

Hinman 2019 Surpasses 20,000 in Attendance

Over Past 18 Years, Hinman Has Contributed Nearly \$10 Million in Scholarships and Large Gifts in Support of Dental Education

ATLANTA (April 10, 2019) – The 107th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting, held March 21-23, recorded its largest attendance since 2015 with 20,352 dentists, hygienists, assistants, students and other dental professionals and industry personnel filling the Georgia World Congress Center and Omni Hotel in Atlanta. The theme, “*The Beat Goes On: Dentistry & Your Systemic Health*,” emphasized the important link between patients’ oral health care and their overall systemic health.

Hinman 2019 featured more speakers than ever before - 94 world-class dental speakers, with nearly half new to Hinman. There were more than 300 courses and special events, including 95 participation and interactive courses; the returning G.O.L.D. (Graduates of the Last Decade) Program; Learning Lab Pavilion; Total Health Pavilion; Career Connections; Table Clinics and nearly 400 companies demonstrating the latest in dentistry.

“We were thrilled to see more than 20,000 attendees, taking advantage of everything Hinman has to offer – from exciting new speakers to numerous hands-on courses and fun-filled social and networking events,” said Dr. Jonathan Dubin, General Chair for Hinman 2019. “It was an incredible three days with everyone – including experienced and new dentists, the entire dental team and industry experts – coming together to learn the latest in the dental profession.”

Dr. Dubin, along with his program chairs, Drs. Dave Lee and Sedgie Newsom, assembled an outstanding educational program and memorable social events during the Hinman 2019 Meeting. Hinman’s Night Out at the Movies in the Georgia Aquarium on Friday night attracted more than 2,600 dental professionals and guests, many of whom dressed as their favorite movie character. In addition, the Keynote Session was one of the best attended with nearly 1,700 people turning out to hear Jim Kelly, the Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback and oral cancer survivor, share his inspirational story.

Hinman 2019 drew a total of 5,587 dentists, 4,3967 dental hygienists and 2,745 dental assistants with a 4% to 6% increase in these three categories. The meeting also saw an increase in office staff and students over last year, which is a testament to the strong educational program. Some of the most popular courses included: Dr. Susan Muller’s “Distinguishing the Benign from the Deadly: Oral Pathology Update” drawing 1,323 attendees, and Ms. Amber Riley’s “Systemic Cyclones: The Biology of Disease and Wellness,” which attracted 1,132 people. Also popular were Dr. Harold Crossley and Dr.

Mitchell Gardiner’s “Changing Standards of Care 2019: Practice in the Present and Protect Your Patients,” that drew 892 in attendance; Dr. Glenn Maron’s “Medical Update for Dentistry: From Bisphosphonates to Blood Thinners,” attracting 830 attendees; and Ms. Jamie Marboe’s “Get Over It!” filling the room with 828 attendees. In addition, Prevention Convention drew 463 attendees, Assisting Extravaganza attracted 221 and Business Office Bonanza welcomed 198 to the all-day programs.

Dental student attendance increased by 7% with a total of 824 students from dental schools across the country. In addition, there were 308 pre-dental students, 475 hygiene students and 694 assisting students who attended Hinman this year to take advantage of various programs. Many took part in the G.O.L.D. Program, Dental Student Happy Hour and Scholars’ Luncheon. At the Scholars’ Luncheon held during the meeting, Hinman awarded 90 scholarships at 47 premiere dental programs throughout the Southeast. Over the past 18 years, the Hinman Dental Society has contributed nearly \$10 million in scholarships and large gifts in support of dental education.

Planning has already begun for Hinman 2020, which will be held in Atlanta, March 19-21, 2020.

The Hinman Tradition

The Hinman Dental Meeting is designed with a commitment to quality and professionalism and a high regard for the value of continuing education. The meeting is sponsored by the Hinman Dental Society, a non-profit organization, and all excess revenue is invested and gifted in the form of individual scholarships to dental, hygiene, assisting and lab tech students and contributions to institutions that foster dental education. For additional information about the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting, visit www.hinman.org or contact Ms. Sylvia Ratchford, Executive Director, at (404) 231-1663.

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