Join your friends and colleagues for some pizza and a beverage before sitting down for an hour of comedy at the PDC.

Following the meeting’s long-standing tradition of highlighting the best in Canadian comedy, on the agenda for tonight is Dave Hemstad.

A three-time Canadian Comedy Award nominee, Hemstad made his national television debut on CBC at the Halifax Comedy Festival in 2002. Since that performance, Hemstad has been on stage in every province and territory in Canada and is a regular guest on “The Debaters” on CBC.

The popular comedian recently filmed his own “Comedy Now” special for CTV’s Comedy Network and was featured at a gala performance at the highly popular “Just for Laughs Festival” in Montreal.

Hemstad is considered by many critics to be one of the top comedians in the country, so tonight’s event promises to be a fun occasion.

Tickets should still be available today at the registration desk. The cost is $25 plus GST.

(Source: Pacific Dental Conference)

If you’re into new technology and great deals, there was plenty to smile about in the PDC Exhibit Hall on Thursday. Glistening new products and show specials were everywhere.

In the DENTSPLY Canada booth (No. 643), you can try out the new Midwest E Electric Handpiece — and also receive a free show-special gift. Isolite Systems, in booth No. 1309, is showing off its Isolation Mouthpieces, now available in six sizes.

The new, towering National Dental Inc. booth (No. 1229) has the LightWalker ErYAG laser on display, one of its many high-tech offerings.

You can stop by the Shofu Dental see SMILES, page 2

Aisles of smiles

From left, Elayne-Joyce Colobong, RDH, Nicole Corcuera, CDA, and Katrin Licas, CDA, check out the display of dental models in the Kilgore International booth (No. 1219) Thursday in the Pacific Dental Conference Exhibit Hall. (Photos/Robert Selleck, today Managing Editor)
Live Dentistry Stage features three more sessions in Exhibit Hall today

- As usual at the PDC, it was standing-room only at the Live Dentistry Stage in the Exhibit Hall yesterday.
  One procedure was on the schedule Thursday. And three more on the agenda for today.
  First up today, at 8:30 a.m., Peter Walford, DDS, will present “Multi-surface Composite Restorations — A New Matrix and Other Key Success Determinants.”
  Next, at 11:30 a.m., Elliott Mechanic, DDS, will present “The Single Crown Simplified,” co-sponsored by the Canadian Academy for Esthetic Dentistry.
  And closing the stage this year, at 2:30 p.m., Glenn van As, DMD, will present “Lasers and Dental Implants,” co-sponsored by Hiossen Implant Canada Inc.
  The Live Dentistry Stage is sponsored by A-dec and Sinclair Dental.

- On the Live Dentistry Stage on Thursday in the Exhibit Hall, Mark Kwon, DMD, FICOI, and Bernard Jin, DMD, performed an “Immediate Anterior Implant Solution Using Total Digital Technology,” co-sponsored by Hiossen Implant Canada Inc. More live dentistry is on the schedule today.

Corps. booth (No. 1304) to get a hands-on look at the EyeSpecial C-II, the latest configuration of the only smart digital camera designed exclusively for dentistry.

The Orascoptic booth (KaVo Kerr Group, No. 464) was busy throughout the day Thursday, with many dentists and hygienists trying out the latest loups, lights and telescopes, including the EyeZoom, with adjustable magnification, and the RDH Elite, designed specifically for dental hygienists.

In the DiaDent booth (No. 1318), you can take advantage of a show-special two-for-the-price-of-one offer on the D-Lux cordless LED curing light. Also on display are the Dia-Pen and Dia-Gun root-canal obturating system.

The NSK booth (No. 207) has all sorts of handpieces on display, including today’s closing session on the Live Dentistry Stage in the Exhibit Hall: “Lasers and Dental Implants,” presented by Glenn van As, DMD, and co-sponsored by Hiossen Implant Canada. You also can test out the laser in the Biolase booth (No. 219). There’s a good chance that expert laser clinician Dr. Brad Labrecque will be there to demonstrate the WaterLase iPlus 2.0 and answer any questions.

There’s just as much to be smiling about in every aisle today, with the Exhibit Hall open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.