Here to learn

By Fred Michmershuizen, *today* Staff

The Academy of General Dentistry is known for education tailored to your needs, which is good because those gathered here at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans—site of AGD2018—have come to learn.

Educational offerings include a wide range of courses, learning labs, poster presentations, “The 360 Experience,” a “Wine” down with the experts and much more. Presenters include some of dentistry’s most notable speakers.

During his keynote address on Thursday morning, Dennis P. Tarnow, DDS, presented “Where we were, where we are, where we are going ... how exciting!” It was an inspiring talk.

Attend the Convocation Ceremony and Celebration

By AGD Staff

The AGD Convocation Celebration will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. Everyone is invited to honor the accomplishments of AGD’s 2018 fellows, masters and lifelong learning and service recognition (LLSR) award recipients. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open for guest seating at 2:15 p.m.

This year, the AGD will give the fellowship award to 272 dentists. The fellowship award is presented to dentists who seek to provide the highest quality of dental care by remaining current in their profession. To receive this honor, dentists must complete 500 hours of continuing dental education, pass a comprehensive exam and fulfill three years of continuous membership in the AGD.

An additional 69 dentists will receive AGD’s mastership award. To receive this honor, dentists must earn their fellowship award and complete an additional 1,100 hours of continuing dental education. Dentists who have earned fellowship or mastership from AGD make up a distinct group—they represent less than 1 percent of all general dentists practicing in the United States and Canada.

Finally, 32 dentists will receive LLSR award, which is formal recognition for AGD masters in the areas of continuing education, dental-related...
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Distinguished Keynote Experience
Sanjay Gupta, MD
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that examined the trajectory of the dental profession over the years.

A bit later Thursday morning, Tarnow also presented “Interdisciplinary approach for treating the esthetically compromised patient.” After this session got out, Richard Knowlton, DMD, MAGD, of Elizabeth-town, Pa., and Ryan Buehner, DMD, of Hummelstown, Pa., paused to say how much they enjoyed the presentation. They said they came to the AGD meeting each year because the smaller, less- hectic nature of the event is more conducive to learning.

In addition to learning, AGD also offers plenty of technology. In the exhibit hall, meeting attendees have the opportunity to view some of the industry’s newest and most innovative products and services.

At Planmeca (booth No. 314), you can learn more about the Planmeca Emerald Next-Gen Intraoral Scanner, which is an ultra-lightweight, ergonomically designed digital scanner that quickly delivers images with superior accuracy and detail. According to the company, the Planmeca Emerald produces images with a vibrant color palette for realistic digital impressions that allow dentists to distinguish between hard and soft tissue, the company said.

New from Medidenta (booth No. 607) is the Foresight 45 self- generating LED surgical handpiece, for use in surgery, periodontal and endodontic procedures.

According to the company, the Foresight 45 incorporates an air- driven generator to power a bright LED light directly into the surgical pocket, illuminating the operative field without the need for fiber optic systems from a delivery unit. The Foresight 45 eliminates the need for multiple components, providing a single-piece solution to your lighting needs with a standard four-hole back-end handpiece, according to Medidenta.

In addition, the Foresight 45 does not allow any air to escape into the oral cavity. All of the excess air is funneled to the backend of the handpiece, eliminating all possibilities of an air embolism. This ensures an air-free oral cavity, allowing for multiple surgeries in succession while still maintaining patient safety, according to the company.

These are just some of the many offerings available here at AGD2018. Download the mobile app to your smartphone to learn about the rest.


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**Convocation**

community service and service to organized dentistry. The prestigious LSR award symbolizes a member’s dedication to remaining current in dentistry and giving back to his or her community.

Following the Convocation Ceremony, head down to the Celestin Ballroom for a New Orleans-style Convocation Celebration. The clarinet, trombone and banjo of the Shotgun Jazz Band will supply the soundtrack as you dance on a cloud of accomplishments with peers, family and friends.

While Lindy-hopping past plates of Creole-inspired tapas, take a moment to enjoy some Louisiana fig and goat cheese tarts, coconut-battered Gulf shrimp and bacon-wrapped scallops with cane glaze. Then dig into some serious dining with a trio of stations serving gourmet rustic pasta and vegan options, slow-roasted beef and churros.

All guests will receive a complimentary drink ticket for premium beer, wine or soft drinks.

**Today’s education highlight: diabetes panel**

By AGD Staff

- From 1-2 p.m. today, AGD will host the panel, “Diabetes: Interprofessional Management of a Public Health Crisis — A Collaborative Effort of Dentists, Physicians and Diabetes Educators.”

Panelists Jerry Brown, DMD, CDE; Wanda C. Gonsalves, MD; and Joanne Rinker, MS, RD, CDE, will share their work on interdisciplinary management of diabetes.

The panel, which is free, will identify strategies to improve communication and collaboration when managing the health care of those living with diabetes.

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Scenes from the AGD

* A silent auction benefits the Academy of General Dentistry Foundation.

* Jay Ross of Kettenbach USA (booth No. 1002).

* Hank Buddrus, left, and Aimee Vail, RDH, of Centrix (booth No. 806).

* Shane Damico, left, and Scott McCracken of Fotona (booth No. 422).

* The folks at Glidewell Dental (booth No. 221), from left: Richard Shaw, Jesse Betsill, Marlene Vaca and Yves Patrick Cuaton.

* Dr. David Fyffe of Artcraft Dental (booth No. 324).

* Dr. Rhonda Savage presents 'A day in the life of a dental office' Thursday morning.

* Jason DeCosta of RGP Dental (booth No. 706).
Representatives from U.S. Army Dental (booth No. 328) are here to recruit dentists into the Army Reserve program.

Meeting attendees get hands-on instruction during ‘Pain and anxiety: When traditional patient management fails’ Thursday morning.

The folks at GlaxoSmithKline (booth No. 710) are offering samples of various consumer products to meeting attendees.

Chaz Froud of Orascoptic (booth No. 711).

Corey Schwitz of Goby (booth No. 714).

Hannah Piland of Lighthouse (booth No. 916).

William Simmons, left, and Jon Rutkowski of Salvin Dental Specialties (booth No. 1001).
Jennifer Campe, left, and Greg Kuhfuss of Bisco Dental Products (booth No. 1101).

Poster presentations are presented in digital form on the exhibit hall floor.

Nathan Fellman, left, and Stacey Urbina of PatientPop.
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