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Hands on
By Robert Selleck, Endo Tribune Staff

Among the greatest benefits of AAE18 are the hands-on opportunities. Whether it’s working directly with some of the industry’s most advanced instruments in an all-day workshop, or simply handling an item or material while visiting a booth in the exhibit hall, the ability to hold it in your paws before you buy is a highly valued experience.

The meeting’s hands-on workshops sell out or fill up fast, but the exhibit hall booths are always ready to accommodate your visit. And the opportunities seem endless.

In the Sonendo booth (No. 1127), a GentleWave System for canal cleaning and disinfection, from access opening to CBCT imaging in the modern endodontic practice is available.

Wednesday morning at the entrance to the Colorado Convention Center, the 40-foot-tall blue bear, a sculpture formally titled ‘I See What You Mean’ by the late Denver-area artist Lawrence Argent, tries to get a closer look at AAE18.

Get ‘To The Point’
By Robert Sellect, Endo Tribune Staff

Education at AAE18 isn’t confined to the classrooms. It’s found around every corner and down every aisle. In addition to scheduled and impromptu presentations in the exhibit hall booths, a number of corporate-sponsored lectures and workshops (limited in attendance) are scheduled, including presentations in the “To The Point” lecture area. Sponsors are Brasseler USA, Carestream Dental, J. Morita, Sonendo, TSYS and COLTENE.

Scheduled today: "Seeing the invisible: CBCT imaging in the modern endodontic practice" from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (J. Morita); "The ABCs of CBCT: Academic answers, best practices and compelling cases" from 1 to 2 p.m., (Carestream Dental); J. Morita USA: Here comes the newest endodontic gadget, J. Morita Tri Auto ZX2" from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m.; "Incorporating the GentleWave procedure into a busy multi-location endodontic practice" (Sonendo) from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; and "Take the pain out of patient payments" (TSYS) from 4 to 5 p.m.

There are two more sessions on Friday.

Shervin Gholian, DMD, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., presents ‘Retreatment innovations,’ sponsored by Brasseler, in the ‘To The Point’ lecture area Wednesday morning.
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obturation, is set up for hands-on testing. Experienced users are available to demonstrate the procedure first, broadcasting their work onto a large-screen 3-D monitor. Formal presentations by skilled users also are scheduled. The sessions on Wednesday drew standing-room-only crowds.

In the Porter Instrument booth (No. 627), a mannequin wearing a Silhouette Nasal Mask is on display to demonstrate how comfortable it is for patients — and how its low profile presents the clinician with unobstructed access to the oral cavity.

In the Kohler Medizintechnik booth (No. 217), you can hold the new gutta-percha removal instrument that has a peek handle. The handle’s plastic material is lightweight, easy to grip — and it reduces glare that can be especially bothersome when performing microdentistry.

In the Avalon Biomed booth (No. 129), you can work with the new Neo MTA Plus (one material with eight uses), billed as being fast-setting, easy to place and stain-proof — all at one-fifth the cost of other MTA products. After you test it out, you can take the company up on its buy-one-get-one-free offer.

If you go through the various stations in the Dentsply Sirona Endo booth (No. 509), you can collect up to four plinko chips to use on the booth’s giant “PlinkEndo” board. Everybody wins something, but among the big prizes is a Mavic Air Camera Drone.

You can find another “everybody-wins” game in the AAE Attendee Lounge (booth No. 715). Spin a prize-wheel to win items such as earbuds, stylus pen or a pop socket. Then be sure to have your badge scanned for a chance to win in Friday’s drawing for an iPad.

Another drawing worth hunting down can be found in the Allstate Business Insurance booth (No. 1317). There are a few trinkets to pick up for free, but you can also enter the drawing for a pair of Bose TrueSound headphones, which will be given away on Friday afternoon.

If you miss all the hands-on opportunities today, you still have a chance Friday, with the exhibit hall open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

After that, you’ll need to wait for AAE19 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, for your next chance at the industry’s biggest endodontic exhibit.