fourth year on Saturday, again featuring 50-minute presentations by speakers who responded to the call for presentations and were accepted by the PDC Scientific Committee. A number of trending dentistry topics will be covered.

The conference’s Exhibit Hall promises to keep you busy as ever this year, with more than 276 companies occupying more than 570 booths. Exhibit Hall hours are today, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, March 8, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

See LIVE, page 2